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Welcome to the fifth issue of FFE Newsletter, designed to give Foundation members and friends a brief catch up on our affairs and progress.

Two new schools admitted

York University and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology were admitted to the scholarship program in 2007. The Foundation now has 15 schools in the program.

Board of Directors

Brenda Caplan, Seimer Tsang and Brian Ross are retiring from the Board. We thank them for their contribution to FFE. (Unofficially Brenda will still be there and always willing to help out the Foundation).

We welcome Marta Ecsedi, P.Eng. and Corneliu Chisu, P.Eng. to the 2008-2009 Board of Directors.

Gordon Sterling Scholarship

PEO, at the request of the Foundation Board, agreed to fund a named award in memory of the late Gordon Sterling. The G.G. Sterling award valued at \$3,500 will be made annually by PEO to a registered Engineering Intern who has served in a leadership capacity. Many thanks to Brenda Caplan, Catherine Karakatsanis, George Comrie and the President for all their effort and work associated with this new award.

Increase in undergraduate scholarships

Once again we thank all PEO & OSPE members and industry supporters who have kindly contributed to the Foundation. The level of contributions received to date has enabled the Foundation to increase the undergraduate awards from \$1,000 to \$1,250. This is the first scholarship increase in over ten years.

Students Initiative Government Liaison Policy

PEO has commenced Students Initiative Government Liaison policy. The GLP-SI recently held a workshop at the Engineering Student Society Council of Ontario (ESSCO) at Ryerson University. The object is to influence more public policy involvement in the next generation.

(Editor's note) members' comments on whether or not the Foundation should fund some of the initiatives in the future would be very helpful to the Board.

President notes

This June, York University's first Gold Medal for Academic Achievement was awarded to Hassan Masoom, a graduate from York's newly accredited computer engineering program. The Gold Medal, awarded annually by the Foundation to the graduate with the highest cumulative average in an undergraduate program at each university, was presented by Stephen Jack, Foundation president.



George Comrie, P.Eng., presenting the OPE Foundation for Education Gold Medal Award for Academic Excellence to Tanya Starret at the McMaster University Annual Awards and Reception.

New name

Suggestions have come forward to re name the Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education to Professional Engineers Foundation or Ontario Engineers Foundation or Engineers Ontario Foundation or simply use The Foundation.

Puzzle

No one came up with the answer so here it is again. The probability of rolling 10 with two standard dice is 3 out of 36 or 1/12. What is the probability of rolling 10 with three dice?

