



MAKEDA GEORGE, C.E.T.
MESC: HORSESHOE CANDIDATE

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It has been a privilege to serve in this role over the past two years. During this time, I've had the opportunity to advocate for members, contribute to the development of initiatives that enhance member services and benefits, and foster engagement with colleges, corporate partners, and volunteers. My focus has consistently been on improving our member experience through meaningful connections, effective retention strategies, and volunteer recognition – while also championing diversity and inclusion, particularly for women in technology and engineering.

I am especially passionate about advocating for more affordable membership benefits, expanded CPD offerings, and greater recognition of our members' designations within industry. I believe in ensuring that members' voices are not only heard but meaningfully considered in shaping the future of our association. I remain deeply committed to creating tangible, lasting impact and building a stronger, more inclusive community within OACETT.

I would be honored to continue serving as Regional Representative for such a vibrant and diverse region. I look forward to continuing my support to our local chapters - Peel, Hamilton, and Niagara —as we work together to deliver more engaging CPD and networking events, strengthen corporate, community, and college partnerships, and enhancing the services available to members at the local level.

Please describe any relevant volunteer experience, either with OACETT or with any other organization(s).

I have been an active volunteer with OACETT from 2018. I served as Hamilton Chapter Chair from 2019 to 2023, where I led the planning and delivery of numerous CPD events and launched signature initiatives such as the chapter's annual Women in Technology Symposium - Panel Discussion and High Tea Social - events designed to empower, build a support system, and inspire women in engineering by addressing the challenges they face in the workplace. I've also actively engaged with Mohawk College to encourage student to join OACETT. As a member of the Young Professionals Committee from 2020 to 2023, I supported strategic planning and policy development that addressed the unique needs and interests of emerging professionals, helping to strengthen their connection to the association.

Beyond my work with OACETT, I serve as a Director with the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) and held the role of Chair of the Saint Lucia Toronto Association's Independence Gala Committee from 2019 to 2023. I am also the Founder of The Giving with Love Foundation, which supports children in both Canada and Saint Lucia through bursaries, school supplies, child development programs, and mentorship.



ABDUL RASHEED KHAN, A.Sc.T.
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With over two decades of dedicated service to OACETT and a professional background in electrical engineering design and projects, I bring a unique combination of technical expertise, organizational leadership, and a deep understanding of OACETT's mission and operations. My longstanding involvement with the association from Peel Chapter Executive to Chapter Chair, and participation on several committees including the IETO Board, CPD Committee, Awards Committee, and RPPC, has provided me with valuable insight into the work and responsibilities of both the Member Engagement and Services Committee (MESC) and the Registration and Professional Practice Committee (RPPC).

For MESC, my extensive experience in chapter leadership, including organizing CPD-approved seminars, National Engineering Month events, and community outreach, aligns well with its mandate to promote member engagement, oversee benefit programs, and coordinate chapter activities. I also helped develop a pool of speakers and facilitated collaboration between chapters, demonstrating the strategic, member-focused approach this committee requires. Regarding RPPC, my service on the Complaints Committee, Good Character Subcommittee, and other working groups has strengthened my knowledge of certification processes, discipline, and professional standards. I have actively contributed to discussions around registration policies and program evaluations, positioning me to support RPPC's key functions.

Beyond OACETT, my 25-plus years in electrical design, combined with mentoring junior staff and standardizing project documentation, reflect a strong commitment to continuous learning and development, qualities essential to both committees. My demonstrated time management, teamwork, and communication skills have enabled me to successfully balance professional duties, volunteer roles, and personal responsibilities.

I am deeply passionate about advancing the profession and supporting fellow members. I believe my collaborative mindset, and long-standing commitment to OACETT would make me a strong asset to either committee.

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MY OACETT activities have been:

- Started with chapter as chapter executive in 2002-2003.
- Peel Chapter secretary 2010-2013
- Peel Chapter vice-chair from 2013-2015.
- Peel Chapter chair since 2015 to 2019.
- Participated in reviewing panel for selection of poster and in person presentations for AGM.
- Worked with OACETT office in organizing the AGM in 2018.
- Participated/attended NEM events in other chapters in Horseshoe region.

