

2026

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

HAMILTON CHAPTER
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 622
April 9, 2026



AGENDA

- Welcome Remarks
- David Terlizzi, OACETT
- 2025 Chapter Year in Review
- Milestone Recipients
- Chapter Finance Statement Year Ending December 31, 2025
- MESOC Updates – Makeda George
- 2026-2027 Chapter Elections
- New Business, Upcoming Meetings & Events
- Q&A
- NOTE: Light Meal will be served during Presentation

Introduction

Welcome to the Hamilton Chapter ACM!

This chapter executive is made up of members who volunteer a few hours of their time in sharing their interest, enthusiasm, and expertise in building, directing, and maintaining a strong association and local chapter. Fresh ideas are always needed to maintain the demands of an active chapter.

Feel free to contact us with your thoughts and ideas at any time at the OACETT Hamilton Chapter website.

2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter Chair

Mark Jakubowski, A.Sc.T.



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter Vice Chair
Dalal Alayche, C.E.T.



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter Secretary
Michelle Smith, C.E.T.



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter Treasurer
Paul Wardell, C.Tech.



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter College Liaison
Darren Loro, C.E.T.



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Chapter Women in Technology
Jimisen Padiyath, Associate



2025-2026 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

➤ Ken Browne, C.E.T.

➤ Dany McNicoll, C. Tech.

➤ Nick Mozzoni, C.E.T.

➤ Robert DeWolfe, C.E.T.

➤ William Stewart, C.E.T.

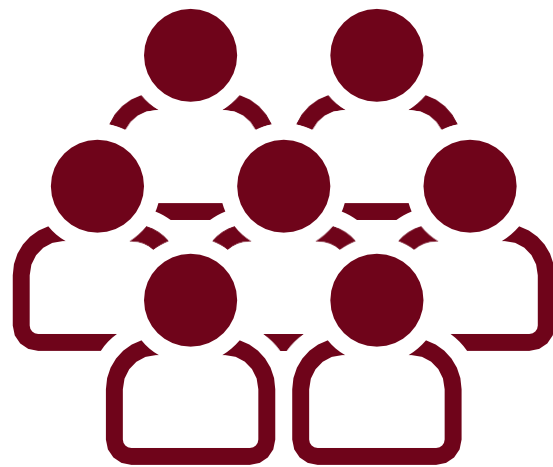
➤ Zhongde Wang, C.E.T.

➤ Kyle Wardell, Associate

➤ Atheer Salha, Associate

WHO WE ARE

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) is a non-profit, self-governing professional association. OACETT is Ontario's independent certifying body for engineering and applied science technicians and technologists and confers the designations C.Tech. (Certified Technician) and C.E.T. (Certified Engineering Technologist).



21,000+ MEMBERS



6 REGIONS



27 CHAPTERS

CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

OACETT Chapters are charged with meeting the needs of:



Chapter Members



Members of the Association



Industry businesses and colleges of the larger community in which they operate

CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

OACETT Chapters are responsible for:



Maintaining the frequency and quality of activity (meetings and events) in the area they serve



identifying and promoting those activities of specific interest to their members

David Terlizzi

David Terlizzi Director, Member Engagement, Services and Government Relations

David Terlizzi is the Director of Member Engagement, Services & Government Relations at OACETT. He leads the Association's province-wide membership strategy, corporate outreach, government advocacy, and chapter network, helping thousands of engineering technicians and technologists advance their careers. David is recognized for establishing high-impact partnerships, modernizing member services, and enhancing OACETT's presence across the industry, government, and Ontario's colleges.



CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Mark Jakubowski, A.Sc.T.

2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter - Shawn & Eds Brewing Company Tour and Social Event



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – WIT Symposium



THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTORSHIP & SPONSORSHIP FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE"
VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM 2025

March 5, 2025
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Online





cpd APPROVED

The Hamilton Chapter invites you to a CPD-approved virtual **symposium** on "The Importance of Mentorship & Sponsorship for Women in the Workplace."

The **symposium** will focus on conversations around the benefits of having mentorship and the challenges associated with women in the workplace.

We are encouraging our community partners to engage in this discussion to help with creating more opportunities and fostering initiatives that will create more opportunities in the workplace for women.

