

**Name:**

David Lapp

Employer and position:

Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction
Senior Advisor on Resilient Infrastructure (part-time)

Degree(s), school(s) attended, year(s) of graduation:

Bachelor of Applied Science (Geological Engineering),
University of Toronto, 1978

Employment history:

1997-2020 - Engineers Canada - Director Professional and International Affairs (5.5 years), Manager, Professional Practice (11 years), Manager Globalization and Sustainable Development (4.5 years)

Participation on PEO Council, committee/task forces, chapters:

Member PEO ACDE Task Force - 1998-1999
Guest speaker on climate change and infrastructure, environment and sustainability practice and other practice related issues at numerous chapter organized events

Other professional affiliations and community service:

Fellow Canadian Academy of Engineers
Fellow Engineers Canada
Special Olympics Ottawa - bowling and swimming coach
Former volunteer Canadian Association of Disabled Skiers - NCR Region
Chair and member of Ottawa Citadel Salvation Army Church Building Advisory Committee and long-time kettle volunteer
Former chair/volunteer member on community association and recreation boards

Years of registration in Ontario: 41.00

Candidate statement:

After 23 years as a senior staff member at Engineers Canada serving our profession at the national and international level I believe I can bring a rather unique and fresh perspective to the regulatory and advocacy matters that PEO is examining in its drive towards organizational excellence and a revised governance model. While these processes are hopefully concluding in the coming months the discussion will move towards the development and implementation in the 2023-2025 strategic plan that produces results and outcomes that establish PEO as a modern and relevant regulator among its provincial and territorial peers and other professions.

The 2023-2025 strategic plan should increase focus on regulation of the practice period of an engineer following admission. Practice guidance on issues that impact professional practice such as sustainability, climate change and environmental stewardship also reflect the importance of these issues to the public interest and increase the relevancy and value of self-regulation. This includes continuing professional development in these and other practice-related areas to assure the public that our licence holders remain current. Enhanced enforcement of the Act not just based on title infringement, but also scope of practice infringement needs tools and processes and dedicated resources to be effective. And lastly, an enhanced engagement of PEO in public policy matters that put the public interest at risk should be considered an important component of PEOs work ahead. PEO needs to enhance its participation in public policy areas where the public interest is at risk and that would benefit from the objective and unbiased engineering perspective that is focused on the public good.

Over the past 20 years, I was able to work with dedicated engineers and the engineering regulators across Canada on the issues of sustainability, climate change and environmental stewardship as these impact the practice of engineering. PEO has been largely absent from this space and I believe these elements, particularly climate change, need much more attention and profile within PEO, given the huge impact on the public interest. We can consult with our fellow regulators like Engineers and Geoscientists BC on policies and plans that are well into implementation and incorporate the best features and their learnings so far into PEO's next strategic plan.