



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, June 16th, 2015, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 1855032#

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association (confirmed)
Vice Chair:		
Members:	Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor (via teleconf)
	Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Bill Allison, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers Ontario
	Bernie Ennis, P.Eng.	Ontario Centre for Engineering Public Policy (OCEPP)
	Michael Chan, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee – Volunteers
	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada Representative (via teleconf)
Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Staff Coordinator:	Gonzalo Pineros, EIT	PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Guest:	Annette Bergeron, P.Eng.	Chair, Continuing Professional Development, Competency, and Quality Assurance Task Force (via teleconf)
Regrets:	Charles Kidd, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Jonathan Hack, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
	Rick Hilton, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor

1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am

2. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Ennis moved to approve the agenda. Hafiz Bashir seconded the motion. All present approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ishwar Bhatia moved to approve the minutes of the GLC April 21, 2015 meeting. Michael Chan seconded the motion. All present approved.

4. Selection of the Meeting Evaluator

Hafiz Bashir was selected to be the meeting evaluator for the conference call.

5. GLP Update

Jeannette Chau provided an update on the GLP activities. The Northern region GLP Academy took place on June 6th and it featured MPP Gilles Bisson and Mayor of Timmins, Steve Black, P.Eng. as guests speakers. The Western region GLP Academy took place on June 13th with guests MPP Ann Hoggarth and MPP Jim Wilson. Attendees for the Western GLP Academy included PEO President Thomas Chong, P.Eng and PEO Western Regional Councillor Ewald Kuczera, P.Eng. The presentations went over well and the Eastern GLP Academy will be hosted by Ottawa chapter on October 3th; and the East Central & West Central GLP Academy will be hosted by Oakville and East Toronto chapters on November 28th.

The GLP will be focusing on attending more PC and NDP events to balance the amount of spending across all three major political parties.

PEO attended OSPE's Queen's Park Day on June 2, 2015.

George Comrie, P.Eng. attended a OSPE PAN/ PEO GLP meeting with MPP Yvan Baker.

6. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program update

Annette Bergeron, P.Eng. provided an update on the CPD program to the GLC. On March 21, 2014, Council approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) and created this task force "to prepare a plan for a comprehensive program of continuing professional development and quality assurance". Annette Bergeron, as representative of the Executive Council, was installed as chair.

The task force has had nine (9) meetings in about eight (8) months and will have its last meeting on December 2015.

Task Force believes PEO should not implement a CPD program that is essentially "window dressing". Instead the Task Force will focus on the following guiding principles for a CPD Program:

- CPD Program must be necessary to improve the regulation of professional engineering
- CPD Program Requirements must be Relevant for Practice
- CPD Program must be Pragmatic
- CPD Program must recognize Diversity of Practitioners' needs and resources
- CPD Program Requirements must be Scalable and Proportional to Risk to the Public
- CPD Program must be Effective

The Task Force asks that all stakeholders who have an interest in this program submit their comments, questions and suggestions to CPDCQA@peo.on.ca.

ACTION: The GLC will put forward recommendations to the Task Force to ensure there is a deadline for the submission of comments, questions and suggestions.

7. GLC Sub-committee Updates

~ **Operational Plan sub-committee:** Michael Chan reviewed the Operational Plan and updated accordingly.

~ **Regulatory Issues sub-committee:** Darla Campbell (chair of the sub-committee) provided an update on the Regulatory Issues sub-committee activities; and presented the new two GLP info notes produced by the sub-committee: *Elliot Lake Recommendations*, and *Changes to Limited Licence*. Hafiz Bashir moved to approve both GLP info notes. Bill Allison seconded the motion. All present approved.

Bill 6 has gone through third reading and the final wording reflects the suggestions made by CEO, PEO, and OSPE.

ACTION: The GLP Info notes will be sent to PEO communications for further approval.

~ **GLP Chair engagement sub-committee & Take your MPP to Work Day sub-committee:** Hafiz Bashir provided an update on both sub-committees. The Chair engagement sub-committee & Take your MPP to Work Day sub-committee are working together to organize a conference call with all the GLP Chairs in the next couple of weeks.

~ **Queen's Park Day sub-committee:** The Queen's Park Day subcommittee was organized with the following GLC members: Hafiz Bashir, Angel Serah, Jonathan Hack, Daniel King, Howard Brown and Darla Campbell.

8. Partner Reports

~ **CEO:** CEO is continuing to wait for information from Construction Lien Act Review Counsel, Bruce Reynolds. A recent letter from Mr. Reynolds' office has indicated Phase 1 of the Review is about to conclude, with the circulation of an information package and stakeholder survey, and Phase 2 commence, characterized by the development of written stakeholder positions and meetings with Review Counsel. CEO will continue to develop a unified design sector message, working with OSPE, OAA, and ARIDO. The objective of the group continues to be ongoing monitoring of the review, sharing information and observations on the process and status of the review at its various stages and working to develop key messages that are consistent across the sector.

- CEO, with the support of PEO and OSPE, successfully lobbied the government to change the language in Bill 6, The Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, to include a well-defined role for Professional Engineers equal to that of Architects. The revised legislative language preserves the legislative, regulatory and professional balance between the Engineering and Architectural professions in the new statutory regime created by the legislation that requires the government of Ontario develop and maintain a long-term infrastructure plan.

- CEO appeared before the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, speaking to Bill 91, the Building Up Ontario Act (the Budget). Barry Steinberg spoke to CEO's support for the government's infrastructure implementation agenda highlighting long-term planning, additional funding for transit and transportation as part of the Moving Ontario Forward agenda and the use of the Trillium Trust to create dedicated funds for infrastructure investment.

- CEO is continuing its discussions with Infrastructure Ontario on the proposed Supplementary Conditions for a standardized engineering services agreement. Progress continues to be made. Additional meetings will be scheduled for the near future.
- CEO is continuing its work with municipalities to ensure fair procurement practices and agreement language.

~ **ESSCO:** The ESSCO AGM was held in Windsor May 29-31 and it had local officials invited.

~ **OSPE:** Absent.

~ **Engineers Canada:** Chris Roney, P.Eng. has been elected president elect for Engineers Canada. Engineers Canada continues to work on the Bridging Government and Engineers program and is looking at PEO's GLP to learn how to better engage politicians.

ACTION: All partner representatives to send a written report via e-mail or provide a backup representative if they are unable to attend.

9. GLC name

The GLC discussed some possible names for the Committee because there seems to be confusion between the GLP and the GLC.

10. Other business

The GLC has been receiving questions about the Employment Standards Act, and the GLC would like to know if OSPE has a position for the Act.

11. Meeting evaluation

Hafiz Bashir provided an evaluation of the meeting to the GLC.

12. Next meeting

The next GLC meeting is face-to face on Tuesday September 15, 2015, 6:00pm – 9:00 pm at PEO's headquarters. Ishwar Bhatia moved to adjourn the meeting, Bernie Ennis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.