

OSPE executive takes shape for 2006-2007

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The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) has looked to the recent past in coming up with a new leader.

Danny Young, P.Eng., of London, Ontario, who led the engineering advocacy organization in 2003-2004, has been re-elected as president and chair for 2006-2007. Members of OSPE's 2006-2007 executive were announced May 6 during OSPE's annual general meeting in Toronto.

Joining Young on OSPE's volunteer executive are Past Chair Chris Cragg, P.Eng., Vice Chair Michael Monette, P.Eng., Treasurer Cindy Akyuz, P.Eng., and Secretary M. Clare Morris, P.Eng.

The 2006 annual meeting featured brief reports from PEO Past President Bob Goodings, P.Eng., John Gamble, P.Eng., president, Consulting Engineers of Ontario, Giuseppe Indelicato, ing., of Quebec's engineering advocacy organization (SERVIQ), and David Thompson, executive director, Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

In a report to members, outgoing Chair Cragg said the previous year had been marked by OSPE progress in advocacy, professional development and political action.

In taking on the OSPE chair for a second time, Danny Young cited advocacy, mem-

bership growth, services, and professional development as among the top priorities.

"In the coming year we will continue to build on our advocacy successes, seek out new programs and services to meet the needs of our members, and grow our membership base," Young said.

Other directors for 2006-2007 are Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., John Clayton, P.Eng., Peter DeVita, P.Eng., Steven Rose, P.Eng., Michael Santaluce, P.Eng., John Schindler, P.Eng., David Steeves, P.Eng., and Alourdes Sully, P.Eng. Outgoing directors are Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng., Paul Martin, P.Eng., and Anne Sado, P.Eng. Sharon Glover remains as OSPE's chief executive officer.



2007 Council Elections—Call for Candidates

All nominating committees invite PEO members to become candidates for the positions of **President-elect**, **Vice President**, **Councillor-at-Large** and **Regional Councillor** (one for each of PEO's five regions) on PEO Council.

The position of **President-elect** is for a one-year term (2007-2008), after which the incumbent will serve a one-year term (2008-2009) as President and a one-year term as Past President (2009-2010). Candidates for the position of President-elect must have served on Council previously for a total of at least two full Council years as of PEO's Annual General Meeting 2007, and must not have served as President for at least five years before they would take office (i.e. not since 2002).

The position of **Vice President** is for a one-year term (2007-2008). Candidates for the position of Vice President must have served on Council previously for at least one full Council year as of PEO's Annual General Meeting 2007, and must not have served as President for at least five years before they would take office (i.e. not since 2002).

The position of **Councillor-at-Large** is for a two-year term (2007-2009).

To become a candidate for the positions of **President-elect**, **Vice President**, or **Councillor-at-Large**, please submit your name and a letter accepting the nomination by **September 5, 2006** to George R. Comrie, P.Eng., chair, Nominating Committee, c/o Brenda Caplan, PEO, 25 Sheppard Avenue West, Suite 1000, Toronto, ON, M2N 6S9. Fax: 416-224-8168; 800-268-0496.

The position of **Regional Councillor** is for a two-year term (2007-2009). Candidates for Regional Councillor must reside within the region through which they are nominated.

To become a candidate for **Regional Councillor**, please submit your name and a letter accepting the nomination by **September 5, 2006** to the chair of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee, c/o Michael Chan, P.Eng., PEO, 25 Sheppard Avenue West, Suite 1000, Toronto, ON, M2N 6S9. Fax: 416-224-8168; 800-268-0496. Chairs of the Regional Nominating Committees are: Cliff Knox, P.Eng. (Eastern Region), Thomas Chong, P.Eng. (East Central Region), David Euler, P.Eng. (Northern Region), John Vieth, P.Eng. (Western Region), and Colin Moore, P.Eng. (West Central Region).

If you choose to become nominated for these positions by submitting your name to the nominating committees, you will not require nominators' signatures. The nominating committees will put forward as nominations all the names they receive. The nominating committees will seek candidates only where there are no submissions or to avoid an acclamation.

