



Guelph Engineering Society



Report on ESSCO AGM at University of Waterloo,
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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

My goals before attending this conference were to continue to network well with delegates from other schools across Ontario as well as to learn more about being an executive on the ESSCO council, to help prepare me to run for the position of Vice President Communications.

3. Summary of Events

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:

- 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

OSPE and PEO Presentations:

- Both of these organizations came to talk to the students about how they can become more involved with students
- The PEO focused on motivating students to become more involved with government
- The PEO also gave students tips for getting more involved with our own regional PEO chapters, which would be a really good idea for at least one representative from our engineering society to do

WIE (or WISE) and NEM

- Something ESSCO could do is try to develop better relationships with WIE chapters and help Carleton create a WIE wiki page
- Also trying to figure out what a group called OnWIE (Ontario Women in Engineering) is
- National engineering month is a good time to promote our profession to the general public
- Guelph already does this fairly well, so this is as far as I will go in this discussion

Hosting a Conference:

- This session was about all the steps involved with hosting a conference and the planning as well
- Some steps involved with hosting a conference are setting up an initial budget, and a conference committee (these can be done before bidding on the conference)
- Next it is important to secure speakers and sponsorship as well as begin to think about food and hotel plans as well as the social events that are going to happen at night

LIAC

- This session was about what to do with the LIAC committee next year
- Possible topics were discussed and the topic that was decided on was outreach, and what is your motivation for being in engineering
- The LIAC committee for the next year was then chosen at plenary the following day

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- Continue to stay in touch with CODE and develop that relationship more.
- Also plan to get involved with the Student Public Policy initiative of the PEO
- Attending the PEO chapter leader conference is a very good way for ESSCO to communicate with the PEO chapters

- Also talked about LIAC which is discussed above
- The math and physics day at wonderland went very well this year, and should continue the way that it ran this year

4. Evaluation

i) Conference Organizers

This conference was organized well in my opinion. The speakers that came to talk were very good, and kept the attention of the audience. The break times were well scheduled, so that sessions were not running too long, and you had time to get snacks when needed. The food at the conference was also very well done.

ii) Delegate

I feel that I represented the school well at this conference, and I achieved the goals that I set for myself. In the following year, I will continue to represent the University of Guelph well on the ESSCO executive.