



The year to come will see some renewal and change in the magazine, from new staff, to new columns, to a new look.

Some recent staff changes will bring a renewed look and fresh voices (or at least new perspectives on our look and story-telling), as there have been changes in both the editorial and the graphics departments. A new column will attempt to answer some of the frequently asked questions we get here at the association about just exactly what it is that engineers get for their \$190. It will also give us an opportunity to update the membership on changes at the association.

Early in the year, we plan to unveil a redesign for the magazine with "a cleaner, more modern look," as Luciano Filauo, PEO's senior graphic designer who does the art direction for the magazine, puts it. "Some of the treatments of the sections are a bit dated," says Filauo. "They need an update." The changes, says Filauo, will make the magazine easier to read, but not lose PEO's identity and brand. Filauo also hopes to add more original photography.

Ultimately, we want to give you lively reports, with the latest news and strong visuals, and we appreciate your feedback throughout the year.

Not afraid of some shameless begging, I ask you to take a look at our editorial calendar (see box), and let us know what you think. Suggestions of experts to contact for our themes, case studies that illustrate practice concerns, or articles or reports that will provide background information for our writers, would be a great help. If you are interested in making a contribution to the magazine, per-

The year to come

2004 editorial calendar

January/February—Portrait of a profession

Compared to the P.Engs nationally, Ontario professional engineers are somewhat more likely to report their highest degree is at the Master's or Doctorate level, but are less likely to have pursued additional training in the past three years, according to the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers' (CCPE's) *National Survey of the Canadian Profession, 2002*. This issue will look at the results of the survey, as well as provide analysis of PEO's Professional Profile Questionnaire.

March/April—Access to the professions

Groups such as the Policy Roundtable Mobilizing Professions and Trades (PROMPT), Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC) and the Coalition of Regulatory-related Agencies (CORA) have been working to advance the integration of foreign-trained professionals into the Ontario workforce and to ensure the immigration department and politicians understand the statutory obligations of the professions. Some of the ongoing work will be explored.

May/June—The engineering team

The engineering team has evolved to include certified engineering technologists, licensed engineering technologists and limited licensees. Emerging areas and government regulations may require specialist certification, new licence classification and continuing professional development. This issue will look at how the P.Eng. role is evolving within the engineering team.

July/August—Limiting liability

According to a June 2003 *Globe and Mail* article, "the law regulates professionals regardless of the legal form in which they practise their profession...however, most regulatory bodies will look through the particular form to discipline their members when they consider it reasonable to do so." This issue will discuss some of the legal areas that are common to the engineering profession.

September/October—What is a licensed professional?

What are a professional's duties and responsibilities? What is the benefit for the public and for the practitioner? The Law Society of Upper Canada has tackled this question recently and penned a paper on professionalism for lawyers. What do professional engineers get for their \$190?

November/December—Sustainable development

A national sustainable infrastructure program is part of the federal government's strategy to provide a foundation for Canada's future growth and development, according to the Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force on Urban Issues. The CCPE is involved in a partnership with other groups around this issue. Do we need to endure short-term pain for long-term gain? We'll look at some initiatives.

haps in one of our regular columns, please contact me at jbailey@peo.on.ca. I will forward editorial guidelines and editorial objectives, or you can view them on our website under the Editor's Note of January/February 2001. The full 2004 editorial calendar can be viewed on

PEO's website at www.peo.on.ca.

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