

January 24, 2020

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM

Volume 14, Issue 3

TWO PEO CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH YORK CENTRE MPP



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (centre) spoke with **Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) (right) and Ontario College of Teachers Councillor, **Bob Cooper** (left) at a New Year's Levee hosted by MPP Baber on January 19. For more on this story, see page 7.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 89,000 licence and certificate holders, and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <u>https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter</u>

*Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue of the GLP Weekly will be published on January 31, 2020.

- 1. PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER ATTENDS CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT WITH TWO MPPS
- 2. ENGINEERS SPEAK WITH MPP AT LEVEE IN WATERLOO
- 3. PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS COUNCILLORS AS CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR
- 4. ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES STORY ABOUT MP ENGINEERS
- 5. PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPEN UNTIL FEB 21

PEO GOVERNMENT LIASON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program's main objective is to ensure that government, PEO members, and the public continue to recognize PEOs regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest. The GLP is based on a strong local presence, a legislative framework, and policy and communications support. Some of the many events and activities that the local PEO chapter GLP representatives engage in to develop relationships and further recognition and understanding of PEO's role with local MPPs are profiled in this newsletter.

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES

IN EVENT WITH NDP MPP

Rima Berns-McGown, MPP (Beaches— East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness held a New Years Levee on January 18.

East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng., attended the event, and had a chance to speak with MPP Berns-McGown, who told her that her own father was an architect, and felt she "knows very well the importance of an engineer."

Ms. Aftab explained the process of becoming a professional engineer, as well as the differences between the mandates of PEO and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE).



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair Nadia Aftab, P.Eng.,
had an opportunity to speak with Rima Berns-McGown,
MPP (Beaches –East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and
Homelessness at her Levee on January 18.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER ATTENDS CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT WITH TWO MPPS



PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left), with **Belinda Karahalios**, MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (right) at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre on January 19.



PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left), with **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship, Immigration Services and Anti-Racism (right) at a Chinese New Year celebration on January 19.

(KITCHENER) - PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., attended a Chinese New Year celebration at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre on January 19 in Kitchener.

He had a chance to speak with:

- Belinda Karahalios, MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General
- Laura Mae Lindo, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship and Immigration Services Critic and Anti-Racism

Both MPPs were elected for the first time in 2018.

The PEO Grand River Chapter represents a total of six ridings in the Western Region.

Mr. Tse is an active member oft the PEO Government Liaison Committee and regularly attends local MPP events to build relationships with MPPs.

ENGINEERS SPEAK WITH MPP AT LEVEE IN WATERLOO



Catherine Fife, MPP (Waterloo), NDP International Trade, Economic Growth & Job Creation and Research & Innovation Critic (centre) spoke with former PEO President Diane Freeman, P.Eng., and past Chair of the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter and Grand River Chapter GLP representative Glenn Sutton, P.Eng., (right) at her New Year's Levee on January 19 in Waterloo.

(WATERLOO) - **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo), NDP Critic for International Trade, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Research and Innovation Critic hosted a New Year's Levee on January 19 in Waterloo.

Participating in the event were former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., Georgian Bay Chapter past Chair and Grand River Chapter GLP representative **Glenn Sutton**, P.Eng., Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., and Waterloo Regional Chair **Karen Redman**.

MPP Fife is a regular participant in PEO events, and led efforts in the legislature in support of the appeal of the Industrial Exception in the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO NEWS

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS COUNCILLORS AS CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR



Warren Turnbull, P. Eng (centre left) was re-elected as Chair of the Government Liaison Committee on January 16. With him in the photo are (left to right) Grand River Chapter GLP Chair Gabe Tse, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs, Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., Vice-Chair Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., PEO Councillor Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter Co-ordinator Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee held a Face-to-Face meeting at PEO Headquarters on January 16. PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., was re-elected as Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Arjan Arenja, P.Eng. was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

The meeting discussed ways the GLP can focus more directly on the regulation of the profession.

Also attending the meeting were:

- Councillor Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.
- Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng., member who is involved in a riding association
- Gabe Tse, P.Eng. Grand River Chapter GLP Chair
- Shawn Yanni, student representative, (via teleconference)
- Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs

• Howard Brown, PEO Government Relations Consultant The discussions also covered plans for Government Relations training, a revised committee structure, discussion on the repeal of the Industrial Exception and the concept of a chief engineer.

PEO GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH BURLINGTON MPP



Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour (left) spoke with PEO Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair Mike Bell, P.Eng. (right) at a New Year's Levee she hosted on January 11.

(BURLINGTON) - Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development held a New Year's Levee at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington on January 11.

