



**MINUTES OF PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTIONS & TOWN HALL
Hellenic Cultural Centre, Windsor, Ontario
3052 Walker Rd N8W 3R3**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Members

Aakash Bagchi, P.Eng.
Ali Shahid, P.Eng.
Anna Godo, P.Eng.
Anthony Maria, P.Eng.
Asif Khan, P.Eng.
Babak Hajomohammadi, EIT
Bahir Haj-Khalil, P.Eng.
Bennett McLaughlin, P.Eng.
Cody Gillis, P.Eng.
Daniel Piescic, P.Eng.
Danny Castellan, P.Eng.
Erica Tilley, P.Eng.
Fouzia Baki Siddiq, P.Eng.
George Hadchiti, P.Eng.
Gordon Henry, P.Eng.
Gustavo Strange, P.Eng.
Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng.
Heila Norouzi, EIT
Jane He, P.Eng.
Jian Li, P.Eng.
Juliana Otero, P.Eng.

Maha Elia, EIT
Michael Mastronardi, P.Eng.
Michael Todd, P.Eng.
Mirella Allison, P.Eng.
Mirsad Mulaosmanovic, P.Eng.
Mohammed ElSayed, P.Eng.
Mohammed Sikandar Nawaz, P.Eng.
Omobobanle Okanlawon, P.Eng.
Preyash Shah, EIT
Quentin Mbunkah, P.Eng.
Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.
Rod Bustamante, P.Eng.
Saad Jasim, P.Eng.
Sean McCann, P.Eng.
Teagan Grinwis, EIT
Tiffany Pocock, P.Eng.
Tina Hawco, P.Eng.
Wanda Juricic, P.Eng.

Guests

Dr. Jennifer Sears
Gloria Dzikowski
Gregory Wowchuk, P.Eng., PEO President
Son of Gustavo Strange

In total, there were 43 attendees including 35 Licensed Engineers and 5 EITs that are members of the chapter, and 3 guests.

INTRODUCTION

Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng. opened the Windsor-Essex Annual General Meeting with a welcoming greeting at 6:04PM. She introduced Gregory P. Wowchuk, P.Eng., FEC, the President of PEO.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng. presented the agenda for the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Motion: *Moved by **Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.** and seconded by **Aakash Bagchi, P.Eng.** that the agenda of the 2025 Annual General Meeting for Professional Engineers Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter be accepted. @6:07 PM*

Carried

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng. asked the members to review the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting. The document was available on the chapter website. Some paper copies also were available during the meeting.

Motion: *Moved by **Dan Castellan, P.Eng.** and seconded by **Saad Jasim, P.Eng.** that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated March 6, 2024 be accepted.*

Carried

2024 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Hanan ElSayed P.Eng. provided the following highlights of the 2024 Chapter activities, the details of which were included in the newsletter, on behalf of the Board:

Education Committee

1. Windsor Regional Science, Technology and Engineering Fair was arranged on March 23 and 24, 2024 at the University of Windsor. The W-E chapter sponsored awards in four categories across various grade levels, with a total value of \$1,000.
2. There was an information session for New Licensure Process on July 25th, 2024. Almost 100 new graduates attended the event.
3. The First Lego League (for 4-16 years old) took place on November 30, 2024 at St. Clair College.

4. The First Tech Challenge was organized for 12 – 18 years old at St. Clair College on January 11, 2025.

Technical Programs Committee

Technical Programs Committee participated and/organized the following events.

1. Three successful tours of Gordie Howe International Bridge Construction site took place on February, 9 & 22 and April 22, 2024.
2. Two tours of Hallam Observatory in Cottam on July 17 and October 4, 2024 with 30 attendees.
3. Windsor Essex Wastewater Treatment Plant tours: On August 20, 2024 there was a Multi-facility wastewater treatment plant tour that took place with 26 participants.
4. On September 24, 2024, W-E chapter representatives organized an information booth for Engineering Information week at the University of Windsor.
5. Tech Talk Time – Talk #1: Topic was Marine Infrastructure and International Border Security by speaker Peter Berry, CEO and Harbour Master on February 12, 2025 at St. Clair College.
6. Tech Talk Time – Talk #2: Topic was Architectural Development of Queens Dock Pro Bono Project by speaker Jason Grossi, Architect at studio g+G Inc. and Assistant Professor of Architecture at University of Windsor on February 26, 2025 at St. Clair College.