Details

-  **Date:** March 5, 2025
-  **Time:** 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
-  **Location:** Virtual Zoom Webinar
-  **Cost:** FREE

Speakers

- Shelley Baker-Garcie, Realtor, Royal LePage State Realty
- Shelley Parker, A.Sc.T., OACETT Board Member - Horseshoe Region Representative, Vice President, Metering Alectra Utilities Corporation
- Olga Delvecchio, Materials Engineer and recently retired Professional Engineer
- Mini Thomas, M.Eng., P.Eng., Ph.D., Mohawk College Professor, School of Engineering Technology
- **Moderator:** Jennifer Hazelton, C.Tech., OACETT Women in Technology Liaison Officer

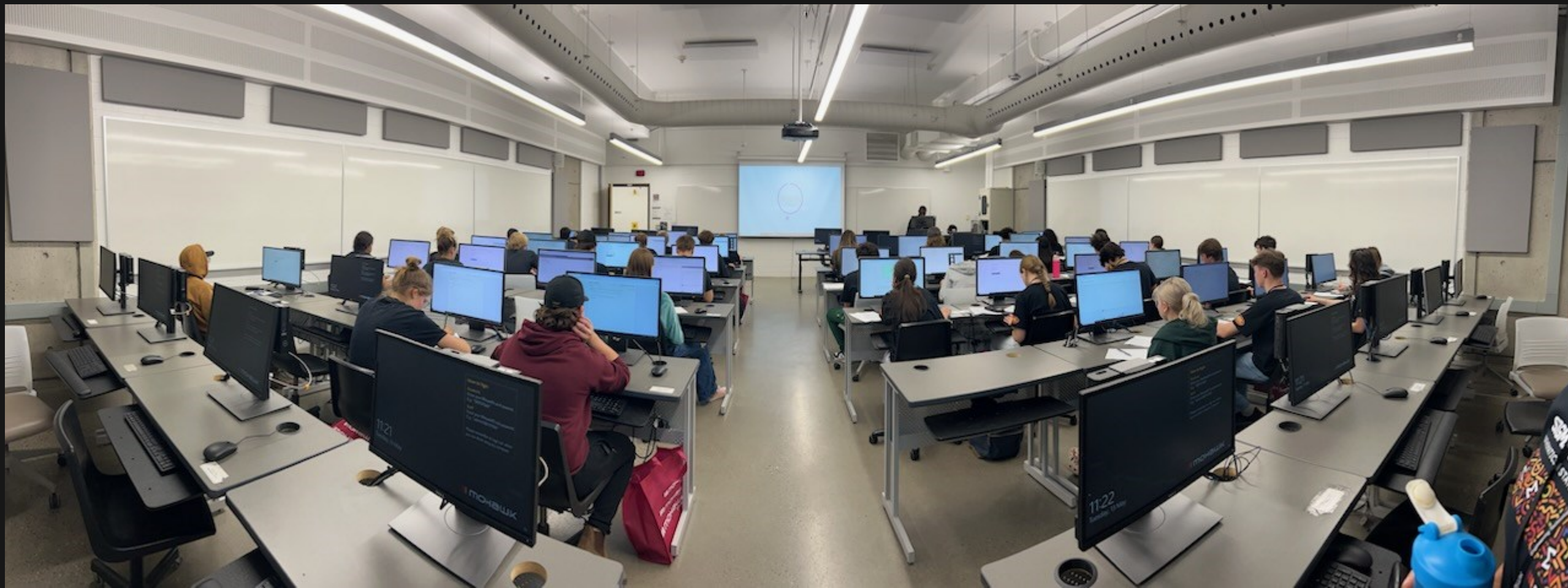
2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter Annual Chapter Meeting



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – Sigma at Mohawk College Mathematics & Statistics Competition



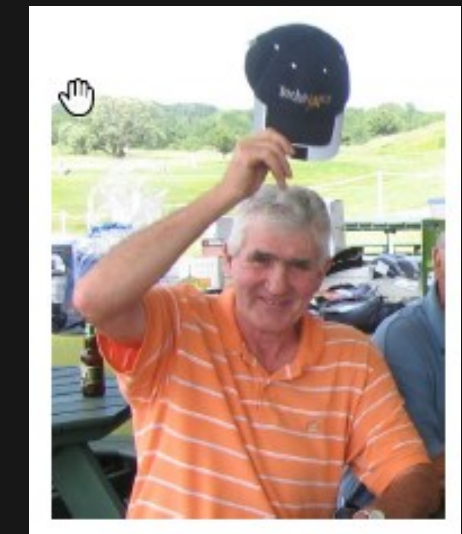
2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – Representing at OACETT AGM in Windsor



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – Stewart Baxter Memorial Golf Tournament



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – Mohawk College WITT Symposium



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – (MTG) Meet The Grad (Winter and Fall)



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Hamilton Chapter – Volunteer Appreciation



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Horseshoe Regional Event – Brampton Steelheads Game



2025 CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Sporting Events – Forge FC and Hamilton Tiger Cats



Sporting Events available throughout the Year

MESC UPDATE

Makeda George, C.E.T.

