

INTRODUCING PEO COUNCIL 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



DENIS DIXON, P.ENG., FEC
President

Denis Dixon received his engineering degree in 1961 from Liverpool, UK, and became a P.Eng. in 1966. He has worked in building services design since 1968 and became a registered consulting engineer in 1976 in the United Arab Emirates. He has completed

projects in Saudi Arabia, Oman, Pakistan and several Gulf Islands. He has been active on PEO's Brampton Chapter executive since returning in 1989, including serving as chair in 1990, 1996 and 1999. Dixon has also chaired PEO's Audit Committee, the Advisory Committee on Committees, the PEO/OACETT Joint Management Board and the Professional Standards Committee. He has been a member of the Executive, Discipline and Consulting Engineer Designation committees, as well as the Advisory Committee on Volunteers and such task forces as the Building Regulatory Reform Advisory Group (BRRAG), Ontario Hydro Nuclear, Technologist Licensure and Lay Councillors on to Discipline Panels. Dixon was a PEO councillor-at-large from 1999 to 2007 and president-elect in 2011-2012. He is a regular contributor to the PEO forum (<https://forum.peo.on.ca/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.pl>) in an attempt to bridge the communication gap between council and the general membership, and is keenly interested in greater member participation in PEO affairs. ddixon@peo.on.ca and ddixon@netrover.com



J. DAVID ADAMS, P.ENG., MBA, FEC
Past President

David Adams, PEO president, 2008-2009 and 2011-2012, studied arts and science at Carleton University, before earning a BEng in mechanical engineering at McGill University and an MBA in finance and marketing from the University of Western Ontario. Involved extensively in mechanical engineering design and production management, he developed skills in acquisition analysis and business operations. He worked at the National Research Council, in Alberta's oil fields, CIL, Cockshutt, Abitibi and Rio Tinto Zinc (England), and held senior positions with Canadian Gypsum and Massey Ferguson, before acquiring Canada Spool & Bobbin Company. Adams is now president, Maple Leaf Engineering, a consulting firm specializing in lean design and manufacturing processes, infrastructure renewal, wood product manufacturing facilities, sawmill and dry kiln design. He was twice elected a regional councillor and has over 25 years of chapter, committee and task force service. He chaired the Governance Task Force and the Audit and Finance committees. As a member of the Building Committee, he was instrumental in acquiring PEO's headquarters. A past president of the Rotary Club, Adams is president of the local Gideons International and a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. He was appointed to *Canadian Who's Who* in 1989, *Marquis Who's Who* (US) in 1984 and International Men of Achievement in 1985.

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ANNETTE BERGERON, P.ENG., MBA
President-elect

Annette Bergeron holds an honours bachelor of science, material and metallurgical engineering, from Queen's University and a master of business administration from the Schulich School of Business, York University. She has worked as a production engineer

at Dofasco Inc.; a lecturer at Queen's faculty of applied science and engineering and Queen's school of business; and director, first-year studies, Queen's engineering. She is currently general manager at Queen's Alma Mater Society (AMS) Inc., which was incorporated in 1969 as a non-profit organization to represent and serve Queen's students, within the university and externally, through its nine affiliated student societies. She has been a PEO member since 1990. As a volunteer, Bergeron has been a director, Kingston General Hospital, since 2006. She has also twice served as president and chair, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. She believes accountability is a fundamental responsibility of leadership and looks forward to working with members to ensure that PEO excels in its regulatory mandate of setting standards and governing conduct. abergeron@peo.on.ca



GEORGE COMRIE, MENG, P.ENG., CMC, FEC
Vice President (elected)

George Comrie, PEO president, 2004-2005, holds BAsC and MEng degrees in industrial engineering from the University of Toronto, and has been a successful entrepreneur and business manager. He is currently a self-employed systems engineer and management consultant. As a volunteer for the profession, he is an executive member of PEO's Etobicoke Chapter; chair, Licensing Process Task Force; vice chair, Emerging Disciplines Task Force; and director, Information and Communications Technology Council, a centre of expertise in information and communications technology research, policy development and workforce solutions and one of 31 sector councils established by the Canadian government's Sector Council Program. He is president and chair, Ontario Professional Engineers' Foundation for Education, a position he held previously, and was made a Companion of the PEO Order of Honour in 2007 to recognize his contributions to PEO. Comrie believes in PEO's accountability to its membership and in resisting incursions into PEO's self-regulatory mandate. He is keen to work with members and council to help restore PEO's sense of purpose and pride to get "our self-regulating profession back on track."

