



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, April 21st, 2015, 7:30am – 9:00am

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Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association	
Members:	Jonathan Hack, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers	
	Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor	
	Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng.	GLP Chair	
	Bill Allison	Consulting Engineers Ontario	
	Charles Kidd, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee	
	Michael Chan, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee – Volunteers	
	Rick Hilton, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor	
	Angel Serah	Student representative	
	Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
	Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs
Regrets:	Bernie Ennis, P.Eng.	Ontario Centre for Engineering Public Policy (OCEPP)	
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada Representative	
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair	
	Gonzalo Pineros	PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs	

### 1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called to order at approximately 7:30 am

### 2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ishwar Bhatia/Jonathan Hack to approve the agenda. Approved.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Angel Serah/Jonathan Hack to approve the minutes of the GLC February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Approved.

### 4. Selection of the Meeting Evaluator

Michael Chan was selected to be the meeting evaluator for the conference call.

### 5. GLP Update

Howard Brown provided an update on the GLP activities. The Northern region GLP Academy is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> with guest MPP Gilles Bisson. The Western region GLP Academy is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> with guest MPPs Ann Hoggarth and Jim Wilson. The Eastern GLP Academy will be hosted by Ottawa chapter in the fall. The East & West Central GLP Academy will be hosted

by Oakville chapter. New presentations are currently being developed for the 2015 GLP Academies. PEO's Queen's Park day has been booked and confirmed for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jeannette Chau will be attending the Ontario Budget lockup on behalf of PEO. Jonathan Hack informed the GLC that Glen Watson would be there on behalf of OSPE. David Zurawel would be there on behalf of CEO. Darla Campbell and Jeannette Chau from the GLC attended the Ryerson Engineers Want In conference on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Ishwar presented a GLP update at the last Council meeting.

## 6. HR New Candidates

Darla Campbell informed the committee that interviews were scheduled for later that week to select an EIT to fill the vacant EIT position on the GLC. Two candidates are being interviewed for the position. Once selected, the name will be put forward at the May council meeting for approval.

## 7. GLC Sub-committee Updates

~ **Operational Plan sub-committee:** Michael Chan reviewed the Operational Plan. It was suggested that the dates of the Take Your MPP to Work Days be added into the Operational Plan.

**ACTION:** Jeannette Chau to add the dates of the Take Your MPP to Work Days into the Operational Plan.

~ **Regulatory Issues sub-committee:** Darla Campbell (chair of the sub-committee) provided an update on the Regulatory Issues sub-committee activities. See report included with meeting package.

~ **GLP Chair engagement sub-committee:** The committee has not met yet.

~ **Take your MPP to Work Day sub-committee:** Hafiz Bashir provided an update on the successful Take Your MPP Work day that was hosted by Kingston chapter and held at Bombardier on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Sophie Kiwala, MPP (Kingston and the Islands). West Toronto chapter held a Take Your MPP to Work Day on April 10<sup>th</sup> with Arthur Potts, MPP (Beaches-East York) at the City of Toronto Water Filtration plant. Both events were successful and very well received by the MPPs and host companies involved. Sudbury chapter and Oakville chapter have expressed interest in holding them.

## 8. Partner Reports

~ **CEO:** the CEO gala was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> with over 300 attendees. Bob Rae was the guest speaker. MPP Michael Coteau spoke regarding the upcoming Toronto 2015 PanAm/Parapan Games. Twelve awards were presented.

A working group to monitor review and share information on the Construction Lien Act has been established.

CEO will be participating in the Ontario Budget lockup.

Infrastructure Ontario discussions have been positive.

~ **ESSCO:** The ESSCO AGM will be held in Windsor May 29-31. Howard Brown asked if they would like to invite an MPP to it and asked if Angel could find out and he would help them if so.

**ACTION:** Angel Serah to ask ESSCO if they would like to invite an MPP to the ESSCO AGM.

~ **OSPE:** OSPE will be holding their MPP Queen's Park reception on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. MPP Reza Moridi will be the keynote speaker. OSPE also attended the Engineers Want In conference at Ryerson on March 30th. OSPE CEO Sandra Perruza was a co-chair of the event along with PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald.

OSPE also attended the York chapter Engineering Transportation symposium held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. OSPE has been conducting townhalls throughout the province.

New positions, Business Development and Digital media, have been filled at OSPE.

The OSPE AGM will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be four new Board members. Karen Chan is the new incoming chair. An OSPE Strategic Plan has been developed.

OSPE has submitted a written response regarding Climate Change to the government.

~ **Engineers Canada:** The Engineers Canada representative was not present. It was suggested that a written report or a backup representative be requested if the representative is not able to attend.

**ACTION:** All partner representatives to send a written report or provide a backup representative if they are unable to attend.

## 9. Other business

No other business was raised.

## 10. Meeting evaluation

Michael Chan provided an evaluation of the meeting to the GLC.

## 11. Next meeting

The GLC agreed to change the next meeting from a teleconference to face-to face. The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 16th, 2015, 6:00pm – 9:00 pm Face-to-Face at PEO's headquarters. MOTION: Charles Kidd/Hafiz Bashir to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 am.