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OVER 600 ATTEND 99th PEO ANNUAL MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AS GUEST SPEAKER

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) gave introductory remarks at PEO's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 15. PEO 2020-21 President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., introduced the Minister. They were both Pages in the Ontario Legislature in their youth.

For more on this story and others dealing with the AGM and new PEO Council, see stories on pages 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 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.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. There will be no issue on May 28 due to the shortened holiday week. The next issue will be published on June 4, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO 2021-2022 COUNCIL SWORN IN
2. ONTARIO ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HOSTS EVENT WITH MINISTERS

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

This issue provides a recap of PEO's Annual General Meeting (AGM), (see pages 3, 4, 5 and 7). The purpose of the AGM was to lay before members the reports of the Council and committees of the association; to inform members of matters relating to the affairs of the association; and to ascertain the views of the members present at the meeting on matters relating to the affairs of the association.

SECTOR NEWS

ENGINEERS CANADA REVISES PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS REGULATORS WITH INTERNATIONAL GRAD ASSESSMENT



Engineers Canada has re-launched a tool to help regulators assess the qualifications of international engineering graduates. PHOTO CREDIT: Engineers Canada

A program to help regulators with international assessment of grads has been updated.

Engineers Canada has revised its program that helps engineering regulators assess international engineering grads.

The new International Institutions and Database provides information about 140 engineering programs around the world.

The initiative ensures that the licensing process is more efficient.

For a link to the full story, click [here](#).

PEO SWEARS IN NEW PRESIDENT AT 99TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., was sworn in as the 102nd PEO President at the association's AGM on May 15.

He said that he was particularly grateful to the PEO Council for its work in developing a governance road map in helping PEO better focus on its regulatory mandate.

"...I am excited about the prospect of wrapping up the governance project this year so we can really get on with the work of renewing and modernizing our regulatory structure," said President Bellini.

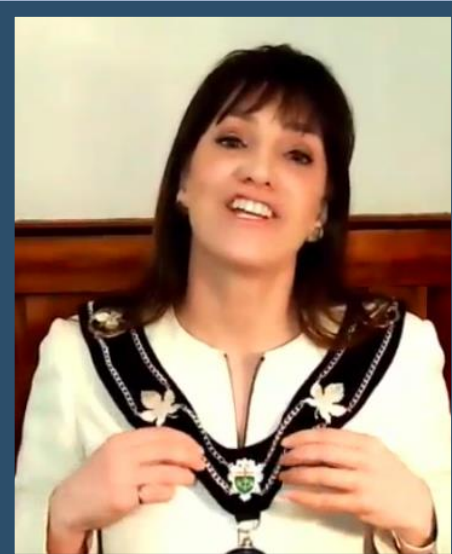
He is a principal at the engineering firm Blackwell, where he began his engineering career in 1995.

Over the years, he served on, and in some cases chaired, many of PEO's regulatory committees and task forces.



PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

President Bellini closed his speech by acknowledging his gratitude towards his father by saying "I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my father...for encouraging me to follow an engineering career, and for his tireless promotion of our profession."



2020-21 PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., showing attendees the PEO Chain of Office.

Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., stepped down as the 101st President of PEO and gave the PEO Chain of Office to Mr. Bellini at the AGM.

Ms. Sterling was the eighth woman to serve as PEO President. Notably, her father, **Gordon Sterling**, P.Eng., served as the 82nd PEO President.

Prior to stepping down, she spoke passionately about what PEO's successes were from the past year, reinforcing President Bellini's emphasis on a greater focus on PEO's regulatory mandate.

"The succession of presidencies from my predecessor Nancy Hill, to incoming president Christian Bellini is one example where we have all worked collegially to add more steps towards the same future path," said Ms. Sterling.

PEO 2021-2022 COUNCIL SWORN IN

A new PEO Council was sworn in at the PEO AGM on May 15 including six new Councillors:

President-elect **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., Vice President **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng., Councillor-at-Large **Pat Quinn**, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor **James Chisholm**, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., and Western Region Councillor **Susan McFarlane** P.Eng.

On May 20, PEO Council met and made a number of appointments including three Councillors to the Executive in addition to those in that were place at the Annual General Meeting. Those Councillors have an asterisk after their name.