- Worked with OACETT office to create pool of speakers for presenting seminars for other chapters and regions.
- Member of the GRC committee
- IETO Councillor Horseshoe Region 2019-2023
- Member Fellow Committee 2019-2023
- Member IETO Board 2019-2023
- Member CPD committee 2019-2021
- Member Complains committee, 2021-2023
- Member OACETT Awards Committee 2022-2023
- Member Teaching and Technology Transfer Grants Committee 2019-2021
- Member RPPC Committee – Horseshoe Region 2023-2025
- Member Fellow Committee 2023-2025
- Chair – Good Character Subcommittee 2023-2025



VIVEK ASHOK PATIL, C.Tech.
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With a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Product Design and Development, along with project management education in Canada, I bring a blend of technical knowledge and leadership skills that align well with the goals of both the Member Engagement and Services Committee (MESC) and the Young Professionals Committee.

I began my professional journey in India, where I had the opportunity to work with industry leaders like John Deere. During my time there, I was involved in several design and development projects that required cross-functional collaboration, attention to detail, and clear communication across teams. I also worked with suppliers, design engineers, and quality teams, which helped me develop strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills. These experiences have given me a solid foundation in stakeholder engagement, which I believe will be highly valuable in both committees.

In my most recent role, I worked as a Design Engineer, where I focused on 3D modeling, product lifecycle management, and implementing design improvements based on customer and field feedback. I became proficient in tools like Creo, SolidWorks, and Windchill, and developed a strong ability to translate technical ideas into practical outcomes. Beyond technical work, I was often involved in coordinating between teams, managing timelines, and ensuring smooth project execution. These skills align well with MESC's focus on planning and delivering engaging member services.

As a young professional who recently moved to Canada, I also relate closely to the vision of the Young Professionals Committee. I understand the challenges of adapting to a new environment, building a professional network, and finding opportunities to grow. I'm passionate about supporting others in the early stages of their careers, especially those who are navigating similar transitions. I see this committee as a great platform to both contribute and learn.

Overall, I'm eager to get involved, share my experience, and help create meaningful initiatives that support the growth, engagement, and professional development of our members. Volunteering with these committees would be a valuable opportunity for me to give back to the community while continuing to grow both personally and professionally.

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Throughout my academic and professional journey, I have always believed in giving back to the community and contributing to causes that create a meaningful impact. I've had the opportunity to be involved in several volunteer initiatives that have helped shape my perspective and build strong interpersonal and organizational skills.

One of the most meaningful experiences for me was volunteering with Anokhi Pehel, a student-run initiative at MNNIT Allahabad, where I completed my postgraduate studies. As a volunteer teacher, I worked with underprivileged children from nearby communities, helping them with basic education, especially in subjects like mathematics and science. This experience not only strengthened my communication and leadership skills but also deepened my appreciation for the value of education and equal opportunity. It was incredibly rewarding to see the progress these children made and to be part of a team that was passionate about social change.

In addition to that, I also served as a Training and Placement Representative during my time in engineering college. In this role, I was actively involved in coordinating campus recruitment drives, assisting companies during their visit, and ensuring a smooth hiring process. I also worked closely with faculty and training partners to organize workshops and sessions on resume building, interview preparation, and soft skills development. This experience helped me develop a strong sense of responsibility, teamwork, and the ability to handle time-sensitive tasks all while balancing academic commitments.

Both of these roles gave me practical experience in leadership, event coordination, and communication, which I believe will translate well to volunteering with OACETT committees. I enjoy working with people, supporting initiatives that empower others, and being part of a collaborative environment. I'm confident that these experiences have equipped me to contribute positively and reliably as a committee member.



AHMAD TUHMAZI, C.E.T.
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My experience as a former Chair of the Niagara Chapter gives me a strong foundation to serve on the Member Engagement and Services Committee (MESC). During my time in that role, I coordinated outreach efforts, organized local events, and supported fellow members on their certification journey. I've seen firsthand how critical engagement and support networks are to maintaining an active and vibrant membership across the province.

Professionally, I've worked in the municipal sector since 2019, where community engagement, clear communication, and service delivery are key parts of my daily work. I'm confident these skills will translate well to the MESC's mandate of enhancing member services, promoting professional recognition, and strengthening OACETT's regional and chapter network.

My academic background in both Civil Engineering Technology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) allows me to relate to members across technical disciplines, while my designation as a Certified Engineering Technologist (C.E.T.) reinforces my commitment to OACETT's mission and values. I understand the importance of retention and recruitment strategies, and I believe in the value of listening to members to better shape the services we offer.

