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ACEC Oregon is celebrating its 50th anniversary representing the business interests of consulting engineers in private practice. Please join the DJC in saluting ACEC Oregon with a commemorative special DJC section, to be published September 7, 2006.

The special publication, featuring a look at the past 50 years of Oregon engineering, will be inserted in the DJC. Additional copies will be distributed by ACEC Oregon at the annual Fall Conference and throughout the coming year.

Member firms and individuals are urged to submit information about significant engineering projects either performed in Oregon or by Oregon engineering firms from the past 50 years. Please provide project date of completion, engineers/companies/clients involved and any other relevant information including photos. This is an opportunity to showcase noteworthy work performed by your firm over the last five decades.

We are also seeking individual's thoughts on how the engineering work environment has changed and evolved over the last five decades. Also, give us your opinion on what is the biggest technological development (related to engineering) that has occurred during the last five decades?

Submit thoughts, story ideas, anecdotes and photos to mwebber@acecOregon.org or call ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348.

The DJC is contacting ACEC Oregon firm representatives and selected marketers concerning advertising opportunities. Firms are encouraged to show their support by purchasing an advertisement. Advertising information will be sent out next week or you may contact DJC Sales Director Cris Schulz, phone (503) 221-3321 or cris.schulz@djcoregon.com. The more participation we have, either by purchasing an advertisement and/or submitting a story idea, the better the publication.



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info to come!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ken Wightman, P.E., P.L.S.

As summer approaches, I am realizing that my tenure as your president is drawing to a close. It has been a fun year as we celebrated ACEC Oregon's 50th anniversary and saw our membership grow, both in the number of member firms and professional staff represented by those member firms. We also were able to work out a very successful relationship with the new ODOT leadership as they work through technical and funding issues with the OTIA Bridge Delivery program.



Ken Wightman
David Evans and
Associates, Inc.

Our membership organization will finish this year in the best financial condition we have had since I joined the board. Membership growth and attention to costs made by both the board and our executive director will allow us to have a profitable year. I am not sure of the amount, but this year's excess dollars will be contributed to the scholarship fund as we build up our equity in that program. It is also a great pleasure for me to announce that there will be no increases in our ACEC Oregon dues this year. However, you will see a small increase in national dues.

Oregon is heading into another election and legislative year in 2007. We have done a very good job contacting legislators and helping them to better understand issues facing the engineering industry in our state. Our board made this commitment to improve the image and credibility of the engineering profession. This comes with a cost and I urge all of you to continue to support our political action committee. Funding for OTIA IV and ConnectOregon II will come before the legislature during 2007. We need to be the voice for funding of these important infrastructure projects.

Later this fall, the *Daily Journal of Commerce* will be doing a special commemorative publication that will feature ACEC Oregon's 50th anniversary and the contributions our profession has

AMONG OURSELVES...

The ACEC Oregon Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following new member firms. Please welcome...

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

The PPI Group, 6015 NE 80th Avenue, Portland, OR 97218, phone (503) 231-1576, www.theppigroup.com. Firm representative is **Michelle Lennox**. The firm provides products, software and services for engineers, surveyors, architects and contractors.

Zetlin Strategic Communications, Inc., 1727 NW Hoyt Street, Portland, OR 97209, phone (503) 452-6882, www.zetlin.com. Firm rep is **Lois Cohen**. Zetlin Strategic Communications is a full-service public affairs consultancy providing strategy and tactics to influence and mobilize public opinion on behalf of its clients.



Advanced Remediation Technologies, Co., has moved. The firm is now located at 690 NW 1st Avenue, Suite 104, Canby, OR 97013.

Brown and Caldwell has moved. They are now located in the River Park Plaza, 6500 SW Macadam, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97239.

Consultech NW, LLC, dba InSpec Design, has moved. The firm is now located at 140 SW Arthur Street, Suite 301, Portland, OR 97201. The new phone number is (503) 595-6540 and new fax is (503) 595-6548.

