



Scarborough Chapter

MEETING:	PEO Scarborough Chapter Board Meeting			
DATE:	Friday, May 10, 2019	TIME:	6.30 PM ET	
LOCATION:	360 India Restaurant, 2761 Markham Rd, Scarborough, ON M1X 0A4.			
CHAPTER BOARD:	Lin (Victor) Lan, P. Eng., LEED AP. Peng Zhang, P. Eng., LEED AP Murad Hussain, M. Eng., P.Eng Javeed Ahmed Khan, Ph.D., P.Eng, SMIEEE Rajendra Gadhvi, P.Eng. Elvis (Pinjing) Wang, P.Eng., LEED AP Shinta Gragossain, EIT Santosh Gupta, P. Eng. René Siguenza, P. Eng. Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.	Chair Vice Chair Past Chair Treasurer Secretary Executive Executive Executive Executive Councilor	x x x x x x x x x x	GUESTS ----- Volunteers Councilor

1. **Call to Order**

- 1.1. **Victor** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm (1 min)
- 1.2. Introduction of attendees (5 min)
- 1.3. Welcome by Chair (5 min)

2. **Routine Business**

- 2.1. Confirmation of Quorum (1 min)
- 2.2. Approval of Agenda -Moved by **Peng**, Seconded by **Murad**, all in favour. (2 min)
- 2.3. Approval of Minutes of meeting #3 of April 3, 2019. Moved by **Javeed**, seconded by **Peng** all in favour (5 min)
- 2.4. Monthly Financial Statement – (**Javeed**) (5min); **Javeed** informed that the second instalment from PEO was received. He further stated that there is a cheque with PEO, for which **Murad** suggested that he should get it back, void it and adjust the financial statement. **Murad** inquired if there was any amount remaining from BBC/SRSC, to which **Javeed** submitted that he would know that only after bifurcating the accounts for both the programs.

3. **Decisions/Special**

- 3.1.

4. **Input/Action Items**

4.1. Progress Reports

- 4.1.1. Seminar (**Elvis**) - **Murad** submitted that he will prepare the complete portfolio and the presentation for the seminar topic “Registering an Engineering Firm” and thereafter request a date for the booking of the venue. **Jega** suggested a booking date can be requested to complete booking and meantime preparations can be completed. It was decided to book the committee room in Civic Center for May 27th, 2019.
- 4.1.2. MERC (**Murad**) – In relation to the portal developed, **Murad** emphasized that he would require a dedicated Windows Server or cloud shell to launch on the Mainframe. He requested a 2-month time to check with PEO’s IT Department to get advice on the issue. He informed that further fund has not been released by PEO which will be now released as he has sent the proof of payment for the already released fund.
- 4.1.3. LAP (**Peng**) – **Peng** informed that the LAP program will run from September to April and thus it was too early to initiate, but she will contact PEO in August. **Jega** brought up the discussion of some programs (matching many mentors with



Scarborough Chapter

MEETING:	PEO Scarborough Chapter Board Meeting		
DATE:	Friday, May 10, 2019	TIME:	6.30 PM ET

many mentees) run by other Chapters which merited consideration. In this connection it was felt that the chapter web site would have to have a provision for a structured approach with meetings every once a month. **Peng** stressed that at the present we are following the PEO guidelines.

