

PEO PURCHASES PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

By Jennifer Coombes



Plans call for PEO to begin transferring operations to 40 Sheppard West in stages, with the move substantially complete by the end of the year when PEO's current lease expires.

There's no place like home and PEO has now found one.

Made possible in part by last year's member-confirmed licence fee increase, PEO purchased 40 Sheppard Avenue West, an eight-storey, 21-year-old building across the street from the regulator's current rented office space at 25 Sheppard Avenue West.

Purchased for \$22,575,000 in early March, the new office building has ample space for PEO to house a planned new conference centre, a business centre to support PEO members and volunteers, an engineering museum, an auditorium and

a tribunal courtroom, as well as to keep up with staff expansion.

PEO will not require the use of all of the building and plans eventually to occupy approximately half of the building's available 100,000 square feet.

As the building's owner, PEO qualifies for reduced municipal taxes under the *Municipal Act* on the proportion of the building it uses. PEO will also receive rental income from the tenants that occupy the part of the building that PEO doesn't use.

All things considered, PEO has acquired 50,000 sq. ft. for about the same annual cost as its current 30,000 sq. ft.

The building also fulfills other wish list elements, including a prominent location to help increase PEO's profile, and easy access through proximity to a main subway line, which will ensure PEO can continue its high level of service to licence holders, applicants, volunteers, staff and the public.

"Our vision is to have an engineering centre befitting a major profession. The new facility will serve to increase our profile as we continue to provide a high level of service and accessibility," said Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng., PEO president.

For more information, visit www.peo.on.ca.

2009-2010 council in place

By Jennifer Coombes

PEO'S NEW COUNCIL, currently comprising 28 of a maximum 29 appointed and elected councillors, including President Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng., was installed May 9 at PEO's annual general meeting in Toronto. The council election closed February 27, 2009.

Diane Freeman, P.Eng., was elected president-elect and Corneliu Chisu, P.Eng., was elected vice president.

The following were also elected to council:

- Councillor-at-large
Bruce Clarida, P.Eng., and Allen Jones, P.Eng.
- Eastern Region councillor
Paul Ballantyne, P.Eng.
- East Central Region councillor
Thomas Chong, P.Eng.
- Northern Region councillor
David Spacek, P.Eng. (by acclamation)
- West Central Region councillor
Phil Maka, P.Eng.
- Western Region councillor
Roydon Fraser, PhD, P.Eng.

All members are eligible to vote for the position of president-elect. This year, 14 per cent of the membership voted, down from 17 per cent in 2008. Over the past four years, the percentage of voters has ranged from 16 to 18 per cent.

The election mailing also included ballots for confirmation by members of two amendments to By-law No. 1. According to the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO bylaws do not become effective until confirmed by members through a mail ballot.

Members confirmed the addition of two subsections to section 39 of By-Law No. 1, which prescribes the P.Eng. licence fee. New subsection (5) reads, "Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a member qualifying for a reduced fee may pay an annual membership fee of 25 per cent of the fee prescribed in section 39(2)." New subsection (6) reads, "Notwithstanding the

foregoing provisions, every member who has been a president of the association shall be designated as a 'life member' and exempt from the requirement to pay the annual membership fee prescribed in section 39(2)."

At the first meeting of council on May 9, John Vieth, P.Eng., was elected to the position of vice president elected by and from the members of council, and Rebecca Huang, LLB, Cliff Knox, P.Eng., and Philip Maka, P.Eng., were elected as additional members of the Executive Committee.

HOW YOU VOTED

President-elect	
Diane Freeman	5248
Danny Young	4802
Vice president	
Corneliu Chisu	4730
Peter DeVita	3292
Nicholas Monsour	1897
Councillor-at-large	
Bruce Clarida	3708
Allen Jones	3412
Nick Colucci	3142
Denis Dixon	2922
Peter Cushman	2714
Guy Boone	2398
Eastern Region councillor	
Paul Ballantyne	704
Chris Taylor	588
Gaetano Ruscito	353
East Central Region councillor	
Thomas Chong	623
Marlene (Wachko) Graham	523
Roger Jones	423
Greg Merrill	308
Bogdan Damjanovic	296
Karl Navarro	154
Northern Region councillor	
David Spacek	acclaimed
Western Region councillor	
Roydon Fraser	1492
Asad Kaspar	597
West Central Region councillor	
Philip Maka	1435
Galal Abdelmessih	645



Changing hands

Outgoing President Dave Adams, P.Eng., passes the gavel to incoming President Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng., the first woman president in 12 years and the fourth in PEO history, at the annual general meeting on May 9 in Toronto. Check news in the July/August issue of *Engineering Dimensions* for full coverage of the meeting.



OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Eleven standout engineers were inducted at one of three levels into the PEO Order of Honour on May 8 in Toronto for commitment and service to the profession. They were (front row, left to right) Robert A. Goodings, P.Eng. (Companion); William R. Walker, P.Eng. (Officer); Amity Man-Chun Lam, P.Eng. (Member); Alan J. Korell, P.Eng. (Member); (back row, left to right) Colin S. Cantlie, P.Eng. (Officer); Edward Kai-Jee Poon, P.Eng. (Member); R. Maxwell Morrow, P.Eng. (Member); R. Craig Doran, P.Eng. (Member); and Linda D. Drisdelle, P.Eng. (Member). Missing from the photo is Allan P. Giacomelli, P.Eng. (Member). Vilayil I. John, P.Eng. (Member), was unable to attend the ceremony and will be formally inducted at a suitable event in the near future.

PEO watches green energy legislation

By Michael Mastromatteo



Ontario's engineering regulator is monitoring the progress of Bill 150, the *Green Energy Act*, now winding its way through the Ontario legislature, and is using the proposed legislation as an opportunity to engage locally with the government and the public (see "Profession ponders its role in climate change debate," p. 26).

Introduced in February, the government intends the new bill to foster a culture of conservation by assisting homeowners, governments, schools and industrial employers to make the switch to lower energy use.

If it becomes law as drafted, the bill would impact the Ontario Building Code, the Environmental Bill of Rights, and 21 separate provincial acts, including the *Clean Water Act* and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*.

Bernard Ennis, P.Eng., PEO manager, practice and standards, says Bill 150 doesn't appear to present any immediate concerns for professional engineers.

"I've looked through the compendium and don't see anything in the bill that will affect engineers," Ennis says. "The act deals with the powers of the lieutenant-governor [and] it creates guiding principles for the province on matters of conservation and renewable energy."

In general, Ennis says, Bill 150 establishes the structure for government to encourage renewable energy and conservation by redefining the legal structures that regulate the power generation and distribution systems. "This affects agencies, not engineers," he says.

One of the highlights of the proposed legislation is the creation of a Renewable Energy Facilitation Office responsible for developing renewable energy projects.

Among the bill's conservation initiatives are making use of the Ontario Building Code to identify opportunities to increase energy conservation and creating an advisory council to provide energy efficiency advice to the minister of municipal affairs and housing.



Kim Allen, P.Eng., PEO CEO/registrar, outlined the proposed national membership and licensing model March 9 at an East Central Region town hall meeting in Markham.

PEO TAKES NATIONAL MODEL PROPOSAL ON THE ROAD

By Michael Mastromatteo

INFORMATION ABOUT a proposed national framework for membership and licensing is rapidly making its way through the chapter system.

In a series of town hall meetings from March 9 to April 1, then PEO President David Adams, P.Eng., and CEO/Registrar Kim Allen, P.Eng., toured the province to explain the principles and concepts of the proposed national framework and collect feedback from members.

Intended to bring new meaning and value to the P.Eng. by harmonizing requirements across the country, as well as enable a place in the profession or regulation of all those educated in engineering or working in the field, the proposal was the focus of an article in the March/April issue of *Engineering Dimensions* (p. 22) and the debut issue of *The Journal of Policy Engagement*, the publication of the new Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy.

Introducing the licensing model to members March 9 at the East Central Region town hall, Adams emphasized the importance of consulting widely and obtaining feedback from members, to fine-tune a "work in progress."

Following the East Central meeting, town halls were held March 12 in Toronto for the West Central Region, March 16 in Waterloo for the Western Region, and April 1 in Ottawa for the Eastern Region. Feedback from Northern Region members was gathered at the North Bay Engineers Day in late January.

