This final message is an appeal for you to vote. I do hope you vote for me, but it is more important that you vote, and you urge other engineers you know to vote too. For the past several years, just over 11% of our membership voted.

PEO, like all other members of Engineers Canada and the International Engineering Alliance, is a non-profit, self-governed entity. If most of our PEO membership do not vote, the validity and relevance of the leadership can be questioned, by government and the public.

If you don't personally know any of the candidates and think the PEO election website looks too much like people are trying to see you something, you can look at their linked in pages to get an idea of their background. Look at their work experience, and see if they would represent your views. Look at past volunteer experience, and see if they have experience and tools they can bring to the table. If you don't like any of the candidates, you do not have to vote for them. You can leave you ballot blank (which is a stronger message than not voting at all). If you still have questions, please feel free to continue to reach out to me on LinkedIn.

I have truly enjoyed meeting so many of you in the past months, and hearing your concerns. I am happy to continue to hear from you.

And please, please, cast your ballot.

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