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For more on this story, see page 6.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 licence and certificate holders, and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on April 30, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO AND OSPE HOST ANNUAL ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARDS ONLINE
2. MPPS CONTINUE TO HOLD ONLINE TOWNHALL MEETINGS WITH CONSTITUENTS

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted the Eastern and West Central Regional GLP Academies on April 20 and 22 (see pages 1 and 6). The purpose is to ensure all individuals representing PEO's GLP have the same standard of knowledge and skills.

Ministers and MPPs are still hosting online events, which are open for everyone to attend (see pages 4 and 5). PEO licence holders are encouraged to tune in and send a follow up note to the MPP. This helps maintain strong relationships with MPPs and keep PEO top of mind.

PEO NEWS

PEO AND OSPE HOST ANNUAL ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARDS ONLINE



Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Scarborough- Guildwood) (third from left) with PEO CEO/ Registrar, **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (left), Mr. Zuccon's spouse, **Carmen** (second from right), PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson Kouakou** (second from left), then PEO Councillor **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng. (third from right), PEO Councillor **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng. (behind) and Ms. Olukiyesi's spouse, **Omoniyi Olukiyesi** (right) at the OPEA Gala on November 16, 2019.

PEO and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) held their annual Ontario Professional Engineer Awards (OPEA) on April 22. The evening recognized professional engineers in Ontario, who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and community.

The 2020 Award Gala was postponed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All the 2020 recipients were honoured at the virtual ceremony, which can be viewed [here](#). For a full list of award winners, see page 3.

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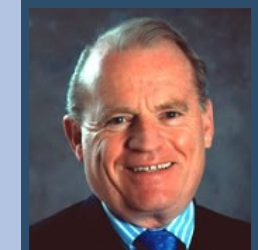
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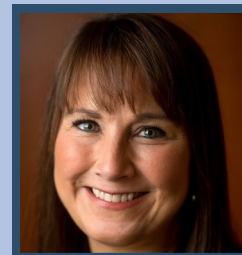
- Engineering Medal – Engineering Excellence Category -**Goldie Nejat**, PhD., P.Eng., *Professor and Canada Research Chair in Robots for Society, University of Toronto* (left) and **Mike Southwood**, BSc, P.Eng., *Chief Electrical Engineer, Eastern Power Ltd.* (right)



- Engineering Medal – Management Category -**Laura Conquergood**, BSc.Eng., P.Eng., *VP Operations, Baylis Medical* (left) and **Howard Goodfellow**, PhD., P.Eng., FCAE, FEC, *President and CEO, Goodfellow Business Enterprises* (right)



- Engineering Medal – Research and Development Category -**Pascale Champagne**, PhD, P.Eng., D.WRE, F.ASCE, F.EWRI, F.CAE, *Professor & Canada Research Chair in Bioresources Engineering, Queen's University* (left) and **Jing Jiang**, BSc., MSc., Ph.D., P.Eng., F.CAE, F.EIC, F.IET, F.ISA, F.IEEE, F.ANS, *Professor and NSERC/UNENE Senior Industry Research Chair, University of Western Ontario* (right)



- Engineering Medal – Entrepreneurship Category - **Jeff Westeinde**, BSc., P.Eng., *President, Zibi Canada*



- Engineering Medal – Young Engineer Category - **Yin Yu Rachel Zhang**, P.Eng., CCE, *Clinical Engineer, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario*



- Award for Engineering Project or Achievement - **National Arts Centre Rejuvenation**, Fast + Epp

EVENTS WITH MPPS

MPPS CONTINUE TO HOLD ONLINE TOWNHALL MEETINGS WITH CONSTITUENTS

Many MPPs are hosting townhall meetings with their constituents to discuss issues that PEO licence holders are welcome to take part in.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended a telephone townhall on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, which was jointly hosted by PC MPPs **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and **Robin Martin**, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health.

Over 7,000 residents participated.

MPP Cho previously participated in an event with the PEO Willowdale Chapter on June 27, 2019 and MPP Martin met with PEO West Toronto representative on August 21, 2019 at her annual community picnic.



