

# NAYGN Durham



**What Does It Take  
To Be A Professional  
Engineer In Ontario?**  
PEO visits OPG sites



**Another Successful  
Profiles in Leadership  
Event**  
Leaders of today and  
tomorrow



**NAYGN Durham  
Goes Global**  
Participation in  
WANO BGM 2017 in  
South Korea

## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017

### New Year, New Team, New Initiatives

It has been a very busy year for the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN) Durham Chapter. A new executive team along with leads was elected in the summer of 2017 that is comprised of both old and new faces. The new senior executive team for the two year term is: Matthew Mairinger (President), Michael Saliba (Vice President), Tanvir Ahmed (Communications Chair), Karissa Palinka (Membership & Networking Chair), Diana Urrego (Public Relations Chair), Nadia Temacini (Community Outreach Chair), Elise Lagacé (Professional Development Chair), and Mark Goodchild (Treasurer). To find out more about our team, visit our newly launched website at [www.naygndurham.com](http://www.naygndurham.com).

We have been successful in getting our members engaged through many of our events. Keep reading for a sneak peak into the updates of our events and how to get involved!

**Operation Clean Sweep (OCS)** - This is a semi-annual event where we collaborate with Ontario Power Generation to help residents in the Durham region with their yard-work. Both Spring and Fall OCS events had a large number of enthusiastic volunteers to make these events successful. In the Fall, our team of volunteers braved the cold weather and helped a total of 23 seniors with yard work. A big thanks goes out to all who participated and to our sponsors. Next OCS event will be in Spring '18, stay tuned for more updates!

**Let's Go Blue Jays** - "Take me out to the ball game" ...In early September this year, NAYGN organized an evening at SkyDome where ninety young nuclear employees made their way to support the Blue Jays against the Detroit Tigers. Prior to the game, Society of Energy Professionals sponsored a social event that was attended by the members from Durham NAYGN, UOIT NAYGN, Bruce Power NAYGN and AMEC NAYGN. This event was a huge success and allowed NAYGN members to network with one another, finding out a little more about their respective organizations and the roles they play within it.

**Lunch and Learn About Provincial and Federal Politics** - NAYGN Durham organized two events this year with Durham region politicians. The first event was with Durham Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Granville Anderson. While our members enjoyed their delectable pizza lunch, MPP Anderson provided the young professionals with introduction to

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provincial politics, upcoming changes to our community and the importance of Darlington Refurbishment project. Later this year, we also hosted Durham Member of Parliament (MP) Erin O'Toole. MP O'Toole touched upon his personal experience growing up in Bowmanville, recent developments in the federal government and the importance of nuclear industry in Canada. Both events saw a healthy participation from our members who showed zeal in learning about politics at provincial and federal level.

**Profiles in Leadership Event** - The much anticipated seminar saw leaders from the Canadian nuclear power generation industry deliver their insight and advice to the young professionals. Attendees had the opportunity to learn from the likes of Jeff Lyash (CEO, OPG), Glenn Jager (CNO, OPG), Marlene Ramphal (Director, OPG Darlington Refurbishment), and Carla CarMichael (VP Project Assurance and Contract Management). It was an evening full of great discussions between the current and prospective leaders in the nuclear business.

**NAYGN at WANO Biennial General Meeting (BGM)** - We left our mark at the international level this fall when our President, Matthew Mairinger, was invited to participate in the Young Generation session at the WANO BGM in Gyeongju, South Korea. "It was a wonderful opportunity for NAYGN Durham and other young professionals to make their voice heard at WANO. The youth theme was reiterated in many of the panel sessions at the conference", said Matt after returning from the conference. On a regional level, we also participated at the Generation Energy forum in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**PEO Lunch and Learn** - Given the number of young professionals with an engineering Bachelors and/or Masters degree within our member community, this lunch and learn event was very well received. PEO representatives visited OPG Pickering and Darlington sites to deliver information about the Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) licensing process.

Besides the above events, we have participated in several other events such as Take Your Kids to Work Day at OPG, UOIT student job fair, control valves seminar, OPG DEC open house & student day and by submitting a letter to Minister Carr for Generation Energy. For more information about who we are, our events, how to get involved and donate towards our cause, contact us through our website or social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & Yammer). Also let us know if you have anything else to say about NAYGN Durham.

It was a pleasure bringing you all the exciting updates. We wish everyone Happy Holidays!

*Tanvir Ahmed, Communications Chair, on behalf of NAYGN Durham*

*Giving back to the community we belong to...*



**There are opportunities abound for new members and our community to work along with us. We want to hear from you so do not wait and reach out to us via all available channels.**