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PEO representatives attended the 2022 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala on November 18 in Vaughan. In the photo (left to right) are Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., past president **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., CEO **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., Councillor at Large **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., Councillor **Sherlock Sung**, Vice President of Policy and Governance **Dan Abrahams**, and Councillor **Randy Walker**, P.Eng.

MINISTER AND FORMER GG ATTEND ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARDS GALA

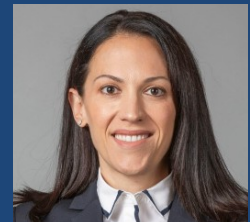
VAUGHAN - Over 350 engineering leaders from across the province participated in the 75th annual Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala in Vaughan on November 18 to honour engineering professionals. Former PEO President **Bob Goodings**, P.Eng., was given the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement award.

In attendance were **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge) Ontario Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, TVO's **Steve Paikin**, former Governor General **Julie Payette**, Centre Wellington Mayor **Shawn Watters**, and a number of PEO councillors and staff.

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Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.

PEO ANNOUNCES NEW CEO APPOINTMENT



Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng., will become the new PEO CEO/Registrar on January 9, 2023.

On November 17, PEO Council announced the appointment of their new CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., effective January 9, 2023.

Ms. Quaglietta previously served as the Vice President of Performance Excellence and Information Services at Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada and on the Board of Trustees at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

She holds a Master of Business Administration program from the Rotman School of Management and the University of Toronto's Bachelor of Applied Science and Engineering program.

She will be responsible for PEO's administration of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Under the authority of the act, PEO licenses professional engineers, and sets standards for and regulates engineering so that the public interest is served and protected. She will succeed **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., FEC, who announced his intention to retire in March 2022.

"On behalf of our Council, I'm thrilled to welcome Jennifer to our organization," said PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. "Jennifer has achieved extensive success and leadership in activities supporting public protection, policy and strategy, operations, and quality improvement. These skills will be invaluable as we continue to fulfil our legislative mandate."

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

TWO MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington) (centre) and **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (centre right) attended PEO Oakville Chapter's Take Your MPP to Work Day at Siemens Canada Limited Headquarters on November 18. Also in the photo are (left to right) Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., President and CEO of Siemens **Faisal Kazi**, P.Eng., Managing Director of Siemens Healthcare Limited **Sevket On**, and Oakville Chapter Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng.

OAKVILLE - Two MPPs participated in an Oakville Chapter Take Your MPPs to Work Day, at Siemens Canada Limited Headquarters on November 18. They were newly appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) and **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

Siemens Canada President and CEO **Faisal Kazi**, P.Eng., and Managing Director of Siemens Healthcare **Sevket On** gave the MPPs and PEO representatives a tour of the facility. They also provided live demonstrations of their cutting-edge and innovative technologies.

A number of PEO Oakville Chapter representatives participated including GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Chapter Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng. This was the 8th Take Your MPP to Work for Oakville Chapter since 2013.

MPP Crawford told the audience, "I'm not an engineer but there are a lot of engineers in my family and I have a great respect for this profession."

MPP Triantafilopoulos was excited to attend the Take Your MPP to Work Day, and said it is a "wonderful initiative." This is her third time participating in the event.

The MPPs were both first elected in 2018.

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER MEETS WITH MPP



Aris Babikian, MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt) (centre) met with PEO Scarborough Chapter secretary **Shinta Gragossian**, P.Eng., (left) and Vice Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., (right) at his constituency office on November 18.

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Vice Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., and Secretary **Shinta Gragossian**, P.Eng., met with **Aris Babikian**, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt) at his constituency office on November 18. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** joined the meeting via phone call.

Mr. Jacob provided *GLP Weekly Times* with the following summary of the meeting:

"Ms. Gragossian explained to MPP Babikian the different activities of the PEO Scarborough chapter and invited him to attend the upcoming Mechatronics event. She also extended an invitation to him to visit some of their engineers at their workplace under the Take your MPP to Work program and he was keen on being a part of this.

Mr. Jacob provided more clarity on the impacts of the amended *The Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACKTA) and assured the MPP that PEO would provide additional information, when available, to keep the MPPs informed and engaged in what PEO is doing as the regulator.

Mr. Brown presented an overview on the recent amendments to the FARPACKTA. He also highlighted the advantages of PEO's coming mandatory continuous development program and explained the benefits of keeping engineers up to date in their respective fields."

MINISTER AND FORMER GG ATTEND ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARDS GALA



Minsiter **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge) (centre) was a special guest at the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala on November 18. Also in the photo are PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**, former PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Centre Wellington Mayor **Shawn Watters**, former Governor General of Canada **Julie Payette**, author **Francesca Grosso**, TVO's **Steve Paikin**, Brown & Cohen CEO **Kim Cohen**, and **Paulette Senior**, CEO and President of the Canadian Women's Foundation.

VAUGHAN - The 75th annual Ontario Professional Engineer Awards (OPEA) gala was held on November 18 at Universal Event Space in Vaughan. The evening was sponsored by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and recognized professional engineers in Ontario, who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and community.

Former PEO President **Bob Goodings**, P.Eng., was awarded the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. He served on PEO Council for many years and was PEO president when the Government Liaison Program was established in 2005.

