



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday, May 15, 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
	Shawn Gianni	Student representative
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Jerome James, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) 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
	Christine Hill, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	[Vacant]	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 am.
Warren welcomed new GLC Student representative, Shawn Gianni, to the GLC.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Jerome James seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 GLC meeting. Tim Kirkby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

- Jeannette Chau did advise Volunteer Management of the GLC election results.
- Jerome James checked at the OSPE Board meeting whether OSPE might have any activities planned for the federal election. They have no specific plans at this time.
- Some discussion was made regarding having a low cost modified Queen's Park event.
- Jeannette did follow up with Linda Latham regarding whether they are meeting and receiving information on industrial accidents from the Ministry of Labour. Linda has said that they are in regular contact.

- Warren Turnbull did contact Jerome James and Christine Hill regarding the importance of having OSPE and CEO representation at the meeting and to perhaps have an alternate attend in their place if they are not able to be there.

2. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- Take Your MPP to Work Days –one was held in Sudbury at SnoLab on March 15, 2019. Another is in the works at the Windsor GM plant.
- GLP meeting activity report –There is a total of 51 MPP meetings/interactions as of April 31st, 2019. Eight were in-constituency meetings.
- The Western Region GLP Academy was held in Chatham on May 11th, 2019. Rick Nicholls, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington) was a guest speaker. The training content was well received.
- Kingston chapter has volunteered to hold the Eastern GLP Academy on Nov 23.

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada:

No representative present. Jeannette Chau reported that Rakesh Shreewastav has completed his term with Engineers Canada and has stepped down. He is therefore no longer their representative on the GLC. Engineers Canada has been contacted regarding his replacement, however this is being put on hold until they finish their operational review of their committees.

Engineers Canada has postponed their annual Hill day meeting for 2019 due to the federal election this year.

CEO:

CEO representative Christine Hill was not present.

ESSCO:

Jeannette Chau reported that ESSCO will be having their elections for their new executive in early June after which they will let us know who the new President will be. Jeannette will connect Shawn Yanni to the new ESSCO President then.

OSPE: Jerome James

A successful OSPE MPP reception was held in April. OSPE has launched a new report at the reception:

Retail Electricity Price Reform: Path to Lower Energy Bills and Economy-Wide CO₂ Emission Reductions
<https://www.ospe.on.ca/downloads/April-2019-Research-Report>

Approximately 35 MPPs attended. OSPE received very positive feedback on it. Everyone had an opportunity to receive a one-pager summary of the report.

4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee held their monthly teleconference on May 9th. There was a general discussion on the Regulatory Review. After we see the results perhaps GLC might consider preparing a GLP Info Note. The Regulatory Review from Dental Association was shared with the Regulatory Issues subcommittee. Howard Brown suggested that the Radiohead issue is an area of opportunity for PEO to raise profile with Premier's office.

Also, should look at how PEO can position itself on how to reduce red tape, as that is the focus of the present government.

Action: The chair to put on the agenda for the next GLC meeting a discussion item on how to increase PEO profile and engage with MPPs

Enhanced Government Outreach

The Enhanced Government Outreach group has not met. Nothing to report.

GLP Chair Engagement – Arjan Arenja and Gabe Tse

GLP Chair quarterly call is planned for June/early July.

Training Advisory group – Nick Colucci and Gabe Tse

No current activity. Nothing to report.

Chapter GLP Selection, training and succession – Warren Turnbull

Reps have now been selected from all the regions.

5. New or Other Business

New Queen's Park Event for 2019

Action: Howard and Jeannette to look at how we could still hold some sort of low cost event at Queen's Park for 2019 and come back to the GLC with some more details.

Importance of Government Liaison

PEO is currently internally focused.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

Action: Jeannette to send a Doodle Poll to reschedule the June 19 GLC meeting date to a date after the Council meeting on the Regulatory Review.

Tim Kirkby moved a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.