Social Programs Committee

Social Programs Committee participated and/organized the following events.

1. Family Skate was organized on December 21, 2024 at WFCU centre with +100 participants.
2. Windsor-Essex PEO/OACETT Curling Bonspiel was on February 17, 2024 at Beach Grove Golf & Country Club Ltd.
3. 64th Annual Golf Day was on June 27th, 2024 at Kingsville Golf and Country Club.
4. Empowering women in engineering: Salsa dancing was organized on May 10 and September 27, 2024 at Shō Art Studios.
5. Innovation Stations: Engineering Your Life was organized on October 19, 2024 at Devonshire Mall.
6. Volunteer Recruitment Night was arranged on November 7, 2024, at Amalfi Panini Café.
7. Windsor-Essex PEO/ OACETT Curling Bonspiel was also hosted on March 1st, 2025, at Beach Grove Golf & Country Club Ltd.

Government Liaison Program (GLP)

Local MPPs recognized the achievements of new P.Eng by sending congratulatory letters and a video message. Letters were handed out during the different licence ceremonies, along with presentation of P.Eng. Licences to the new licensees.

Nominating Committee

1. The committee successfully selected three recipients for PEO scholarships.
2. Two licencing ceremonies were organized on May 2nd, 2024 and October 1, 2024 at Hellenic Cultural Centre of Windsor.

Officers' Led Programs

1. AGM was organized on March 6, 2024 at Ciociaro Club.
2. Annual Holiday Dinner was arranged on December 4, 2024 at Ciociaro Club.

Public Relations Committee

The committee sent 36 email blasts in 2024. Regular email blasts allowed members to be aware of the upcoming events. There was one newsletter published in 2024 and a second in early 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tech Talk Time – Talk #3: Geotechnical Testing for the Queens Dock Pro Bono Project will be March 18, 2025 at St. Clair College (main campus; 6:00 to 8:00pm; room A2204).
- Engineering Month Luncheon will be on March 28, 2025 at Caboto Hall. Contact: **Anna Godo, P.Eng** (ms.godo@gmail.com)
- Members are requested to contact **Sean McCann, P.Eng.** if they are interested in volunteering as judges in upcoming science fair on April 12, 2025 at St. Clair College.
- Next application for high school scholarship will be published soon.
- Spring License Ceremony is scheduled on April 24, 2025. Contact **Kevin Girard, P.Eng.** (kgirard01@gmail.com).
- PEO W-E chapter Pickle Ball event will be held on May 3rd, 2025 at The Pickleplex Social Club at Eastown Shopping Centre. Please contact **Juliana Otero, P.Eng.** (peng.juliano@gmail.com)

- PEO W-E chapter 65th Golf Tournament will be held on June 26, 2025 at Kingsville Golf & Country Club. Please contact **Juliana Otero, P.Eng** (peng.juliano@gmail.com) or Dan **Castellan, P.Eng.** (danc@uwindsor.ca).
- Ritual of Calling of an Engineer Ceremonies (Contact **S. McCann, P.Eng.** (spmccann13@hotmail.com)):
 - Spring Ceremony: March 26th, 2025 at Alumni Auditorium, University of Windsor.
 - Summer Ceremony: July 9th, 2025 at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts
- Run for Fun is planned for September-October 2025 using STRAVA APP. Contact: **Mohammed ElSayed, P.Eng.** (mohammed.abugabal@gmail.com)

2024 Financial Report

- **Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.** reminded the members that chapter no longer controls publishing the chapter budget. It is published by the PEO, so there is no approval necessary from the membership anymore.
- Just to notify the members, **Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.** informed that
 - Requested Budget: \$53,200
 - Approved Budget: \$44,440
- **Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.** also notified that the PEO has “use it or lose it” policy for the budgeted amount. That is the reason why the board decided to spend money to buy swags for distributing among the members during events with surplus money from 2023 budget.