If you choose to become nominated by members at large, you will require nominators' signatures as outlined in Regulation 941/90, section 14. Deadline for nominations from members at large is 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2006.

Complete election procedures appear beginning on the facing page. For further information on becoming a candidate through the nominating committees, please contact: Brenda Caplan, 416-840-1104, or 800-339-3716, ext. 1104; email: bcaplan@peo.on.ca.

12. All ballots will be destroyed upon the order of the Council of the association at the conclusion of the election process.
13. Nothing in the foregoing will prevent additions and/or modifications to procedures for a particular election if approved by Council or the candidates agree to such change(s).

Election Publicity

1. Names of all nominated candidates to date will be forwarded to members of Council, chapter chairs and committee chairs, and published on PEO's website, by October 13, 2006. Additional nominations will be published to PEO's website as received.
2. Announcement of all nominations to date will be made in the November/December 2006 issue of *Engineering Dimensions*.
3. The source of each candidate's nomination (i.e. nominated by the central Nominating Committee, by a Regional Nominating Committee, or by members in accordance with the Regulation) will not be published in the heading.
4. Biographies accompanying the ballots, to be published in the January/February 2007 issue of *Engineering Dimensions* and to PEO's website in January, will be permitted to the total of 150 words for each candidate. The 150-word limit is exclusive of candidate's name and employer when placed at beginning of biography (forms part of heading). Biographies may contain material as set out in Schedule A.

Candidates wishing to inform voters of their platform may also have a statement of up to 275 words published with their biographies. A photograph will also be published in *Engineering Dimensions* and on the website, and may be published in the material accompanying the ballots (space permitting). Biographies, statements and photographs must be received by the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) at the

association's headquarters by December 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

The Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) is responsible for ensuring that biographies and statements comply with these procedures, and will correct spelling and punctuation. Where it is deemed the material does not satisfy these procedures, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) will, within 48 hours from receipt of the material by the association, notify the candidate, who is expected to be available during this period by telephone, fax or email. The candidate will have a further 48 hours to advise the association of the amendment. The candidate is responsible for meeting this deadline.

If biographies exceed 150 words and/or statements exceed 275 words, and failing agreement with the candidate, association staff will satisfy the requirement(s) by removing the appropriate number of words from the end of the text. Where material is deemed inappropriate for another reason, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) will cause the offending material to be removed if agreement cannot be reached within the time available.

5. Candidates may also submit a 300-word article on a current PEO issue or issues for inclusion with all chapter newsletters published during the January and February election period. The articles will be compiled by PEO staff into regional inserts (i.e. articles from candidates for Regional Councillor for each region and for all positions elected at-large) and distributed to chapter newsletter editors.

Articles for use in the regional inserts are to be submitted with the biographies and statements by December 13, 2006, which is the close of nominations. The Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) is responsible for ensuring that articles for use in the regional inserts comply with these procedures, and will correct spelling and punctuation. Where it is deemed the material does not satisfy these procedures, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief

Elections Officer) will, within 48 hours from receipt of the material by the association, notify the candidate, who is expected to be available during this period by telephone, fax, or email. The candidate will have a further 48 hours to advise the association of the amendment. The candidate is responsible for meeting this deadline.

6. Candidates' material for all print publication should be forwarded to the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) at the association's offices as soon as possible following the nominations but, in any case, not later than December 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., which is the close of nominations. Candidate material will be considered confidential until published on PEO's website in January 2007 and will be restricted to staff members required to arrange for publication.
7. All material should be typed, and submitted on a CD accompanied by hard copy, or emailed with hard copy to follow. Photographs must be at least 5" x 7" in size ("snapshots" are not suitable) if submitted in hard copy form. If submitted in digital form, they must be JPEG-format files with a minimum resolution of 1024 by 756 pixels, or a file size of about 750K. If word counts in candidates' material exceed the number of words specified and time does not permit revision by the author, the counts will be adjusted by the removal of the appropriate number of words from the end of the material.
8. Candidates may post additional material on their own websites, to which a link will be provided from PEO's website from January 2007 until February 28, 2007. The content of candidate websites to which PEO links must be in keeping with the dignity of the profession. URLs of candidate websites to which a link is desired must be provided to the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) by January 12, 2007 by emailing elections@peo.on.ca.