IEP EVENT RECAP

- **313** Virtual Career Event Registrants
- **236** In-Person Career Fair & Networking Event Attendees
- **41** Respondents to Membership Discount
- **67** Responses to Survey



Daisy Wright

The Wright Career Solution

HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

- Staff and members have attended two high school career fairs at St. Francis Xavier School in Milton and St. Patrick Post Secondary in Toronto
- Staff will present at the Halton District School Board PA Day event – November 28 to math/science and tech teachers and guidance counsellors
- Staff attended the OSCA conference November 9 - 10



3Cs CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Submission deadline: April 10th , 2026

OACETT encourages all chapters to nominate themselves for the 3Cs Chapter Engagement Awards, which celebrates the contribution of the Chapters towards promoting awareness for OACETT and the profession through engagement with local:



COMMUNITIES



COLLEGES



CORPORATIONS

Winning Chapters receive

- \$1,000 in additional funding for the year to put towards Chapter events and activities
- Recognition in the Ontario Technologist magazine, on the OACETT website and social media

NEAT WEEK CAPSTONE COMPETITION

National Engineering and Applied science Technology (NEAT) Week

Officially launched in 2024, is a capstone competition for engineering and applied science technology students across Canada. The competition established by [Technology Professionals Canada \(TPC\)](#), comprised of OACETT and nine other provincial member organizations representing engineering and applied science technologists, wants to promote the achievements of engineering and applied science technology students and the institutions that educate them.



National Engineering and Applied science Technology (NEAT) Week

The competition is first conducted provincially and facilitated by the applicable association, in this case OACETT. The Ontario capstone competition is held in October, where the top three Ontario finalists selected by OACETT's Awards Subcommittee go on to the provincial finals. The winner of the provincial finals competition is selected by OACETT members and non-members across Ontario via an online voting system and goes on to the national competition held virtually on the week of November 24th.

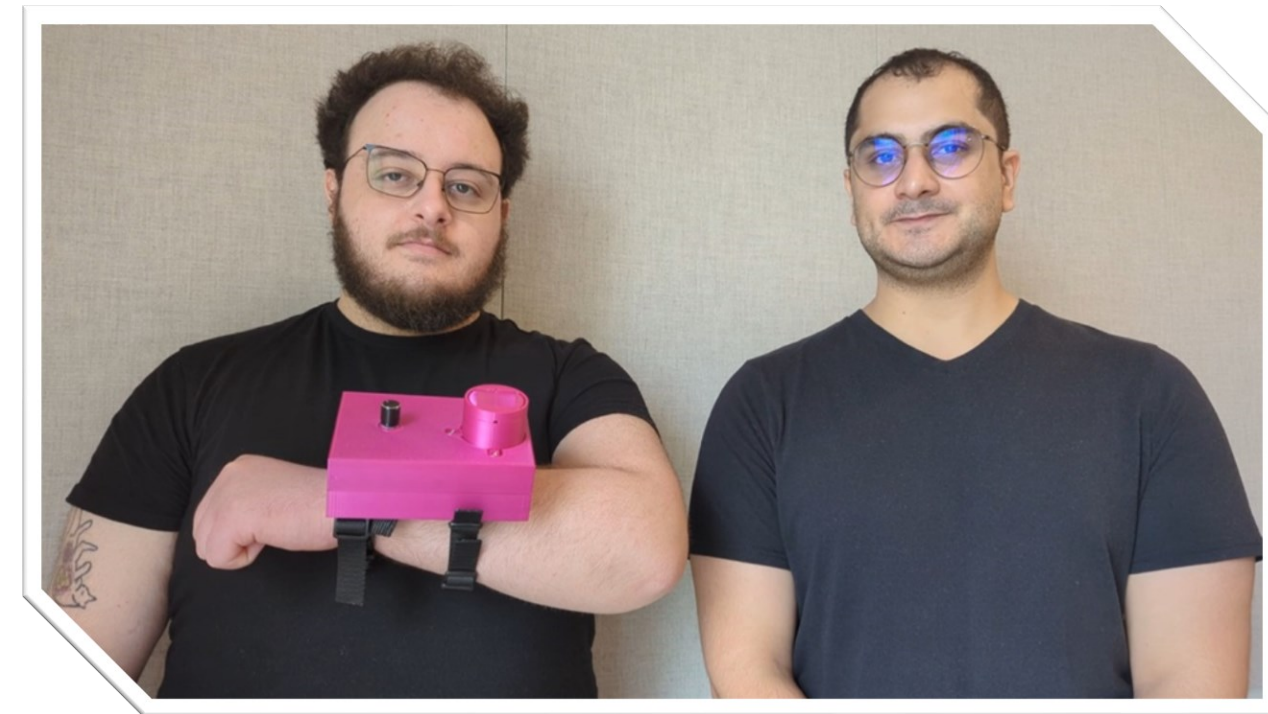


National Engineering and Applied science Technology (NEAT) Week

During NEAT Week, we celebrated the winners of the National Capstone Competition, showcased during a live webinar on November 25, 2025.