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"All the right moves" HIGHLIGHTED AT 2009 EIF

By Michael Mastromatteo

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Two information/feedback sessions for staff and committee members were held March 17 at the regulator's Toronto headquarters.

In his presentation, titled "Engineering Our Future," Allen outlined key elements of the proposal, including the possibility of creating new classes of licence for various members of a more inclusive engineering profession, and forging a stronger link to the profession on the part of engineering students and recent graduates.

An important consideration of the licensing model is to keep students, recent graduates and international engineering graduates engaged with the licensing body and focused on membership and licensure as instruments to protect the public interest.

"An overriding point to remember is that it's easier to govern members than non-members," Allen said at the March 12 West Central Region meeting.

The several hundred PEO members attending the town halls were asked to complete a questionnaire seeking their thoughts on the concepts behind the proposed framework, including harmonization of licensing requirements, barrier-free mobility of the P.Eng., enhanced enforcement of licensure requirements, the regulator's role in labour market development, and the registration by the regulator of all members of the engineering profession (students, EITs, international applicants, certified engineering technologists, etc.).

For the most part, reaction to the presentations was positive. Typical questions included anticipated time frames for the full implementation of any new membership and licensing model, relevance of the licence to students and recent graduates, and consistency in assessing the work experience of internationally educated applicants.



Presenters at the 2009 Engineering Innovations Forum (left to right) Rajeev Roy, P.Eng., Stephen Vetter, P.Eng., and Steve Petrie, P.Eng., listen to questions from the floor.

Alberto Valencia, P.Eng., of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), responds to a question during the exhibitors' presentation at the March 4 Engineering Innovations Forum in Toronto. The GTAA was one of nine exhibitors at the forum.

GETTING PEOPLE SMOOTHLY and efficiently from point A to point B was the focus of the 2009 Engineering Innovations Forum (EIF), which attracted nearly 200 engineers and members of the public to the Ontario Science Centre March 4.

Billed as focusing on "intelligent transportation systems," this year's forum featured innovative ideas in the public transit, light rail and auto sectors. Moderator Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng., then PEO presi-

A FEATURE OF NATIONAL ENGINEERING WEEK IN ONTARIO SINCE 1990, THE EIF SEEKS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ENGINEERING'S ROLE IN COMBINING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR CREATIVE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC BENEFIT.

dent-elect, said speakers were chosen to highlight innovations in moving large numbers of people with a decreased impact on the environment.

A feature of National Engineering Week in Ontario since 1990, the EIF seeks to raise public awareness of engineering's role in combining science and technology for creative social and public benefit. It is organized by the greater Toronto chapters of PEO, the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

Opening presenter Rajeev Roy, P.Eng., manager, transit management systems, York Region Transit (YRT), outlined York's challenges in enhancing public transit options in a "car-based community." He said planners of the region's VIVA bus system had to come up with transit solutions for an area with one-third the population of Toronto, but only one-tenth the population density.

"York Region is a widely spread area, with limited transportation infrastructure, so it's a challenge to serve this type of community as compared to Toronto," Roy said.

To meet this challenge, YRT has implemented technologies integrated with real-time traveller information systems to enhance the performance of its transit service, increase reliability and passenger safety, and improve the service's economic viability.

Presenter Stephen Vetter, P.Eng., director, urban rail business development, Thales Rail Signalling Solutions, discussed

his company's communications-based train control technology, which makes use of sensor equipment embedded in the tracks to maintain safe distances between trains, allowing for safer use of driverless trains.

Thales is an international company with more than 900 employees in Toronto, which has established itself over the last 30 years as a world leader in urban rail train automation.

Final speaker Steve Petrie, P.Eng., founder, ITS-ETO Consortium, an organization seeking to develop an expressway optimization plan, said expressway traffic optimization (ETO) is designed to relieve vehicle congestion by using coloured signals on roadway surfaces to enable drivers to avoid unnecessary braking while maintaining safe "headways" between vehicles. The program is aimed at improving traffic volume on existing highways without having to add new and bigger roads.

Other speakers included PEO then President David Adams, P.Eng., OSPE Vice Chair Steven Rose, P.Eng., and OACETT Executive Director David Thomson.

