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In June 2001, PEO Council committed to work with the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) to manage jointly what had been PEO's professional awards program. The Ontario Professional Engineers Awards gala is now held annually in November.

PEO's other awards program, the Order of Honour service awards, is presented annually during the PEO Annual General Meeting in April.

The Ontario Professional Engineers Awards program comprises three awards.

The **Gold Medal** recognizes conscientious commitment to public service, technical excellence and outstanding professional leadership. It is the program's premier award.

The **Engineering Medal** recognizes professional engineers who have improved quality of life through the ingenious application of their engineering skills. Engineering Medals are awarded in several categories:

- Engineering Excellence—recognizing overall excellence in the practice of engineering, where the innovative application of engineering principles has solved a unique problem or produced above-average results;
- Research and Development—for developing new and useful applications, or improving engineering knowledge or applied science, or discovering or extending any of the engineering or natural sciences;
- Management—for the management and direction of above-average engineering projects or highly successful enterprises. Recipients are PEO members who have contributed significantly to achieving excellence in engineering, primarily through their management skills;
- Entrepreneurship—for applying new technologies that have enabled new companies to get started, and/or assisted established companies to grow in new directions. Those who earn this award have demonstrated the initiative, energy and spirit it takes to seek out, promote and foster new ideas; and
- Young Engineer—for outstanding engineers under the age of 35, who have made exceptional achievements in their chosen fields. This award is given to those

Ontario Professional Engineers Awards celebrate engineering achievement



by Rose Pirone

Fifty-nine years have passed since PEO Council awarded its first Gold Medal to C.D. Howe, P.Eng., to recognize his outstanding leadership and contributions to the Canadian war effort during the Second World War. More recently, Gold Medals were awarded in 2001 to Robert Gillespie, P.Eng., chairman and CEO of General Electric Canada Inc., in 2002 to Arthur Johns, P.Eng., chairman, Morrison Hershfield Group Inc., in 2003 to H.D. (Douglas) Barber, P.Eng., retired president and CEO, Genum Corporation, in 2004 to Pierre Lassonde, P.Eng., president and director, Newmont Mining Corp., and in 2005 to Frank Ewasyshyn, executive vice president—manufacturing, DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

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who have demonstrated excellence not only in their engineering careers, but also in community and professional participation.

The **Citizenship Award** recognizes community service in two categories, for:

- activities for society outside of an engineering context; and/or
- activities for social betterment within an engineering context (e.g. extensive voluntary involvement with standards-setting groups).

The Ontario Professional Engineers Awards program is administered by an Awards Committee made up of volunteers from PEO and from OSPE. The nomination deadline for the 2006 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards is March 31, 2006.

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Call for nominations

