

Peter DeVita Bio information (to PEO President in 2001)

1 Service to the Engineering Profession

Much of Peter's credentials derive from his 35+ years of intense involvement as a volunteer in the service of his Profession. He was recognized in 2003 when invested as a Companion of Professional Engineers Ontario's Order of Honour. The Companion level is the highest of PEO's Awards. At this level there are only 50 living members permitted at any one time.

Peter was also given the Ontario Volunteer's Award for his services to the profession on Nov 23, 2004 by the Ontario Minister of Citizenship.

PEO Experience

At a glance:

- President, April 2000 to April 2001
- President-Elect, 1999-2000
- VP/Officer , 1998-1999
- Chair of: Audit Committee; Election Reform Task Force; PEO-CSPE Joint Committee; PEO-CCPE Relations Task Force; Nominations Committee
- member of Discipline Committee; first Chair of Whole Discipline Committee
- member of Emerging Disciplines Task Force/Software
- LGA Councilor, 1991 - 1997
- PEO member since 1975

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Recently, Peter Chaired PEO's External Groups/Software to establish Standards of Practice and rights to practice in the Software field. The Report was accepted by PEO Council in Sept 2006. (Copy of 100 page Report available on request.) This work culminates a decade of work on emerging disciplines particularly Software Engineering and BioEngineering.

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These include:

- ◆ Enhanced relations with the Committee of Ontario Deans of Engineering (CODE) so that activities in the Faculties of Engineering and the Licensing of Engineers can move in-step with each other.

- ◆ Re-opened discussions with Ontario Geo-Scientists which led to the Ontario Act to create the Association of Geo-Scientists of Ontario (AGO).
- ◆ Enhanced relations with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technologists and Technicians (OACETT) which led to an improved Limited Licence arrangement for Technologists under the PEO authority.
- ◆ Created the National Representatives Committee of PEO to co-ordinate PEO-CCPE relations.
- ◆ Convened the first meeting of the PEO Past-Presidents in order to draw ideas from past leaders of the profession.
- ◆ Organized the first meeting of all the PEO Committee Chairs to share reports and enhance inter-communication and awareness.
- ◆ Organized the 'Vision 2020 Forum' pulling together PEO, CODE, the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) to look 20 years ahead to what the future may bring the Profession.
- ◆ Stimulated the creation of the Computer Task Force to look at ways that modern communication and computer technology could make PEO staff and volunteers more effective and efficient. The Internet and Knowledge Management were two key subject matters.
- ◆ Created the President's Task Force to review accommodations and plan for the potential purchase of new facilities that could be the backbone of a new '*Ontario Engineering Centre*'.
- ◆ Made a point of visiting as many individual chapters as possible.

CCPE Experience

Peter was on the CCPE board from 1998 to May 2002 and served as an Executive Committee member in 2000-2001. He has visited every Province and Territory in Canada and understands the legal and political operations of this Engineering organization. While on the board Peter was chosen to be one of the advisors to the Engineering representative on the Committee created as an outcome of the Memorial University Law Suit to resolve 'Engineering Title' issues between the Profession and the departments of Computer Science in Universities across Canada.

Canadian Society for Professional Engineers (CSPE) Experience

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- Submission to Royal Commission published;

- Initiated co-operative relationship with PEO. This led to the cooperative work in creating the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.
- Active in the 1984 Engineer's Act revision. Peter's activities led directly to the creation of the Principle Clause in the Act, which exists today.

Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) (current)

Peter was elected in 2004 to the OSPE Board of Directors for a 3-year term. He was a key member on the Joint Relations Committee (JRC) between OSPE and PEO and has helped the two organizations work together. This committee grew out of the Original Negotiation Committee, during the creation of OSPE, to handle the resolution of issues between PEO and OSPE.

2 Highlights of Professional Engineering Conflict Resolution

Mediation/negotiation related:

Peter has chaired several committees of a mediation or negotiation nature.

Examples are:

- a) Chair of the PEO-AGO Committee to resolve issues between the Professional Engineers Ontario and the Association of Geologists Ontario. This committee directly opened the process for the Geologists to form their own licensing body.
- b) Member on the advisory committee to the engineer sitting on the Panel created from the Memorial University dispute to resolve the Software Engineering issues between Engineering and the Computer Science community.
- c) Chair of the PEO Task Force working with Computer Information Processing Society (Ontario) representatives to create a long term resolution for governing software practice in Ontario and, likely, for Canada. This committee was created while Peter was president of PEO in 2001. He took over as chair in April 2004.
- d) Board of Canadian Council for Professional Engineers (CCPE) for 4 years. This is a National Board with representatives from all the provincial licensing associations across Canada. Meetings tend to be a prolonged negotiation session with Federal-Provincial tensions always at play.
- e) On the Board of OSPE (2004-2008)(Ontario Society of Professional Engineers) and sits as one of their representatives on the Joint Review Committee between PEO and OSPE. This committee operates to resolve issues between the organizations. Peter was instrumental in avoiding a major litigation confrontation and succeeded in changing the relationship between these two organizations to a positive working one. The committee met about once per month since it began in May of 2004 during my term on the OSPE board.

2.1 'Arbitration' related:

Peter has been an active member of the PEO Discipline Process used to determine the merits of charges against an Engineer. The five person Discipline Panels act as the judge-jury, much like an arbitrator, in determining the competence and ethics of a

Professional Engineer. The longest of such cases included 3 defendants. The case sat for over 15 hearing days and extended over a period of 1 year.

Peter was the first volunteer Chair of the Whole Discipline Committee tasked with addressing procedural issues as a result of the Webster & Nazarella cases. Peter was instrumental in the creation of this Committee which must be independent of Council influence in addressing Discipline matters.

3 Accomplishment:

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