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To recognize the FFE for its work, three universities recently named it as a major donor for its cumulative awards of over \$100,000. Carleton University welcomed the foundation to The Task Eternal Society and presented an engraved glass plaque to President Sterling. Ryerson University added the foundation to the Ryerson Circle on its donor wall in the atrium of George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre. And the University of Ontario Institute of Technology added the foundation to its Challenger Society on its interactive donor wall.

The foundation is now focusing on three goals: building awareness, investing in fundraising development, and building stronger relationships with its partners, donors and students. “We want to better understand how we can continue to support the next generation of engineers. The [FFE] board is very open-minded on how we can do that,” says Sterling. “Do we put ourselves in a financial position to increase the dollar amount of the awards? Or do we try to provide more awards because there are more students in need now? Or do we find additional ways to support them, such as linking them with professional engineers for guidance... So, we’re looking at ways to continue to be relevant.”

P.Engs make presence felt ON NEW PREVENTION COUNCIL

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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS are making their presence felt on the Ontario labour ministry’s Prevention Council, a body created to advise the ministry on occupational health and safety issues.

Established in December 2012 and reporting to the ministry’s chief prevention officer, George Gritziotis, the council now includes three engineers, Graeme Norval, PhD, P.Eng., Roy Slack, P.Eng., and Dawn Tattle, P.Eng., who constitute nearly one-third of the 11-person council.

Together with representatives from industry, labour unions, safety associations and government, the council also assists development of the provincial occupational health and safety strategy, and analyzes proposed changes to the administration of services under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Each engineer on the council comes with special expertise in safety and health in an engineering setting.

Norval is a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Toronto, where he leads such programs as fundamentals of process design, process safety management and safe design of chemical process. He is also on the board of directors of the Minerva Canada safety institute. Norval is gratified that professional engineers now have more opportunity to influence safety-directed organizations.

Norval told *Engineering Dimensions* August 1 that with their ethical commitment to safety and protection of the public, engineers are a natural fit for a body such as the Prevention Council, especially with its proactive stance on workplace safety matters.

Likewise, Slack says engineers don’t necessarily bring their industry sector expertise to the council, but instead add best practices experience to higher-level deliberations.

“I find it interesting to have the three engineers on the Prevention Council, because it certainly wasn’t planned,” Slack says. “[The organizers] were focused on people who were committed and have shown a career of commitment to health and safety, so it just makes sense for professional engineers when you look at the oath we take to protect the public to be a part of that council.”

Slack is head of North Bay’s Cementation Canada, an authority on Ontario’s mining industry, and a recipient of an Ontario Professional Engineers Engineering Medal.

Tattle, the newest member of the Prevention Council, is president of Anchor Shoring & Caissons Ltd. She is a board member of the Toronto Construction Association and a past president of the Toronto chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. She is also an occasional lecturer to engineering students on health and safety in construction.

“The abilities to analyze data and identify trends are engineering skills I believe help lay the groundwork for development of prevention strategies in health and safety,” Tattle says. “I have found my engineering background combined with my construction experience to be important in my work as a member of the [labour ministry’s] Vulnerable Workers Task Group and, more recently, the Prevention Council.”

The Prevention Council head is now involved in a special review of safety in Ontario’s mining industry.