

## Minutes September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter

Thornhill Community Centre, Activity Room B8

Thornhill Community Centre Branch, 7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill, ON L3T 4P1

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.            Dinner**  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.           Meeting**

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### 1.0 Call to Order and Welcome by the Chair

- Meeting Called to order at 6:17 PM by Amit Gupta
- Roll call

### 2.0 Routine Business

- Approval of Agenda
  - Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed

- Moved: Andrew Herbst
- Seconded: Nanda Lwin
- Motion CARRIED
- Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (June 13, 2017):
  - Correction – Maziyar Bolour was present at the meeting
  - Motion: to approve minutes as corrected
    - Moved: Aung Ko Ko Kyaw
    - Seconded: Maziyar Bolour
    - Motion CARRIED

### 3.0 Chair's Report (Amit Gupta)

- Thanks were bestowed upon Aung Ko Ko Kyaw for a successful License Presentation Ceremony.
- Thanks also went to Shayan Sepiani for a well-run summer barbecue on July 29, 2017.
- Congratulations given to Rana Tehrani for achieving her P. Eng. Licensing.
- A successful Toronto Blue Jays event was co-hosted on August 26 with Lake Ontario and Simcoe Muskoka chapters. We are looking forward to more joint chapter events.
- The WTPEO chapter website was modified to add meeting minutes, new scholarship winners, and Government Liason Program announcements.
- With the recent vacancy in our Past Chair officer position, a motion was raised to appoint the past Vice Chair (Maziyar Bolour) to the office of Past Chair. This is intended to help ensure we have a quorum of officers at each meeting.
  - Moved: Aung Ko Ko Kyaw
  - Seconded: John Peneranda
  - Motion CARRIED
- Maziyar Bolour is the new Past Chair effective immediately.

### 4.0 Treasurer's Report (Souheila Bardakji)

- The chapter bank balance is **\$30,305.30** as of Sept. 12, 2017.
- We still have Engineering Week and Scholarship expenses to incur in this fiscal year.

### 5.0 Committees Reports

- **Government Liaison Program (GLP) (Fred Saghezchi)**
  - There is a good opportunity to meet and meet and mingle with the MPP's and Premier at the annual Queen's Park Reception on Oct. 4, 2017.
  - MPP's can be invited to other events we are holding.



- We could invite the Minister of Energy to one of our speaker programs if the topic is energy related.
  
- **Programs (Shayan Sepiani)**
  - “Advanced Composite Material and FRP: An Innovative Material for Multidisciplinary Engineering Applications” was presented on Aug. 22, 2017
  - “Threats to Our Engineering Profession - An Interactive Presentation” will be presented on Sept 26.
  - “Data Mining & Science for Engineers” is scheduled for October 3, 2017.
  
- **Engineer-in-Training/ License Assistance Program (EIT/LAP) (Maziyar Bolour)**
  - For the July 19 mid-year checkpoint event, we had 35 registered in advance. Only 15-20 showed up, and of these only two were interns. Factors that may have affected the turnout, and some steps that may help going forward include:
    - Timing - July 19 is in common vacation period.
    - Program structure – interns do not seem to have faith in the guides and communication between them is poor.
    - Quality of guidance may be unsatisfactory. PEO has an EIT service for pre-reviewing of service, and use of this might help.
  - A follow-up meeting was held and attended by Tracey Caruana (program manager) and Adeilton Ribeiro (program coordinator). Adeilton Ribeiro delivered a power point presentation on the professional practice exam and related topics.
  - Maziyar Bolour recommends that PEO consider changing the criteria for presenting guides as references.
  
- **Electronic Media (Mohammad Horriyat)**
  - The domain has been updated and renewed with GoDaddy
  - The July 29 BBQ was sold out with 200 people attending including board members
  - The August 22 Advanced Composite Material and FRP seminar had 50 persons attend
  
- **License Presentation Ceremony (LPC) (Aung Ko Ko Kyaw)**
  - The initial July 7 LPC event had 28 of 36 recipients for the period attend and receive their certificates.
  - The total cost of the event was \$8,192.37. 81 persons out of 100 reservations showed up, but costs for 100 were incurred.



- Of the eight non-attending recipients, two have received their certificates. The other six certificates will be returned to PEO HQ.
- The photo taking process and protocols need improvement.
- For the next LPC, only 9 new recipient names are on the list, but the August exam results are not yet available. Scheduling of the next LPC ceremony will be dependent on having sufficient new recipients.
  
- **Education (Rana Tehrani)**
  - No report this month.
  
- **Publications (Hamdy Elarabi)**
  - No report this month.
  
- **Awards (Mohinder Grover)**
  - No report this month.

#### **6.0 Other Business and Roundtable**

- Fred Saghezchi noted that Professor Zadir, a pioneer of fuzzy logic, recently passed away. Perhaps a memorial note in publications should be added by Hamdy Elarabi.
- Roundtable introductions by everyone including two first time observers: Alan Lam, EIT, and Andres Mera.

#### **7.0 Motion: to adjourn**

- Moved: Aung Ko Ko Kyaw  
Seconded: Maziyar Bolour
- No debate, Motion CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting is on October 10th, 2017.