

# MINUTES

**GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)** 

## Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am via teleconference Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

#### Attendees

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

## 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am.

## 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Agenda was amended to show the meeting times for the next meeting as 6:00-9:00 pm. Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Arjan Arenja seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the last GLC meeting. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. Members of the committee commented that they liked the summary list of action items that was sent out to the GLC after the meeting. Jeannette Chau has agreed to make this a standard procedure.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send out a list of action items after each GLC meeting

## Report from Manager, GLP Programs

• Take Your MPP to Work Days – There was one Take Your MPP to Work days hosted by Algonquin chapter held on April 3, 2018 at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) in Chalk River with John Yakabuski, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke). There will likely be no Take Your MPP to Work Days held now until after the provincial election on June 7.

- GLP meeting activity report A GLP Activity report of the MPP meetings held year-to-date as of April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was provided to the committee. Most of the activities in April revolved around MPP's attending chapter events or Licencing ceremonies or community events. There was one joint OSPE PAN/PEO GLP meeting that was held in February.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 we are continuing to work on the implementation plan activities.

## 3. Report from Partners

**Engineers Canada:** Rakesh Shreewastav provided an update on Engineers Canada activities. The Engineers Canada Hill day took place on April 24, 2018. It was very successful. Meetings are still ongoing and taking place within ridings with MPs that were not met with yet.

**ESSCO**: Angel Serah provided an update on ESSCO activities.

ESSCO is hosting a soccer tournament and has invited PEO to enter a team. Unfortunately, it is during the same weekend as the PEO Council retreat hence PEO Council and senior staff are not able to attend. The request was referred to Manager Student Programs Tracey Caruana to inquire whether members of Mississauga chapter would like to participate.

**CEO:** Jeremy Carkner provided an update on CEO activities.

David Zurawel has agreed to copy Jeannette Chau on any updates he issues with regards to election activities that he might be tracking. There are no significant updates from last month regarding other issues CEO has been working on.

**OSPE**: Patrick Sackville was not present.

Jeannette Chau provided an update that Jerome James will be the new OSPE PAN representative on the GLC.

OSPE has launched the #EngineeringAlly campaign for the upcoming provincial election. The GLP will provide support by asking our GLP representatives to help the OSPE PAN reps spread the #EngineeringAlly message and get the #EngineeringAlly pledge signed. GLP reps will accompany OSPE PAN reps where possible. Last week, Jeannette Chau emailed instructions developed with OSPE to all the GLP chairs on how to participate in the campaign. They will be asking election candidates from all parties to sign an #EngineeringAlly pledge that if they are elected they promise to do the five items outlined in the pledge.

More info on the campaign and copy of the pledge can be found on the website <u>www.engineeringally.ca</u>

## 4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

**GLP Chair Engagement** –the GLP Scorecard needs to be revised for this year. A request had been made for volunteers to work with the GLC to help modify the GLP Scorecard. We have two volunteers from the chapters – Bob Radonevic from Algonquin chapter, and Peter Rozitis from Simcoe-Muskoka chapter. GLC members Arjan Arenja and Jeffrey Lee will also participate in the group. The objective is to have a draft completed in time for review at the June GLC meeting. Bob Radonevic will be leading this initiative.

Action: Jeannette Chau to follow up with Bob Radonevic regarding the arrangement of a first meeting of the working group for the development of the revised GLP Scorecard.

#### Queen's Park Day subcommittee –Committee has not met yet.

No new activities as the committee has not met yet. The date has been confirmed for October 24. Rooms have been booked at Hart House for the Government Relations conference being held during the day 8:30am -4:00pm) prior to the MPP reception at Queen's Park 5:00-7:00 pm. We will likely start work on this after the provincial election on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

A suggestion was made that Mark Abbott from EWB could be a potential speaker.

Possible topic or theme – PEO's future as a regulator? Are we losing relevance?

Action: Jeannette to contact OSPE to see if they want to start planning the October Joint Government Relations conference yet

**Regulatory Issues subcommittee** – the subcommittee met on April 3rd, 2018 and reviewed updates from the Registrar's report that dealt with any upcoming regulatory items. The two PEO election questions were finalized.

#### Training Advisory group – no update.

Action: Gabe Tse and Nick Colluci to get together to look at training needs prior to the next GLC teleconference.

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee has not met recently. Action: Warren Turnbull to set up a meeting of the Audit Implementation Plan committee to review activities that GLC proposed to engage in that are in alignment with the PEO Strategic

#### Plan

**Enhanced Government Outreach** – the revised postcard text was sent to OSPE and they are fine with it. The text is now with the PEO graphics department to design the postcard.

#### 5. New or other business

New working groups:

## Action: Jeannette Chau to add Howard Brown to the roster of all the subcommittees

The following are the memberships on the GLC sub-committees for 2018:

- **Regulatory Issues subcommittee**: Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville, Howard Brown
- Enhanced Government Outreach: Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville, Howard Brown
- **GLP Chair Engagement working group:** Gabe Tse, Jeffrey Lee, Arjan Arenja, Howard Brown
- Queen's Park Day subcommittee: Angel Serah, Tim Kirkby, Gabe Tse, Howard Brown, Arjan Arenja
- Training Advisory group: Gabe Tse, Nick Colucci, Howard Brown
- Audit Implementation plan subcommittee: Warren Turnbull, Tim Kirkby, Patrick Sackville, Jeffrey Lee, Howard Brown

## New 2018 GLC activities/operational plan update

A copy of the operational plan was included with the Agenda.

## Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession Task Force

Warren Turnbull suggested that a new Task Force be set up to look at chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession. The members of the group would consist of those who are part of the GLP Audit Implementation committee, plus any others interested. Jeffrey Lee expressed an interest in being part of this Task Force.

## Action: Warren Turnbull to initiate a chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession Task Group

## 30 x 30 Plan for GLC

The current membership of the GLC is predominantly male. There is only one female member. The GLC needs to look at how they can bring up the number of women on the committee. Each member to be on the lookout for potential female replacements when a position becomes vacant.

## **PEGO** activities

Howard Brown mentioned that PEGO launched an initiative last week on the concept of establishing an Ontario Public Safety Authority, and was now meeting with provincial election candidates about it. PEGO had sent PEO and OSPE a letter in February with their position paper regarding it. There was discussion that there could be confusion between PEGO and PEO by politicians. It was suggested that the GLP Info Note which summarizes the various engineering organizations be updated to include PEGO. Action: Howard Brown to provide a copy to the GLC of PEGO's document calling for the establishment of an Ontario Public Safety Authority.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send a copy of the current GLP Info Note on Engineering Organizations to the GLC

Action: Jeannette Chau to revise the GLP Info Note on Engineering Organizations to include PEGO

#### **Provincial election**

Jeannette Chau provided an update on the two PEO questions that had been developed to ask the central political parties and election candidates. The PEO questions were provided to OSPE to combine with three OSPE questions to create a one-pager on behalf of both organizations. OSPE would prime emailing it out. Patrick Sackville from OSPE has been away and has not provided a copy of the one-pager to PEO yet. Jeannette Chau to check on the status of this with OSPE and if it is not available, then to send a copy of the two PEO questions to all the GLP chairs so they can at least have those.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send out a copy of the PEO questions to all the GLP chairs Action: Howard Brown to include an article in the GLP Weekly regarding political donations and the tax credits that can be received

#### 6. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held **face-to-face on Tuesday June 12, 2018, 6:00-9:00 pm** (Dinner 6pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor dining room; Meeting 7pm in Room 8B) Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517# The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.