

OSPE-PEO Joint Relations Committee Statement

The Joint Relations Committee (JRC) is an informal body with no power to bind either PEO or OSPE, and no accountability to either organization other than as may be expected by that organization of its appointees. Decisions arising from the Committee may be forwarded to the respective organizations for approval at their upcoming Council/Board meeting.

The purpose of the JRC is to:

- a) Build relationships between the leaders of the two organizations to strengthen regulation, service and advocacy for the profession;
- b) Facilitate the exchange of information between the two organizations;
- c) Identify issues and facilitate cooperation between the two organizations in areas of mutual interest / concern; and
- d) Provide a forum for the discussion and informal resolution of potential areas of opportunity or conflict between the two organizations.

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) are committed to working together through our respective mandates for the betterment of the profession and the practice of engineering in the public interest.

As the regulator, PEO's mandate is to serve and protect the public interest while governing its licence and certificate holders and regulating the practice of professional engineering. PEO continues to support OSPE in their important role as a strong voice for engineers.

Working with the Canadian Society of Professional Engineers, PEO created OSPE in 2000 as a distinct organization to advancing the interests of professional engineers in Ontario, speaking out on their behalf to governments, industry and the public while offering affinity and support programs for professional engineers.

Although PEO and OSPE exist autonomously, we demonstrate our profession's commitment to upholding the public's trust through complementary and collaborative relationships, as appropriate. We believe our collective work illustrates the profession's duty to upholding the public's trust and provides important leadership to, and on behalf of, the profession, its practitioners and the public.

Our relationship is based on mutual respect and cooperation. We recognize that each of us collaborates with and is accountable to differing stakeholder groups, all of whom are critical to our own success. However, we share the conviction that the province, its engineering community and the public interest are best served by having a regulatory body that upholds the highest standards of practice among engineering practitioners and a separate association that can respond to the concerns of engineers and represent their interests.