

Minutes

Mississauga Chapter Board Meeting

Thursday, September 02, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

At Peter's On Eglinton, 1035 Eglinton E, Mississauga. - 905-624-1995

Board Members Present:

Tapan Das, P.Eng.	Chair	
Amalesh Chakraborty, P.Eng.	Secretary;	Environmental Committee Chair
Jana Havard, P. Eng.	Treasurer	
Pappur Shankar, P. Eng.	Executive;	Immediate Past Chair
Wafik El Sunbaty, P. Eng.	Executive;	Government Liaison Program Officer
Allan Giacomelli, P. Eng.	Executive;	Newsletter Editor
Rishi Kumar, P.Eng.	Executive;	Mentoring Committee Chair
Amr Kaoud, P.Eng.	Executive,	Mentoring Committee Vice-Chair
Brett Chmiel, E.I.T.	Executive;	EIT Committee Chair
Art Kirnichansky, P.Eng.	Executive;	Communications Committee Chair
Katherine Diep, EIT	Executive;	WIE Coordinator and Awards Committee Chair
Lisa MacCumber	Guest;	WIE coordinator

Board Members Absent:

Khaled El-Rahi, P.Eng.	Vice-Chair;	Education Committee Chair
Galal Abdelmessih, P.Eng.	Executive;	Certificate Ceremony Chair
Mirko Manojlovic, P.Eng.	Executive;	Privacy Officer
Colin Moore, P.Eng.	Executive;	Senior Councilor, West Central Region
Phil Maka, P.Eng.	Executive;	Junior Councilor, West Central Region

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Tapan Das, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was circulated for discussion and approval.

Motion: Agenda for September 02, 2010 Chapter Board Meeting to be approved.

Moved by: Wafik El Sunbaty

Seconded by: Art Kirnichansky

Result: All favoured and motion carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on June 03, 2010

The meeting minutes were circulated for discussion and approval. Jana pointed out some errors that needed to be corrected.

Motion: Minutes of June 03, 2010 Chapter Board Meeting to be approved with corrections.

Moved by: Pappur Shankar

Seconded by: Rishi Kumar

Result: All favoured and Motion carried

4.0 Chair's Briefing:

Chapter Chair Tapan Das, in his introductory briefing mentioned that,

- Mississauga Chapter has been selected for GLP award by PEO Headquarter. He congratulated everyone for the good work done.
- Budget for the rest of the 2010 year has been allocated. Estimated total expenses till the end of the year is about \$15,155. Tapan explained each item of the budget including the amounts allocated. He also mentioned that this budget did not include GLP and Mentoring events by the Chapter. Budgets for these events, though organized by the Chapter, will be provided by the PEO headquarter directly.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Education Committee:

- No Report.

5.2 Engineers as Managers Conference:

- Pappur Shankar, Chair for the Engineers as Managers Conference advised the board members that they can offer \$20 discounts to potential registrants. Pappur mentioned that so far he has only about 60 registrants and he would expect to see at least 150 registrants. Pappur requested other board members to reach out for more registrants. Rishi mentioned that he will circulate this event in Ryerson. Amalesh also mentioned that he will circulate the event within his network.
- Pappur mentioned that there will be three concurrent sessions running during the afternoon following the keynote speech in the morning. There will also be networking session after the event when pizza and soft drinks will be served. Rishi noted that there should be at least some topics that focus on "survival" themes for managers.
- Pappur mentioned that Chapter Chair, Tapan Das will open the session.
- Pappur mentioned that he has now decided to make the event free for all board members. But they must confirm their registration by September 15, 2010. He also mentioned that the members that attend the Conference will also receive the certificate and PDU as applicable to other attendees.