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RAKESH SHREEWASTAV, P.ENG., AVS
Vice President (appointed)

Rakesh Shreewastav obtained his MSc degree in civil engineering from Moscow State University, Russia, and currently works for the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Windsor Border Initiatives Implementation Group in London. Previously, he

worked for MTO's northeastern region, Ontario Power Generation, and multi-disciplinary engineering companies and government sectors in Russia and Nepal. Shreewastav has actively participated on several PEO chapter committees, Conference for Internationally Educated Professionals engineering panels, and has been involved in other professional organizations, such as the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, the Canadian Society of Value Analysis and Value Society (SAVE) International. Dedicated to science awareness and community involvement, Shreewastav has served on judging panels in FIRST Robotics Canada competitions and regional science fairs and also served on the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Nipissing and London South. Shreewastav was selected among thousands as one of 17 people in Canada to be featured on the video vignette Potential to Prosperity, a project sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education. Shreewastav is also a member of PEO's Discipline and Equity and Diversity committees, and a past member of the Sustaining the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy Task Force.

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REBECCA HUANG, LLB, MBA

Rebecca Huang is a litigator at Bennett Jones LLP. She routinely assists corporations and business owners with commercial disputes. Huang is experienced in shareholder disputes, defamation, breach of contract claims, negligence and professional malpractice defence. On March 19, 2008, she was appointed by

the Ontario government as a lieutenant governor-appointed councillor to the council of PEO for a three-year term. She was reappointed in 2011 for another three-year term. She is honoured to help advance the engineering profession with her legal skills. rhuang@peo.on.ca



ISHWAR BHATIA, MENG, P.ENG.

Ishwar Bhatia completed his BEng at BHU, Indian Institute of Technology in 1970, and his MEng (civil) at Dalhousie University in 1972. After working with McNeely and Northland Engineering, Bhatia joined the City of Ottawa in 1974 as head of sewer main-

tenance. As a senior design and construction project manager, Bhatia supervised project managers and technologists, conducted environmental assessments, hired consultants, and managed complex downtown construction projects involving millions of dollars and cost sharing with various levels of government. Bhatia worked for GENIVAR from May 2009 to June 2011 to set up its municipal group. He is a past president (twice) of the Civic Institute of Professional Personnel of Ottawa, mentor to engineering graduates, and a past president of Ottawa Hindi School, managing relationships among the school board, students and teachers. Bhatia continues to serve on PEO council, and is a member of the Audit, Discipline (DIC) and Government Liaison committees. He is also a member of the 40 Sheppard Task Force, council liaison for DIC, serves on discipline panels and is a past member of OCEPP. Married to Suman for 33 years, he has three sons: Neil, regional manager, Euler Hermes; Shawn, a recent P.Eng. and a civil engineer with IBI; and Jay, who is in final-year economics at Wilfrid Laurier University.

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MICHAEL WESA, P.ENG., FEC

Michael Wesa received his degree in mechanical engineering (co-op) from the University of Waterloo in 1974. After starting at Abitibi Provincial Paper, he gravitated to consulting engineering, specializing in material handling, power transmission and HVAC.

In 1987, Wesa joined Ontario Hydro as an industrial advisor to work with major power users (forestry and mining). When Ontario Hydro restructured, he joined Hydro One Remote Communities to work with the diesel generation group serving First Nations communities in northern Ontario. Registered in 1976, Wesa became active in the Lakehead Chapter, holding each executive position over the years. From 1992 to 1996, he was a Northern Region councillor, and served his final year on council as the appointed vice president. Wesa contributed to several PEO committees and has remained on the Discipline Committee since 1992. In 2008, he was inducted into PEO's Order of Honour. Wesa is active on the local Thunder Bay minor hockey scene, and has volunteered with other community-based organizations, such as the symphony orchestra, little league baseball and his church. He is an active plasma donor, and his other interests include travel, music, theatre and computing.