OCEPP KICKS OFF POLICY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

By Michael Mastromatteo

How to best use limited infrastructure funds was the topic of the first session of a policy engagement series of presentations organized by the new Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP).

Held March 24 at the main legislative building at Queen's Park, the presentation featured University of Toronto engineering professors Chris Kennedy, PhD, P.Eng., Bryan Karney, PhD, P.Eng., Eric Miller, PhD, and Marianne Hatzopoulou, PhD, discussing their paper, *Infrastructure and the Economy: Future Directions for Ontario*. The paper and presentation, which attracted about 100 people, including MPPs, government policy advisors, academics and engi-

neering students, were co-sponsored by OCEPP and the Martin Prosperity Institute at U of T.

Speaking for the authors, Kennedy, who has done extensive research combining economics and urban planning to develop sustainable infrastructure development concepts, outlined how the development of cities has an impact on infrastructure, particularly in the transportation sector.

He said city building booms are often a remedy for deep economic recession, such as is being experienced in North America and Europe. Policy-makers should be aware of the growth and reliability of electricity supply as key to urban prosperity, he said, and future infrastructure systems should also enhance greater connectivity between cities and allow greater circulation of goods, people and ideas.

Prior to the presentation, Willowdale MPP David Zimmer, LLB, parliamentary assistant to Attorney General Chris Bentley, LLB, brought greetings from fellow legislators in the Ontario government. The liaison between PEO and the attorney general since 2004, Zimmer said the policy engagement series of presentations are a natural outgrowth of the regulator's interaction with the provincial government.

"The changes within the engineering community and its relationship with the government are large and impressive," he said. "PEO is now playing a much larger role in the small 'p' politics in Ontario, and it is with my thanks that its new centre is encouraging this kind of interaction and exchange."

Donald Wallace, PhD, OCEPP executive director, was pleased with the turnout for the inaugural event.

"I can say with considerable confidence that our Queen's Park policy engagement series is off to a roaring start," Wallace later told *Engineering Dimensions*. "The room was packed and I was pleased David Zimmer took time out from an important budget meeting to welcome everyone to the legislature. The audience, made up largely of public servants from the rank of deputy minister on down, was engaged and enthusiastic."

Sybil Derrible, a U of T PhD student in civil engineering, said infrastructure investment is a logical topic for those interested in public policy work.

"Professor Kennedy's presentation was most enriching and informative about the level of action the Toronto region needs to take to tackle the serious challenges threatening its economic stability," he told *Engineering Dimensions*. "By expanding current infrastructure in a strategic way, the Greater Golden Horseshoe could well emerge as a mega-region fostering innovation excellence and agreeable lifestyle, while being environmentally sustainable."

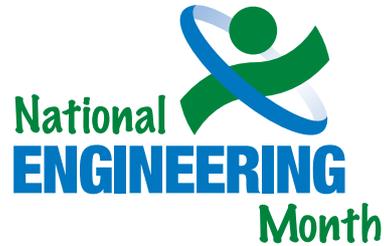
The March event was the first of what OCEPP expects to be quarterly presentations on engineering and public policy issues. A repeat of the session has been scheduled for May 14 in Toronto.



Chris Kennedy, PhD, P.Eng., discussed "smart" infrastructure investment at the first of a series of policy engagement events organized by the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy.

Connecting with the engineers of tomorrow

By Sonya Agnew



Michael Monette, P.Eng., president and chair, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (left centre), and Holly Anderson, P.Eng., chair, National Engineering Week Ontario Steering Committee (right centre), watch participants build bridges at the K'NEX bridge-building workshop at the Ontario Science Centre during National Engineering Month 2009.

NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH (NEM) is a Canada-wide celebration of engineering excellence held in February and March each year. NEM aims to increase public awareness of engineers and engineering technology and, more specifically, to encourage young people to consider careers in engineering. Formerly a week-long event known as National Engineering Week, now it's a month long and each province or territory chooses a week during which to hold its activities. The celebrations in Ontario occurred from February 28 to March 8, 2009, with volunteers donating their time and expertise at hundreds of events across the province.

This year's lineup included an expanded program with the Toronto Public Library system, including presentations by Engineers Without Borders at 22 branches across the GTA. Over 800 students in grades 6 to 9 learned about "Water for the World," an interactive workshop for young people designed to raise awareness about the pivotal role Canadians play in protecting and managing this valuable resource.