5.3 Environmental Committee:

- Environmental Committee Chair, Amalesh Chakraborty mentioned that about 20 people have already signed up for the September 21, 2010 facility tour for the Algonquin Power (Energy from Waste) facility in Brampton. Amalesh mentioned that because of the limited number of seats (40 maximum) available for the above tour, and to reduce registration abuse, he has decided to collect a refundable deposit from the attendees for this event.
- Amalesh mentioned that he is in constant touch with the Ministry of Environment through our PEO Government Liaison Officer Mr. Howard Brown. The original expected event date of mid-October, 2010 has now been moved to first half of November, 2010 because of the non-availability of any date from the ministry. Amalesh showed concern that recruiting panelists may be difficult without sufficient time to prepare for this event.

5.4 Mentoring Committee:

- Mentoring Committee Chair, Rishi Kumar mentioned that there is an apparent shortage of mentors for the number of mentees available. Rishi mentioned that in his view there are many mentees with 5 to 25 years of experience in their fields. However, many of these mentees have severe language problems as well. Rishi mentioned that proper mentor-mentee matching is currently not being done by the headquarter to meet the demands of these mentees. Rishi also opined that apparently the mentoring program was served better at the Chapter level in the past compared to the centralized process currently being adopted. He noted his objections to handing over the mentoring program to the headquarter for organising Chapter level events.
- Mentoring Committee Vice-Chair, Amr Kaoud, informed that our Chapter Chair, Tapan Das, met with Oakville and Brampton Chapter Chairs to set up Mentor/Mentee relationship that has now been centralized with the PEO Headquarter and is not being administered at the Chapter level.

5.5 Certificate Ceremony Committee:

- No Report.

5.6 GLP Committee:

- GLP Committee Chair, Wafik El-Sunbaty reported that he met with several ministers and MPs during the summer, such as MPP Amrit Mangat and others.
- Wafik mentioned that his town-hall meeting for Mr. Michael Ignatieff on September 14 is well underway. Wafik advised that it would be good to have some hired security for this event. Some board members showed concerns about parking because of the large turnout expected for this event. Wafik assured that the facility has assured him of ample parking.

5.7 Women in Engineering Committee (WIE):

- WIE coordinator, Lisa MacCumber mentioned that she has arranged a speaker from Pratt & Whitney for 23rd September.
- Lisa also mentioned that less that the wine tour to Niagara was a good success with 25 people signing up.
- Katherine Diep mentioned that she is planning her Volunteer Appreciation Night sometimes at the end of October, 2010.

5.8 Communication Committee:

- Communications Committee Chair, Art Kirnichansky mentioned that he has still not been able to complete the website. This is mainly because he still needs to make it workable with different web browsers.
- Art also mentioned that Paypal account has been set up to receive registration fees for the Engineers as Managers Conference and so far about \$4800 has been collected through Paypal.

6.0 Newsletter

- Newsletter Editor, Allan advised the Board to send in event reports on time. He also emphasized the importance of publishing the newsletter on time and accordingly submissions by the members timely in advance.
- Allan also reported that he is in the planning process for two events on “TransCanada” and “Science Metal Cutting Tour”.

7.0 Privacy Officer

- No Report.

8.0 Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer, Jana passed out the Chapter budget and account for the year up to the date. This budget was already discussed and approved during an emergency board meeting on July 19, 2010. Individual items of this budget were already explained by the Chapter Chair during his briefing and opening remarks.

9.0 Other Business

- Rishi Kumar wanted to register his opinion that we are giving too much importance to our politicians during many of our events instead of giving such importance to prominent engineers from PEO or Engineers Canada. Wafik El-Sunbaty countered the argument by mentioning that if we can involve the politicians in our meetings, then we will be in their visibility to bring in good results to our Chapter and in turn PEO.

10.0 Adjournment

Chapter Chair proposed to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Rishi Kumar

Seconded by: Wafik El-Sunbaty

Result: All favoured and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting dates:

Oct 7, 2010 - at *Peter’s on Eglinton* at 1035 Eglinton Ave. E., Mississauga. - 905-624-1995

Nov 4, 2010 - TBA

Dec 2, 2010 - TBA