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PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR ATTENDS EVENTS WITH PC AND NDP MPPs

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO LONDON CHAPTER MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT
2. PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER MEETS WITH NDP MPP
3. MPPs CAN NOW PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OWN FUNDRAISERS
4. VOTING FOR PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS OPENS TODAY
5. FINANCE MINISTER TO ATTEND PEO NORTHERN REGION GLP ACADEMY

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO LONDON CHAPTER MEETS WITH MPP AND PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT IN STRATFORD

(STRATFORD) - PEO London Chapter GLP representative **Joe Adams**, P.Eng., met with PC MPP **Randy Pettapiece** for a 30 minute meeting in his constituency office in Stratford on January 9.

MPP Pettapiece is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs.

Mr. Adams briefed MPP Pettapiece on the purpose and functions of PEO, and PEO's upcoming regulatory review, which is highlighted in the January-February issue of *Engineering Dimensions*. As with all PEO meetings, an OPSE representative was invited, but was unable to attend.

MPP Pettapiece participated in the PEO Queen's Park Reception on October 24, where he met London Chapter representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng.



PEO London Chapter GLP representative **Joe Adams**, P.Eng., met with **Randy Pettapiece** MPP (Perth-Wellington), the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on January 9 in Stratford, ON.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER MEETS WITH NDP MPP

(BRAMPTON) - PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. met with **Kevin Yarde**, NDP MPP (Brampton North) at his constituency office on December 14. Mr. Yarde is the NDP Critic for Community Safety and Correctional Services, and was first elected in June 2018.

They discussed PEO, its regulatory role, as well as its goal to promote awareness of the importance of public safety.

They also discussed how PEO chapters guide both Canadian and internationally educated graduates in acquiring licensure, and the Brampton Chapter's National Engineering Month activities.

Mr. Panesar invited MPP Yarde to a PEO licensing ceremony on January 25, which he agreed to attend.

Mr. Panesar told GLP Weekly "MPP Yarde was very generous and praised the work being done by PEO and its chapters."



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., met with **Kevin Yarde**, MPP (Brampton North) on December 14 at his constituency office.

MPP'S NEW FUNDRAISING RULES



MPPs ARE NOW ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MPP FUNDRAISERS

MPPs will now be able to participate in political fundraisers. The previous government had passed legislation that did not allow an MPP or candidate to attend a fundraising event. The new government has changed this so that they can now attend.

Some of the changes are:

- The new legislation allows a contribution of \$1600 per party, which can be donated to a political party, constituency association, or a nominated candidate
- A monetary contribution of \$25 may be given in cash
- You can get up to 75% returned through a tax rebate

For the last two years, like the federal rules, only individuals can donate. PEO and its chapters, as well as other organizations, unions, and associations cannot contribute.

MPPs are all organizing events at various price points – some are free to attend.

The goal of the new legislation is to allow MPPs to attend their own fundraisers, and to encourage more from individual donations. The changes were announced in the Ontario fall economic statement .

For more information please follow the link below, which outlines in detail, the new election rules:

<https://www.elections.on.ca/en/political-financing0/eligible-contributions.htm> #accordion44



The 2019 PEO GLP Academy and Congress for the Northern Region will be held in North Bay on January 26.

FINANCE MINISTER TO ATTEND PEO NORTHERN REGION GLP ACADEMY

The 2019 PEO GLP Academy and Congress for the Northern Region will be held in North Bay on January 26.

GLP representatives from each northern chapter have been invited. This will be held the day after the 49th Annual North Bay Professional Engineers Day Symposium. Previous Northern Region GLP Academies and Congresses have been held in Thunder Bay, Timmins, and Sudbury.

Finance Minister **Vic Fideli**, MPP (Nipissing) will be attending and speaking at the conference.

PEO GLP Regional Academies and Congresses have been held across Ontario since 2011. The first was held in Hamilton and hosted and initiated by then PEO Councillor **Wayne Kershaw**, P.Eng. Former Finance Minister **Greg Sorbara** spoke at that meeting.



Vic Fideli, Minister of Finance and MPP (Nipissing) will be attending the January 26 PEO GLP Academy.

VOTING FOR PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS OPENS TODAY



PEO begins its 2019 Council Elections today. Voting is open to all licence holders and can be done easily online or by phone (1-888-492-4763). The deadline to vote is February 22.

Here are the 2019 Candidates, their names are presented in alphabetical order:

PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES

(One-year term, all members vote)



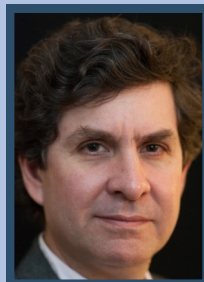
Nick Colucci
P.Eng., BAsC,
MBA. FEC



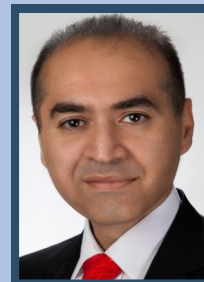
Marisa Sterling
P.Eng., FEC

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES

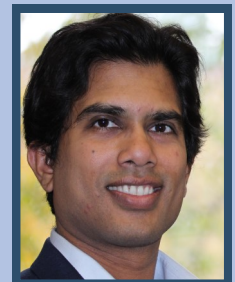
(One-year term, all members vote)



Christian Bellini
P.Eng., FEC



Peter Cushman
P.Eng.