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COUNCILLORS

Councillors-at-large



BOB DONY, PHD, P.ENG., FIET, FEC

Bob Dony holds BSc and MSc degrees in systems design from the University of Waterloo and a PhD in electrical and computer engineering from McMaster University. He is currently an associate professor in the School of Engineering at the University of Guelph. Licensed by PEO in 1989,

Dony was a member of PEO's Emerging Disciplines Task Group (1997-2002) and the Evolution of Engineering Admissions Task Force (2000-2005), and of Engineers Canada's Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board (2001-2004). He was also a program visitor (2000) and visiting team vice chair (2010) for accreditation visits for Engineers Canada's Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. Currently, he chairs PEO's Academic Requirements Committee (member since 1998). From 2008 to 2011, Dony was co-editor-in-chief, *Canadian Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering*, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Canada. He was made a fellow, Institution of Engineering and Technology (FIET), in 2005 and a fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC) in 2009. Dony believes that to restore the relevance of self-regulation in engineering for all its member-licensees, the profession must be responsive to the concerns of the cross-section of new and existing licence holders.

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ROYDON FRASER, PHD, P.ENG., FEC

Roydon Fraser received a bachelor's degree in engineering at Queen's University and went on to obtain his master's degree and doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University.

He joined PEO in 1991, serving on the executive of the Grand River Chapter (formerly the Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph-Cambridge chapters) starting in 1993, and chairing the chapter in 1996. He continues to run the Waterloo Engineering Competition for students in grades 7 and 8. Fraser is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, and is a lifetime member of the Sandford Fleming Foundation. He has served on the Ontario Engineering Competition advisory board since 1996 and on PEO's Academic Requirements and Discipline committees, both since 1999. He is a professor in the mechanical and mechatronics engineering department at the University of Waterloo. rfraser@peo.on.ca

POSITION VACANT

Regional councillors

EASTERN REGION COUNCILLORS



PAUL BALLANTYNE, BASC, BED, P.ENG., FEC

Paul Ballantyne is working at Candesco Corporation as a senior safety and licensing specialist. Ballantyne had retired after 30 years with Atomic Energy of Canada, Chalk River (nuclear operations, safety and licensing). Ballantyne previously worked at Amalgamated Electric, Shawinigan Engineering

Ontario, and SNC/GECO. He taught at Fellowes High School, Pembroke, in 1977/1978. Licensed since 1975, Ballantyne has been active with the Algonquin Chapter since 1985, including being chair four times. He has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Volunteers since 2004 and is currently past chair and council liaison and, since 2010, has been a member of the Discipline Committee and a member and council liaison for the Awards Committee. Ballantyne has been a member of the Committees and Task Force Oversight Subcommittee, Evolution of Engineering Admissions Task Force, and the Communications Committee. He was appointed a general visitor to a CEAB accreditation team (2007) and, since 2008, has been a director of the Algonquin Valley Branch of the Federal Superannuates National Association. In 2003, Ballantyne was made a member of PEO's Order of Honour. Ballantyne's goal during his time on council is to continue to increase communication within and outside the organization and enhance participation of volunteers. pballantyne@peo.on.ca



CHRIS TAYLOR, MENG, P.ENG., MBA

Chris is a senior product manager at Avaya in Ottawa. His main work is in the field of unified communications serving the Fortune 500 enterprise market. Graduating from the University of Ottawa with a BSc (mechanical) in 1989, he obtained his MEng in 1993 and MBA in 1996. Previous positions held by Taylor were: director of product management at start-up Validian Corporation; product manager at Mitel Networks; and research and product development for enterprise and access network products at Nortel/Bell-Northern Research. Taylor has been active in PEO's Ottawa Chapter since 1990, and is currently in his second term as Eastern Region councillor. As a member of PEO, he has been particularly involved in education outreach, government liaison and serving on council. He is also actively involved in the community, coaching minor hockey for the Kanata Minor Hockey Association. He enjoys playing sports, including hockey, tennis, skiing and cycling. He is married and the proud father of two young boys. Taylor is a person who is highly committed to his endeavours. ctaylor@peo.on.ca

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EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLORS



DENIS CARLOS, MBA, P.ENG., FEC

Denis Carlos received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Ryerson and MBA from York University and is currently a project manager at GENIVAR. After joining PEO in 1990, he served in every position of the chapter executive and chaired the Scarborough Chapter from 2001 to 2003. He continues to take a keen interest in the operation of several local chapters. Carlos has broad working experience as a project manager, professor, senior forensic scientist, systems engineer, systems officer, information systems manager, development analyst, seismic network designer and computer consultant. Carlos, a board member of Transnational and Diaspora Network for Development Canada, has also been a tutor for adult basic literacy, and a counsellor and board member of the charity Coping in Tough Times.

