



# MINUTES

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EDU)

Thursday, January 8th, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

PEO, 40 Sheppard Ave W, Toronto, ON

Dinner, Room 8A: 6:00-7:00pm

Meeting, Room 5A: 7:00-9:00pm

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Chair: Samer Inchasi, P.Eng.  
Vice-chair: Michael Arthur, P. Eng.  
Attendees: Ravi Peri, P.Eng.  
Wanda Juricic, P.Eng.  
Priscilla Williams, EIT  
Ramy Ghattas, P.Eng.  
Staff Advisor: Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.  
Guest: Mervat Rashwan, P.Eng. (7:30-8:00pm)  
Regrets: Megan Smith

### 1.0 Call to Order

*Samer Inchasi called the meeting to order at approx 7:30 pm.*

### 2.0 French subcommittee/Mervat Rashwan

*The Education committee met with Mervat Rashwan who presented her French education activities to the Education committee. Samer Inchasi advised Mervat Rashwan that there were vacant positions on the EDU committee and that she was invited to apply. The application will be reviewed by the committee along with other candidates when the volunteer canvass is made and resumes received. The EDU committee also discussed the possibility of having a French program under the EDU committee as one of its programs, similar to the EIR program or the EnGenious program. The committee will discuss further at the next meeting whom this program might go under.*

**Action: Sam Inchasi to send a follow-up email to Mervat Rashwan thanking her for her presentation on French program activities and inviting her to apply to the EDU committee.**

### 3.1 Approval of Agenda

*Wanda Juricic moved to approve the Agenda. Ravi Peri seconded the motion. All present approved.*

### 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the 4 December 2014 meeting

*Ravi Peri moved to approve the Minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. Michael Arthur seconded the motion. All present approved.*

### 3.3 Action Register review

*Jeannette Chau reviewed the action items on the Action Register with the Committee and updated accordingly.*

- **Action: Jeannette Chau to issue canvass for EDU committee members to fill the vacancies present.**

### **3.0 EDU postcards update**

*Michael Arthur informed the EDU committee that he had followed up with the Tommorrow's Engineers in the UK regarding the use of their postcards. The request has been forwarded to the appropriate person there. Michael is still awaiting a response.*

### **4.0 Special Funding Requests**

- Kingston request - Ravi Peri made a motion to approve. Priscilla seconded the motion.
- Peel STEM conference - Wanda made a motion to provide \$1000 in sponsorship dollars for the Peel STEM conference and to ensure that no other chapters are providing funds on top of this. Jeannette Chau will provide the organizers with local PEO chapter contact info so that they can request local speakers for their conference. Ravi Peri seconded the motion.
- EIF – the EDU committee decided that since the 2015 budget is fixed already, they would not go to Council to request an increase in the EIF sponsorship money. EDU would like to receive additional recognition by EIF since PEO is the largest contributor, for example, by a larger logo size or indication such as 'gold sponsor'.
- **Action: Sam Inchasi to draft a response to EIF regarding their request for additional funding.**

### **5.0 Election of EDU chair and Vice-chair**

*Samer Inchasi and Michael Arthur were acclaimed in the roles of chair and vice-chair respectively.*

- **Action: Jeannette Chau to inform the Volunteer coordinator of the EDU election results.**

### **6.0 Presentation of Volunteer Service pins**

*Volunteer Service pins and certificates were presented to Samer Inchasi and Ravi Peri in recognition of five years of volunteer service to PEO.*

### **7.0 Schedule of 2015 EDU meetings**

*The committee decided that the EDU meetings would be held on the first Thursday of each month in 2015.*

- **Action: Jeannette Chau to inform the volunteer coordinator of the 2015 EDU scheduled meetings**

## **8.0 Other Business**

*Education conference –Wanda Juricic volunteered to chair the 2015 Education Conference. Ravi Peri will also be on the organizing committee. The date of the conference is tentatively set for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

## **9.0 Adjournment**

*The next Education committee meeting will be held on February 5th, 2015 7:30-9:00pm via teleconference at PEO. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 pm.*