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PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE ELECT NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR



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For more on this story, see page 4 .

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on February 5, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER HOSTS EVENT WITH FIVE LOCAL MPPS
2. PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES RELEASE ELECTION STATEMENTS

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their monthly meeting on January 20 (see pages 1 and 4). The Committee has oversight for the GLP and it is important that PEO members stay informed about its ongoing meeting updates, new roles and initiatives. This information can be utilized when conversing with MPPs.

The PEO Mississauga Chapter hosted an online event and had five local MPPs participate (see page 3). It is important that Chapter's continue to stay connected with MPPs in order to maintain existing relationships and ensure that PEO stays top of mind.

PEO NEWS

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES ARTICLE ON PEO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Engineering Dimensions published a two page article on the PEO Government Relations Conference in this month's issue on 'Governance.'

"The conference, with the theme 'PEO and MPPs regulating in the new environment,' features messages from party leaders represented in the provincial legislature, as well as key note speakers from British Columbia's engineering regulator and Canada's first female engineer Member of Parliament (MP)," wrote **Adam Sidsworth**, who authored the article.

The article provided a recap of:

- PEO President **Marisa Sterling's**, P.Eng. address to attendees
- A presentation by PEO's Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** on the origins of the GLP
- Roundtable discussion on the importance of self-regulation with **Ann English**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, **Dan Abrahams**, LLB, Legal Counsel for PEO, **Shenda Tanchak**, LLB, Principal Consultant for Magnetic North. The discussion was moderated by President Sterling.
- Interviews and greetings brought by an MP, Minister, three Party Leaders and four MPPs

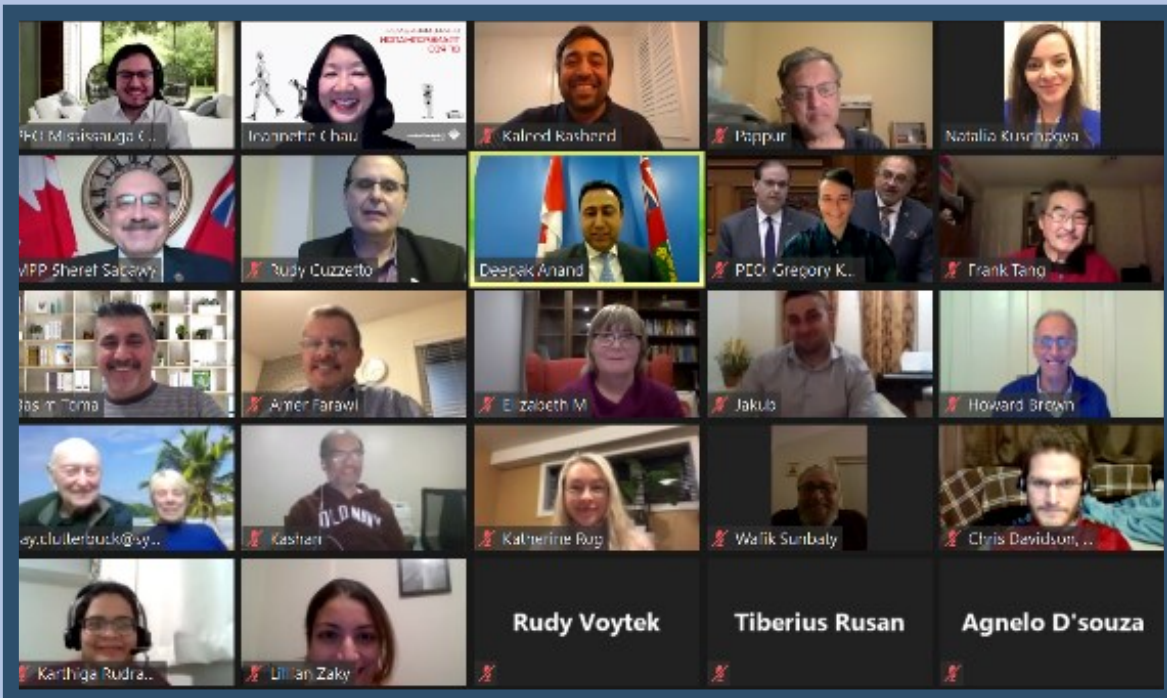


The cover of this month's issue of *Engineering Dimensions*.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

EVENTS WITH MPPTS

PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER HOSTS EVENT WITH FIVE MPPTS



The PEO Mississauga Chapter hosted an online discussion with five MPPs on January 19. The MPPs in attendance were **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville), Deputy Government Whip (top row, centre), **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs (top row, right), **Sherif Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (second row, left), **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (second row, second from the left) and **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton) (second row, centre).

(MISSISSAUGA) - The PEO Mississauga Chapter hosted an online 'Meet and Greet' with five of their six local Chapter MPPs on January 19. The event was organized by PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Feras Alsheets**, EIT.

