



# Guelph Engineering Society



Report on ESSCO AGM at Ryerson University,  
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## ***1. Purpose of Conference***

This conference was the annual general meeting (AGM) of the ESSCO (Engineering Students' Societies Council of Ontario). The purpose is to elect the new executive for the following year, and to make motions and mandates that the new executive will have to follow during their term.

## ***2. Personal Goals for Conference***

Before attending this conference my goals were to be able to figure out exactly what being the Head Delegate at a conference involves. Another goal for this conference was to make contact and friends with other VP Externals from other schools so that there can be easier communication with other schools about things that they might be doing that our school might want to participate in.

## ***3. Summary of Events***

### **LIAC Session:**

The main things that were talked about in this session were what to do with the LIAC portion of ESSCO in the future. LIAC stands for Lobbying Issues and Actions Committee, and what the program was set up to do was to pick a topic that would be of interest to all the members of ESSCO, and do research on this topic, and then take the research to the proper people and then lobby on behalf of ESSCO's members. The topic that was picked in 2006 was professor and course evaluations, and the report is now finished.

### **P-FOG Session:**

P-FOG stands for Plan for Future Operations and Growth. These point form notes are what is talked about in the P-FOG report, and what was discussed in the P-FOG session.

- Government Liaison Program, looking into background, and ESSCOs involvement
- PEO chapter communication link

- National Engineering Week is now changed to National Engineering Month
- Develop a better way for ESSCO to our involvement in the Wonderland day.
- Financial Review Committee can be used in strategic planning and a financial planning guide
- Suggestions for overall direction and growth:
  - PEO networking
  - Develop the CODE connection
  - Reports are good because they allow you to see direction and make transitioning better and easier, however, too much report writing can take away from what the exec might want to do and make them less motivated.

### **ESSCO 101**

- This was an information session about ESSCO's history and what it does as an organization.
- ESSCO is the link between the student engineering societies in Ontario to the PEO and OSPE.
- Services that ESSCO offers are they run conferences including a PEO student conference, they also have a travel bursaries program to help students get to these conferences, and a website
- ESSCO has directorships that people can apply for if you want to become involved, as well as a mailing list that will include other opportunities to become involved or volunteer at ESSCO events.

### **CFES 101:**

- A good session for me because I don't know too much about what the CFES does or didn't until after this conference
- There are 4 main activities that were talked about in this session, and those were Congress, CEC, ProMag, and CFES PM.
- The CFES is the liaison to Engineers Canada

### **Eng Soc Constitutions**

- this session was about the constitutions that most engineering societies have
- they talked about ways to keep you constitution professional looking, and up to date
- ways that are good to do this are too have a committee read over the constitution prior to an AGM and be ready to make changes and updates

- another important thing to have in the constitution is to make sure that it can be changed and without too much difficulty

### **Government Laison Program**

- this session was about a new initiative that the PEO has where they are trying to get more engineers involved in creating public policy, and having more MPs being engineers
- there were round table discussions about ways to get more people involved, as well as talk about where the PEO wants this program to go in the future.

## **4. Evaluation**

### *i) Conference Organizers*

I would say that this conference was run very well overall. The food was good, and I thought that the snacks during the day were a really good idea. Also, the social events were well planned out and I had a really good time at all of them. The sessions were also very informative and interesting, and I learned lots from those.

### *ii) Delegate*

I feel that I represented the school well at this conference, and I achieved the goals that I set for myself. I did make contact and get to know the other VP Externals at this conference, however I would still like to get to know some of them better at future conferences. I was able to figure out what being the head delegate at conferences entails and will hopefully be able to keep it up in the future. I also think that with motions that were written, we have set a good direction for ESSCO in the coming year.