Concluding Remarks from H. El-Sayed, P.Eng.

- **Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng.** mentioned that **Asif Khan, P.Eng.** received prestigious 2024 Windsor-Essex County Engineer of the Year award. **Radwan Tamr, P.Eng.** received recognition for his ten years of volunteering with PEO.
- **Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng.** congratulated **Asif Khan, P.Eng.** for his newly elected position of Vice President in PEO Council.
- **Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng.** acknowledged her appreciation of the board. Windsor-Essex board is recognized as the most active board in the western region of PEO.
- **Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng.** gave her email address to the members to contact her for questions and/comments.

- **Hanan El-Sayed P.Eng.** asked the members to keep in touch by following the chapter's activities on Facebook, checking emails on regular basis and attending chapter organized programs.

W-E CHAPTER BOARD ELECTION FOR 2025-2027

- Chapter Election Nominating Committee (CENC):

Juliana Otero, P.Eng., Chapter Election Officer

Tiffany Pocock, P.Eng. And Wanda Juricic, P.Eng. assisted as committee members

- The CENC confirmed receiving a complete slate of candidates. As per Chapter's by-laws, no nominations from the floor will be accepted. The existing board is dissolved at 6:49PM.

Officers for 2025-2027 (Nominations Received): All positions except the position of Vice Chair were acclaimed.

- Anna Godo, P.Eng. Chair
- Mohammed ElSayed, P.Eng. Vice Chair
- Dan Castellan, P.Eng. Vice Chair
- Radwan Tamr, P.Eng, Treasurer
- Fouzia Baki, P.Eng. Secretary
- Hanan El-Sayed, P.Eng. Past Chair (ex-officio)

Executives: 2025-2027 (Nominations Received):

- Sean McCann, P.Eng.
- Kevin Girard, P.Eng.
- Aakash Bagchi, P.Eng.
- Saad Younis Jasim, P.Eng.
- Erica Tilley, P.Eng.
- Helia Norouzi, EIT.

Voting Process for Electing Vice Chair Position

There were two candidates for the position of Vice Chair.

Election was arranged and executed by the CENC members by following steps.

- Both candidates, **D. Castella, P.Eng. and M. El Sayed, P.Eng** presented their brief bio in front of the members.
- Voting was performed. Scrutineers were **Babak Hajimohammadi, EIT** and The PEO president, **G. Wowchuk, P.Eng.**

- **D. Castellan, P.Eng.** won the election with 24 votes. **M. El Sayed, P.Eng.** received total of 14 votes.
- There was a motion to destroy the ballots (Moved by **S. McCann, P.Eng.** and seconded by **A. Godo, P.Eng.**)
- There was an open position for chapter executive. **R. Tamr, P.Eng.** nominated **M. El Sayed, P.Eng.** for that position. **A. Khan, P.Eng.** seconded it. Motion carried.
- **H. El-Sayed, P.Eng.** gave the floor to new Chair of the board **A. Godo, P.Eng.**
- **A. Godo, P.Eng.** invited the President **G. Wowchuk, P.Eng.** to make a few remarks for the chapter. Some highlights of the speech of the President.

The President mentioned that there is a new economic climate emerging. Engineers will play a vital role. He recognized W-E chapter as one of the most active chapters. There is also a change coming up in terms of licensing process. President mentioned that in Ontario, engineers want to remain as a self-governed profession.

- In the next phase, **A. Godo, P.Eng.** opened the floor for discussion. She requested members to remain connected with the chapter.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 7:54 PM

Motion: *Moved by **Anthony Maria, P.Eng.** seconded by **T. Pocock, P.Eng.** that the 2025 Windsor-Essex Chapter AGM be adjourned.*

Carried

The meeting minutes were recorded by **Fouzia Baki, P.Eng.** who should be contacted regarding any errors or omissions.