Attending were PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P. Eng., and **Ron Finnigan**, P.Eng.

Mr. Bell discussed with MPP McKenna how the profession of engineering falls under the Ministry of the Attorney General as a self-regulated profession.

MPP McKenna participated in a PEO *Take Your MPP to Work Day* with the Hamilton-Burlington Chapter on September 23, which was organized by Mr. Bell.

PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter represents six ridings in PEO's Western Region.

TWO PEO CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH YORK CENTRE MPP



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (centre), and Toronto Humber Chapter GLP Rep **Manoj Shukla**, EIT, (right) participated in a New Year's Levee hosted by **Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) (second from left) on January 19. Also in the photo are York Centre MP **Michael Levitt** (left), and Toronto City Councillor **James Pasternak** (second from right).

York Centre MPP Roman Baber hosted a New Year's Levee on January 19.

PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair, Janet Han, P. Eng., and Toronto Humber Chapter GLP rep Manoj Shukla, EIT, participated in the event and had a chance to speak with MPP Baber.

Mr. Baber told her that both his father and grandfather were engineers, and that he was proud to have 700 engineers in his riding.

Others in attendance included: **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), **Michael Levitt**, MP (York Centre), Toronto City Councillor **James Pasternak**, and former Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice, **Peter MacKay**.

Also attending was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, who had a chance to introduce the PEO delegation to MPP Baber and **Bob Cooper**, who is currently the first teacher to be appointed by the current Ontario Government to the Ontario College of Teachers, which regulates the teaching profession in the public interest.

PEO NEWS

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES **STORY ABOUT MP ENGINEERS**

GLP JOURNAL

TWO ONTARIO ENGINEERS HAVE A VOICE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Two Ontario engineers who sat in the last Cana-dian parliament have been re-elected—and they both have a lot to say to their 80,000 fellow engi-

both have a lot to say to their 80,000 fellow engi-ment in the province. Marking Glady, P.Eng, van First einstella an the smether of partitionent MPI for Sarrish Lambton in 2013 as a Conservative Party member. She send as the official opposition science critic and chair for the status of woman and is currently the standom minister of hwithman the to built with the standing Committee on Health Glady. In the ben-inculard orth HO for many years. She had lumith with engineering students in the partisenentary dhing room in October 2016 during a PEO Stu-demi Conference in Ottowa, and the alto lands part in an interview for Engineering Students on the host of the students of the students after that 2015 during in PEO Stu-demi Conference in Ottowa, and the alto tools part in an interview for Engineering Students of the the place in the House of Common," January feature y 2016, p. 2310. Own Alghabitar, PLands

Determine yolin, <u>F. 2015</u>, was first elected in Owar Alphaber, <u>F. Fing.</u>, was first elected in 2006 from the riding of Mississouga-Ennie de and las served as the Mississouga-Ennie de the parliamentary sociatory to the prime minister (public service areward) and to the departy prime minister and minister of governmental affains and previously sociatory to the prime minister (public service reasward) and to the departy prime minister and minister of governmental affains and staged connected to bits engineenitary sociatory to the minister of foreign affains. Alghabera has staged connected to bits engineenitary sociations through various events over the years, including a conference he attended in Miker. 2015 celled "Engineering Dimensions: Interviewed Gladu and Alghabera in the weeks following the recent fidural affaction to get their insplats can how they bring engineering to the government table.

The grainered truth by prepared to take on the life of politician." Adjabase: "My message to the membership and engineers in generative marking to the public office bring to the publi

54 Engineering Dimensions



ED: Has the need for engineers in public life increased? If yes,

ED: Has the need for engineers in public life increased? If yes, why? If no, why not? Gladu: "The need for engineers has increased because problems are becoming more complicated to toke. And we need more fact-and evidence based decision making." Alghabra: The need for engineers in public service has increased We need to have engineers ap and of the conversition. Today's mod-em challenges crease opportunities for engineers, and frankly, the lack of engineers participating in discussions leaves a big vacuum, a big gap, and it's a missed opportunity."

ED: Why do you think it is important for Engineers Canada and PEO and other regulators to maintain and grow their relationships with elected officials as opposed to just working with the bureaucrats? Gladu: "If you want public attention, you need to use politicians We are the ones who have the media's ear, can get you on the front page, can bring up your topic in the House of Commons, can send it out in mass mailout. That's what politicians do. We amplify your mesone?

send it out in mass maleout. That's what pointcome on we empiricy your message. It think it is a common practice for public servants to Alayaay get involved with stakeholders and listen to their freeblack and imight because they have expertise and knowledge—first-hand knowledge that the dui servants may not know."

