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Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (third from left) and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education (fourth from right), participated in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter's AGM on February 9. Also in the photo are (from left to right): PEO President-elect **Greg Wowchuk**, P.Eng., Lake Ontario Chapter Treasurer **Penelope Williams**, P.Eng., Lake Ontario Chapter Chairs **Rohan Service**, P.Eng., and **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., and Lake Ontario Chapter Vice-Chair **Fereydoon Diba**, P.Eng.

TWO MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER AGM AND LICENSURE CEREMONY

WHITBY - **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education participated in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter's AGM on February 9 at the 12welve Bistro in Whitby. Over 60 people attended the event and over 25 received their licences. PEO President-elect **Greg Wowchuk**, P.Eng., also attended.

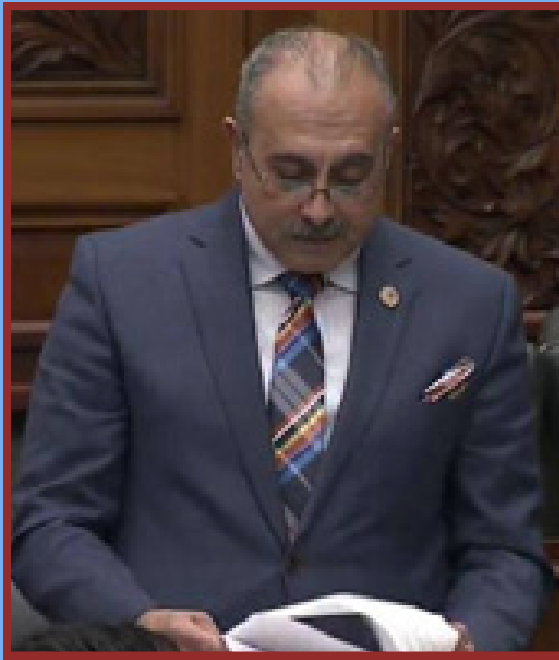
MPP Coe and MPP Barnes provided personalized scrolls to each of the new licensees. **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham), Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery sent along scrolls as he was unable to attend.

Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that MPP Coe spoke about the importance of PEO's role as the regulator of the engineering profession in Ontario. He met with GLP Reps on February 1.

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MPP ACKNOWLEDGES ONTARIO'S P.ENG DAY IN THE LEGISLATURE



Sheref Sabawy, MPP (Mississauga - Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery spoke to the Ontario Legislature about Professional Engineers Day on February 29.



PEO Mississauga Chapter Chair **Karanjeet Singh**, P.Eng. (left), and PEO West Central Regional Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. (right), celebrated P.Eng. Day with Chapter representatives on February 29.

Sheref Sabawy, MPP (Mississauga - Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, spoke to the legislature on February 29 and told his fellow MPPs that March 1 is Ontario's Professional Engineers Day. He said:

"March 1 marks Professional Engineers Day. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate all professional engineers of Ontario and thank them for their efforts. You are building Ontario for all of us."

MPP Sabawy holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Alexandria University in Egypt.

Professional Engineers Day was an initiative by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE).

PEO Mississauga Chapter also celebrated Professional Engineers Day at their recent Chapter Board meeting on February 29. In attendance were PEO West Central Regional Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., the Chapter Chair **Karanjeet Singh**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and other members of the Mississauga Chapter Board attended.

In 2018, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario formally designated March 1 as Professional Engineers Day. This observance celebrates the contributions of professional engineers in shaping, innovating, and safeguarding our province.

PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER DISCUSSES LICENSING INITIATIVES WITH LOCAL MPP



Sheref Sabawy, MPP (Mississauga - Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (left), met with PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (right) on February 23.

MISSISSAUGA - PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., met with **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga - Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery on February 23 at his constituency office.

They discussed:

- PEO and Mississauga Chapter activities
- The status of *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and the PEO licensing process
- Implementation of mandatory Continuing Professional Development / PEAK

As reported on page 2, MPP Sabawy acknowledged Professional Engineer's Day in the legislature.

PEO Chapters are encouraged to meet with their MPPs in order to align with the Government's expectations of a regulatory body acting in the public interest.

LIBERAL MPPS GET NEW CRITIC POSTS

Ontario Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie** has announced new critic roles for many of her caucus. **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa—Vanier), remains Critic for the Attorney General, who has responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*. For more information about the new critic roles and responsibilities, please see [here](#).

John Fraser



MPP (Ottawa South), Parliamentary Leader and Critic for Children, Social and Community Services; and Seniors and Long-term Care.

Lucille Collard



MPP (Ottawa—Vanier), House Leader and Critic for Justice Issues and Francophone Issues.

Stephen Blais



MPP (Orléans), Caucus Chair and Critic for Infrastructure, and Municipalities; and Labour and Skills Training.

Stephanie Bowman



MPP (Don Valley West), Critic for Finance, Jobs and the Economy; and Tourism, Culture, and Sport.

Adil Shamji



MPP (Don Valley East), Critic for Health; Housing; and Northern and Indigenous Issues.

Mary-Margaret McMahon



MPP (Beaches—East York), Critic for the Environment and Climate Change.

Ted Hsu



MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Critic for Energy and Natural Resources, and Agricultural and Rural Issues.

Karen McCrimmon



MPP (Kanata—Carleton), Critic for Education, Colleges and Universities.

Andrea Hazell



MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood), Critic for Transportation; Multiculturalism; and Women's Issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PEO ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR BARRIE



The 2024 PEO Annual Meeting will take place in Barrie, part of the constituency of Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) (above)

As reported in previous *PEO GLP Weekly Times* issues, the 2024 PEO Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 20 in Barrie, the hometown of the Attorney General, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte). Minister Downey has been a remote speaker at previous PEO Annual Meetings over the last several years.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?



The goals of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) are:

- To ensure that the government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest.
- To have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs more than 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.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue will be March 15.

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