



Scarborough Chapter

MEETING:	PEO Scarborough Chapter Board Meeting				
DATE:	Friday, June 18, 2021	TIME:	6.30 PM ET		
LOCATION:	Zoom				
CHAPTER BOARD:	Peng Zhang, P.Eng., LEED AP	Chair	X	Guests	
	Rajendra Gadhvi, P.Eng.	Vice Chair	X		
	Lin (Victor) Lan, P.Eng., LEED AP., FEC	Past Chair	X	Volunteers	
	Shinta Gragossian, P.Eng.	Treasurer	X		
	Samuel Jacob, P.Eng.	Secretary	X	Councilors	
	Dr. Santosh Gupta, P.Eng.	Executive	X		
	René Siguenza, P.Eng.	Executive	X		
	Rui Li, P.Eng.	Executive	X		
	Cherisse Diaram, EIT	Executive	X		

1. **Call to Order**

- 1.1. **Peng Zhang P.Eng., LEED AP**, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- 1.2. Introduction of attendees (5 min). The BOE members, volunteers, PEO Councillors introduced themselves individually, as we had first time attendee, PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson LGA**, who attended as a guest and introduced herself to the members.
- 1.3. Welcome by Chair; Peng Zhang welcomed all to the BOE Meeting.

2. **Routine Business**

- 2.1. Confirmation of Quorum (1 min). A quorum was confirmed for the meeting to proceed.
- 2.2. Approval of Agenda -The agenda was amended to include for a special decision on the Land Acknowledgement. Moved by **Dr.Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., FEC**, Seconded by **Victor Lin P.Eng., FEC** all in favour.
- 2.3. Approval of Minutes of meeting # 4 of May 21, 2021. Moved by **Dr. Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., FEC** and seconded by **Rajendra Gadhvi, P.Eng.** All in favour (5 min)
- 2.4. Monthly Financial Statement – **Shinta Gragossian, P.Eng.** gave an update on the fund balances and expenses so far. **Dr. Jega Jeganathan, P.Eng., FEC** the Chapter internal Auditor reminded the Treasurer to keep all related documents ready for the Audit to be conducted at the month end.

3. **Decisions/Special**

- 3.1.
 - 3.1.1. Land acknowledgement-**Cherise Diaram, EIT** updated the Board of the communications with the Chapter Manager on the draft for the “Land acknowledgement” declaration and the draft has been sent to the Chapter Chair as well. It was decided that the Chapter chair to assign a member to read it out, at the beginning of every meeting and Cherisse Diaram will be doing it for the first couple of meetings.

4. **Input/Action Items**

- 4.1 Progress Reports
 - 4.1.1. LAP – **Rene Siguenza, P.Eng.**, gave an update on the progress so far between the Mentors and Mentees.
 - 4.1.2. May Seminar – **Victor Lin, P.Eng., FEC** reported on the May 27th seminar that 29 members attended the presentation by **Murad Hussain P.Eng., M.Eng., FEC**



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- 4.1.3. GLP activities – **Rajendra Gadhvi, P.Eng.** updated that members of the GLP sub committee are to complete the self-learning and Quiz modules by June 30th and after that the committee would meet to chalk out the plans for the GLP activities. **Dr. Santosh Gupta, P.Eng, FEC** and **Samuel Jacob, P.Eng.** confirmed that they have completed the quiz successfully.
- 4.1.4. Aspiring Engineering Scholarship – **Rene Siguenza, P.Eng.** informed that 3 students have expressed their interest in the scholarship and the completed application packages will be received by July 31st. The letters were already sent out to the schools and the issue of getting the paperwork signed off by concerned persons (digital signature) was being dealt with. There was a discussion on whether Computer science and Mathematics programs come under the scope of this scholarship and it was decided that they be included as long as the program came under the Faculty of Engineering. **Karthiga Theevaseelan, EIT** mentioned that the criteria is, that the degree program should be eligible to lead to licensure by PEO. Peng requested the committee to check with the PEO head office for guidance in this matter.
- 4.1.5. 30 x 30 - **Cherisse Diaram, EIT** informed the members that this committee, which operates on a regional level, is hosting an employer and employee Engagement on July 22 at 7:00 P.M.
- 4.1.6. PEO ECRC – **Peng and Rajendra** attended the meeting and mentioned about the upcoming Order of Merit ceremony. The 2022 Business plan was discussed and it was confirmed that **Shinta Gragossian, P.Eng.** had attended the Training and Workshop on behalf of the Chapter. There will be a meeting called for all BOE members to discuss the 2022 Business plan. In regards to the expense policy discussion, members were reminded that certify bills have to be uploaded within 2 months of the date that the expense was incurred. This is to be followed and not the 3 month period that was in force earlier. PEAK is to be phased out and Mandatory CPD will be in place by 2025. PEO currently has a backlog of 2500 applicants for licensure.