Congratulations to **Adam Beik and Sam Davis** from Seneca Polytechnic's Computer Engineering Technology program, who earned first place both provincially and nationally for their innovative project, *The Screenspeeder: A Wireless Web Controller for the Visually Impaired*.

We also recognize the CTTAM national finalists, Phoemela Miranda, Mina Mattner, and Karl Monsalud from RRC Polytech; for their outstanding project, *Pathology of Reinforced Concrete, Timber and Steel in Bridges*.



CHAPTER COLLEGE OUTREACH

Why We're Introducing HubSpot?

- Strengthen coordination between OACETT, chapter volunteers, and college faculty
- Eliminate scheduling conflicts
- Centralize outreach management
- Track engagement and measure impact



How It Works

- Faculty or staff submits request via HubSpot link
- OACETT routes the request to the chapter or staff
- Chapter volunteer confirms
- Shared materials, contacts, and reminders

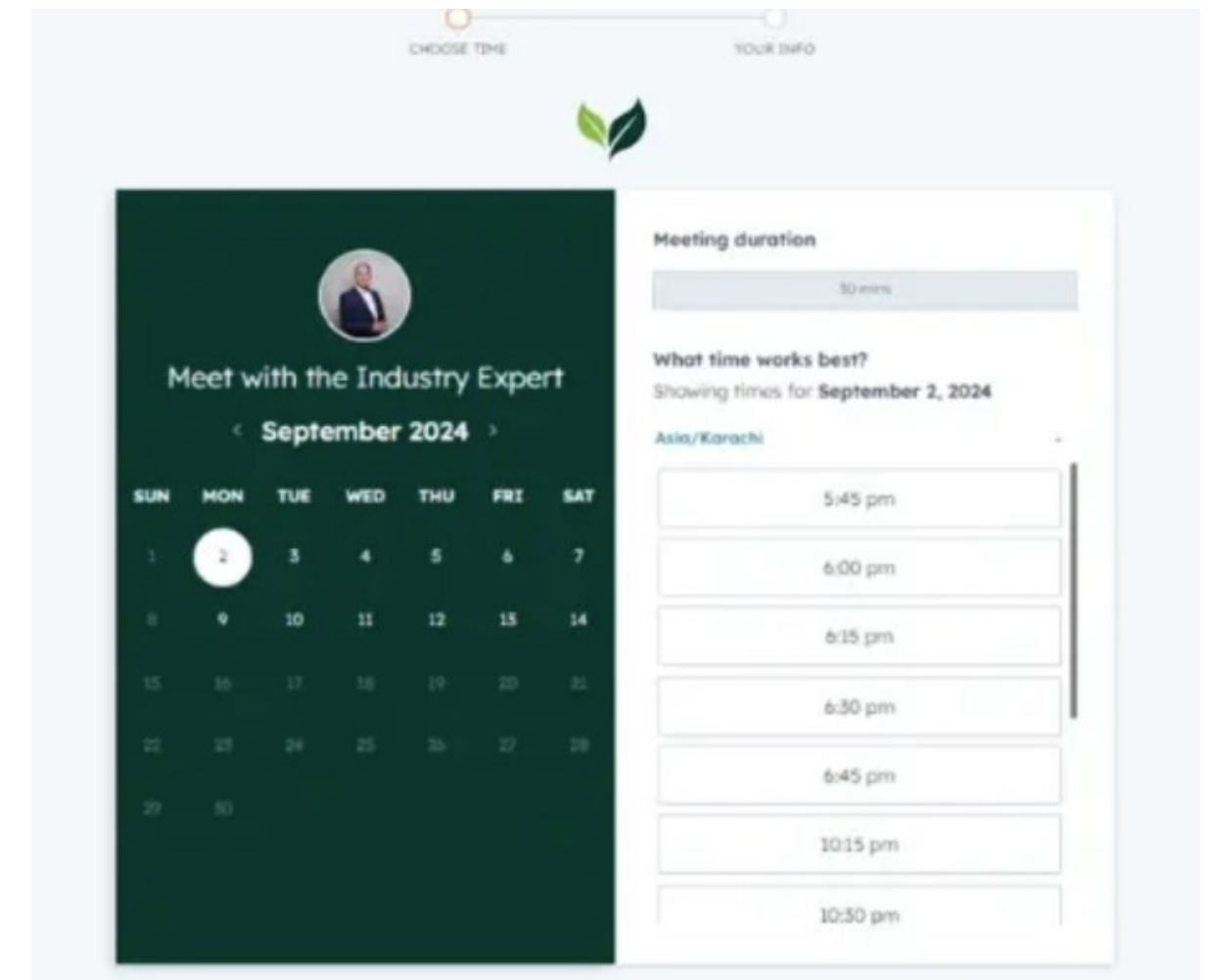
The screenshot shows a web form for booking a meeting. At the top, there are two tabs: "CHOOSE TIME" and "YOUR INFO". Below the tabs is a profile picture of a man and the text "Meet with the Industry Expert". A calendar for "September 2024" is displayed, with the 2nd of the month selected. To the right of the calendar, there is a "Meeting duration" dropdown menu set to "30 mins". Below that, a section titled "What time works best?" shows "Showing times for September 2, 2024" and "Asin/Karachi". A list of time slots is provided: 5:45 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:45 pm, 10:15 pm, and 10:50 pm.