The MPPs participating were:

- **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville), Deputy Government Whip
- **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs
- **Sherif Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (second row)
- **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton)

Also participating were PEO's Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Discussions were had about the individual MPPs' roles at Queen's Park. These events are important to help maintain relationships with MPPs.

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE ELECT NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR



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Both GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. and Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. had ended their terms in their respective roles.

The Committee elected their Advisory Committee on Volunteers rep **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. and their P.Eng. active in a Riding Association rep **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. as the new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Congratulations to both Ms. Hilborn and Mr. Lee on their new appointments!

Other topics of discussion at the meeting included:

- Drafting a GLP Info Note regarding the new Notarius seal
- The process of recruiting one GLP rep per riding, so that each of the 124 MPPs will have one individual to liaise with
- Reports from partners
- GLP Activity Report for year-end 2020 presented by PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

The work of the GLC is important and understanding what goes on at each meeting will help PEO licence holders stay informed, as well as share these updates with their local MPPs.

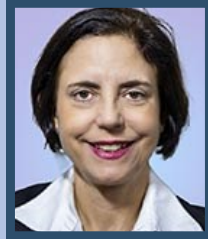
PEO ELECTION NEWS

PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES RELEASE ELECTION STATEMENTS

GLP Weekly will be sharing excerpts from Candidate statements before voting closes on February 19. Platforms for the roles of Councillor-At-Large, East Central Region and Western Region will be shared next week.

For President-Elect

- **Darla Campbell, P.Eng.**



"Chapters are the roots of PEO. Together we will chart a path that embraces engineering leadership at the local level and serves the objectives of PEO while protecting the public interest and building community," said Campbell. To read her full statement, click [here](#).

For President-Elect

- **Nick Colucci, P.Eng.**



I have proven my understanding and application of (PEO's) core values through my previous experience on PEO Council, PEO Committees and PEO Chapters," said Colucci. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For President-Elect

- **Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.**



"Now is the time to put stakes in the ground and modernize the PEO to keep pace with the global and technology-driven profession engineering has become," said Sinclair. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For Vice-President

- **Marilyn Spink, P.Eng.**



"As a Lieutenant Governor Appointee to PEO Council for the last 6 years, with your support, I will hit the ground running as your Vice President Elect," said Spink. To read her full statement, click [here](#).

For Vice-President

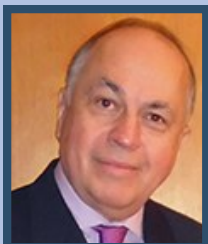
- **John F. Thompson, P.Eng.**



"Maintaining a keen focus on the core mission and principals is essential to securing the trust and respect of the Ontario public in our collective duty to keep them protected," said Thompson. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For Vice-President

- **Gregory Wowchuk, P.Eng.**



"Protect the public and grow the profession. I'll focus on licensing, enforcement discipline and member engagement," said Wowchuk. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO London Chapters' **Roger Jones**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which Party Leader attended a New Year's Levee hosted by MPP Jennifer French on January 9?

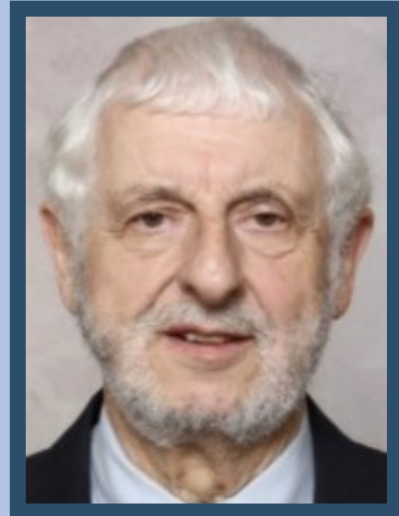
Answer: NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre)

This week's question: Which MPP was interviewed for an *Engineering Dimensions* GLP Journal on January 13?

(Hint: She is the Chair of the NDP Black Caucus)

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, February 1.

You may only win once in a four-week span.



Roger Jones, P.Eng, is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia Contest.

ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Saturday—Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Critic for Youth Engagement from 3 to 4 PM. To join visit: <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

Tuesday, February 2 – An Evening with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) from 7 to 8 PM. Tickets are \$1,000. To register, visit: https://www.ontariopc.ca/an_evening_with_doug_downey_feb2137971988933?aff=erelexpmlt

Thursday, February 4— Ontario Energy Association presents a Speaker Series with **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks at 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/oea-speaker-series-opportunities-for-hydrogen-in-ontario-webinar-tickets-133230180055>

Monday, February 8 -Monday Matters: Housing, Getting to know your Neighbour and Chinese New Year with **Daisy Wai**, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/february-8th-monday-matters-with-richmond-hill-mpp-daisy-wai-tickets->

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