



## A busy few months

At PEO, the months of March and April have disappeared in somewhat of a blur, what with the annual meeting, awards ceremony, a new President's term beginning, and a new Council getting underway.

If you weren't able to attend the recent Order of Honour Awards and Annual General Meeting, or to meet your new President and Councillors (p. 3, 12, 43), this issue may be the next best thing. You'll get a taste of the Engineering and Public Policy conference and the other events of the annual meeting (p. 17), and meet the 12 professional engineers inducted into PEO's Order of Honour, an award that denotes exceptional service to the profession (p. 14). Detailed coverage of the conference and annual meeting will appear in the July/August issue.

Contributing to the frenetic pace of the last while was our second Engineering for Ontario Day at Queen's Park. Held on April 16 at the Sutton Place Hotel, the event was a resounding success and attracted nine ministers and 22 MPPs, representing all parties. Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant attended for the second time, clearly signaling his continued interest in, and respect for, the engineering profession. Check out GLP Journal (p. 30) for a full rundown of who attended and what happened.

High-profile events aren't the only things keeping us busy. Since early March, our licensing department has been hard at work preparing for the launch of the Engineering Intern Training Financial Credit Program, or FCP (p. 18). If you didn't catch our coverage in the March/April issue (p. 12, 28), this is an online program intended to

encourage recent graduates and the internationally educated who have recently arrived in Ontario to apply for their P.Eng. licence. Applicants still must meet eligibility criteria and have proper documentation. However, the FCP does relieve the financial burden of applying, since the program waives the licence application fee and the cost of first-year membership in the Engineering Intern Training program.

Although I'm running out of space, I can't end without discussing our theme: the engineering team (p. 54, 58, 59). While this is a topic that we've covered in *Engineering Dimensions* before, it's an important one and well worth revisiting.

In the May/June 2004 issue, we focused primarily on the results from the National Survey of the Canadian Engineering and Technology Professions that pertained to the concept of the engineering team and its impact on the profession, reporting on such specifics as which engineering disciplines were most likely to work in team environments, which kinds of projects tended to use a team approach, and compositions of the teams, etc.

Three years later, with the use of project teams still on the rise in engineering practice, we focus now on the challenges. In particular, with technologists now entrusted to do some of the work that in the past was done solely by professional engineers, questions emerge: Is the current system working for the benefit and protection of the public? Are the various members on engineering teams accepted and valued? Should technologists and other paraprofessionals be licensed? How would different classes of licences be viewed by the public, whose understanding of engineering responsibility is already fuzzy?

All good questions.

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