



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday November 20, 2019

PEO HQ, 40 Sheppard Ave W, Toronto

Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm

Attendees

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| 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 |
| | Gabe Tse, P.Eng. | GLP Chair |
| | Daniel King, P.Eng. | EIT representative |
| | Shawn Yann | Student representative (via teleconference) |
| | Christine Hill, P.Eng. | Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) (via teleconference) |
| | Lorne Cutler, P.Eng. | PEO Councillor (via teleconference) |
| Staff Advisor: | Jeannette Chau, P.Eng. | PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs |
| Ex-officio: | Howard Brown | PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen |
| Regrets: | 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 7:06 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Daniel King moved a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2019 GLC meeting. Daniel King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Engineers Canada Update

Engineers Canada BG&E committee has been stood down. Engineers Canada is willing to send a staff person.

Action: Warren to follow up with Engineers Canada CEO Gerard McDonald regarding representative.

Review of Action items from the October meeting

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

Warren has discussed with OSPE on November 16 their lack of representation on the GLC. He did not receive a satisfactory response. Warren has asked President Nancy Hill and President-elect Marisa Sterling to bring this issue to the Joint Relations Committee (JRC) meeting.

Warren will follow up with OSPE again.

Registrars Report – CEO/Registrar Johnny Zuccon has responded that he is reassessing the current workload prior to restarting the Registrar's report. Communications Director David Smith is looking at different ways to produce it.

2. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- GLP meeting activity report –there were a total of 117 MPP meetings/interactions as of October 31st, 2019. The majority of the interactions were with MPPs of the PC party.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days – No new Take Your MPP to Work days since the two that were held in September. There is one being planned for November 29 by Oakville chapter in Milton.
- Eastern Region GLP Academy –it will be held in Kingston on November 23, 2019. There are three MPPs confirmed to speak at it: Minister Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousands Islands and Rideau lakes), Ian Arthur, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), and Randy Hillier, MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston). This was the last regional GLP Academy for the year.
- Need to look at how we want to conduct GLP training next year. We normally alternate from Regional GLP Academies one year and joint PEO/OSPE conferences the next.
- Johnny Zuccon provided an update of the regulatory review and explained that the activities of the GLP and GLC will be put through the Activity Filter. Phase 2 will be to determine who is responsible for the activities.

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada:

No representative. Engineers Canada has stood down their Bridging Government and Engineers (BG&E) committee. They have another committee that will handle some of their government relations. Engineers Canada CEO Gerard McDonald has indicated to Warren Turnbull that they may appoint a staff person to the GLC.

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

CEO: (Christine Hill)

The CEO Board finished their strategic retreat. They are looking at producing a new Strategic Plan for the next 3 years to set their strategic priorities. CEO is working on their plans for their Queen's Park Day which will be held on December 2, 2019. It will be a series of meetings in the afternoon with

various MPPs and a small reception. CEO had some discussion at the Board level of what is happening at PEO. They like the direction that it is going.

ESSCO: (Shawn Yanni)

Shawn Yanni reported on ESSCO activities. ESSCO has hired a new Commissioner that is tasked with Sustainability. ESSCI has finished their Clothing drive and have hosted a webinar on Advocating Effectively for Engineering Societies. ESSCO also held their annual First Year Integration Conference (FYIC).

OSPE:

No representative.

Action: Warren to follow up regarding having an OSPE representative on the GLC

4. Reports from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee met on November 5, 2019. Howard Brown drafted a GLP Info Note on the Regulatory Review. The sub-committee discussed the meeting with the AG held on October 29, 2019.

Action: Develop a GLP Info Note on the Action Plan

Action: Info on Activity Filter

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

The next GLP chair call will be held on Wednesday December 4th.

It will include an update on the Regulatory Review, Action Plan, and Activity Filter.

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.

Action: Gabe and Nick to consider what type of training we will do in 2020 – Conference? Regional Academy?

Chapter GLP Selection, training and succession – Warren Turnbull

Gabe Tse commented that Grand River chapter conducts training and recruitment regularly on the chapter level. The GLC will continue to look at recruitment, selection and training.

5. New or Other Business

Importance of Government Liaison to Regulator PEO

Knowledge of PEO by the new MPPs is extremely limited. It is important to educate them.

Future of GLC/GLP in light of Cayton Report

This item was already discussed earlier during the report from the GLP Manager on GLP activities.

Queen's Park Event November 20th, 2019

The delegation to Queen's Park on November 20th consisted 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, Manager GLP Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations consultant Howard Brown.

The day started out by the delegation attending Question Period in the Legislature. Individual MPP's of members of the delegation came to meet them

The delegation was introduced in the Legislature by Attorney General Doug Downey.

The delegation then met with Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General Lindsey Park for lunch and discussion. Afterwards a meeting was held with MPP Gurratan Singh, the NDP AG Critic. He was appointed the AG critic in August and is the brother of Federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh. MPP Singh was very supportive of PEO.

Afterwards, the delegation met with Liberal AG Critic and Ontario Liberal Interim Leader John Fraser. It was a productive day with quality discussion and engagement. There was not a specific ask, however was to inform them of what is happening at PEO and maintain relationships with the MPPs associated with the AG file.

How to increase PEO profile & engage MPP

This item is on hold.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

The next meeting will be face-to-face at PEO HQ on December 18, 2019, 7:30-9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 am.