Faizul Mohee
PhD, P.Eng., PMP

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COUNCILLOR– AT LARGE CANDIDATES

(Two to be Elected, Two-Year Term, All Members Vote)



Sandra Ausma
PhD, P.Eng.



Daryoush Mortazavi
PhD, P.Eng.



Leila Notash
PhD, P.Eng., FEC

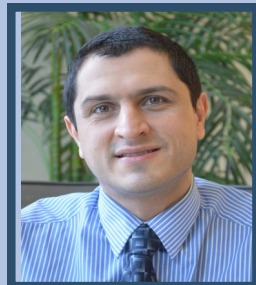
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Babak Ashraghy
P.Eng., M.Eng.



Amin Mali
PhD, P.Eng.



Arthur Sinclair
P.Eng.



Noubar Takessian
P.Eng., FEC

WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Vivender Adunuri
P.Eng.



Wayne Kershaw
P.Eng., FEC

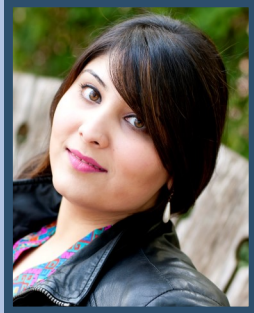


Stela Stevandic
P.Eng., FEC

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WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Juwairia Obaid
P.Eng., MASC



Warren Turnbull
P.Eng., FEC

COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION:

Eastern Region Councillor
(Two-Year Term)



Randall Walker
P.Eng.

Northern Region Councillor
(Two-Year Term)



Ramesh Subramanian
PhD, P.Eng., FEC

Congratulations to Mr. Walker and Mr. Subramanian!

Good luck to all the remaining candidates.

Everyone is encouraged to watch the election debates which were conducted on January 7, 8, and 9. See them at (http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php?ci_id/32782&la_id/1.htm#AllCanMeetings), PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

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PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., met with three MPPs over the holiday season. They were:

- **Jane McKenna** PC MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour on January 12
- **Monique Taylor** NDP MPP (Hamilton Mountain), Critic for Children and Youth Services on December 19
- **Donna Skelly** PC MPP (Flamborough-Glanbrook), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade on January 5

The Hamilton-Burlington Chapter has a total of six MPPs.

Great job, Mr. Bell, on taking initiative and promoting PEO's role as a regulator for public safety.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ivan Zvonkov**, the President of the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: *Where will the 2019 GLP Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress be held?*

Answer: North Bay

Join the Contest:

Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our new weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau** at jchau@peo.on.ca by Wednesday January, 23. The first person to answer correctly will be featured in the *GLP Weekly*, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**

This week's question is :

How many stories were covered in the PEO GLP 2018 Year in Review?



Last week's GLP Trivia winner was President of Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario **Ivan Zvonkov**.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH MPPs

NEW! Saturday January 19th: Holiday Levee hosted by MPP Kathleen Wynne (Don Valley West) and MP Rob Oliphant (Don Valley West). The event starts at 1PM. Located at Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, ON, M3C 1P2.

NEW! Sunday January 20th: Holiday Levee hosted by Catherine Fife MPP (Waterloo). The event runs from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Located at Golf's Steak House, 598 Lancaster Street W, Kitchener, ON N2K 1M3.

NEW! Thursday January 24th: New Years Levee hosted by Peggy Sattler MPP (London West). The event runs from 6:30-9:00PM. Located at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 533, 1276 Commissioners Road West, London, ON N6K 1E1. Tickets are free, but need to be reserved by using the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mpp-peggy-sattlers-new-years-levee-tickets-53741981714#tickets>

NEW! Sunday January 27th "New Year's Holiday Levee and Free Skate" hosted by Terrence Kernaghan MPP (London North Centre). The event runs from 3-5PM, and is located at Covent Garden Market, 130 King Street, London, ON, N6A 1C5. There will be coffee, treats, skating, and music! Here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/terrence-kernaghans-new-years-levee-tickets-53973585447?fbclid=IwAR2iw4xp5u0SF3o7WGdCYLs5H5LbzQj4ArisS1vZTY6nbmd6yKJBarIJWnQ>

NEW! Saturday Feb 2- Free Family Skate hosted by MPP Andrea Khanjin from 12:30-2PM. Located at Innisfil Recreation Complex, 7315 Yonge Street, Innisfil, ON, L9S 1K8.

NEW! Friday March 1- Chamber of Commerce hosts Annual MP and MPP Breakfast. MPP Will Bouma (Brantford-Brant) will be in attendance. The event runs from 7:30-10AM and is located at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON, N3R 7J4.

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