As an alternative, candidates may utilize space on PEO's website, pro-

vided they email to the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) an MS Word or text file of no more than 1000 words, and no more than three non-animated graphics in JPEG or GIF format. This material should be received by the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) by January 12, 2007. Candidates may submit updates to this material once during the posting period from January until February 28, 2007. The Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) is responsible for ensuring that the website material complies with these procedures, and will correct spelling and punctuation. Where it is deemed the material does not satisfy these procedures, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) will, within 48 hours from receipt of the material by the association, notify the candidate, who is expected to be available during this period by telephone, fax or email. The candidate will have a further 48 hours to advise the association of the amendment. The candidate is responsible for meeting this deadline.

9. A candidate for PEO election may request that PEO do a hard copy or electronic mailing of printed candidate publicity material on his or her behalf. The costs of such a mailing and publicity material will be the candidate's responsibility. All electronic mailings will be conducted according to the protocol in Schedule B to these procedures.
10. Caution is to be exercised in determining the content of issues of membership publications published during the balloting period, including chapter newsletters. Editors are to ensure that no election candidate is given additional publicity or opportunities to express viewpoints in issues of membership publications distributed during the January and February election period beyond his/her candidate statement/biography published in the January/February issue of *Engineering Dimensions*, and the material specified in the approved election procedures for chapter newsletters (Publicity Procedure 5), the PEO website (Publicity

Procedure 8) and mailings (Publicity Procedure 9). This includes photos, references to, or quotes or commentary by, candidates in articles, letters to the editor, and opinion pieces. PEO's communications vehicles should be, and should be seen to be, unpartisan.

11. Chapters may not endorse candidates in print, on their websites or through their list servers, or at their membership meetings or activities.
12. All election publicity material must be in keeping with the dignity of the profession and consistent with PEO's core values. Candidate statements must be factual and may not contain information that cannot be substantiated. Where it is deemed the material does not satisfy these requirements, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) will, within 48 hours from receipt of the material by the association, notify the candidate, who is expected to be available during this period by telephone, fax, or email. The candidate will have a further 48 hours to advise the association of the amendment. The candidate is responsible for meeting this deadline.
13. The central Nominating Committee is authorized to interpret the election publicity guidelines and procedures, and to rule on questions and concerns of the candidates on matters around the election process.

Schedule A. Biographical Material

For purposes of the biographies to be published in *Engineering Dimensions* and on PEO's website and to accompany the ballots, biographical information may include:

1. Name *
2. Employer and position *
3. Education:
 - degrees and school(s) attended
 - year(s) of graduation
4. Employment history
5. PEO activities:
 - Council
 - committees
 - chapter(s), including positions held

6. Years of registration with profession:
 - Ontario
 - another province
7. Other professional affiliations, including positions held, e.g.:
 - CEO
 - CSPE
 - EFE
 - EIC
 - IEEE
 - OSPE
8. Community service:
 - name(s) of organization(s)
 - position(s) held
 - length of service
9. Technical papers given or published

* If forming a part of the heading, these items are not included in the word count.

Schedule B. Mass Email Protocol

Campaign material must be delivered to the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) by email (elections@peo.on.ca) or on a CD at least two business days prior to the desired distribution date.

Emailing requests must include the desired date of distribution, email subject line, text of email message, and a working email account to which replies to the email will be sent. Candidates are responsible for responding to replies or questions generated by their email message. Candidates are permitted a maximum of 300 words for email messages and graphics will not be permitted in text messages. Candidates may include a URL link to more comprehensive information published on their own websites or on PEO's election website (see Election Publicity Procedure 7). The Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) is responsible for ensuring that email messages comply with this protocol, and will correct spelling and punctuation. Where it is deemed that a message does not satisfy this protocol, the Registrar or a delegate (Chief Elections Officer) will, within two business days, notify the candidate. The candidate will have a further two business days to advise of any amendment. If HTML format is to be used for email messages, special design and graphic coordination are the candidate's responsibility.