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Accomplishments

The following list are some of the highlights of my involvement with the profession over more than 35 years.

CSPE

- ✓ Principle Object in the Act – a lesson in political action
- ✓ Wrote papers on Rights to Practice for new discipline in 1980's which eventually led to the Software Engineering Issues
- ✓ Promoted cooperation with PEO; met as CSPE President with 3 PEO Presidents overlapping my terms. This helped to grow cooperation between the organizations opening further progress later.

PEO

- ✓ Promoted creation of Enforcement Committee.
- ✓ Created and acted as first chair of The Whole Discipline Committee.
- ✓ Established the criteria to paying Discipline Panel members for meetings of more than two days.
- ✓ Background Work to create OSPE.
- ✓ Chair of 1997 Election Task Force that proposed our current Search and Election Committees.
- ✓ Signed PEO-OSPE agreement to launch OSPE.
- ✓ President during the Walkerton disaster and wrote letter to the Premier resulting in immediate action by the Minister to use Engineers to inspect water treatment facilities every three years.
- ✓ Established Computer Communications Task Force to move PEO into the modern age with email, web sites and web casting.
- ✓ Established task force to bridge PEO-OACETT relations leading to the current LET
- ✓ Established the building task force which, many years later, resulted in purchasing of the current building.
- ✓ Encourage OSPE and PEO for good joint relations; as President of PEO I held weekly meetings with the President of OSPE.
- ✓ Encouraged regular JRC meetings between OSPE and PEO.
- ✓ Emerging Disciplines Chair leading to the creation of four new disciplines now recognised by PEO: Software Engineering, Bio Engineering, Nano-Molecular

Engineering and Communications Infrastructure Engineering.

- ✓ Mediated dispute between Geophysicists and Engineering which settled the conflict and led to the creation of APGO.
- ✓ Worked with and supported the Chapters in their START 1 and START 2 reports reviewing the roles of Chapters.
- ✓ Member of PEO's longest Discipline Panel hearing ever, running over a 1 year time span with a meeting length of about 15 days.

Engineers Canada (former CCPE)

- ✓ Sat of Board for 3 years and on the Exec Comm while also President of PEO
- ✓ Challenged the Board on their Informal Evaluations that helped some 150,000 immigrant Engineers come to Canada but did not have Provincial evaluations; many of these people have not been able to find Engineering jobs; in contrast, pushed PEO and the provinces to implement Web site applications so immigrants could be evaluated overseas before spending their life earnings to be marooned in a foreign land with formally un-assessed credentials.
- ✓ Member of the 5 person support group to advise our Engineer representative on the committee created as a result of the million dollar law suit in the supreme Court of Memorial U's use of the title 'Software Engineering' in a program not under the Faculty of Engineering.

OSPE

- ✓ Pushed for creation of OSPE's Political Action Network (PAN) and PEO's political activity;
- ✓ Encouraged Special Interest Groups formation and issue based committees for policy development lobby support activities;
- ✓ Encouraged greater cooperation with PEO;
- ✓ Helped avoid a major confrontation between PEO and OSPE;
- ✓ Encouraged and supported the creation of OSPE's Chapter Liason Committee so that Chapters could interact with OSPE on events and potential lobby efforts.

Other

- ✓ Wrote the book *"A Search for Advocacy – Creating the Canadian Engineering*

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