The ever-popular K'NEX bridge-building workshops were held at five science centres and museums in Kitchener, London, Ottawa, Sudbury and Toronto. Hundreds of engineering volunteers assisted thousands of students and their parents in building bridges using the popular, colour-coded toy.

PEO chapters also held their own activities and events to celebrate NEM, all organized and run by dedicated engineering volunteers. Examples include:

- Etobicoke Chapter held its second annual Engineering Idol competition, which involved secondary students demonstrating teamwork, problem solving and professionalism;
- Ottawa Chapter and the National Research Council collaborated with grades 4 to 7 teachers to engage students in problem-solving "engineering teams," in which they designed and built disaster-relief operation prototypes from readily available craft supplies and recycled materials;
- Scarborough Chapter hosted its sixth annual bridge-building competition for grades 3 to 8 students, who designed, built and tested a bridge that weighed less than 250 grams; and
- Lakehead Chapter and Lakehead University's faculty of engineering invited students in grades 5 through 8 to participate in team design competitions in chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering.

The National Engineering Week Ontario Steering Committee (NEWOSC) thanks all the volunteers who participated this year for their dedication and enthusiasm. "The contributions these volunteers make each year are the keys to success for this wonderful week of celebrating engineering in Ontario," says Holly Anderson, P.Eng., NEWOSC chair.

The five members of NEWOSC are Professional Engineers Ontario, the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists and the Ontario Science Centre.

PEO and OSPE STRIKE NEW ACCORD

By Michael Mastromatteo

PEO and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) have approved a new accord to guide future relations between the two groups.

Endorsed by PEO council on February 27, the accord commits PEO to the long-term success of OSPE as a partner in preserving engineering self-regulation in Ontario.

OSPE's board of directors approved the accord in early March. The new accord supersedes previous agreements between PEO and OSPE and comprises seven guiding principles for both organizations to observe in their joint dealings (see sidebar), and approaches for achieving them. The principles aim to foster co-operation in support of the engineering profession, while enabling each organization to fulfill its mandate as the regulator and advocacy organization, respectively.

In addition to pledging regular and open communication, the accord commits PEO and OSPE to developing partnerships and ongoing regular business contacts.

The two organizations will review existing agreements to ensure they remain consistent with the new guiding principles. In addition, PEO and OSPE will maintain ongoing communication and reporting by way of the Joint Relations Committee, staff to staff and chapter interaction, and OSPE representation at the Regional Councillors Committee.

The accord also commits the two groups to differentiate activities and avoid overlap between similarly themed initiatives, such as policy statements, Queen's Park events, government liaison and political action work.



PEO-OSPE ACCORD GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. We work together in the interest of the profession consistent with our respective mandates.
2. PEO supports OSPE in pursuit of the engineers' interests and member services.
3. OSPE supports PEO in pursuit of the public interest.
4. We encourage the development of partnerships when appropriate.
5. We support open and regular communication at all levels.
6. We differentiate the organizations to stakeholders of the profession.
7. We undertake regular business through operational contracts as with any other client/vendor relationship.

ENGINEERS CANADA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH IRELAND

By Nicole Axworthy

ENGINEERS CANADA has signed a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) with Engineers Ireland. The agreement says Canada's P.Eng. designation is equivalent to Ireland's chartered engineer designation, the CEng.

Engineers Canada negotiates international MRAs on behalf of its constituent members (CMs), the provincial/territorial licensing associations/ordre. The agreements help to eliminate the need for detailed examination of the credentials for professional registration of a licence applicant from a signatory jurisdiction, and are also seen as a means of establishing international standards around the world.

"[The agreement's] development showcases how well our professional associations can work together to strengthen international relations," says Chantal Guay, P.Eng., ing., CEO, Engineers Canada.

To date, Engineers Canada has signed similar MRAs of qualified and licensed engineers with Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (2004), Engineers Australia (2007) and Commission des titres d'ingénieur for France (1999, revised in 2005). In Canada, these agreements apply only in the provinces and territories that have ratified them. According to Marie Carter, P.Eng., director of professional and international affairs, Engineers Canada: "All have ratified the agreements with France and Hong Kong, except Ontario. All, except Ontario and Quebec, have ratified the agreement with Australia. We've just started the ratification process for the Ireland agreement."