The Challenge We Are Solving

- Outreach requests are scattered across emails
- Overlaps or missed presentations
- Limited visibility between chapters and staff
- Hard to measure engagement

Benefits for OACETT & Colleges

- Centralized database of contacts
- Stronger college relationships
- Consistent messaging
- Metrics to support partnerships



Launch and Next Steps

1. Phase 1: Pilot (Winter 2026)
2. Phase 2: Soft launch (Spring 2026)
3. Phase 3: Training sessions & Province-wide launch (Fall 2026)

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GALA

- **Theme:** Energy
- **Tagline:** From grid to greatness, powering Ontario's future
- **Date:** May 29 – 31, 2026
- **Location:** Sheraton Hamilton Hotel
- **Welcome Night Reception:** Hamilton Art Gallery
- **Technology Showcase:** Hamilton Convention Centre
- **Chapters:** two delegates per chapter go for free



FLETCHER FOUNDATION: GENERATION AWARD

Chapter executives are encouraged to promote the Generation Award, a bursary that offsets college costs for eligible spouses, children, and grandchildren of OACETT members.

Key takeaways:

- Bursary increased to \$1,500 for 2026 and 2027
- Expanded eligibility: Full-time, part-time & post-graduate students

Application deadline:

- April 30, 2026

Application information:

- Go to <https://bit.ly/FletcherGenerationAward2026>.
- Visit the Fletcher Foundation webpage on www.OACETT.org.

FLETCHER FOUNDATION: COMMUNITY CLEANUP CHALLENGE

Chapters are encouraged to take part in the 2026 Fletcher Foundation Community Cleanup and make a difference in their neighbourhoods.

Key takeaways:

- Cleanup takes place in June.
- Cleanup goal is to help reduce litter & invest in the next generation of technologists.
- Chapters organize cleanup in their local park, trail or neighbourhood.
- The chapter that collects the most waste will earn a \$500 bursary to support engineering technology and applied science students at their local college.

Up to the Challenge?

- Email: Alla Bondarenko at fletcherfoundation@oacett.org by May 1st 2026.



OACETT LINX UPDATE

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2026 FEATURES COMING TO LINX

- **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**
- **CHAPTER EXECUTIVE CROSS REGIONAL SPACE**
- **WIT SPACE**
- **CHANGES TO THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLE ON THE PLATFORM**

RPPC UPDATE

RPPC Update

- Quarterly CPD information sessions on recent program changes have resulted in good member suggestions for review and enhancements.
- A French OACETT Professional Practice Exam and study guide have recently been launched.
- Evaluated a fifteen-month TTC Subway Vehicle Technician (SVT) training program resulting in graduates in the program being recognized as C.Tech. This is the first corporate training program OACETT has recognized as being eligible for certification.
- Received approval from the Ontario Fairness Commissioner on an Acceptable Alternatives for Certification Policy. This policy applies to applicants who cannot obtain require documentation for reasons beyond their control.

MILESTONES

"CELEBRATING 10, 25, 50 & 60 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP"

Name	Designation	Guest Name	Recognition
Valery Nestsarenka	C.Tech.	Maryna Nestsarenka	10
Alexandru Voinescu	C.Tech.		10
Paul Wardell	C.Tech.	Jody Wardell	25
Phillip O'Connor	C.Tech.		25
Michael Kalinovick	C.E.T.	Kathryn Fryer	50
Gordon Bunting	C.E.T.		50
Trevor Onken	C.E.T., Fellow	Beverly Onken	60

MILESTONE PINS

- At each Member's 10, 25, 40, 50, and 60 milestone year there are milestone certificates distributed
- Going forward all members will receive their Milestone Pins with their certificates
- For Milestone events please remind members to bring their pins

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2025

2026 ACM Treasurer Report

January 1, 2025, opening bank balance	\$2,593.35
December 31, 2025, closing bank balance	<u>\$3,560.28</u>
Change in Cash position	\$ 966.93