Stan Cho, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (third from left) with members of the PEO Willowdale Chapter on June 27, 2019. With him in the photo are (left to right) Awards Chair **Mohinder Grover**, P.Eng., **Debasis Dey**, P.Eng., **Kate Shilina**, EIT, Chapter GLP Chair **John Penaranda**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and Electronic Media Chair **Amin Mali**, P.Eng.



Robin Martin, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence) (centre-right), held her summer barbeque on August 21, 2019 at the Columbus Centre in Toronto. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) (above centre) attended, as did PEO West Toronto Chapter representatives **Hanane Zaidi**, P.Eng. (below left), and **Jean-Paul Stephan**, P.Eng. (below centre).

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Another event attended by Mr. Brown was the semi-annual Toronto-St.Paul's summit with all locally elected representatives, including **Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto-St-Paul's), NDP Critic for Women's Issues and Culture and Heritage.

It was a one hour and forty-five minute session that allowed anyone to ask a question. It covered many economic and social issues, that may be of interest to PEO licence holders.

Also participating were:

- **Carolyn Bennett**, MP (Toronto-St.Paul's), Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
- **Josh Matlow**, Toronto City Councillor
- **Shelley Laskin**, Toronto District School Board Trustee
- **Norm Di Pasquale**, Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustee

MPP Andrew has a long-time interest in engineering regulation issues. She met with several PEO licence holders during her 2018 election

She spoke with Mr. Brown at length at community events prior to the lockdown, and expressed an interest in meeting with the PEO West Toronto Chapter.



Jill Andrew, MPP (Toronto-St.Paul's), NDP Critic for Women's Issues and Culture and Heritage (bottom row, right) hosted an event on April 18. MPP Andrew was joined by her federal counterpart, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations **Carolyn Bennett** (top row, right) and municipal counterpart, Toronto City Councillor **Josh Matlow** (bottom row, left).

PEO licence holders are encouraged to attend events with MPPs that are identified on the last page of the GLP Weekly, or ones that are sent to your Chapter. This helps maintain relationships with MPPs throughout the pandemic.

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The purpose of the certification sessions are to provide all 100+ PEO GLP representatives with the same standard of knowledge and skills, insight on how to interact with MPPs and the opportunity to develop skills required to engage with government effectively.

Speakers included PEO's GLC Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Also participating in both sessions was former GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. Participating in the April 22 session was GLC Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

Two more Academies will take place on:

- **Saturday, April 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM as an open session for those who cannot participate on weekdays**
- **Wednesday, May 5 for the West Central Region from 7 to 9 PM**

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

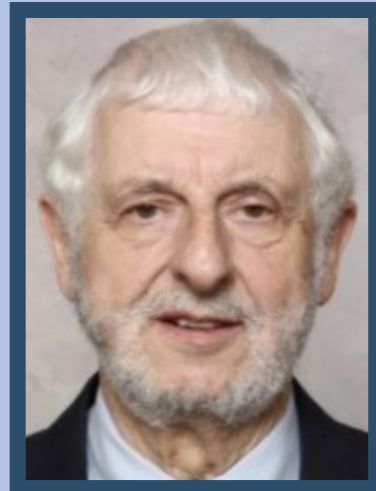
Question: Who is the PEO Councillor and former PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair that was elected to the Engineers Canada Board?

Answer: Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.

This week's question: When is PEO's Annual General Meeting being held?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, April 26.

You may only win once in a four-week span.



Roger Jones, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Friday—Virtual Coffee Hour with **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe), NDP Children and Youth Critic from 3 to 4 PM. To register visit <https://www.teresarmstrong.com/coffeehour>

Every Saturday—Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Critic for Youth Opportunities from 3 to 4 PM. To tune in live visit <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

Thursday, April 29—Leading Women Leading Girls Virtual Celebration with **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West), Opposition House Leader and NDP Critic for Labour and Democratic Reform at 7 PM. To tune in live visit <https://bit.ly/2OxbYVi>

Wednesday, May 12 – Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA) presents EvolutiON with Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, **Serge Imbrogno** and Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, **Giles Gherson** from 12 to 1 PM. To register visit <https://www.oneia.ca/event-4207543>

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The PEO Oakville Chapter is hosting a virtual Take Your MPP to Work Day on **Friday, April 30**.

A full recap will be shared in the May 7 issue of the GLP Weekly.

If your Chapter is interested in hosting an online Take Your MPP to Work Day, contact jchau@peo.on.ca

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