The Portland office of **Degenkolb Engineers** has relocated to 707 SW Washington Street, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

Steam Engineering, Inc. has moved. They are now located at 204 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684.

Ray Miller, P.E., S.E., FACEC has been appointed as Chair of the ACEC National Committee of Fellows. The Committee of Fellows is a group of Fellows selected by the Fellow membership to voice their opinions and implement the goals and objectives of the College of Fellows. The College of Fellows is an elite group of engineers who have made significant contributions to the engineering profession through their experience, knowledge and networking abilities.

made to the people of Oregon. Editors for the *DJC* may be contacting you for historical information as well as support for the publication. Please be generous with both your time and money on this great idea.

Being a professional also means that one needs to become involved in ways to give back to those around us. This can be at a national, state or local level. Involvement of this type can take many forms. You should be active in your technical organizations, service groups such as Rotary and especially in ACEC Oregon. We will be looking for new committee assignments soon. Please consider getting involved in one of these if you have the time and desire. It is a great way to meet and get to know some really fantastic people.

As I finish my term, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who helped make my time as your president a truly worthwhile experience. To my board members, **Jory Abrams, Darryl Anderson, Dwight Hardin, Gayle Harley, Cynthia Lowe, John Martin, Gregg Scholz and Mel Sears**, thank you very much. Also, I want all of our membership to know what a great job **Alison Davis and Merideth Webber** do in taking care of our organization and assuring that it does truly remain one of the best in the nation.

As I hand the reins over to Dwight, I am confident that I leave this job to a true professional who will take our organization to even higher levels.

Thanks to all of you for your confidence and support this last year. I appreciate it.

KPFF COLLECTS NATIONAL ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE HONOR AWARD FOR THEIR NEW COLUMBIA PROJECT

KPFF Consulting Engineers accepted an Honor Award for their New Columbia project during ACEC National's Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on May 2 in Washington, D.C. The award was one of 16 honor awards selected from 163 entries; six entries received a grand award and one grand concepter award was given.

As Oregon's largest public housing complex, residents of Columbia Villa were isolated from adjacent neighborhoods, endured a crumbling infrastructure, and suffered from numerous catastrophic floods. The project team provided engineering services in a \$100 million program that has transformed Columbia Villa into New Columbia, Portland's largest green street neighborhood.

New Columbia's redesigned streets feature the project team's pioneered storm water management system to eliminate flooding. Streets are now "threads" that weave the community back into the larger urban fabric, eliminating isolation. Other landscaping enhancements include the redesign of utilities, housing, and sidewalks. Once plagued by catastrophic floods, poverty and decay, the new neighborhood has been transformed and now is a community filled with hope.

National finalists include: **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** for Pyramid Lake Survey and Ordnance Mapping; **Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc.** for Civil Tools PRO Software; **Kennedy/Jenks Consultants** for Woodburn Water Storage and Treatment System; **KPFF Consulting Engineers** for Reser Stadium Expansion; and **Sparling's** Central Utility Plant for Providence Medical Center.



Art Johnson, KPFF Consulting Engineers, holds his firm's national Engineering Excellence Honor Award in front of their New Columbia project board during the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. The award was one of the top 24 from 163 total entries.

AND SPEAKING OF AWARDS...



DEA Earns Department of Defense Recognition
David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) was awarded the Secretary of the Defense Environmental Award for their work on the Pyramid Lake Torpedo and Bombing Range Restoration Project. **Ken Wightman** and **Jon Dasler** (2nd and 3rd from left) accepted the award in Washington, D.C., on May 3. For 45 years, the award has recognized military and civilian personnel for excellence and leadership efforts in protecting environmental resources entrusted to the Department of Defense.