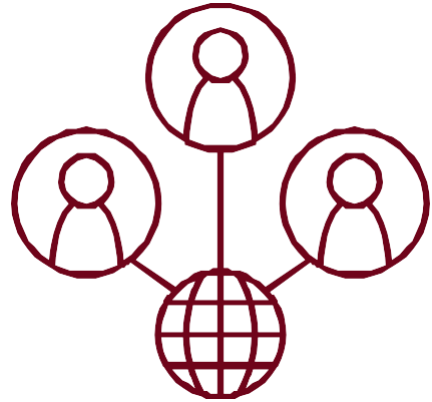
INCOME GENERATED IN 2025

2025 OACETT Grant	\$8,066.71
EVENT INCOME	\$7,253.82
GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP 2024 & 2025	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
TOTAL 2025 INCOME GENERATED	\$19,070.53

EXPENSES IN 2025

Golf Tournament Green Fees, food & Prizes	\$5,892.27
Math Competition Sponsorship	\$500.00
2024 & 2025 Student memberships	\$325.44
WIT High Tea – gift cards, event costs, projector rental	\$1,244.96
Hamilton Tiger Cats season tickets	\$2,860.00
Miscellaneous deposit	\$36.55
Annual Chapter Meeting	\$1,872.00
Executive Meetings	\$2,679.82
Printing	\$1.60
Postage	\$93.19
Bank Service Charges	\$104.70
Shawn & Eds Beer tour event	\$433.78
Warplane Heritage event	\$223.54
Executive dinner	<u>\$1,835.75</u>
TOTAL 2025 EXPENSES	\$18,103.60

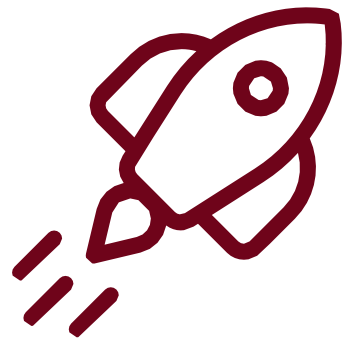
THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING



Expand your professional network: OACETT volunteers connect with other engineering technology and applied science professionals from across Ontario.

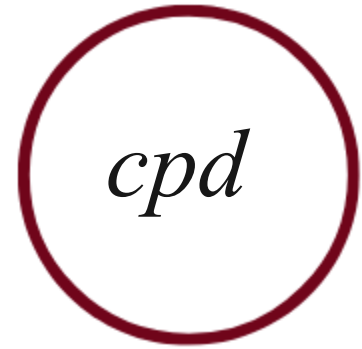


Skills development: many volunteers learn new skills and gain experience they may not have been able to acquire at their job.

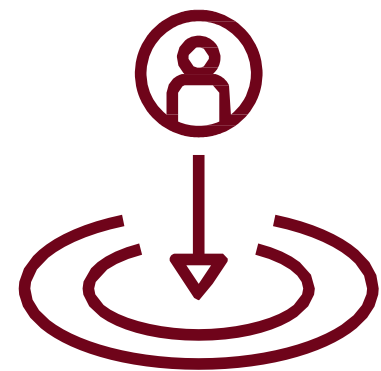


Boost your career options: improved skills, a broader network, and increased knowledge will help you advance in your career.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING CONT.



Earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD)



Make a difference: volunteering can result in positive change at your association. At the chapter level, you can help shape future events and even mentor members.



Discover your strengths and talents: volunteering can reveal hidden talents!

ELECTION

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES



Establishing plans, goals and your budget.



Providing a meaningful arena for members and potential members to gather, engage, support and learn from each other.



Actively engaging with community stakeholders who influence members' careers.



Identifying future chapter leaders.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER CHAIR:

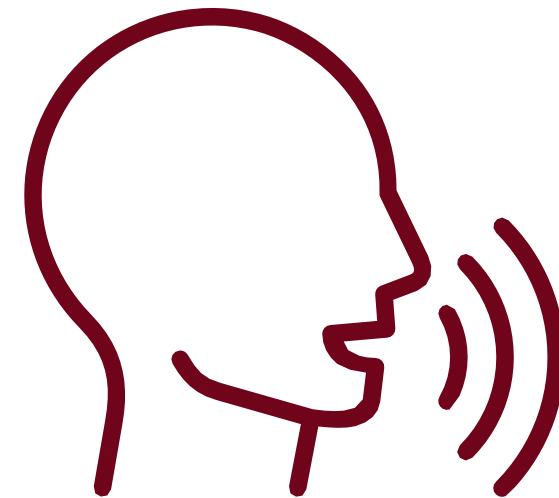
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- Elected by the Certified members of their chapter for a 1-year term of office, which may be renewed



