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Experience, Focus and Determination....

The chair of PEO's Nomination Committee and several Engineers have asked me to run again based on my past accomplishments.

I have three main themes (more details on my website).

### **1. Engineering and the Economy**

The Great Recession makes it clear that our economy is faltering. Canadian unemployment is running at 8.6% with Ontario at 9.2%, mostly coming from manufacturing losses that impact Engineers. When recognized in the past as creators of wealth, Engineers were the highest paid of the professions. Engineers must again lead in driving prosperity. This is the meaning behind 'serving the public interest' in PEO's principle object.

### **2. Rights to Practice**

PEO 'protects the Public Interest' by enforcing engineering rights to practice so that only Licensed practitioners do Engineering. The Industrial Exception (IX) is the most blatant example of poor rights to practice.

- I chaired OSPE's committee to deal with the IX.
- Several Presidents have had the IX in their platforms but nothing has been done.

### **3. Council Restructure**

Council spends over half its time catching up to the last Council session. I propose 2 specifics from the 1997 Election Reform committee I chaired:

- a) Increase the President's term of office to two years, and,
- b) Increase elected Councillors' terms to 3 years

### **Conclusion**

- The profession understands the needs of our economy, and the economy needs our profession – to serve the public interest.
- Collaborate with OSPE on the IX. We have the political tools and a draft plan to do so.
- Facilitate decision making by increasing terms of office.

I ask for your help and support.

Thank you.

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