



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Via Teleconference

Attendees

Chair:	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison
Members:	Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Christine Hill, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs
Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Regrets:	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	[Vacant]	Student representative
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Jerome James, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 am.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rakesh Shreewastav moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2019 GLC meeting. Nick Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

- Christine Hill has indicated that she will continue to attend meetings on behalf of CEO
- Jeannette Chau did advise Volunteer Management of the GLC election results. It was at that time that it was identified that Gabe Tse was ineligible to be re-elected as GLC Vice-chair as he has exceeded the term limit to be a GLC Vice-chair. A new election for Vice-chair must be conducted.

3. Election GLC Vice Chair

Arjan Arenja was acclaimed as the GLC Vice Chair.

Action: Jeannette Chau to inform PEO Volunteer Management of the GLC election results

4. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- Take Your MPP to Work Days –none held yet in 2019. Two are in the works – Windsor at the GM plant and Sudbury at SnoLab
- GLP meeting activity report –There was a total of 11 MPP meetings/interactions with MPP meetings in January. Three were in constituency meetings: Randy Pettapiece, MPP (PC – Perth-Wellington) on Jan 9, Ian Arthur, MPP (NDP – Kingston and the Islands) on January 18, and the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, MPP (PC - Oxford) on January 25
- The Northern Region GLP Academy was very successful. Finance Minister Vic Fedeli and NDP Deputy Leader John Vanthof attended. The training content was well received. Nick Colucci also attended from the GLC.
- Chatham chapter has volunteered to hold the Western GLP Academy
- Student rep posting has closed and there are two candidates under consideration.

5. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav provided an update

Engineers Canada is holding a workshop on their Operational Imperative 5: Advocating to the federal government, at the Engineers Canada offices in Ottawa on Tuesday, February 26 with representatives from the regulatory associations across Canada. Jeannette Chau, Manager Government Liaison Programs will be attending on behalf of PEO.

Engineers Canada also provided updates during Senate meetings. They have postponed their annual Hill day meeting for 2019 due to the federal election this year.

CEO: Christine Hill provided an update

CEO will have a Queen's Park day in the fall. No decision on format has been made yet.

CEO is continuing on their government advocacy efforts. They are focused on regional municipalities and have been having meetings. CEO has a number of liaison committees. They meet with them quarterly if they can.

CEO and OSPE made a presentation to PEO Council. They wanted to thank Council for the opportunity to hear them. CEO has also participated as a stakeholder in the Regulatory Review.

ESSCO:

Jeannette Chau reported that ESSCO wrote a student protest letter to the government over the government funding changes to student tuition.

OSPE: Jerome James was not present

There does not appear to be much being done about Professional Engineers Day this year. PEO can remind the chapters that PE day is coming.

Action: Jerome James to check whether OSPE might have any activities planned for the federal election

6. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee held their monthly teleconference on February 5th. The regulatory review was discussed. Christine Hill discussed the CEO and OSPE letters. The regulatory review will be done first and after it is completed, then the scope of the regulatory review could be expanded to include governance.

Enhanced Government Outreach

The Enhanced Government Outreach group has not met separately from the Regulatory Issues group. Nothing to report.

GLP Chair Engagement – Arjan Arenja and Gabe Tse

No activity since December. There will be a GLP Chair quarterly call in March.

Training Advisory group – Nick Colucci and Gabe Tse

No current activity. Nothing to report. Have discussed having a meeting soon.

Chapter GLP Selection, training and succession – Warren Turnbull

Warren has sent out a note requesting representatives from the regions. Western region has selected a representative already.

7. New or Other Business

2019 GLC Committees

Anyone who would like to be on another committee are welcome to do so. Please let Jeannette Chau know.

New Queen's Park Event for 2019

The GLC would like to still hold some sort of event at Queen's Park for 2019 that would be much less expensive.

Action: Warren, Arjan, Howard, and Jeannette to look at what could be done to have a low-cost modified Queen's Park event.

Importance of Government Liaison

An article was written for the GLP Journal in Engineering Dimensions on the importance of Government Liaison. Jeffrey requested a copy be sent to the GLC and GLP chairs.

8. New or other business

Industrial Exception

The Ministry of Labour was supposed to provide data regarding industrial accidents. Warren Turnbull asked if PEO is collecting any data.

Action: Jeannette Chau to ask Linda Latham whether they are meeting and receiving information on industrial accidents from the Ministry of Labour

GLP Journal

The next GLP Journal article will focus on why PEO as a regulator needs a Government Liaison Program.

9. Next meeting and adjournment

Nick Colucci moved a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Wednesday March 20, 2019, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**