- 4.1.4. MEE (**Rene/Murad**) – **Murad** informed that this year participation has been good, and to overcapacity. There were 32 participants against a cap of 20. **Murad** further elaborated that 2 kits were broken, and that he requires more amount (Approximately \$ 500) to repair/replace parts and kits. He requested approval so that he can avail of the deals in this connection. Approval was deferred till next meeting.
- 4.1.5. GLP (**Santosh/Rajendra/Samuel**) – Samuel took part in PC party budget breakfast party and will send a brief report to PEO.
- 4.1.6. Women 30 by 30 (**Shinta/Karthiga**) – **Shinta** reported the salient aspects of the Women 30 by 30 discussed during the meeting they attended. She reported that each chapter has been advised to have a committee to prepare programs specifically for women engineers. A committee will be set up and **Shinta** will be chair of Women 30 by 30 committee and Cherrise will be supporting member.
- 4.1.7. STEMZ night of school (**Murad/Shinta**) – **Murad** submitted that the STEMZ night could not be attended due to lack of information. We will attend this event next year.
- 4.1.8. PEO AGM (**Victor/Peng**) – **Victor** and **Peng** attended the AGM on May 3rd and May 4th which included Chapter Leadership Conference and Gala on Friday evening where past chair of Scarborough Chapter Mr. Narayanapillai Asogan was awarded the PEO's Order of Honour. They reported that the AGM included many submissions and discussions.
- 4.1.9. Special Funding (**Murad**) – **Murad** presented the concept of software engineering (Programming) he plans to introduce into the MEE program which has covered many items in engineering. Further elaborating he stated that in the morning kids will assemble the robots and senior kids in the afternoon will program the robots. He plans to form groups of 4 students and would require 5 to 6 tablets to be purchased. He estimated the cost of tablet to be approximately \$ 200/piece and would prepare a proposal to submit a special funding request for \$ 3500/-.

4.2. Upcoming events

- 4.2.1. LPC (**Peng/Santosh/Shinta/Rajendra**) – **Peng** informed that today we had received the list from PEO and an official invitation to register would be sent today by email to the recipients. **Jega, Murad, and Shinta** volunteered to help for the function on Saturday June 8, 2019. A volunteer meeting is set up for May 14, 2019 at the La Sani Grill.
- 4.2.2. Technical Tour (**Elvis**) – **Elvis** suggested a technical tour to TORONTO PAN AM SPORTS CENTER, which was appreciated by all. He elaborated and informed the board that the tour is for 2 hours, it is free for engineers, and that the maximum number of participants can be 25. Two other options were suggested, one for tour to Chepoke Waterloo for rock climbing, and the other for TTC Streetcars and Subways.
- 4.2.3. Annual Family BBQ (Rene) – Annual BBQ would be on July 20th.

4.3. Web Updates



Scarborough Chapter

MEETING:	PEO Scarborough Chapter Board Meeting		
DATE:	Friday, May 10, 2019	TIME:	6.30 PM ET

5. Information

5.1 Councillors' Report. (5 mts each)

Councillor, Arthur Sinclair advised Chair and Vice Chair to access the report in connection to regulatory role of PEO prepared by a consultant. He further elaborated that this report is purported to present PEO lacking in areas like enforcement and standards of practice and stands to bring the chapters to more scrutiny. According to him the role of chapters would be brought into question and advised that it would be prudent for the chapters to bring the regulatory aspects/elements into the chapter activities and find industry partners, particularly societies like Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Mechanical Engineers, Chemical Engineers, IEEE, etc.

6. Other Business: (5 mts)

6.1.1 **Murad** put forward a proposal to volunteer for City of Toronto's building park and revitalization project for Glen Morgan Park in Scarborough with or without donation of \$ 500/-. He further informed that the training for the same would be provided on May 30th, 2019 and the event is slated for June 30th, 2019. The Board has decided not to make the donation.

7. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment – 2 mts

- 7.1. Next meeting set for June 07 at 6:30pm, Venue: Centre for Immigrant and Community Services 2330 Midland Avenue, Toronto, ON M1S5G5, booking by **Asogan. Victor** to bring refreshment.
- 7.2. Adjournment. Motion moved by **Peng**, seconded by **Elvis**.
- 7.3. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM ET

Volunteers:

- Jega Jaganathan, Ph.D., P.Eng.
- Samuel Jacob, P.Eng.
- N. Asogan, P.Eng.
- Cherisse Diaram, EIT
- Stephan Shatara,
- Pulanthiran Balasingam