Congratulations to the new Council who are all featured below and on Page 5. To read their individual bios, click [here](#).

EXECUTIVE



Christian Bellini, P.Eng., FEC
President



Nick Colucci, P.Eng., FEC
President-elect



Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., FEC
Past President



Marilyn Spink, P.Eng.
Vice President (elected)



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., FEC *
*Vice President (appointed),
Eastern Region Councillor*



Pat Quinn, PhD, P.Eng., FEC *
Councillor-at-Large



Scott Schelske, P.Eng., FEC *
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*

COUNCILLORS-AT-LARGE



Michael Chan, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large



Leila Notash, PhD, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large



Pat Quinn, PhD, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large

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PEO 2021-2022 COUNCIL SWORN IN

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS



Luc Roberge, P.Eng., FEC
Northern Region Councillor



**Ramesh Subramanian, PhD,
P.Eng., FEC**
Northern Region Councillor



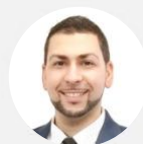
Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., FEC
Eastern Region Councillor



Randy Walker, P.Eng., FEC
Eastern Region Councillor



Peter Cushman, P.Eng.
East Central Region Councillor



**Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.,
PMP, SSBBP**
East Central Region Councillor



Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng., FEC
West Central Region Councillor



James J. Chisholm, P.Eng., FEC
West Central Region Councillor



Peter Broad, P.Eng., FEC
Western Region Councillor



**Susan MacFarlane, MSc, PhD,
P.Eng.**
Western Region Councillor

COUNCILLORS APPOINTED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., MBA
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Robert Brunet, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Todd Bruyere, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., MBA
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Andy Dryland, C.E.T.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



**Qadira C. Jackson Kouakou, BA,
BSW, LLB**
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Scott Schelske, P.Eng., FEC
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Sherlock Sung
Lieutenant Governor Appointee

EVENTS WITH MPPS

ONTARIO ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HOSTS EVENT WITH TWO MINISTERS



Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) (left) and **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (right) were guest speakers at the Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA) event, Evolution on May 12 and 13.

The Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA) hosted their 2021 Environment and Cleantech Business + Policy Forum Conference, Evolution, from May 11 to 13.

Speakers at the event included:

- Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) who spoke about the Ministry's "role in recovery and rebuilding the Ontario economy post-pandemic."
- Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), who on Twitter said that it was "great to discuss how Ontario's environment and cleantech biz can take advantage of new markets, opportunities and thrive in the emerging sustainable economy."

Both Ministers have been regular participants in both their PEO Chapter and Queen's Park events. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was a guest speaker with Ministers and MPPs at the 2019 ONEIA Conference, which looked at emerging public policy issues.

It is important for PEO Chapters to invite MPPs to their own local events so that they can become familiar with the work that engineers do, and to raise the profile of PEO and its regulatory role.

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Over 600 people participated online, including over 400 voting PEO members. This was the largest number of attendees at a PEO AGM in over a decade.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) participated in the AGM. He was introduced by 2020-21 President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., who acknowledged their shared background. They served in their youth as Pages in the Ontario Legislature.

He congratulated PEO for their successful year in managing the business of the association with the challenges of Covid-19.

The Attorney General also thanked engineers for harnessing technology to keep people safe, recognizing their creativity and adaptability throughout the pandemic.

He said he had a special fascination for the profession growing up, having had members of his own family working in the sector.

He also complimented PEO Council on doing the important work in moving changes forward towards implementing mandatory continued professional development.

The Attorney General said he was also pleased that the Government was able to proclaim a number of changes to the *Professional Engineers Act*, some after a decade, that helped PEO's ability to regulate the profession.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Windsor-Essex GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which PEO Chapter held their Engineering Project of the Year Ceremony on April 21?

Answer: PEO York Chapter.

This week's question: Which PEO Chapter participated in an event with **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) on May 12?

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, May 24.

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



Asif Khan, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia.

UPCOMING ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Friday—Virtual Coffee Hour with **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe), NDP Children and Youth Critic from 3 to 4 PM. To register visit <https://www.teresaarmstrong.com/coffeehour>

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



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