Special guests attending included:

- **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge), Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.
- Former Governor General **Julie Payette**
- New Centre Wellington Mayor **Shawn Watters**
- Former PEO President's Award Winner **Steve Paikin**

PEO representatives attending included CEO **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., past president **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., Councillor at Large **Chantal Chiddel**, P.Eng., and councillors **Randy Walker**, P.Eng., and **Sherlock Sung**, as well as as Vice President of Policy and Governance **Dan Abrahams**, and Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) spoke by video and brought greetings on behalf of the government.



Bob Goodings, P.Eng., was awarded the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala.

FORMER PEO PRESIDENT WINS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Recipients of the 2022 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards.
PHOTO CREDIT: OPEA website <https://opeawards.ca/gallery/>

VAUGHAN - The Ontario Professional Engineers Award Gala was held on November 18. There were 10 award recipients:

- Former PEO President **Bob Goodings** P.Eng., was given the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Dr. Janusz Koziński**, P.Eng., Dean of Faculty of Engineering at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay was given the Gold Medal
- **Jeanette Southwood**, P.Eng., the Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, at Engineers Canada was given the Citizenship Award
- **Dr. Robert Delatolla**, P.Eng., University of Ottawa Professor of Civil Engineering and **Cory Jones**, P.Eng., President, Neegan Burnside Ltd. were given the Engineering Excellence Award
- **Dr. Daolun Chen**, P.Eng., Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Toronto Metropolitan University and **Dr. Kibret Mequanint**, P.Eng., Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering at Western University were given the Research and Development Award
- **Dr. Roderick C. Tennyson**, P.Eng., University of Toronto Professor of Aerospace was given the Management Category Award
- **Dr. Saad Younis Jasim**, P.Eng., Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Windsor University was given the Entrepreneurship Award
- **Dr. Pirathayini Srikantha**, P.Eng., Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at the Lassonde School of Engineering was given the Young Professional Award
- **Natural Resources Canada's Port Granby Project** was given the Project of The Year Award for relocating waste and marginally contaminated soil to an engineered aboveground mount

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features newly elected MPP, **Rick Byers**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound) and **Jennifer Stevens**, MPP (St. Catharines), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

RICK BYERS, MPP



Rick Byers, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound)

Rick Byers represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. He was first elected in the June 2022 election.

Early in his career Mr. Byers served as Special Assistant in Tax Policy for former Minister of Finance, **Michael Wilson**.

Mr. Byers also served as the Vice-Chair of the South East Grey Community Health Centre and as Treasurer of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 333.

MPP Byers was a Chartered Accountant with Thorne Riddell (now KPMG), and the Managing Director of Government Investment Banking at Burns Fry/BMO Capital Markets.

JENNIFER (JENNIE) STEVENS, MPP

Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens is a member of the New Democratic Party as the critic for Veterans, Legions and Military Affairs, Sport, and Tourism. She is the first woman to hold the seat for the city of St. Catharines.

Prior to MPP Stevens' election in 2018, she was a city councillor for Merriton Ward for 15 years. She has a background in the not-for profit sector, having served on the St. Catharines Budget Committee, the Merriton Athletic Association, and the board of the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre.

On her website, it says that she strongly advocates for affordable housing, tenant rights and mental health and addiction.



Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens, MPP (St. Catharines)

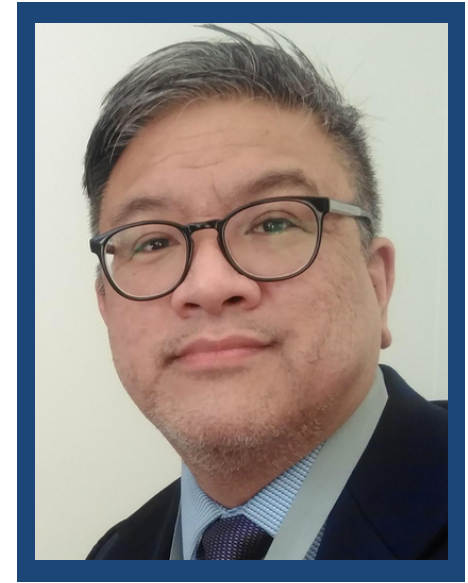
GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to.

Last week's question: Which MPP attended PEO Upper Canada Chapter 100th anniversary event on November 10?

This week's question: Which chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day event on November 18?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Howard Brown at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, November 28.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, December 1 - All Hands on Deck: Building an Ontario that Works for Everyone featuring **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. Location: Château Laurier, Adam Room. Cost: \$120. To register, [click here](#).

Saturday, December 3 - NDP London Riding Associations host a Meet the Leadership candidates for their party. Only one candidate has declared so far, **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) Location: 572 Adelaide St N, London. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

Tuesday, December 6 - Rethinking the Citizen Experience Online featuring **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East—Cooksville) Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Government of Ontario. Location: Virtual. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, December 8 - An Evening with Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South), President of the Treasury Board. Location: Toronto to be announced. Cost: \$1000. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, December 8 - Fundraising Dinner with Liberal Deputy Leader **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood), her party's Critic for Education, Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Treasury Board, and Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. Location: JC's Banquet & Convention Centre, 1686 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough. Cost: \$150. To register, [click here](#).

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. Our next issue is December 2.

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