



# Guelph Engineering Society



Report on ESSCO AGM at Waterloo  
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## **1. Purpose of Conference**

*This conference is the annual general meeting of the Engineering Student Society Council of Ontario. The main purpose of the conference is to hold elections for the new executive and hold a plenary session during which member schools can move to change the constitution and mandate the executive to work on projects that will benefit engineering schools across Ontario. Another purpose of the conference is to hold sessions discussing events and issues at different schools with their engineering society and engineering students in general, to spark discussion and learn how to solve problems at our own school by talking to others.*

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

*As incoming VP External, a big goal for this conference for me was to get familiar with ESSCO, how its run and make contacts with other externals across Ontario who I will be working with throughout the year as members of the ESSCO council. Another personal goal of mine to benefit Guelph was to get a motion passed to change the constitution section stating all member schools must bid for a conference every three years. The constitution did not include OEC as it is run somewhat separately from ESSCO, and Guelph was required to bid for a conference or was at risk of losing its good membership status. Guelph not being prepared to host another conference so soon, and not wanting to lose our good membership status, needed this motion changed. On the basis that hosting OEC fulfills the engineering spirit of the original motion to encourage schools to host conferences and stay involved with engineering provincially, the motion was passed and Guelph kept its good status standing.*

## **3. Summary of Events**

*Due to a family engagement, I missed the first day of the conference during which most of the sessions occurred. During the second day, we first had a speaker (a previous graduate from the University of Waterloo) who discussed involvement during your undergraduate years and how skills learned here are transferred to the work force. Other events of the day included accountability of the ESSCO executive, a closed member session to discuss their work and elections, during which one of our own students, Mark Walker, got*

*elected as VP Communications for the year. At the final banquet of the conference, Guelph was given an award for best attendance to events throughout the year. The final day of the conference was dedicated to the plenary session during which motions were passed to mandate the executive for the year. The LIAC topic was also chosen to investigate engineering and stress levels and hosts for upcoming conferences of the year were elected.*

#### **4. Evaluation**

**i) Conference Organizers**

*The conference was overall run very well in terms of sessions run and organizing delegates throughout the day. I did however find a lack of communication prior to the conference, especially since I was arriving late. I was not sure where to show up and if anyone would be there to greet me when I arrived; I was still unclear on these issues when I arrived and it took me a while to find where I was supposed to be. Better communication with delegates before the conference would have been helpful.*

**ii) Delegate**

*I feel I represented Guelph very well at this conference. I acted in a professional manner throughout the conference, voicing concerns affecting Guelph and successfully getting a motion passed in plenary session directly benefiting the University of Guelph. I also made great contacts with the other VP Externals I will be working with continuously throughout the year.*