Current PEO policy is against approving MRAs. However, Michael Price, P.Eng., PEO deputy registrar, licensing and registration, says council may soon revisit its position on international mobility issues after recent Licensing Process Task Force recommendations (see *Engineering Dimensions*, May/June 2008, p. 60) and its review and consideration of the draft National Framework for Membership and Licensure, which includes establishing a platform for global mobility.



No time to cut education spending, says CFES

By Michael Mastromatteo

Canada's engineering students have called on federal and provincial governments to rethink possible cutbacks in education funding, especially as they might impact on the preparation of future engineers.

At its February 2009 congress, the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) issued an "Ottawa declaration" urging governments and educational institutions to maintain support for science and engineering research. The call for adequate educational funding comes despite concerns about the current economic recession.

The CFES is a national body representing 60,000 engineering students. Founded in 1969, its mandate is to provide opportunities in support of an all-encompassing education for engineering students in Canada.

"Engineering plays a vital role in our modern society," the Ottawa declaration states. "Canada's strategy of maintaining and advancing infrastructure to combat the economic downturn will require a significant contribution from well-trained engineers. Innovation by Canadian engineers makes existing industries more competitive, attracts investment, and creates entirely new industries."

The federation also said continuing investment in engineering education is required to maintain the high quality of Canadian engineering expertise and to create employment opportunities for recent graduates.

The declaration has won the support of the Council of Ontario Deans of Engineering (CODE). In a February 9 statement, CODE Chair Stalin Boctor, PhD, P.Eng., dean of engineering, Ryerson University, said the CFES initiative is especially timely.

"The interrelationship between high-quality engineering education and the health of the Canadian economy is an inescapable fact," Boctor said. "This is certainly clear from the text of the Ottawa declaration."

Boctor later told *Engineering Dimensions* that governments should use more discretion in their decisions about education funding. "Engineers are being produced for the growth of society and the economy, so the funding authorities can't shoot themselves in the foot," Boctor said. "They have to be made aware of the damage they may be doing."

ASME ARGUES PROPOSED CHANGE TO US LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

By Nicole Axworthy

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) believes a four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university should remain the mandatory educational requirement for licensure as a professional engineer in the United States.

It stated its position in response to a recent change made to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying's (NCEES) model licensure law. The NCEES model law now calls for a master's degree or 30 additional academic credits on top of a bachelor's degree (known as "master's or equivalent"), four years of experience, and passing the Fundamentals of Engineering examination for licensure in the US.

State legislatures and licensing boards are being urged to adopt this change as early as 2012 so that it can be implemented in 2020.

ASME says there is no evidence to suggest graduate-level coursework will have a positive impact on the public's health and safety. It says the higher educational requirements also have the potential to reduce the supply of licensed engineers, who enable the nation to compete technologically and economically.

ASME's position statement has been endorsed by a number of engineering organizations, including the American

Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, the Illuminating Engineering Society, and the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

"The position statement shows there is strong support across many engineering disciplines to maintain the current requirements for obtaining a professional engineer's licence," says David Soukup, PE, managing director, centers, ASME. A website called Licensing That Works (www.licensingthatworks.org) has been created by ASME and the partnering organizations to share information and collaborate on the need to maintain the current educational requirements.

The American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Academy of Environmental Engineers are the only organizations in the US that have endorsed the NCEES new model law.

Aware that many within the engineering community have concerns with the master's-or-equivalent requirements, NCEES council has assigned a task force to investigate potential obstacles to implementing the new requirement, and to identify any alternatives that could address the challenge of better preparing candidates for engineering licensure to enter the profession.

DID YOU KNOW?

Effective June 1, 2008, licence holders looking to reinstate their licences are subject to new rules under Regulation 941.

If you have resigned your licence or it has been cancelled for nonpayment of fees, there is a new graduated reinstatement system in place. Fees and obligations increase based on the length of time your licence has been cancelled.

For full details, see *Reinstatement Requirement—An Informative Guide* on PEO's home page, www.peo.on.ca.