SENIOR ROLE



RESPONSIBLE FOR BY-LAWS, POLICIES & ADMIN



HAS TACT & PERSUASION



CREATES AN ACTIVE & PRODUCTIVE CHAPTER

NOMINATION



Mark Jakubowski, A.Sc.T.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER VICE-CHAIR:

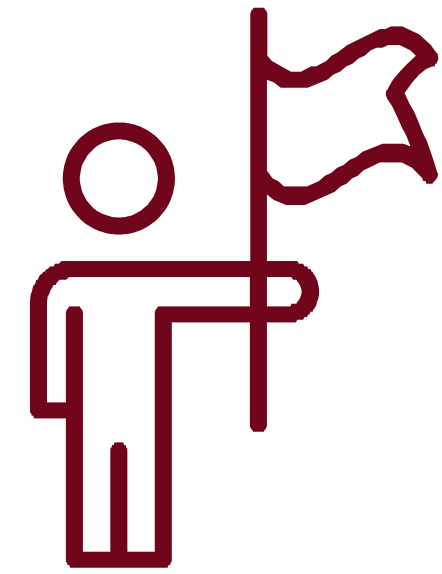
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**MAY SUCCEED PRESENT
CHAPTER CHAIR**



**ASSISTS WITH CHAPTER
CHAIR DUTIES**



**LEADS IN CHAPTER
CHAIR'S ABSENCE**

NOMINATION

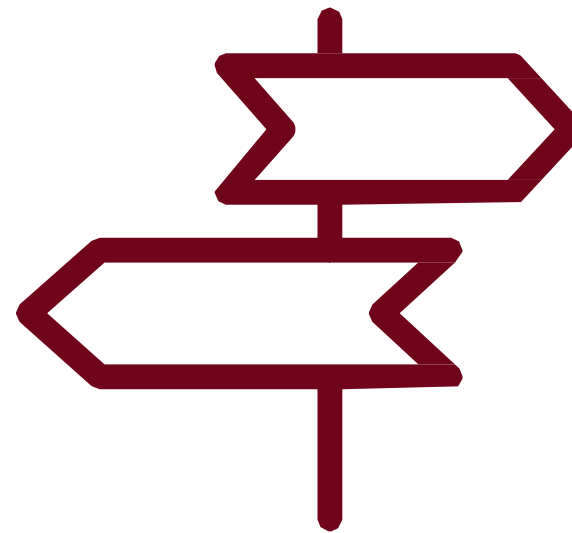
CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER PAST-CHAIR:

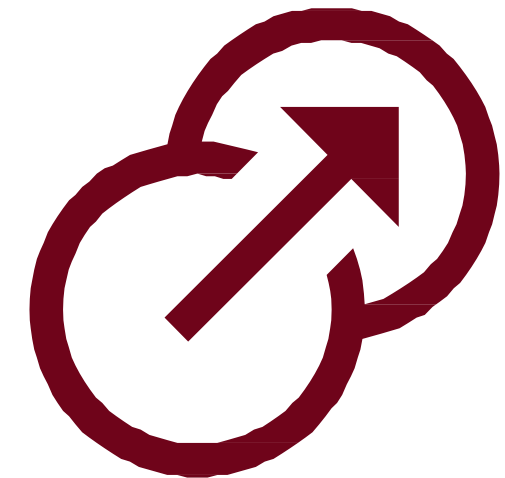
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- 1-year term of office, which may be renewed



**ASSISTS INCOMING CHAPTER
CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR WHEN
NEEDED)**



**OFFERS INFO & GUIDANCE ON
CHAPTER DECISIONS, PLANS &
BUSINESS**

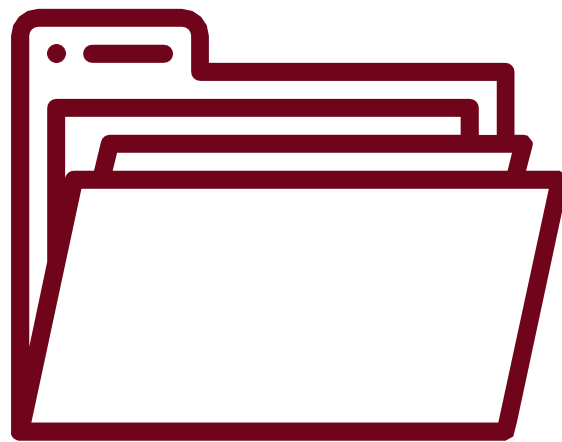


**ENSURES SMOOTH CHAPTER
LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS**

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

SECRETARY

- Filled by an Associate or Certified member in good standing
- Elected by the Certified members of their chapter for a 1-year term of office, which may be renewed. May be combined with chapter treasurer role into one position



