



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday October 16, 2019, 7:30- 9:00 am, via teleconference

Attendees

Chair:	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison
Vice chair:	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
Members:	Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
	Shawn Yanni	Student representative
	Daniel King, P.Eng.	EIT representative
	Christine Hill, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.	PEO Councillor
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
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	[Vacant]	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
	[Vacant]	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am.

Approval of Agenda

Lorne Cutler moved a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Daniel King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Jeffrey Lee moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2019 GLC meeting. Christine Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GLC HR

Jeannette Chau reminded everyone to respond to the email from Viktoria Aleksandrova sent on October 11 if they intend to resign or retire from the meeting.

Review of Action items from the August meeting

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. November 20, 2019 has been decided upon for the Queen's Park meeting.

2. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- GLP meeting activity report –there were a total of 107 MPP meetings/interactions as of September 30th, 2019. The majority of the interactions were with MPPs of the PC party.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days – Two Take Your MPP to Work days were held in September, for a total of three for the year. On September 23 a Take Your MPP to Work Day held by Hamilton-Burlington chapter at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington with Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington). On September 26 one was held by Kingsway chapter at Cana-Datum Moulds with Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore). They were both well-received by the MPPs and the companies involved..
- East & West Central Region GLP Academy –It was held at PEO HQ on October 5th, 2019. There were three MPPs who spoke at it: Sheref Sabawy, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), NDP Deputy Leader and Official Opposition Housing Critic Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre), and Attorney General Critic Gurratan Singh, MPP (Brampton East).
- The Eastern Region GLP Academy will be held in Kingston on November 23, 2019.

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada:

No representative. Engineers Canada has put the selection of a new representative on hold until they finish an operational review of all their committees.

Action: Jeannette Chau to follow up with Engineers Canada on when we might expect a new representative.

CEO: (Christine Hill)

The CEO Government Relations committee hasn't met since the last GLC meeting so there is not much to report. CEO still working on the plans for their Queen's Park Day which will be held on December 2, 2019. It will be a series of meetings with various MPPs.

ESSCO: (Shawn Yanni)

Shawn Yanni reported on ESSCO activities. The Ontario Engineering Competition has officially moved to the CEAB Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. ESSCO has officially become a non-profit organization. OSPE been a large help in their funding right now. They are working on a Equity, Diversion and Inclusion group.

OSPE:

No representative.

Action: Warren Turnbull to follow up regarding another OSPE rep.

4. Reports from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee last met on October 8, 2019. Howard Brown will be drafting a GLP Info Note as an update on the Regulatory Review and the Action Plan. Warren Turnbull was concerned that the Registrar's Report is not being produced anymore. It was a good source of information on regulatory activities.

Action: Warren Turnbull to follow up with Registrar Johnny Zuccon regarding whether the Registrar's Report will be produced again.

Enhanced Government Outreach

The Enhanced Government Outreach group has not met. Nothing to report. The GLP Info Note will be part of our new government outreach.

GLP Chair Engagement – Arjan Arenja

A discussion on the last GLP Chair quarterly call held on September 25 was held. It had been challenging to chair the call at the end of the call because of the background noise from someone who had not muted their phone.

Action: Prior to the next GLP Chair call, Jeannette Chau to test 3-way calling with Arjan Arenja and Gabe Tse so they can be on the Master line with her. Jeannette can then try doing a Master Mute of all the attendee lines.

Training Advisory group – Nick Colucci and Gabe Tse

No current activity. Nothing to report.

Chapter GLP Selection, training and succession – Warren Turnbull

Warren Turnbull has decided to reinstate this group.

5. New or Other Business

New Queen's Park event for 2019

The Queen's Park event will be held on November 20, 2019. The delegation will consist of President Nancy Hill, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar Johnny Zuccon, P.Eng., GLC Chair Warren Turnbull, P.Eng., GLC Vice-chair Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., PEO Manager Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown. Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner is confirmed for 2;15 pm. Liberal Party Interim Leader John Fraser has indicated availability between 1 and 3pm. Howard Brown is working on obtaining meetings with MPPs from the PC and NDP parties as well.

Action: Howard Brown to arrange for the MPP meetings at Queen's Park

Aspects of the Work Plan to deal with Cayton Report

A discussion was held on the GLC Work Plan with respect to the Cayton report.

The following are some of the points that were made:

- A tool is being developed to determine what activities are regulatory or not. The activities of the GLC and the GLP will be put through this tool.
- A communications tool, the GLP Info Note, can be used for GLP Chairs and can hand out to MPPs
- Continue to reach out to MPPs and government and update them so we show them we are open and transparent, and we are working on our processes.
- Take Your MPP to Work Day – is it a regulatory function?
- On the regulatory side – we have focused provincially. Our engineers work more with municipalities than the provincial government. Should our role be to reach out to municipalities as to the role we play and how to reach out to us?
- CEO talks to municipalities about contract terms, consulting issues, not really about the quality of professional engineers, client education piece.
- We need GLP, not only when staff have a regulation. The message to government is not only engineers are important, but to advocate out there so that they know who to contact if there are any items that are regulatory and to reach out to PEO in the early stage. Need to be co-regulator, with early communications. Need to understand what legislation is coming and the impact.
- All politics are local. Can't just come in at the end.
- Need both – staff to staff and representation at local level
- Many of our local MPPs are Ministers. If we have good relationship at the local level, then this can lead to a relationship at Cabinet.
- PEO's mission is to regulate the profession, which doesn't mean that you necessarily need a committee with different reps who have different needs/agendas
- Should work together with our sister organization

6. Next meeting and adjournment

The next meeting will be face-to-face at PEO HQ on November 20, 2019, 6-9pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 am.