

Minutes October 10th, 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 6:18 PM by Nick Shelton
- Roll call

2.0 Routine Business

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

- Moved: Maziyar Bolour
- Seconded: Shayan Sepiani
- Motion CARRIED
- Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (September 12, 2017):
 - Correction – alanlamca@gmail.com is correct email address for Alan Lam
 - Motion: to approve minutes as corrected
 - Moved: Andrew Herbst
 - Seconded: Amit Gupta
 - Motion CARRIED

3.0 Chair's Report (Nick Shelton)

- Amit and Nick attended the PEO congress meeting for the region held on Saturday Sept 7.
 - PEO wants all volunteers to get some leadership training. To access the modules on line, Go to <https://peo.lts-online.net/home> , Click on Enroll Now, then click on either Register Now (if you are a new user) or on Log In (if you are already registered as a user on the system). Click on Launch Course to view the video.
 - Statistics from PEO show that WTPEO chapter currently has 4639 members (3703 P. Eng. & 936 EIT).
 - Opened a discussion on improving visibility of the Chapter Executive Committee members at events. It was suggested that standard same-colour, logo-ized polo shirts for Exec. members would be helpful.
 - Motion: to have Nick Shelton investigate cost of polo shirts and provide details next meeting.
 - Moved: Mohinder Grover
 - Seconded: Fred Saghezchi
 - Motion CARRIED

4.0 Treasurer's Report (per Souheila Bardakji e-mail)

- The chapter bank balance is **\$26,333.94** as of Oct. 9, 2017.

5.0 Committees Reports

- **Government Liaison Program (GLP) (Fred Saghezchi)**
 - The annual PEO Queen's Park Reception was held on Oct. 4, 2017. It was very crowded but quite productive. Our chapter business cards were very useful.
 - PEO's webpage has GLP articles regarding goals, etc.



➤ **Programs (Shayan Sepiani)**

- “Threats to Our Engineering Profession - An Interactive Presentation” was presented on Sept 26.
- “Data Mining & Science for Engineers” was presented on October 3, 2017.
- Amit Gupta will create a dropbox account for saving pictures from events.
- The documentary “Dream Big that follows the stories of ten engineers will be showing at IMAX in Yonge Sheppard area. Our chapter could sponsor private screening (up to 350 persons) in mid-November.
- Motion: to approve \$5000.00 for the private screening of Dream Big with Amit Gupta to coordinate.
 - Moved: John Peneranda
 - Seconded: Rana Tehrani
 - All in favor - Motion CARRIED

➤ **Engineer-in-Training/ License Assistance Program (EIT/LAP) (Maziyar Bolour)**

- The Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27, 2017. Tracey Caruana (program manager) will attend. Regional councilors to be invited. Date and location to be confirmed.

➤ **License Presentation Ceremony (LPC) (Nick Shelton for Aung Ko Ko Kyaw)**

- We will get the latest numbers of license recipients from PEO tomorrow, and will then be in a position to decide if we have enough recipients to justify a second ceremony in 2017.

➤ **Awards (Mohinder Grover)**

- We intend to present an appreciation award to Vimbai for her past service. Arrangements for the award will be firmed-up in the near future.
- It is normal practice for PEO to present 5 year, 10 year, 15, etc service awards to our volunteers. Since records can be imprecise, anyone who is reaching a 5 year milestone should advise Mohinder Grover so that PEO can recognize their service.

➤ **Education (Rana Tehrani)**

- Planning a women-in-engineering event sometime in November. Details to follow.
- Plans are commencing for National Engineering Month next year.
- It is possible for winners of our chapter’s scholarship to also receive from another chapter, particularly when they live in one chapter’s area and attend school in another area. This has happened before and there are no rules to prevent it from happening again.



- Nick Shelton noted that the Ontario Foundation for Engineering wants each chapter of PEO to have a representative to the foundation. Nick suggested that it probably should be the Education Chair, and Rana Tehrani agreed to represent our chapter.
- **Electronic Media (Mohammad Horriyat)**
 - Two events were booked through Eventbrite and were well attended:
 - Sept 26: *Threats to Our Engineering Profession - An Interactive Presentation* by Marilyn Spink, P. Eng.
 - Oct 3: *Data Mining & Science for Engineers* by Nick Shelton, P. Eng.
 - Pictures from the events can be deposited in our DropBox.
 - We may want to consider using the cloud for future sharing of photos and documents.
- **Publications (Hamdy Elarabi)**
 - We need content submittals for the next publication in November. The copy deadline is Oct. 30 11:59pm.

6.0 Other Business and Roundtable

- Maziyar Bolour noted that PEO has published a new structural condition assessment guideline as of the Elliot Lake Mall disaster investigation.
- Fred Saghezchi opened up the subject of capturing feedback from our events. Some discussion occurred but no motions for action.

7.0 Motion: to adjourn

- Moved: Mohammed Horriyat
Seconded: Maziyar Bolour
- No debate, Motion CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting is on November 14th, 2017 at same time and location.