

STEVE BARNES, C.E.T., Fellow OACETT MESC: TORONTO CANDIDATE

Based on the Terms of Reference for the committee(s) for which you are applying, please describe how your skills/background make you an ideal candidate.

See my volunteer work experience as listed below, as I have been involved in everything as noted in the mandate during my prior years serving as a member of the OACETT Council (1 year on IETO and 15 years on PASB) for the Toronto Region.

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

33 years of OACETT volunteer work, having served 16 years on OACETT Council for the Toronto Region (1 year on IETO and 15 years on PASB), 7 years as Chapter Chair of the Toronto West Chapter, 6 years on the Fletcher Board of Trustees, 2 years on the OACETT Fellow Committee, 2 years on the OACETT Nominating Committee, 1 year on the OACETT Government Relations Committee. I Organized and ran the Toronto Region Technology Tee Off golf tournament from 2008 to 2019 raising more than \$7,000 for the Fletcher Foundation until the COVID pandemic came along. I'm currently serving as a member of the Toronto West Chapter executive.

I was awarded the OACETT Outstanding Community Service Award in 2000, the OACETT Distinguished Service Award in 2016, and received my Fellow OACETT designation in 2020.





CHANAKYA PATEL, C.Tech. MESC: TORONTO CANDIDATE

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Hello,

My name is Chanakya Patel, and I am currently employed at BBA E&C Inc. in the Concord office, where I work as an Engineering Technician. I am also a certified member of OACETT. I bring over seven years of combined professional experience—four years in India and the last three years in Canada with BBA E&C Inc.

I am expressing my interest in serving on the Member Engagement and Service Committee because I strongly believe in contributing to the growth and vibrancy of our professional community. Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to work closely with diverse teams and stakeholders, which has sharpened my communication, collaboration, and service-oriented mindset.

As someone who has benefited from the support and resources of OACETT, I am passionate about giving back by helping to strengthen member connections, enhance engagement, and create meaningful opportunities for involvement. My technical background, multicultural experience, and commitment to continuous improvement position me as a proactive and enthusiastic candidate for this committee.

I would be honored to bring my energy, insight, and dedication to this role and contribute to furthering OACETT's mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Chanakya Patel

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

While I have not yet had the opportunity to participate in formal volunteer roles, I am eager to get involved and contribute meaningfully to the Member Engagement and Service Committee. I believe this would be a great opportunity to gain new experience, support fellow members, and help grow and strengthen our professional community.