FHWA Honors HHPR for Sunnyside Road Project

The Federal Highway Administration presented the **Leadership Excellence Award for Utility Relocation** for projects under \$100 million to **Dan Houf** (above left) and **Neil Waibel** (above right) of **Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc.** (HHPR) for the Sunnyside Road Project in Clackamas County. HHPR accepted the award on behalf of the Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development. The FHWA's inaugural 2006 Excellence in Utility Relocation and Accommodation Awards Program honors the best in utility innovations nationwide. Award winners were announced at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Right-of-Way and Utilities Subcommittee Meeting on May 1 in Baltimore, MD.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

by Raymond T. Miller, P.E., S.E., FACEC

During the ACEC National Convention the national Board of Directors voted on the policy statement for “Fair and Open Competition” in the procurement of design professional services, which the ACEC Oregon board had voted to support. The policy statement passed but cautions that state and local procurement policies should not include preferential selection criteria that discriminate against out-of-state firms.

The big item of discussion at the convention was the current shortage of engineers. Several conversations were held on the subject such as outsourcing, international competition for engineers, getting more students into engineering and the effects on the profession. All agreed that salaries are going up and there was no solution for the immediate problem. However, in the long term, supporting teachers, scholarships, local promotion of engineers, public education and programs for gaining experience in engineering will help.

Public/private partnerships and the related opportunities and challenges were discussed. Some of the items one should think about if you are considering this idea are:

- Do we have the right partners?
- Are we sharing the burden/rewards?
- Keep it simple!
- Who does your partner listen to?
- What about the maintenance?
- The greatest opposition is from the state employee unions.

During the national board of directors meeting and luncheon, ACEC Chairman **Ed Mulcaly** presented ACEC Oregon with a 50th anniversary award for “exemplary service as the voice of the engineering industry.” (See photo on page 5.)

While in Washington, several ACEC Oregon members visited with Oregon’s congressional delegation including Chris Huckleberry, Legislative Director for **Rep. Darlene Hooley**; Brian Branton, Legislative Director for **Rep. David Wu**; Valerie Stackhouse West, Natural Resources Director for **Senator Gordon Smith**; and Joshua Sheinkman, Counsel, and Brendan Doyle, Legislative Fellow for **Senator Ron Wyden**. Issues discussed include averting the transportation funding shortfall; addressing the



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--President George W. Bush

water infrastructure crisis; funding for dams, levees, navigation and other projects; and association-sponsored health plans.

May 3 was an historic day for ACEC when **President George W. Bush** became the first U.S. President to attend an ACEC Convention. President Bush addressed an enthusiastic gathering of hundreds of ACEC members. “I want to first say I appreciate the good work you do for the country,” the

President said. “I want you to know that I know how vital your contribution is. And it means a lot!” Bush then delivered a State of the Union-style message on the economy and tax relief. He urged Congress to extend his tax cuts to spur business and keep the nation’s economy (continued top of page 5, see “National Director”)



President Bush Highlights ACEC Nat’l Convention
ACEC Oregon members and staff gather just before **President Bush**’s appearance during the National Convention. Pictured from left are: **Merideth Webber**, ACEC Oregon; ACEC Oregon President **Ken Wightman**, **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**, ACEC Oregon National Director and Past President, **Ray Miller, P.E., S.E., FACEC**; **Alison Davis**, ACEC Oregon; ACEC Oregon Past President, **Art Johnson**, **KPFF Consulting Engineers**; ACEC Oregon Past President **Jack Beemer**, **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; and **Norm Faris**, **KPFF Consulting Engineers**.

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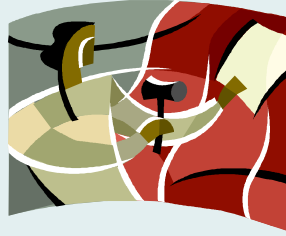
(continued from page 4) growing at a robust pace. The president's speech was well covered by national print and broadcast media.

Any questions concerning ACEC on the national level may be directed to Alison Davis (adavis@acecOregon.org) or Raymond T. Miller at the ACEC Oregon office, phone (503) 292-2348.