His numerous awards include a fellowship from Engineers Canada for noteworthy service to the engineering profession, the Ontario Volunteer Service Award, PEO's certificate of appreciation for serving the engineering profession, a Chinese Professionals Association of Canada certificate, and awards from Teleglobe Canada and Marr Electric. Carlos is committed to the engineering profession and is eager to give members a greater opportunity to improve the operation of PEO. He believes in representing the views of all engineers and asks that members send him their ideas on any issue. Web: solrac.ca/carlos carlos.qc9z@ncfr.ca



THOMAS CHONG, MSC, P.ENG., PMP

Thomas Chong earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, in 1973. He became a chartered engineer (UK) in 1974 and was recruited from London, England, by Northern Telecom Canada as a corporate engineering manager in 1976. He joined PEO

in 1976. He became an international project management professional in 2009. Currently, he is senior system lead with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. He has won the Volunteer Service Award 2012 from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the Provincial Interministerial Council's Eclipse Award 2012, the Ontario Project Management International Day Award 2010, the Amethyst Award 2009 (highest award in Ontario government), two Showcase Ontario Awards of Merit 2009, and the Achievement Commitment and Excellence Award 2009 from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. Chong earned his Fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC) designation in 2011. He has been a member of PEO's Audit Committee since 2007 (currently chair), and has been co-chair of the Ontario government's Diversity Network since 2007. Chong is a mentor of York University's engineering design program, mentor of the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada, and was a board member of the Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic from 2005 to 2009. He also served as a communications director of PEO's York Chapter from 2000 to 2009. Chong has published many technical papers. tchong@peo.on.ca

NORTHERN REGION COUNCILLORS



SANDRA AUSMA, PHD, P.ENG.

Sandra Ausma has been a professional engineer since 1989. She is currently a senior air quality engineer with AMEC Environment and Infrastructure's Sudbury office, and has held a variety of technical and policy positions in academe and government in Ontario and internationally. Ausma has been active in

her community through mentoring youth and internationally trained scientists, judging at science fairs, participating in local and provincial groups that require technical and engineering expertise, leading workplace United Way campaigns, and acting on boards of professional associations. She

has been nominated for several awards, including a United Way Toronto Spirit Award in 2010 and a Ministry of the Environment Emerald Award in 2011. She is currently active in the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers through the Women in Engineering Advisory Committee, Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (Northern Ontario Regional Committee), Ontario Air Practitioners Group, Clean Air Sudbury, Women in Science and Engineering (Sudbury), and the Air and Waste Management Association (Ontario section). As a PEO councillor, Ausma will engage and represent the membership, especially those in northern Ontario, and work with council to the benefit of the profession. sausma@peo.on.ca

MICHAEL WESA, P.ENG., FEC

(see Executive Committee)

WESTERN REGION COUNCILLORS



WAYNE P. KERSHAW, P.ENG.

Licensed by PEO in 2005 and a member of OSPE since 2000, Wayne Kershaw has a degree in aerospace engineering from Ryerson Polytechnic University and has been working as an applications engineer with Bosch Rexroth Canada Corp. since 2004. He has also held positions in product development with Vasogen

Inc. and Irvin Aerospace Ltd. Active with PEO's Hamilton-Burlington Chapter since 2001, Kershaw has been vice chair (2006-2007), chapter chair (2007-2008 and 2008-2009), and the chapter's Government Liaison Program coordinator since 2008. He has been a coordinator, mentor and judge for the Hamilton Engineering Challenge (2000-2003), and a mentor and judge for the Halton Engineering Challenge (2000-2010). Also, since 2008, he has volunteered with Engineers Canada's Bridging Government and Engineers program. Kershaw was a member of OSPE's Conference Organizing Committee in 2010, and is currently serving on PEO's Repeal of the Industrial Exception Task Force. Kershaw was also the founder/coordinator of the Western Region Government Liaison Program Academy in 2011. He is a member of PEO's Experience Requirements, Enforcement, Regional Councillors, Western Region Search and Election, and Western Region Regional Congress committees. wkershaw@peo.on.ca



LEN C. KING, P.ENG.

