Winter 2021 PEO President’s Message

Steadfast and forward-looking. These traits have helped us all work through the winter with an eye toward a brighter spring. However, each of us has dealt with the challenges of the past year, we have nonetheless entered a new, more optimistic chapter. I know, and I hope you do as well, that our profession is successful because of you. Our society, the Professional Engineers of Oregon and the National Society of Professional Engineers is—and will continue to be—successful because of you. Even in the midst of the most trying time in our collective generational memory, we continue to build our communities and strengthen the links of our networks.

The diligent work of the volunteers and leaders of PEO continues to benefit all Professional Engineers in the state of Oregon. Well-heeled in online meeting forums, our local chapter leaders have made strides in the Board’s goal to connect engineers all across Oregon through live-streamed chapter presentations. The Mid-Willamette Chapter has now joined with Columbia and Central Oregon Chapters in successfully delivering engaging, PDH-credit presentations across the Zoom videoconference platform. We are looking forward to the coming year as we intend to add another chapter to the lineup of statewide meetings.

For many years, the PEO Board has collaborated with other professional societies to facilitate the Oregon Design Professionals Day at the Capitol (DATC). This year, the PEO DATC legislative advocacy committee made the difficult, though measured, decision to forego a Zoom videoconference meeting with legislators. Instead, our group will present a brief summary of PEO’s positions on bills we believe will affect our engineering practices, and more importantly, the public health, safety, and welfare. This group, led by the thoughtful and thorough consideration of committee Chair, Ralph Cohen, asks any members interested in reviewing and deliberating on the slate of bills presented this session to contact us at peo@oregonengineers.org.

May 6 & 7, 2021: mark your calendars for the annual PEO State Conference. With the advantage of more videoconference practice and time to prepare, this year’s annual conference will be a great opportunity to explore relevant and engaging topics while earning your PDHs. With the 2022 conference already booked at Salishan, let’s all gather in the virtual medium for one last meeting and make the best of it while we’re at it. This year’s conference will include the induction ceremony for the second round of Charter Class PEO Fellows, and an update from NSPE. The Annual Conference will include the induction of next years’ Officers and Board. We are grateful to the members willing and able to step and serve this organization, those are eager to build the continued success of PEO. If you want to be more involved, please let us know.

NSPE has been working tirelessly through the past year to advance the national Strategic Plan and build value to its members throughout the nation. Despite some downsides, the virtual environment has encouraged greater connectivity among the National and State groups. Key to the success of both PEO and NSPE is the Driving Growth focus area of the NSPE Strategic Plan. Through its Road to the Summit leadership development program, NSPE has shared the tools to grow membership, enhance the profession, and act for the public good. PEO leaders, and our tireless Executive Director, Belinda Rasmussen, have been gaining the insights offered by NSPE’s seasoned leaders and staff. It is our charge to share these benefits with you.

Again, it’s been a year for the history books. Now, as we look forward, let’s look forward together. Please, reach out if you have ideas, questions, or comments on how PEO can better serve you, the Registered Professional Engineers of Oregon. You make this organization successful. You make the future brighter. Thank you and see you soon.

Tom Headley, PE
President, Professional Engineers of Oregon
Oregon Delegate, National Society of Professional Engineers House of Delegates
ATTENTION PEO MEMBERS...

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DAY AT THE CAPITOL
This year because of COVID restrictions we are NOT holding a live or virtual event.

Thank you to the board and committee; Ralph Cohen, Chair, Tom Headley and David Etchart. PEO is providing positions on 40 bills.
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PEO BALLOT for State Officers 2021/22
ELECTRONIC VOTE
All member go to https://conta.cc/3tEYR2Y to cast your vote before 4/15th.

Attention: PEO Members
Regarding: Ballot for State Officers - Deadline April 15, 2021

The PEO Nominating Committee chaired by David Etchart, P.E., presents the following ballot for your vote. Electronic ballot must be cast by April 15th in order for your ballot to be counted. Go online to cast your vote or watch for an email - https://conta.cc/3tEYR2Y.

The Board positions that are not elected by the general membership include: Immediate Past President, Secretary, (6) Chapter Directors - selected by each Local Chapter and (4-5) Practice, Division Chairs - selected by each Practice Division, and NSPE / PEO House of Delegates.

Candidates for 2021/22 Officers of the Professional Engineers of Oregon
Thomas Headley, P.E. will serve as President. President Elect, Paul Sellke, P.E.

Vice Presidents (Three to five positions to be elected):
- Ralph Cohen, P.E.
- Matthew Cash, P.E.
- Ron Stillmaker, P.E.
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  July 1: Registration fees due $950 member/ $1,249 non member (includes membership)

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