



PEO launches improved website

A website is a valuable communications tool. Development of PEO's new site was steered by its vision of licensing and regulating the entire practice of professional engineering in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.

Since PEO's website was launched in 1995, the design has evolved several times in step with technological advancements, changing themes and because of feedback from professional engineers. In keeping with PEO's mandate of meeting the needs of Ontario society, PEO's Communications Committee formed a subcommittee to look at the redesign and future use of the PEO website. It reviewed several issues and developed objectives, which are outlined in its report available at www.peo.on.ca, select PEO Council, Committees & Task

Groups from the left-sided menu, then scroll down to Additional Reading.

The key objective was identified as providing information to a wide audience that includes high school and university engineering students, members of the public, individuals both in Canada and abroad seeking registration, PEO members, Council and committee members, Chapter executives and PEO staff. The subcommittee also identified objectives in design, content and improved organizational and navigational features. The aim was to provide greater accessibility by as many people as possible, not just those with up-to-date, powerful computers.

New and improved

Officially launched this month, the new website features a home page with a fully expanded left-side menu (site map), so that new visitors will immediately know what can be found where. Information is organized under more headings, and these are

more "intuitive," making it easier to navigate around the site.

Among the highlights are a revamped section on Licensing and Registration that includes 10 subsections, such as the Engineering Internship Training Program, Student Membership Program, FAQs, etc. There's a separate section on the Code of Ethics, as well as Volunteering@PEO, Programs and Events and much more.

Website development is never finished and PEO will continue to work to improve and develop the site's organization and content. Log on to www.peo.on.ca and let PEO know what you think by sending in your suggestions for improvements.

Future considerations for site enhancements were also highlighted in the report by the website subcommittee. Suggestions for the future include e-commerce and the ability to change your own personal information in the PEO member database. These types of changes will require capital investment for new software and hardware.

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Call for nominations – Board of Directors

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is the member service/advocacy organization of the Profession and we need your help to create a strong voice for Engineers. Three three-year positions are open on the Society's nine person Board of Directors. Nominations open January 29, 2002 and close at 4:00 PM on February 25th.

Seats are open to Professional Engineers in good standing who are:

- licensed Engineers in the province of Ontario who are **full OSPE members** at the time of the election (if you're curious about your status with OSPE, please e-mail us at info@ospe.on.ca);
- live outside the borders of the City of Toronto, and
- work in a sector of Engineering other than consulting or construction.

Ontario Society of Professional Engineers

The Society's Board does not include specific representation from defined geographic areas or common interest sectors. However, there is a provision in OSPE By-law 6.5.1 (b) whereby no one geographic region or common interest sector shall be represented by more than three board members. The current Board already has 3 members residing in Toronto and 3 who work in the consulting/construction sector, meaning that we are looking for new members from other areas.

There are two ways you can be nominated: 1) OSPE's nominating committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates and may nominate you, or 2) you can submit a nomination form with 25 signatures of P.Engs. who support your candidacy. Candidates must ensure that the P.Engs. who support them are members of PEO in good standing and have not opted out of OSPE.

To download a nomination form and review other information about the nomination and election process, please visit www.ospe.on.ca. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Kathie Debren at (416) 223-9961 and she can mail you a form.

Serving on the Board involves a time commitment. The Society's Board meets approximately seven times a year for half a day at a time, plus at least three other full days throughout the year. Candidates can expect to spend time reading background material before the meetings and to serve on committees or task forces. Volunteer honouraria are currently under consideration.

Other important dates. Ballots will be sent to all full and sustaining members on March 20, 2002 and must be returned by the April 20, 2002 deadline. Election results will be announced on May 3, 2002 and the new board will take office on May 11, 2002.