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PEO GLP volunteers take part in the first Government Liaison Committee (GLC) call of 2024.

## PEO PRESIDENT AND CEO ADDRESS GLP QUARTERLY CALL

The Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their quarterly call with GLP reps on April 16. The call was chaired by GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. A video introduction was given by PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. The call was coordinated by Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**.

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The GLC meeting saw over 50 GLP volunteers from across Ontario participate in the hour-long discussion

Mr. Lee overviewed the new updated mandate for GLC, and stated there would be an announcement in the coming days to recruit new GLC members.

Ms. Hamilton spoke on the value of different communications vehicles that Chapters can use to educate MPPs. This included the *GLP Weekly Times*, community and PEO events, *Engineering Dimensions*, and social media. She also walked through a comparison of year over year activities of the GLP, and encouraged PEO chapters to continue striving for MPP meetings in the coming months.

Mr. Khan, a member of the PEO Windsor/Essex chapter, spoke on the Take Your MPP to Work Day initiative. Mr. Khan orchestrated the most recent Day with **Anthony Leardi**, MPP (Essex), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, who previously had no familiarity with PEO.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** outlined the 2024 spring/summer talking points, which also included a reminder for the year's parliamentary calendar, the selection of new parliamentary assistants, and recent GLP and chapter successes.

Attendees included over 50 chapter representatives, as well as Western Region Councillor **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., and incoming PEO President-elect **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng. GLC is an oversight committee with responsibility for overseeing the Government Liaison Program.

CORRECTIONS: Last week's *GLP Weekly Times* misspelled the names of GLP representatives **Kiran Thomas**, P.Eng., and **Wintta Ghebreyesus**, P.Eng.





PEO Councillors pose for a photo at the 562nd Council Meeting on April 5.

## PEO HOLDS LAST MEETING OF 2023/2024 COUNCIL

PEO held its 562nd Council meeting on April 5 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. It was chaired by PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., who provided Council with an update on his recent activities and opportunities that he believes will be important for PEO in the upcoming term of office. Following the 2024 Annual General Meeting in Barrie on April 20, he will be hosting a visioning exercise to help develop a new PEO vision statement describing what the regulator aspires to achieve in the decades to come.

This was the last meeting of the 2023/2024 Council, with the next meeting with a kick-off for the new Council set to take place on May 3 either virtually or at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.

As reported in previous *PEO GLP Weekly Times*, PEO Council voted on and approved the appointment of **Ahmed Elshaer**, P.Eng., as the Northern Region Councillor for the 2024-2026 Council terms, in accordance with the “Filling a Councillor Vacancy” process set out at section 29.1 of By-Law No 1.

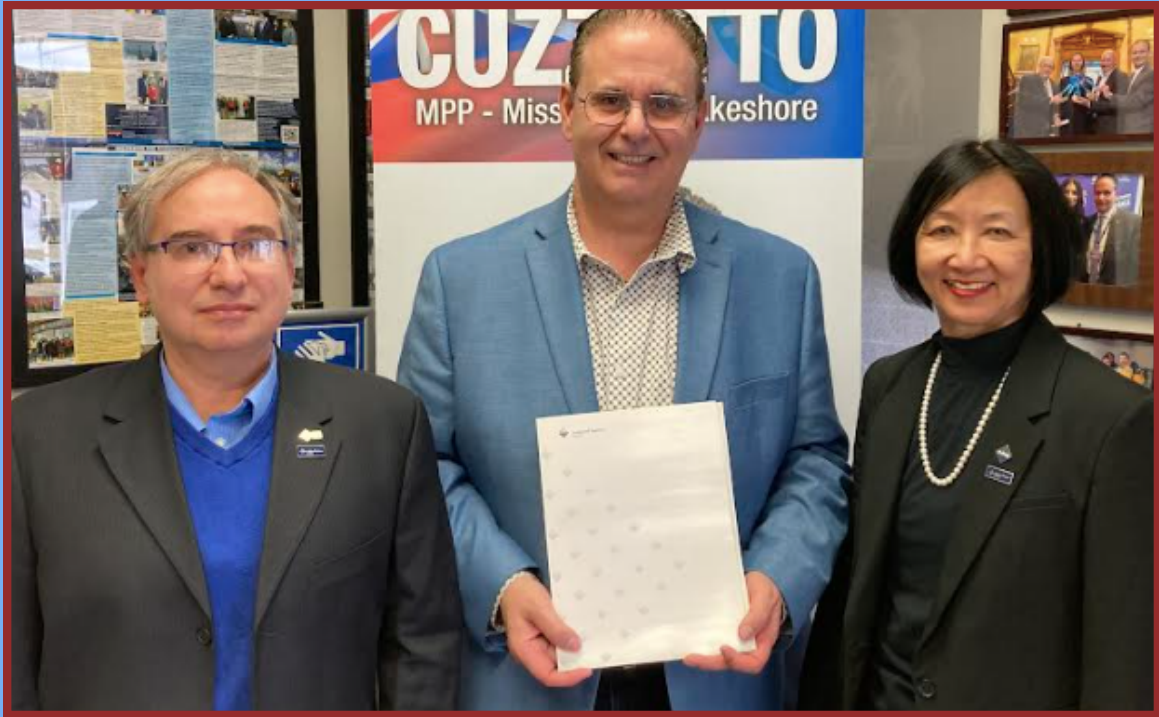


Additionally, PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., as well as the four committees of PEO Council and Engineers Canada provided reports on their recent activities. Council also voted in favour of:

- Endorsing the National Statement of Collaboration proposed by Engineers Canada;
- Approving the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023;
- Approving to discontinue the G. Gordon M. Sterling Engineering Intern Award Program.

For a full list of the dispositions from the Council meeting, please see [here](#).

## MPP / ENERGY PA MEETS WITH PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER



PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Rep **Erdem Bilaloglu**, P.Eng. (left), and Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., met with **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy (centre), on April 12.

MISSISSAUGA - **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore) met with PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and Mississauga Chapter GLP Rep **Erdem Bilaloglu**, P.Eng., at his constituency office on April 12. MPP Cuzzetto is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy.

The discussion centred on:

- PEO's mandate and goals
- Implementation of the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACKTA)
- The mandatory continuing professional development/PEAK Program
- Differences between the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and PEO

Mr Bilaloglu said MPP Cuzzetto was impressed with the success of PEO Mississauga Chapter's 2024 Mathletics event, and expressed interest in attending the 2025 event. He also expressed interest in participating in the Chapter's next Take Your MPP to Work day.

MPP Cuzzetto was first elected in 2018. His son is also an engineering student.



## PEO AGM THIS WEEKEND IN BARRIE



The 2024 PEO Annual General Meeting is taking place this weekend on April 20 at the Horseshoe Resort in Barrie.

This year's AGM will be held in a hybrid format. This means proceedings will be conducted via live webcast with some in-person participation. P.Eng. licence holders will have the opportunity to ask questions live (in person or virtually) or submit questions online during the meeting, as well as provide submissions in advance.

In-person space is limited. All wishing to attend the meeting must [pre-register online](#).

## 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 91,500 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/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue will be April 26.

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