After earning his BEng in civil engineering from McMaster University in 1972, Len King began a career in the building sector spanning over 25 years. King was chief plan examiner and deputy building commissioner, building department, City of Hamilton from 1975 to 1989. He became building commissioner in the

same department in 1989 and retired from the post in 1999. He has been a consultant with NAL Engineering since his retirement. Licensed since 1974, King was treasurer of the Brantford Chapter from 2000 to 2004 and chair from 2004 to 2006. Over the years, he has had numerous professional affiliations: vice chair, Ontario Building Code Commission (2000-2006); vice president and director, Ontario Building Officials Association (1984-1991); member, National Building Code's Standing Committee on Structural Design (1985-1994); member, Engineers, Architects and Building Officials committee (1987-1993); director, Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Chicago (1990-1996); member, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada's fire council (1989-2000); member of several CSA committees; member, National Fire Protection Association (1989-1999). He has also served on council since 2008 as Western Region councillor. lking@peo.on.ca

WEST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLORS



DANNY CHUI, P.ENG., FEC

Danny Chui received a BSc in civil engineering from the University of Calgary in 1984. He is manager of capital works for Toronto's Exhibition Place. As such, he was a member of the owner project implementation team for the National Trade Centre (known as the Direct Energy Centre), Ricoh Coliseum, BMO Field and Allstream Centre, including undertaking many innovative energy projects. He recently completed on time and within budget the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund's \$27.3 million program for Exhibition Place, for which he received a commendation from his board. Chui was a member of PEO's Mississauga Chapter executive from 1984 to 1999, as chair, vice chair and secretary, and served on PEO council as a councillor for the West Central Region from 1994 to 2000. While on council, he served on various committees, including the Executive Committee as the appointed vice president, and Finance Committee, which he chaired. He received the PEO Order of Honour in 2002, and was made a fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC) in 2009. Chui is a past member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, American Society of Civil Engineers, Alberta Association of Engineering Technologists, Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists, and the Mississauga Public Library Board. He is currently past chair, Ontario Construction User Council, on which he's served since 1996. dchui@peo.on.ca



ROBERT WILLSON, P.ENG.

Robert Willson is a senior project engineering manager with over 30 years of experience and expertise in project management and engineering. He holds an MASc in human factors engineering and a BASc in industrial engineering, both from the University of Toronto, and is currently manager, project engineering, Tetra Tech Canada WEI Inc. During his career, Willson has undertaken administrative and leadership roles in a variety of projects involving instrumentation and automation, human factors, utilities and power, polymers, and water and wastewater, and has managed multi-discipline teams of engineers and designers. His work experience has involved working in manufacturing, electrical utility and engineering consulting companies, such as Ontario Hydro, Shaw Energy and Chemicals Canada, SNC-Lavalin and CH2M Hill. He serves on PEO's Discipline, Equity and Diversity, Regional Councillors, West Central Region Search and Election, and West Central Regional Congress committees. rwillson@peo.on.ca



JAMES K.W. LEE, PHD, P.ENG., FEC

James Lee has been a lieutenant governor-appointed councillor since 2005. He graduated from Queen's University with a BSc in geological engineering, and earned an MA and PhD from Princeton University. He is a professor of geology and geological engineering at Queen's University, where he also serves as associate dean (research) and the academic-integrity advisor to the provost. He has been a member of PEO's Academic Requirements Committee since 1999 and is a past chair. In addition, he was a member of PEO's Executive Committee in 2006 and is also a member of the Licensing Process Task Force and Discipline Committee. Nationally, he has participated in several engineering accreditation visits to other Canadian universities, and is a national examiner for the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board. Since July 2008, he has been a member of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board, representing PEO on the national body responsible for accrediting all university engineering programs across the country. jlee@peo.on.ca



CHRIS D. RONEY, P.ENG., BDS, FEC

Chris Roney holds an honours BSc degree in civil engineering from Queen's University. A third-generation engineer, he heads Roney Engineering Limited, a Kingston consulting firm offering a full range of structural engineering services related to building design and construction, investigations and restorations. Roney is a practising structural engineer and a designated building design specialist and consulting engineer. He was Eastern Region councillor from 1998 to 2000 and elected vice president of PEO from 2000 to 2001. He has served on numerous PEO committees and task forces, including Finance, Audit, Complaints, Communications, Enforcement, Executive, PEO-OAA Joint Liaison, PEO-OACETT Joint Management Board, PEO-OSPE Joint Review Board, BRAGG (Bill 124) Task Group, C of A Task Group, Consulting Engineering Designation Committee (Liaison), Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and others. Roney is a director on the board of Engineers Canada, where he has served on the Executive, Finance, International, Communications and National Campaign committees and the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board, and as chair of the Labour Market Study Steering Committee. He also owns and manages a real estate holding company and a "micro" renewable electricity generation facility. croney@peo.on.ca