ACEC National Congratulates ACEC Oregon for 50 Years of Exemplary Service as the Voice of the Engineering Industry

ACEC Chairman **Ed Mulcaly**, center, presents the 50th anniversary award to ACEC Oregon. Accepting the award on behalf of ACEC Oregon are, pictured from left: **Alison Davis**, ACEC Oregon; ACEC Oregon President **Ken Wightman**, **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; **Merideth Webber**, ACEC Oregon; and ACEC Oregon National Director and Past President **Ray Miller, P.E., S.E., FACEC**. The award was presented April 30 in Washington, D.C. during National Convention activities.



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED FOR 2006-07

ACEC Oregon is pleased to announce its new board of directors. The officers will be sworn in June 28 at the Networking Day dinner.

PRESIDENT
Dwight Hardin
GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Mel Sears
Parametrix, Inc.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
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Martha Moore
TW Environmental, Inc.

VICE PRESIDENT
Andy Vessely
Cornforth Consultants, Inc.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
Gayle Harley
OBEC Consulting Engineers

NETWORKING DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER IS SLATED FOR JUNE 28 AT LANGDON FARMS GOLF CLUB



This year's golf tournament is a joint event with ASCE's Younger Member Forum and features a shotgun start

ACEC Oregon's annual Networking Day is June 28 at Langdon Farms Golf Club. This year's tournament and dinner is a joint event with the Younger Member Forum of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Bring your clients!

■ **SPONSORS** support the ACEC Oregon Scholarship Fund and the ASCE YMF's "ZOOM Into Engineering" program. (*Sponsors need to register early to allow time for production of signage.*)

■ **GOLF** tournament format is a shotgun start, modified scramble. Bring your clients and register your foursome today! (*Tournament director will group individuals and twosomes.*)

■ **BBQ DINNER** will immediately follow the golf tournament at Langdon Farms. The social begins at 4:30 P.M., then dinner at 5:45 P.M., followed by a brief installation of ACEC Oregon officers and presentation of golf awards.

All abilities are welcome! For more information and registration form, go to www.acecOregon.org, or send an e-mail to mwebber@acecOregon.org, or call the office at (503) 292-2348.

Registration deadline is June 22.

Sponsors need to register early.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MAY BUSINESS DINNER

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Melissa Johnson, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

Committee goals are to be a legislative advocate on the state and national levels, to position ACEC Oregon with legislators and attend legislative events, to support key legislators, to grow the ACEC Oregon Political Action Fund, to identify legislative goals for the upcoming 2007 legislative session, and to provide Qualifications-Based Selection education.

Accomplishments include holding four legislative breakfast programs (with Oregon legislators **Sen. Bruce Starr**; Senate Majority Leader, **Sen. Kate Brown**; House Majority Leader, **Rep. Wayne Scott**; and Speaker of the House, **Rep. Karen Minnis**), raising funds for the ACEC Oregon/PAC and identifying legislative priorities for the 2007 session.

Priorities for the 2007 legislative session are: 1) The Change of Indemnity law; 2) Job site liability limitation for injury or death; 3) Strengthening of the Certificate of Merit law; 4) Reducing time allowed for the statute of ultimate repose; 5) Working on the economic loss doctrine as the current law is unclear; and 6) Working with other groups on legislation to fix condominium litigation problems. The committee will also work to support transportation funding.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

Committee goals are to offer expertise and information about professional liability insurance and risk management for engineering firms by providing the latest information in contracts, terms and conditions relating to A/E design firms.

The committee held two risk management programs, "Client Expectations of Perfection" in October and "Current Legal Trends" in November.

The committee is also planning three risk management programs for the fall, "Clients and Business Operations" for September, "Contracts and Insurance" for October and "Claims Management and Litigation" for November 2006.



ACEC Oregon's lobbyist, **Marshall Coba, Coba Company**, shows off his new engineering tie while Legislative Committee Chair, **Melissa Johnson, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**, looks on.

