



**NOTICE OF PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**March 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM to 9 PM**

Location: **HILTON LAC-LEAMY, 3 boulevard du Casino, Gatineau, Québec J8Y 6X4**

Keynote Speaker: **Leonard MacEachern, PhD, P.Eng., "Use of AI in the Engineering Profession"**

For registration and more information, refer to  
[a](#) coming Eventbrite notification that will be e-blasted to Chapter Members

**About the Ottawa Chapter**

PEO chapters are the local presence for Professional Engineers Ontario in 36 regions across the province. The PEO – Ottawa Chapter (oPEO) was founded in 1960 and is now the second largest Chapter in Ontario, with over 9,500 members.

Through our events, each year the oPEO implements programs: 1) to facilitate communication between PEO Council and its members; 2) to provide a forum for discussion of local engineering matters, professional development and social outreach; and 3) to promote public awareness of the engineering profession.

**Chair's Report**

On behalf of the Ottawa chapter executive, I am pleased to present a summary of the chapter's accomplishments and activities for 2025.

The year commenced with a strategic visioning session in Toronto, focused on reviewing chapter activities across the 36-Chapter Network, identifying collaborative opportunities, and translating these outcomes into a comprehensive Chapter Procedures Manual.

New license presentations were conducted in-person across three events, beginning with the Annual General Meeting and followed by two dedicated new member nights in June and November.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on March

28, 2025, and featured a keynote presentation by Ottawa Nightlife Commissioner, Mathieu Grondin.

In 2023, substantial revisions were made to the Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) application process and licensing framework. These modifications were enacted to align with provincial government mandates, specifically amendments to the Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACKTA). Key changes include the prerequisite for prospective applicants to demonstrate requisite academic and experiential qualifications prior to application, and the implementation of a competency-based assessment for evaluating experience. Further, in November 2025, Council approved a reduction in the experience licensing requirement from four years down to two, thus shortening the path to licensure.

The Engineering Intern (EIT) program was suspended on May 15, 2023. However, this program is scheduled for reinstatement as a pathway to licensure upon the enactment of amendments to the Professional Engineers Act by Parliament within the forthcoming years.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the committed volunteers that contribute to the work of the Chapter, as well as to the diligent members of the executive committee. Your support and unwavering commitment to the profession and to the chapter are greatly valued.

We look forward to connecting with you at one of our upcoming Chapter meetings or events.

## Ottawa Chapter Committees

- **Awards Committee:** to recognize outstanding work of local engineers and engineering students.
- **Communications Committee:** to inform local members of events, opportunities and news.
- **Education & Outreach Committee:** to organize educational and engaging activities in the community to inspire youth, students, professionals and the public to explore engineering as a career.
- **Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program Committee:** to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among Ottawa engineers and engineering students for the economic and employment benefit of the community.
- **Sustainability & Green Energy Committee:** to organize sustainability symposiums contributing to a cultural shift to sustainability.
- **Government Liaison Program (GLP) Committee:** to improve the visibility of engineers to political decision-makers, and encourage engineers to be more politically involved.
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (NEW):** to establish a supportive and welcoming environment within oPEO - creating a diverse, equal and inclusive environment is not only important for members, but it can also improve volunteer recruitment and innovation efforts.
- **Membership Committee:** to welcome new licence holders (P.Eng.) by organizing new member events.
- **Nominating Committee:** to nominate the slate of officers and executives to serve on the Ottawa Chapter.

## 2025 Year in Review

The events were;

**February 25**-NRC Engineering Challenge

**March 17** – Entrepreneurship Seminar- Abdul Kader Jaber, M.Eng. P.Eng. of Structable Engineering.

**March 21** – NEM at uOttawa: Engineering for the Future

**March 25** - Sustainability & Green Energy: Gas Turbine Testing, Cognitive Thinking, Lunar Agriculture.

**March 28** – oPEO AGM and New Members night

**May 6** - Entrepreneurship Seminar- Vincent Donato

**June 29** – New Members night

**August 19**- Constuction Innovation: Mr. Aguiade Sebai, P.Eng. from Stantec, and Dr. Omar Abdelalim,P.Eng., from Lampkin Structural Services Ltd.

**Sept 27**-St. Albert Cheese Factory Tour

**October 21**- Entrepreneurship Seminar: Client Acquisition Workshop by Alex Thoric.

**November 20** -Careers Night at John McCrae Secondary School: Engineering as a Profession.

**November 27**- Innovation Challenge/UofO Design Day

**November 27** – New Members night

**December 3**-Tour of uOttawa Makerspace

## Annual General Meeting

The 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the HILTON LAC-LEAMY, 3 boulevard du Casino, Gatineau, Québec J8Y 6X4. There will be no virtual connection for this in-person event

The AGM will consist of a business meeting with the chapter executive presenting details of 2025 Chapter activities as well as the chapter business plan for 2026 and a financial summary of last year. In addition, there will be a certificate presentation to new licence holders. We look forward to seeing you.

## 2026 Ottawa Chapter Nominations

It is the duty of the nominating committee to nominate the slate of officers and executives to serve on the Ottawa Chapter. In accordance with Section 7 of the Chapter By-laws, the committee is pleased to present the following for the 2026 officers and executive slate of candidates:

### Officers:

Chair: Alex Polyak, P.Eng.

Vice-Chair: Emil Joannou, P.Eng.

Treasurer: Behrooz Abbaszadeh, EIT

Secretary: Pedro Gomez, P.Eng.

### Directors:

Mohamad Alzayed, P.Eng.

Alain Basakay, P. Eng.

Joe Podrebarac, P.Eng

Hooman Mohammadin EIT

James Ramage P.Eng.

Sucha Mann, P.Eng.

Any member may nominate another member for a position on the executive committee following the publication date, as per our by-laws.

Written nominations (hardcopy) must be received by the chapter by Friday March 6, 2026 at 23:59, and are to be mailed to: Nominating Committee, c/o Secretary, PEO Ottawa Chapter, Suite M004, 1554 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1Z 7M4.

## Contact Information Changing?

Make sure PEO has your up-to-date email address. You can update your contact information directly [at](https://secure.peo.on.ca/ebusiness/home) the PEO portal (<https://secure.peo.on.ca/ebusiness/home>), or send your new contact information via e-mail to: [documentcentre@peo.on.ca](mailto:documentcentre@peo.on.ca).

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## PEO Ottawa Chapter Communications

The PEO Ottawa Chapter communicates with members primarily by email and social media to share upcoming initiatives and events, such as the annual general meeting, licence certificate ceremonies, technical talks, tours and other exciting opportunities.

To receive emails from PEO Ottawa Chapter, login to the PEO Portal, click "Chapters", select "Chapter Communications", select "YES" at the bottom of the page and click "Save".

Access the PEO Member Portal at:  
<https://secure.peo.on.ca/ebusiness/home>.

## Stay in Touch!

Check out our chapter website at  
<https://www.peo.on.ca/chapters/ottawa>  
for information about the PEO Ottawa chapter.



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