

## Vote Steven Schillaci for Councillor-at -Large

PEO is at a cross road. Extra diligence is required to control the growth of centralized control that is implicit with the introduction of continuous professional development (PEAK). The approval of PEAK without the promised membership referendum reflects a lack of membership involvement; in direct contrast to our status as a self-regulating profession.

We must rely on the marketplace to ensure the continuing competence of our members. The efficiency (and the brutality) of the market for Engineers ensures ongoing competence. The PEAK bureaucracy must not impose unnecessary and expensive burdens on our membership. Its growth must be closely regulated by controlling the purse strings. Costly formalized courses often add little value, especially for our diverse and often focused expertise.

I am committed to openness with the membership and a sincere gratitude for the volunteers that make the chapter system work. Trust and transparency are paramount across our profession.

As a member since 1976, I am able to offer the following:

- A fresh outsider's perspective.
- A commitment to 'stick to the knitting'. We exist to: 'to regulate the practice of professional engineering and to govern its members in order that the public interest may be served and protected'.
- A strong financial background befitting a professionally trained accountant. PEO needs strong financial oversight to keep functions efficient and dues as low as possible.
- An appreciation of cognitive diversity, and related dangers of 'groupthink'. We must respect differing ideas while maintaining our focus on protecting the public.

And most critically: we must add value and be seen as worthwhile to maintain our self regulatory status and to ensure the value of our membership grows.

I ask for your support as Councillor-at-Large.

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