**CUSTODIAN OF
DOCUMENTS**



**RECORDER OF
ACTIVITIES**

NOMINATION



Michelle Smith, C.E.T.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

TREASURER

- Filled by an Associate or Certified member in good standing
- Elected by the Certified members of their chapter for a 1-year term of office, which may be renewed. May be combined with chapter secretary role into one position



**KEEPER OF THE
CHAPTER'S ASSETS**



**FINANCIAL ADVISOR OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**PREPARE CLEAR & CONCISE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOMINATION



Paul Wardell, C.Tech.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

COLLEGE LIAISON

- Filled by a Student, Associate or Certified member in good standing



**LIAISON WITH LOCAL
COLLEGE/INSTITUTE CAMPUS(ES)**

- Elected by the Certified members of their chapter for a 1-year term of office, which may be renewed. This position may also be by appointment by the chapter chair.



**ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING =
NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

NOMINATION



Darren Loro, C.E.T.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY (WIT) REPRESENTATIVE

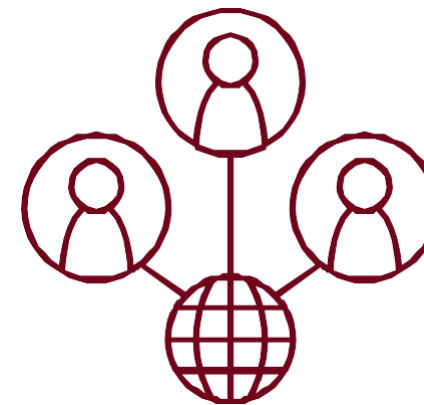
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**ATTEND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**



**LOCAL RESOURCE FOR
WOMEN**



**LIAISE WITH COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**



**GO TO PERSON FOR WOMEN
AFFAIRS & MATTERS**

NOMINATION

Clarissa Gatbonton, Associate



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE MEMBER

- Filled by an Associate or Certified member in good standing
- 1-year term of office, which may be renewed



**ASSIST ON A VARIETY OF
PROJECTS**



**PROMOTE ASSOCIATION &
CHAPTER GOALS/OBJECTIVES**

NOMINATION

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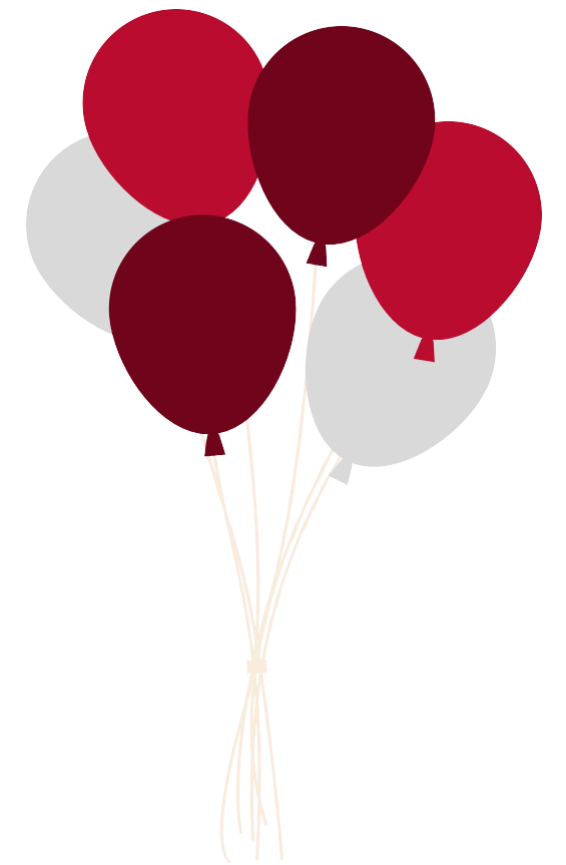
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➤ Zhongde Wang, C.E.T.



CONGRATULATIONS 2026-2027 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE



CHAPTER CPD & EVENTS

NEW BUSINESS - UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS & MEETINGS

- April 28, 2026 – Next Hamilton Chapter Meeting at Industria Pizza, 1791 Stone Church Road East (7:00pm)
- May 2, 2026 – Flat Rock Cellars (Social Event)
- May 23, 2026 – Yoga Event (Social Event)
- May 28th to 31st – 2026 OACETT Annual Conference & Gala, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel
- June 27, 2026 – 30th Annual Stewart Baxter Memorial Golf Tournament (Social Event)
- August 15, 2026 – OACETT Regional Picnic, Confederation Park
- September 2026 – StressCrete Group CPD Technical Presentation and Facility Tour
- September/October 2026 – Erin Booth Memorial High Tea WIT Event
- December 2026 – Christmas Tour at Dundurn Castle

QUESTIONS?



Thank you for Attending the OACETT
Hamilton Chapter
Annual Chapter Meeting