Appointed councillors

ISHWAR BHATIA, MENG, P.ENG.
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SANTOSH GUPTA, PHD, MENG, P.ENG., FEC

Santosh Gupta earned a bachelor of science (engineering) in 1961 and a master of engineering in 1962. He obtained a PhD from the University of Waterloo in 1974 and became a member of PEO in 1976. Gupta worked for Hydro One/Ontario Hydro in several management and professional engineering positions from 1981 to 2000. Prior to this, he worked in Montreal, Kenya and India on a variety of engineering projects and as a professor. Currently, Gupta serves on PEO's Experience Requirements Committee (ERC) as vice chair, the Legislation Committee as chair, the Finance Committee, the Discipline Committee, the National Licensure Framework Task Force, the Academic Requirements Committee/ERC Subcommittee and on the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Chapter Liaison Committee. He is also the executive secretary of the Council of Ontario Deans of Engineering, and participates on Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board engineering program accreditation teams at Ontario universities. Gupta served on PEO's Professional Engineers Awards Committee until December 2011. Prior to his current appointment to PEO council by the lieutenant governor of Ontario, Gupta sat on council as East Central Region councillor for two years and was vice chair of the Scarborough Chapter for two years. sgupta@peo.on.ca



RICHARD J. HILTON, P.ENG.

Rick Hilton worked for over 30 years in the Canadian mining industry, mostly in the environment, health and safety (EHS) area. In his job, he travelled to many parts of the world to deal with operational and governmental issues. He has been on the cusp of the development of forward-thinking EHS programs and legislation. Hilton retired from full-time work in 2005. He is now a part-time consultant in environment, health and safety. rhilton@peo.on.ca

REBECCA HUANG, LLB, MBA
(see Executive Committee)



VASSILIOS (BILL) KOSSTA

Bill Kossta graduated with a bachelor of administrative studies from York University and a business administration, marketing management, diploma from Centennial College. He has 35 years of sales and management experience with leading companies in consumer packaged goods, including Seagram Company distillers, Carling O'Keefe Breweries, Molson Breweries and Great Lakes Brewing Company. He is sales manager at Cool Beer Brewing Company in Toronto. Kossta was appointed to PEO council in November 2006 and is a member of the Complaints, Registration, Audit and Legislation committees. vkossta@peo.on.ca



MARY LONG-IRWIN

Mary Long-Irwin is the executive director of Northern Ontario Enterprise Gateway, an organization that matches entrepreneurs with investors. Prior to this, she was the president/CEO of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. She worked closely with member businesses and three levels of government to ensure the growth of business and economic development opportunities throughout northwestern Ontario. She was also the CEO for the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce. Long-Irwin began her career as a self-employed businesswoman in Thunder Bay. In 1988, she accepted a position with Confederation College, Northwest Enterprise Centre, as a small business advisor and instructor. In 1990, she joined Superior North Community Futures Development Corporation (a FedNor community development initiative) as the general manager, lender and business consultant to over 500 businesses and continued in the position for 10 years. Born, raised and educated in Thunder Bay, she continues to provide business advisory services and remains a strong advocate for business and industry. Long-Irwin continues to serve on many boards and non-profit organizations and is active in her community. Past president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, she is involved with fundraising, awareness, public speaking and education for many non-profit and charitable organizations. mirwin@peo.on.ca



TARSEM LAL SHARMA, PHD, P.ENG.

Tarsem Sharma graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Punjab University (GNEC Ludhiana), India, in 1974. He obtained his MSc degree in electrical power and his PhD in high voltage from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, in 1979 and 1986, respectively. He worked in various organizations and gained experience in consulting engineering, short circuit testing of HV switchgear, power distribution and aerospace systems engineering. At present, Sharma is working as a professor in the electrical engineering department at Humber College's Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. He is also serving as a councillor on the academic council at Humber College. He also had an appointment on the board of examiners at the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists. tlsharma@peo.on.ca and tarsem.sharma@humber.ca

RAKESH SHREEWASTAV, P.ENG., AVS
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MARTHA STAUCH, MEd

Martha Stauch retired in 2000 from her career as a language educator. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Queen's University, a diploma in education from the University of Western Ontario, and a master of education degree from the University of Toronto. Stauch has served as a member of the Canada Pension Plan Tribunal and in several capacities with St. Mary's General Hospital. Her positions included president of the Volunteer Association, member of the board of trustees and member of the Festival of Trees Steering Committee. She has been a volunteer coordinator with the Canadian Education Exchange Foundation and was recently vice chair of the K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year Committee. mstauch@peo.on.ca



SHARON REID, C.TECH

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