

**Annual General Meeting of Members**  
**May 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PEO Head Office, 40 Sheppard Avenue West, 8th floor, Toronto, ON M2N 6K9**

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## Guests:

Urszula Adach, P.Eng.	Member, PEO Scarborough Chapter
Bob Dony, P.Eng.	President-Elect, Professional Engineers Ontario
Jamie Gerson, P.Eng.	Staff, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
Don Grandy, P.Eng.	Member, PEO Toronto Humber Chapter
Matthew Jelavic, P.Eng.	Director, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
Georg Kralik, P.Eng.	Member, PEO West Toronto Chapter
Karry Kwan	Advancement Manager, University of Guelph
Roman Lysiak	Ontario Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change
Boris Martin	CEO, Engineers Without Borders Canada
Michael Mastromatteo	Staff, Professional Engineers Ontario
Gerard McDonald, P.Eng.	Registrar, Professional Engineers Ontario
Zachary Muma	Vice-President, Engineering Student Societies Council of Ontario
Hanna Pilar	Director of Communications, Ontario Ministry of Housing
Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.	Chair, PEO East Toronto Chapter
Karen Webb, P.Eng.	President, KWebb Solutions Inc
Ping Wu, P.Eng.	President, Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO)
Otto Zander, P.Eng.	Chair, PEO Toronto Humber Chapter

## Student Award Winners:

Rachel Braganza	2015-16 Entrance Award Winner, Ryerson University
Pirasanth Rajkumar	2015-16 Entrance Award Winner, Ryerson University
Alexandre Seguin	2015-16 Entrance Award Winner, York University
Antonio Juan Ding	2015-16 Undergraduate Award Winner, University of Toronto
Savannah Forest	2015-16 Undergraduate Award Winner, University of Toronto
Elio Xhemalaj	2015-16 Undergraduate Award Winner, Ryerson University
Hilary Stone	2015-16 Leaders for the Future Award Winner, Western University
Salih Judieh	2014-15 Undergraduate Scholarship Winner, York University
Eli Mamaari	2014-15 Gold Medal Winner, University of Toronto

### 1. Call to Order

M. Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M. Sterling introduced herself and provided an overview of the Foundation to the guests.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda

Moved by S. Tessier, seconded by M. Iannone

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### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the previous AGM held May 26, 2015 as circulated

Moved by M. Iannone, seconded by S. Tessier

..... Carried

### **4. Introduction of Guests**

M. Sterling introduced Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., Registrar of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). Mr. McDonald gave greetings on behalf of PEO. He congratulated the award winners and applauded the long-standing relationship between PEO and the Foundation.

M. Sterling introduced Karen Chan, P.Eng., President of the Board of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE). Ms. Chan spoke on behalf of OSPE and congratulated the award winners for their achievements.

M. Sterling introduced entrance award winners, Rachel Braganza and Pirasanth Rajkumar from Ryerson University, and Alexandre Seguin from York University. The students were recipients of the Foundation's entrance scholarship awards. Each student had an opportunity to speak to the membership. The students thanked the Foundation for the financial assistance the scholarship provided to them and their families and for the hope and encouragement they received as a result of being recognized in this way.

### **5. President's Report**

M. Sterling reviewed the Annual Report. She highlighted the achievements of the past year and outlined the challenges and goals for the coming year. M. Sterling invited guests to make a donation to the Foundation during the meeting and committed to make a personal donation of \$10 for each person that donates.

### **6. Introduction of Guests**

M. Sterling introduced Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., PEO Councillor and member of the Council of Ontario Deans of Engineering (CODE). Mr. Gupta gave greetings on behalf of CODE. He thanked the Foundation for the support they provide to the engineering schools and for recognizing the accomplishments of the students.

M. Sterling introduced Zachary Muma, Vice-President of the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO). Mr. Muma gave greetings on behalf of ESSCO and thanked the Foundation for its support of engineering students.

M. Sterling introduced undergraduate award winners Antonio Kun Yi Juan Ding and Savannah Forest from University of Toronto, and Elio Xhemalaj from Ryerson University. The students were recipients of the Foundation's undergraduate scholarship awards. Each student had an opportunity to speak to the audience. The students thanked the Foundation for the financial assistance the scholarships provided and for recognizing their hard work and commitment to school.

## 7. Auditors Report of the 2015 Financial Statements

P. Cowherd, former Treasurer for the Foundation, reviewed the 2015 Audited Financial Statements. Total revenue was \$189,081 in 2015 compared to \$1,041,135 in 2014; the drop being due to a large bequest received in November 2014. Member donations rose from \$89,841 to \$99,322, likely due to the fundraising mail-out initiative. Expenses fell from \$39,501 in 2014 to \$34,242 in 2015. Scholarships and awards increased from \$111,565 in 2014 to \$165,539 in 2015 due to the planned 50% increase. There was a resulting deficit of \$9,700 in 2015 versus a surplus of \$890,069 in 2014, due again to the significant bequest received in 2014 and the increased scholarship disbursement this year. The Foundation had a clean audit for 2015.

P. Cowherd opened the floor to questions. S. Jack commented on the imbalance between donations and scholarship spending and asked if the board had any plans for corporate fundraising. M. Sterling responded that the Foundation recognizes its over-reliance on individual donations and will likely address this gap in its fundraising in the upcoming year.

R. Jones spoke to the potential of receiving more bequests and encouraged the Foundation to leverage its external communications to that end.

**MOTION:** to accept the 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by R. Jones, seconded by S. Tessier ..... Carried

## 8. Appointment of the Auditors

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that Abdus Sami Syed, CA be appointed as auditor for the Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education for the year 2016.

Moved by C. Mehta, seconded by S. Jack ..... Carried

## 9. Introduction of Guests

M. Sterling introduced Boris Martin, CEO of Engineers Without Borders Canada. Mr. Martin gave greetings on behalf of EWB. He thanked the Foundation for the financial assistance they provide to EWB's junior fellows and shared stories about EWB's endeavors.

M. Sterling introduced Hilary Stone of Western University. Ms. Stone was this year's recipient of the EWB Leaders for the Future Award. Ms. Stone talked about her work helping vulnerable populations in Ghana, and thanked the Foundation for supporting herself and other students in making a difference through their work with EWB.

#### 10. Election of Directors for 2016-2017

M. Sterling presented the nomination slate of directors for 2016-17:

M .Ecsedi	S. Rose
R. Hall	Z. Sarmento
J. Huang	M. Sterling
M. Iannone	A. Sully
R. Jones	S. Tessier

**MOTION:** That the above Foundation members in good standing be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for 2016-17 term

Moved by C. Sadr, seconded by C. Mehta

..... Carried

#### Retiring Directors:

M. Sterling thanked the following directors for their service to the Foundation: George Comrie, P.Eng, 2000-2016, Chetan Mehta, 2011-2016. M. Sterling announced that a certificate of appreciation will be sent to G. Comrie, who was not able to attend, and presented a certificate to C. Mehta.

#### 11. General Questions

There were no questions.

#### 12. Adjournment

M. Sterling adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.