Accomplishments include gaining twelve new member engineering firms and receiving an award from ACEC National for achieving our membership goals for 2005-2006.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CHAIRS: **Alison Davis/Merideth Webber, ACEC Oregon**

Committee goals are to provide educational programs where continuing professional development hours may be earned and offer opportunities for professional development.

Noteworthy events include the annual meeting and auction held in September 2005, a joint event with ACEC Washington; the

Engineering Excellence awards dinner which attracted more than 300 attendees; and the upcoming Networking Day golf tournament and dinner, this year a joint event with the American Society of Civil Engineer's Younger Member Forum.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Julia Kuhn, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**

Committee goals are to offer a scholarship opportunity for students planning on attending an Oregon college with an ABET-accredited engineering program; to build stronger links to universities; to help grow the next round of engineers; and to participate in National Engineers Week activities.

The committee met recently, as they do every spring, and selected the 2006 freshman scholarship recipient. Chair **Julia Kuhn** reports, "All six committee members participated in the selection process and the winner clearly stood out from all of the other applicants. His name is **Derek Manwill** and he's a student at Churchill High School in Eugene. He'll be majoring in civil engineering at Oregon State University in the fall. He's a very dedicated student that has done a lot to prepare himself for success later in life. He's taken very difficult classes and has already obtained several college credits. He plans to graduate in three years from OSU. His application was quite impressive." As has become the custom, ACEC Oregon members will have a chance *(continued on page 7)*



At left, **Dave Poulson, W&H Pacific**, ACEC Oregon board member **Jory Abrams** and Admin/Operations Committee Chair, **Jay McRae**, both with **CH2M Hill**, compare notes during the May business dinner at Bridgeport Brewpub.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MAY BUSINESS DINNER (cont'd)



Legislative Committee member, **Marshall Coba, Coba Company**; Corps Liaison Committee Chair, **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**; and Operations/Admin Committee member, **Mike Reed, GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants** smile after hearing membership dues will not increase next fiscal year.

(continued from page 6) to meet Derek at the upcoming Networking Day dinner June 28. Derek said he is looking forward to meeting ACEC Oregon members.

OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Jay McRae, CH2M Hill**

Committee goals are to oversee and provide the annual salary and benefits survey to members and to annually review the budget and make recommendations.

This year the committee presented an on-line version of the salary survey giving members a new choice along with the traditional hard copy questionnaire. The on-line version was well received by members and will be offered again. The annual Salary & Benefit Survey is provided free-of-charge to member firm representatives as a benefit of membership and is available to non-members for a fee.

In April the committee met to review the proposed budget for 2006-2007. The committee approved the budget and recommended no dues increase this year. The budget was approved by the Board and then approved again by members present at the annual business dinner on May 24.

ODOT LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Bob Carson, Mason Bruce & Girard, Inc.** (with **Tom Lauer, ODOT**, as co-chair)

Committee goals excerpted from the ODOT/ACEC Partnership Charter are to serve as the management and communication hub of the ODOT/ACEC Oregon partnership; provide a forum for raising issues and communicating with the partnership community; and oversee and distribute work assignments to sub-committees.

Carson reports that the three standing committees (Procurement and Contracts, Project Delivery/Management Systems and Technology Transfer) have approved work plans, are meeting regularly and making good progress. The ODOT/ACEC Partnership for Excellence workshop in March was a big success. Due to the popularity of the event, the Steering Committee decided to create a fourth standing committee that will organize a joint ODOT/ACEC Oregon workshop or conference every 12- 18 months. There are usually 25-40 attendees at ODOT Liaison Committee meetings and roughly one-third of the attendees are ODOT staff.

This is a good indication that committee members are getting value from committee participation.