I am especially interested in supporting initiatives such as member recognition programs, outreach to schools and employers, and improvements to career development tools like CTEN and the salary survey. I also appreciate the committee's role in coordinating chapter funding and support—areas I have experience with and believe could be further enhanced to better empower regional volunteers.

Serving on MESC would allow me to give back to the Association and support the next generation of technologists and technicians through meaningful engagement and improved member experiences.

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Over the years, I've had the privilege of volunteering in several capacities, most notably with OACETT. I served as the Chair of the Niagara Chapter, where I worked closely with fellow executive members to plan and deliver professional development events, networking opportunities, and student outreach activities. During my tenure, I helped increase member engagement at the local level by organizing site tours, panel discussions, and certification support sessions. I also collaborated with nearby chapters and OACETT staff to share best practices and strengthen regional engagement.

In addition to my involvement with OACETT, I've volunteered within the municipal sector on internal working groups focused on environmental sustainability and service improvement. These experiences have honed my skills in collaboration, communication, and project coordination—skills that I believe are directly transferable to committee work within OACETT.

My volunteer work has always been rooted in the belief that professional organizations thrive when members are actively involved. Whether mentoring aspiring technologists, advocating for stronger member services, or supporting the certification process, I take pride in giving back to the community that has supported my own professional journey. I would welcome the opportunity to continue contributing through a committee role.



CLARENCE WALTERS, C.E.T.
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As a visible minority and having immigrated to Canada in the mid-eighties as a foreign trained professional, I feel I would be an asset to either of the two committees. It has been a challenging road for me, but I persevered and have first-hand experience of some of the hurdles and challenges faced by many.

Facing educational challenges, I have had to convince authorities at the 'Ministry of Labour' that my qualifications were equivalent in the field of mechanical engineering. In addition, I have also had to prove my work experience even though I had several years of related experience.

Having lived through the recession of 89 and going through career changes due to the lack of gainful employment I once again faced obstacles securing opportunities in my new field of employment.

I am applying for either the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Member Engagement and services committees as I feel they closely tie into each other. I would be willing to assist on both committees if required.

I feel my past experiences in dealing with situations pertaining to the above areas have helped me assist several others in many ways. In my current position as the Manager of Mechanical systems at Toronto Pearson Airport I participate in the selection and hiring process of technical staff, oversee maintenance staff and construction contractors, hence I have frequent interactions and dealings on issues of DEI.

In the past I have chaired the 'Family Council Committee' at the Allendale Seniors resident home. Here we helped oversee the assimilation of new residents of different ethnicities into the home, carried out fundraising events where the proceeds were used to hold social events in the home that would benefit the residents, conduct tours and picnics to different attractions and areas in the surrounding neighborhood.

As part of the Building Committee for St. Benedicts parish in Milton, I served on the committee for 7 years. We went through all of the aspects from determining all the nuances to deal with the multitude of nationalities, and the requirements of the parishioners and the diocese.

I have also been a volunteer involved with coaching soccer and swim teams.

Having been involved with volunteering in a growing environment both at work and in my home life I feel my experiences will be beneficial to the future of OACETT's growth and position.

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As highlighted above, I have been involved with several volunteer positions, I am still involved with multiple associations at work and outside of work.

First off, I am currently a part of the OACETT Peel Chapter committee volunteering as an executive member. I have helped and participated in several of the events organized by the chapter over the past several years.

I have facilitated CPD tours for the chapter to Pearson Airport to learn and highlight some of our unique engineering systems. Currently I have a tour organized for our Central Utilities Plant and cogeneration facility this coming weekend.

I have also been a volunteer guest speaker at OACETT and PEMAC (Plant engineering and maintenance Association of Canada) conferences, where I spoke about technological improvements carried out at the airport.

In 2023 along with our OACETT counsel and CEO Cheryl Farrow I accompanied to visit the Ministers office to promote our association. This also led to an opportunity to further promote OACETT at the Premiers budget announcement that year and received an honorable mention at the Empire Club of Canada for my perseverance and success.

As an initiative to help the Re-Store and the Habitat for Humanity, I recently was requested by our corporate communications team to interview their CEO Eden Grodzinski to help promote and support the cause.

At the GTAA I also volunteer my time during peak travel seasons on the 'Passenger Care Team', where we help out the public with way finding and offer any assistance to get people seamlessly to their destinations.