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MPP **Bobbi Ann Brady** (Haldimand--Norfolk) (right) spoke with (from left to right) PEO Brantford Chapter's GLP Past Chair **David Andrews**, P.Eng., current Chair **Mariana Balaban**, P.Eng., GLP representative **Lawrence Drebert**, P.Eng., and Rahmat Odejayi, EIT, at a PEO Brantford Chapter event on October 22nd in Port Dover.

## NEW MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER EVENT

PORT DOVER - PEO Brantford Chapter GLP representatives had the opportunity to speak with **Bobbi Ann Brady**, MPP (Haldimand--Norfolk) during the Chapter's annual fish fry event in Port Dover on October 22nd.

PEO Brantford Chapter GLP representative **Lawrence Drebert**, P.Eng., told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that PEO representatives had the opportunity to update MPP Brady on PEO's work on the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) as well as mandatory continuing professional development (PEAK).

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## GLP TRAINING SUMMIT TO INCLUDE REGULATORY AND ENGAGEMENT TALKS



PEO has confirmed the participation of **Kenneth Jull** (left) and **Kate Graham** (right) in the PEO GLP training summit on November 18th in Mississauga.

Attendees of the November 18th PEO GLP training summit will hear from experts in the fields of regulation, leadership, and public policy.

Osgoode Hall adjunct professor and partner at Gardiner Roberts LLP **Kenneth Jull** will speak on the importance of regulation and regulatory bodies.

Governance, priority setting, and community engagement expert **Kate Graham** will discuss the ways PEO and volunteers can show leadership in the field of public policy regulation.

Also invited are Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga--Malton).

The PEO GLP training summit will take place on November 18th at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport. To register for the GLP summit, [click here](#). The deadline to register for the training summit is November 1st.



Ontario Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) (left), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga--Malton) (centre) have also been invited to attend the PEO GLP training summit on November 18th.

## NOMINATIONS FOR PEO COUNCIL NOW OPEN



PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., (bottom row, centre) with members of PEO Council during the 559th Council meeting on September 22nd. Photo credit: **Adam Sidsworth**

PEO is calling all P.Eng. licence holders who are interested in standing for election to serve on the 2024 PEO Council. PEO Council looks for candidates who can guide, support and contribute to setting PEO's strategic direction; ensure regulatory work is done efficiently and effectively; and continually improve and prepare for the future.

P.Eng. licence holders interested in standing for election on the 2024 Council can find more information and additional nomination resources by [clicking here](#). Nominations are open until November 24th.

## FORMER ENGINEERS CANADA PRESIDENT RECEIVES ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICES AWARD

Following 25 years of service to PEO, former Engineers Canada president **Chris Roney**, P.Eng., was recognized through the Ontario Volunteer Services Award.

Mr. Roney has served PEO at many different levels including at Council, as a regional Councillor, elected Vice-President, and as a Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee, and as a Council representative to several external organizations.

Mr. Roney has been a member of and chaired many PEO committees and task forces including the Executive Committee, Enforcement, Finance, Audit, Communications, the Continuing Professional Development, Competence, and Quality Assurance Task Force, as well as others.



Long-time PEO volunteer **Chris Roney**, P.Eng., received the Ontario Volunteer Services Award. He is a former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada president.



## PEO HOLDS QUARTERLY GLP REPRESENTATIVES CALL



PEO GLP volunteers from across the province participated in their quarterly call on October 24th.

Over 50 PEO Government Liaison Program volunteers from across Ontario held their quarterly call on October 24th.

During the call, representatives discussed the November 18th GLP training summit, the annual feedback report, the progress on mandatory professional development, and other PEO updates.

“We hope that our discussions help to further equip PEO volunteers with the resources they need to share PEO priorities with external stakeholders,” said PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**. The quarterly call was chaired by PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

The Government Liaison Committee (GLC) was created in 2011 to provide oversight to the Government Liaison Program (GLP).

The next GLP quarterly call is expected for the new year.



PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (left), Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (centre) and Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** (right) represented the Government Liaison Committee during the quarterly call. The call was chaired by Mr. Khan.

## CHAPTER MPP NEWS

### SCARBOROUGH CENTRE MPP ATTENDS PEO CHAPTER EVENT WITH STUDENTS



PEO Scarborough Chapter' Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P. Eng. (left), Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P. Eng. (centre left), and GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P. Eng. (right), stand with **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) (centre right) at the Scarborough event on October 21st.

PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted a Mathletics and STEMZ Competition for local students on October 21st.

Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) attended the event and spoke to the audience, emphasizing the importance of STEM, and encouraged the students to pursue engineering and STEM related careers. Seniors and Accessibility Minister **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) also sent video greetings.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?



The goals of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) are:

- To ensure that the government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest.
- To have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs more than 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/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue is November 3.

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