



**NOTICE OF PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday, March 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM to 9 PM**

Location: **Infinity Convention Centre at 2901 Gibford Drive Ottawa**

Keynote Speakers: John Fraser, Ottawa South - Member of Parliament  
Mathieu Grondin, City of Ottawa's Nightlife Commissioner.  
Adam Newlands, Stalwart Brewing Company

For registration and more information, refer to  
the Eventbrite notification that was e-blasted to Chapter Members on February 18, or go to  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/peo-ottawa-chapter-annual-general-meeting-new-members-night-tickets-1247540008749>

**About the Ottawa Chapter**

PEO chapters are the local presence for Professional Engineers Ontario in 36 regions across the province. The PEO – Ottawa Chapter (oPEO) was founded in 1960 and is now the second largest Chapter in Ontario, with over 10,000 local members (engineers, engineering interns (EITs), students and licence applicants),.

Through our events, each year the oPEO implements programs: 1) to facilitate communication between PEO Council and its members; 2) to provide a forum for discussion of local engineering matters, professional development and social outreach; and 3) to promote public awareness of the engineering profession.

**Chair's Report**

On behalf of the Ottawa chapter executive, I am pleased to present a summary of the chapter's accomplishments and activities for 2024.

The year started with our annual general meeting (AGM) held on February 28, 2024 and a keynote presentation: *Intelligent and Learning Assistive Devices and Robotic Systems* by Dr. Mojtaba Ahmadi and Mr. Arash Abarghoeei of Carleton University.

New licence presentations occurred in-person with three events starting with the AGM and then with two specific new licence holders' nights in June and November. I

want to congratulate your achievement and welcome you to our profession.

Chapter activities are made possible through the dedicated efforts of a remarkable team of volunteers. I would like to express my gratitude to these enthusiastic volunteers, and to the hard-working members of the executive committee. I thank you all for your support and commitment to the profession and to the chapter.

Looking forward to seeing you and stay safe!

**Ottawa Chapter Committees**

- **Awards Committee:** to recognize outstanding work of local engineers and engineering students.
- **Communications Committee:** to inform local members of events, opportunities and news.
- **Education & Outreach Committee:** to organize educational and engaging activities in the community to inspire youth, students, professionals and the public to explore engineering as a career.
- **Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program Committee:** to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among Ottawa engineers and engineering students for the economic and employment benefit of the community.
- **Sustainability & Green Energy Committee:** to organize sustainability symposiums contributing to a cultural shift to sustainability.

- **Government Liaison Program (GLP) Committee:** to improve the visibility of engineers to political decision-makers, and encourage engineers to be more politically involved.
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee:** to establish a supportive and welcoming environment within oPEO - creating a diverse, equal and inclusive environment is not only important for members, but it can also improve volunteer recruitment and innovation efforts.
- **Membership Committee:** to welcome new licence holders (P.Eng.) by organizing new member events.
- **Nominating Committee:** to nominate the slate of officers and executives to serve on the Ottawa Chapter.
- **Communications Committee** Handles all outgoing mass communications to PEO members and the General Public
- **AGM Working Group:** Organizes the AGM. Works with the New Members committee when New Members Night is merged with the AGM.
- **Website Committee:** Manages the Chapter Website.

## 2024 Year in Review

The events were;

- January 9:** Entrepreneurship: Robert Nagy: Starting a business from scratch.
- January 17:** Meet and greet event at Tailgaters.
- February 7:** Speaker Series on AI: Integrating Machine Learning and sEMG in Robotic Control
- February 28:** NRC Challenge: Popsicle Stick Catapults
- February 28:** oPEO AGM and New Members Night
- March 5:** Entrepreneurship: Ray Barton: From IT Guy to Product Company.
- March 27:** AI Speaker Series #2 - Realizing the power of AI Application in Engineering.
- April 16:** Entrepreneurship: Ahmad Khadra: From Immigrant to Engineer.
- April 24:** AI Speaker Series #3 - The convergence of AI and Engineering.
- May 22:** Sustainability Seminar: Renewable Energy Investment, EV Facts vs Myths, and Home Energy Performance
- May 28:** Entrepreneurship: Miles Hammond: Starting a Design Services Company.
- May 29:** AI Speaker Series #4 - Introduction to AI and Security.
- June 10:** Innovation: Mining on the Moon : Self Replicating Machines.
- June 20:** New Members' Night
- June 24:** Entrepreneurship: Jeremy Gribben: Spinning up a Spin-off.

- Oct 1:** Entrepreneurship: Michael LaLonde: Networking, the Key to Entrepreneurial Success.
- Oct 22:** Sustainability Seminar: "Renewable Energy Research, Energy Efficiency and Business Opportunity"
- Oct 29:** Entrepreneurship: Muhammad Malik: Stepping out on your own.
- Nov 28:** New Members Night.
- December 4:** Entrepreneurship: Adam Newlands: Brewing up Business.
- Dec 19:** Diefenbunker Escape Room.

## Annual General Meeting

The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the on Friday March 28 at TheInfinity Convention Centre at 2901 Gibford Drive Ottawa. There will be no virtual connection for this in-person event

The AGM will consist of a business meeting with the chapter executive presenting details of 2024 Chapter activities as well as the chapter business plan for 2025 and a financial summary of last year. In addition, there will be a certificate presentation to new licence holders. We look forward to seeing you.

PEO members, guests and the general public can register for this event using the link below. Feel free to use the Promo Code "EarlyBird1" for a 45% off until March 1st.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/peo-ottawa-chapter-annual-general-meeting-new-members-night-tickets-1247540008749>

## 2025 Ottawa Chapter Nominations

It is the duty of the nominating committee to nominate the slate of officers and executives to serve on the Ottawa Chapter. In accordance with Section 7 of the Chapter By-laws, the committee is pleased to present the following for the 2025 officers and executive slate of candidates:

### Officers:

Chair: Alex Polyak, P.Eng.  
 Vice-Chair: Joseph Podrebarac, P.Eng.  
 Past Chair: Alain Basakay P.Eng  
 Treasurer: Joseph Podrebarac P.Eng  
 Secretary: Emil Joannou, P.Eng.

### Directors:

Hooman MohammadinEIT  
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 David Landsberg, P.Eng  
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Any member may nominate another member for a position on the executive committee following the publication date, as per our by-laws. Such a membership-based nomination shall be accomplished by submitting a written nomination to the Chapter Secretary, signed by a minimum of three members and bearing the signature of the nominee, which signifies willingness to stand for election.

Written nominations (hardcopy) must be received by the chapter by Saturday **March 8, 2025 at 23:59**, and are to be mailed to: Nominating Committee, c/o Secretary, PEO Ottawa Chapter, Suite M004, 1554 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1Z 7M4.

### Contact Information Changing?

Make sure PEO has your up-to-date email address. You can update your contact information directly at the PEO portal (<https://secure.peo.on.ca/ebusiness/home>), or send your new contact information via e-mail to: [documentcentre@peo.on.ca](mailto:documentcentre@peo.on.ca).

### PEO Ottawa Chapter Communications

The PEO Ottawa Chapter communicates with members primarily by email to share upcoming initiatives and events, such as the annual general meeting, licence certificate ceremonies, technical talks, tours and other exciting opportunities.

To receive emails from PEO Ottawa Chapter, login to the PEO Portal, click "Chapters", select "Chapter Communications", select "YES" at the bottom of the page and click "Save".

Access the PEO Member Portal at: <https://secure.peo.on.ca/ebusiness/home>.

### Stay in Touch!

Check out our chapter website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/chapters/ottawa> for information about the PEO Ottawa chapter.



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