4.2 Upcoming Events

- 4.2.1 Aspiring Engineering Scholarship -**Rene** gave an update on the upcoming events.
- 4.2.2 STEMZ/Mathletics – **Rajendra** confirmed that he has received only 1 article so far and asked volunteers to submit articles. Cherisse updated on the Mathletics and mentioned that there has been no response so far and she will be sending out a reminder email to the volunteers in this regard.
- 4.2.3 Seminars -**Victor** confirmed that the next seminar committee meeting was scheduled for June 21st and **Dr. Santosh Gupta** was the seminar speaker on June 24th. **Karthiga Theevaseelan, EIT** is the speaker for the July Seminar.
- 4.2.4 GLP activities -**Rajendra** informed the members that there will be a planning meeting of GLP committee in the first week of July once all volunteers have fulfilled the requirements. If all goes well it is planned to invite some MPP's for the virtual family BBQ.
- 4.2.5 Spring/Summer Family Event/Virtual BBQ -**Cherisse** informed the Board that an exciting event is being planned and possibly having a version of "Scarborough Idol". In addition to this talent show there will be a segment where members can share their favourite parts of their garden or community parks.



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4.2.6 Virtual Technical Tour.

Peng informed all that planning for the virtual technical tour is in the final stages and the first event will be on June 24th at 12:00 Noon. There will be a dry run on Tuesday June 22nd for few BOE members. It will be an opportunity to try out the Webex platform and familiarize with the City of Toronto officials who are facilitating this event for the members.

4.2.7 PEOSC Spring/Summer Newsletter (**Samuel**)

Samuel updated the members and called for reports from Program Managers for events conducted so far this year. Waiting on information from Chapter Chair and volunteers to compile the newsletter for a July release.

4.2.8 Business Plan for 2022. **Peng** suggested calling for a meeting of BOE members for discussing the business plan on Thursday June 24th at 7:00 P.M.

4.3 Web Updates (**Rene**)

- 4.3.1 Upload AGM 2021 information under Past Events on the website
- 4.3.2 Upload the photo of new Board on the website
- 4.3.3 Upload YIS 2021 information under Past Events on the website
- 4.3.4 Upload Seminars information under Past Events on the website
- 4.3.5 Upload the BOE meeting minutes of Feb and March on the website under Past Events.

Rene informed that he has scheduled a meeting for the following day with **Mohamed Naqvi, EIT** to update the past events on the website. **N Asogan, P.Eng.**, **FEC** expressed his concern of some volunteers being part of 2 Chapters as active volunteers. Santosh Gupta to get in touch with **Parth Bosmia, P.Eng.** and get confirmation as to his home chapter and to update the volunteers list accordingly.

5 Information

5.1 Councillors' Report. (5 mts each). As three councillors were in attendance the senior councillor **Peter Cushman P.Eng.** took the lead and informed the committee about the fundamental transformation that is taking place in the PEO. He made mention his initiating the Anti-racism and Anti discriminatory exploratory working group and his working with Councillor **Qadira Jackson LGA** on the same team. The working group has explored all process and with the help of hired experts in the subject matter, a report has been generated. This report will be discussed in the next councillors meeting on June 25th and interested members were asked to sign up and attend as observers.

Councillor **Christopher Chahine P.Eng.** expressed his fascination for the report and gave his commendation for the good work and efforts put in by the two other councillors in this group. He also spoke on the 2 initiatives he is a part of the, the climate change small group and his recommendations to Council for founding one. He is co-initiating this group with another councillor from the west, Jim Chisolm P. Eng. The aim is to take cognizance of Climate change and how it affects all and get Engineers more actively involved in fighting climate change. He also informed the members that he was also a member of the committee on regulatory practices and will have an update on that in the next PEO SC BOE meeting.

Councillor **Qadira Jackson LGA** also explained her role on PEO Council for the past 5 years and thanked Scarborough's Santosh Gupta for his cooperation and guidance when they were both on Council together.



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6 **Other Business:** No other business was discussed.

7 **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.**

7.1. Next meeting set for Friday July16'th at 6:30pm, Venue Zoom platform. Refreshment by Victor

7.2. Adjournment. Motion moved and seconded and passed by all.

7.3. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM ET.

Volunteers:

1. Mohamed Naqvi, EIT
2. N. Asogan, P.Eng., FEC
3. N. Madusuthanan, P.Eng., FEC
4. Dr. Jega Jeganathan, P.Eng., FEC
5. Karthiga Thevaselan, EIT
6. Myles Mylvaganam, P.Eng.
7. Bala Balasingham

Councilors:

1. Peter Cushman, P.Eng.
2. Christopher Chahine, P.Eng., PMP
3. Qadira Jackson, BA, BSW, LLB