Encodedge that the cult servants may not tended. ED: If you had one message for your fellow Ontario engineers and for FRD as a regulator in the public Interest, what would it be? Gladu: "The short nancer is that people who are in FED and who are in engineering organization, thay need to use—an informed use—and they need to get involved as candidates, and they need to enter pariament and be prepared to take on the file of a polition." Alghabar: "My message to the membership and engineers in gen-ral's that we are engineers are trained (that there is only) one right answer, and we put our tath in people to get that concet answer. However, in public file there is no 'one right answer.' It is important that engineers realise that their absence from the public debat con-tents a disadvantage for our society, and it is equally a disadvantage for the profession." Clearly, these two Mi's believe it is important for PED and all Increases to get involved and contribute to the conversion. **®**

Jenuary/February 2020

This article was published in the January/February Issue of Engineering Dimensions.

Engineering Dimensions published a full page story with interviews of two Ontario engineers, who were elected to the House of Commons in 2015 and re-elected in 2019.

They were interviewed by PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown.

The engineers were Marilyn Gladu, P.Eng., who has announced that she is seeking the Federal Conservative Leadership, and the other is Omar Alghabra, P.Eng., who is the Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, MP, (Papineau).

To read the full story, click here.

PEO NEWS

PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPEN UNTIL FEB 21



PEO began its 2020 council elections last week. Voting is open to all licence holders and can be done easily <u>online</u> or by phone (1-888-492-4763). The deadline to vote is February 21.

Here are the 2020 Candidates:

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Nick Colucci P.Eng., BASc, MBA. FEC



Christian Bellini P.Eng., FEC



Darla Campbell P.Eng., CSR-P



Tim Kirkby C.E.T., P.Eng., FEC



Gregory Wowchuk BASc, Dipl El Tech, P.Eng.

*story continued on next page

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two- Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Guy Boone P.Eng., FEC



Chantal Chiddle P.Eng., FEC



Arash Imani P.Eng, PMP, ASQ CSSBB, CQA

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Christopher Chahine P.Eng., PMP, SSBBP



Peter Cushman P.Eng.



Monica Jain P.Eng., M.Eng.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Muktar Homam P.Eng., PhD, MBA



Lisa MacCumber P.Eng., FEC

*story continued on next page

WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Vivender Adunuri P.Eng.



Peter John Broad P.Eng., FEC

NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year term, Members in Region Vote)



Juan Pernia Ph.D., P.Eng.



Luc R Roberge P.Eng., FEC

COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Councillor—At—Large



Congratulations to Mr. Chan!

Michael Chan, P.Eng., FEC

Good luck to all the candidates.

Everyone is encouraged to watch the online election debates

which were conducted on January 6, 7, 8, and 9.

PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nanda Lwin**, Chair of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: How many pages long was the PEO 2019 GLP Year in Review?

Answer: 14 pages

This week's question:

Which Chapter participated in an event with an MPP and with a Mayor and Councillors?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Jeannette Chau at jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, January 27. You may only win once in a four-week span.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, January 25 – New Year's Levee with Doly Begum, MPP (Scarborough Southwest), NDP Early Childhood Critic from 12:30 to 3 PM at West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre, 313 Pharmacy Avenue East, Toronto, M1L 3E7. Admission is free.

Sunday, January 26 – New Year's Levee with Terence Kernaghan, MPP (London North Centre), NDP LGBTQ Critic from 11 AM to 2 PM at Elsie Perrin Williams Estate, 101 Windermere Road, London, N6G 2J4. Admission is free.

Thursday, January 30— New Year's Levee with Kaleed Rasheed, MPP (Mississauga East—Cooksville), Deputy Government Whip from 6 to 8 PM at 1420 Burnhamthorpe Road, Unit 315, Mississauga, ON, L4X 2Z9. Attendance is free. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable items to donate to the Mississauga Food Bank.

Saturday, February 8—Skate with Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Deputy Leader and Housing Critic from 2 to 4 PM at Greenbriar Recreation Centre, 1100 Central Park Drive, Brampton, ON, L6S 2C9. Attendance is free. Guests are asked to bring their own skates.

If you have any comments, additions or questions about *The GLP Weekly* please do not hesitate to call or email: Howard Brown, President, Brown & Cohen Communications & Public Affairs Inc. 321 Brooke Avenue | Toronto, ON M5M 2L4 | Direct line: 416-783-1140 | Cell: 416-844-1180 howard@brown-cohen.com | www.brown-cohen.com

12 | PAGE