ODOT STEERING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Mel Sears, Parametrix, Inc.** (with **Tom Lauer/Cathy Nelson, ODOT**, as co-chair)

Committee goals are to provide leadership for strategic partnership between ACEC

Oregon and ODOT; to identify standing committee membership and work plans; and to build a collaborative working relationship that delivers professional A&E services to ODOT.

Accomplishments include development and signing of the Steering Committee Partnership Charter; development of the three standing committees (Procurement and Contracts, Technology Transfer, and Project Delivery/Management Systems); development of the ACEC Steering Committee membership 4-year succession plan; working through partnership issues with OBDP (on-going); and helping develop regular meetings of ODOT senior executives with the ACEC Oregon board. Future activities include: ACEC Oregon engagement in ODOT's E&O Policy; interacting with ODOT on use of new and existing contract mechanisms; and transition of ODOT Steering Committee leadership to Cathy Nelson.

USACE LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**

Committee goals are to ensure cooperative dialogue between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and ACEC Oregon; clarify and understand the changing roles of USACE and the private sector; and foster an attitude that explores opportunities and resolves issues.

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ACEC Oregon members listen intently to committee reports during the May 24 business dinner. Pictured, from left, are: **Gary Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.**; **Anne Monnier, KPFF Consulting Engineers**; ODOT Liaison Committee Chair, **Bob Carson**, and **Justin Isle**, both with **Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**; and **Andy Stember, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.**



Mark your calendar...

JUNE

■ **June 22 Thursday**
Board of Directors Meeting

■ **June 28 Wednesday**
Networking Day
Golf Tournament & Dinner
Langdon Farms Golf Club
See story on page 5 for details!



SEPTEMBER

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■ **September 18-21 Monday-Thursday**
ACEC National Fall Conference
Charleston, South Carolina

Sen. Kate Brown Breakfasts with ACEC Oregon

ACEC Oregon members had an opportunity to meet “up close and personal” **Senate Majority Leader, Senator Kate Brown**, during breakfast April 18 at **Parametrix, Inc.** in Portland. Pictured, from left, are: **Terry Belunes, Parametrix, Inc.**; ACEC Oregon President **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; and **Senator Kate Brown, (D) Portland**. Approximately 20 ACEC Oregon members attended the event. Thank you to **Parametrix, Inc.** for hosting this special legislative program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MAY BUSINESS DINNER (cont'd)

(continued from page 7) Additional goals are outlined in the ACEC Oregon/USACE Partnering Agreement.

Accomplishments include holding quarterly meetings highlighting issues of interest to the USACE and ACEC Oregon. Some highlights from the quarterly meetings are: **July 2005** – Mary Karen Scullion provided an overview of the Portland Districts’ multipurpose projects in the Willamette Valley; **October 2005** - **John Childs, CH2M Hill**, presented two environmental clean-up case histories: Iron Mountain Mine in northern CA and Lake Roosevelt, WA; **January 2006** - **Bob Bucholz, Corps Portland District** and **Mike Stuhr, City of Portland Water Bureau**, presented separate talks on recovery efforts underway in New Orleans as a result of Hurricane Katrina; and in **April 2006** - **Mike Bonoff, Mason Bruce & Girard, Inc.**, presented work on ODOT’s OTIA III programmatic permitting for statewide bridge rehabilitation work.

ACEC Oregon also provided the Corps with a list of member firms capable of providing Microstation and AutoCAD services. This list is posted on ACEC Oregon’s website. We are also working with the Corps to provide a roundtable discussion of how consulting firms develop preliminary construction cost estimates for various projects.



Speaker of the House Minnis Visits ACEC Oregon
Parsons Brinckerhoff hosted breakfast with Oregon’s Speaker of the House, **Rep. Karen Minnis**, June 15 in Portland. Pictured above, from left, are: **Robin McKnight, Parsons Brinckerhoff**; **Speaker of the House Karen Minnis**; and ACEC Oregon President, **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.** A special thank you to **Parsons Brinckerhoff** for hosting this event.

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