

To those who have already voted I send my apologies and thanks (irrespective of whom you voted for).

Self Regulation means that as members we have ongoing obligations to be attentive to public safety and aware of the Guidelines and standards established by PEO. Not all of us have the time to volunteer but we can and should elect volunteers who will govern PEO wisely and in the interests of all members, including emerging and “non-standard” engineering disciplines.

“Right-touch Regulation” has become an international standard to ensure that standards and regulations are appropriate and correctly applied (including avoiding unnecessary costs).

Several past Councillors have been elected based on hopes of introducing improvements, but these have often failed as Council struggles to limit expenditure. Rather I expect that by listening to others I will be able to build support and so help Council move ahead on member initiated improvements.

My past volunteering has been amply recognised, and thus my efforts will be on your behalf.

I believe that PEO needs to maintain chapters. Even in their present form (especially in our Region) they provide many benefits including, but not limited to,

- Licensure ceremonies and preparation assistance

- Public awareness and appreciation of PEO through NEM, STEM Programs, and scholarships

- Town-hall meetings on engineering issues

- Directing new engineering arrivals to mentoring or licensure requirements

- Notifying PEO staff of substandard engineering that could endanger the public

If elected I would like to see more decentralisation within PEO, including using chapters as sub-committees to review and assist in Guidelines and Standards, where applicable, and to build public communication on safety issues, possibly through minimal-cost “regional offices”, that may be little more than a secure computer terminal.

Thanks from Peter Broad, **Your Candidate for Western Region Councillor**

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