

I (Paula Klink) am running for PEO Councillor at Large. I have not been on Council in the past, and hope to bring a new perspective based on my experiences:

- I have worked with Engineers Canada, serving on the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. In that role, I have worked with Canadian Higher Education Institutions, and understand the challenges they face being regulated nationally, but bound by different provincial regulators. I learned that policies and procedures differ among these regulators, and this difference sets up un-even opportunities and challenges. Although engineering is regulated provincially, the regulators have reciprocity agreements that allow transfer of membership to any other jurisdiction in Canada. Engineering regulators need to work together to determine a more unified set of regulations.
- I have worked with the International Engineering Alliance (currently serving as Team Chair reviewing practices, policies, and procedures at the Institution of Engineers Indonesia (PII) with respect to Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) engineering certification). This role helps me understand the differences in engineering practice and requirements outside of Canada, and helps me better understand the requirements of engineers to practice in the Canadian environment. I also understand to meet international requirements (as well as stay current in our practice), we need continuing professional development requirements.
- I have worked as an environmental consultant since arriving in Canada in 2000. In that role, I have noted issues perspective engineers face in the challenge to become licensed, particularly those who have taken a non-traditional pathway to engineering. I have also observed the lack of requirements for licensed professionals (P.Ge. or P.Eng.) to sign off on environmental permits, documentation, and reports to the government.

I hope to bring my experience to the table, and work to continue to increase PEO's transparency and cooperation with other engineering organizations.