

# NEWS



## Engineering Excellence Awards 2007

### INTERFACE TAKES PROJECT OF THE YEAR FOR OHSU'S CENTER FOR HEALTH & HEALING

*"As far as socio-economic consideration, the building is considered a 'good citizen.' "*

With solar panels, radiant heating/cooling, rainwater harvesting and re-use systems, and its own power generation plant, Interface Engineering, Inc. designed building systems for the model green building. Interface was not only successful in reaching the design goals, but

surpassed expectations, ultimately proving that green design need not cost more than conventional building.

In fact, the building cost 10% less than the original \$30 million budget forecast for mechanical and electrical systems based on a conventional design.

The new jewel on the expanded OHSU campus is on track to achieve a Platinum LEED\* rating, the largest, most complex and innovative project to achieve the rating in North America.

The Center for Health & Healing will be the only building of its size and complexity to achieve the Platinum LEED rating in the country as a result of integrated design features never before used together on a project of this kind.

**“Excellent proof that sustainability is not only readily achievable, but that it need not cost more.”**

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**American Council  
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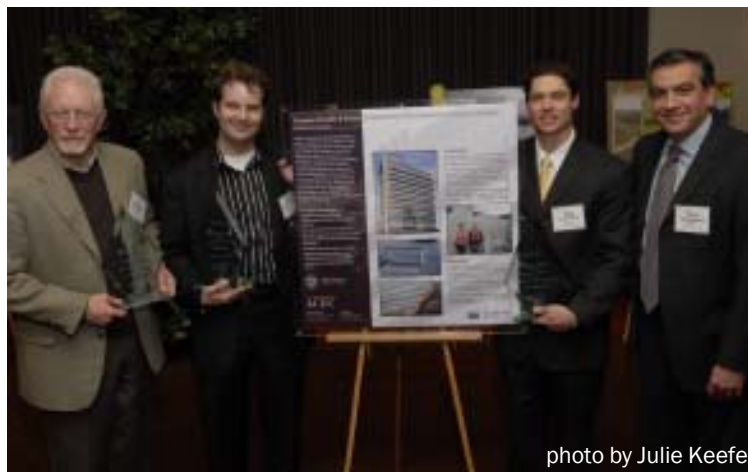


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**PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Interface Engineering, Inc., The Center for Health & Healing at Oregon Health & Science University for GBD Architects.** Pictured, from left, are **Dennis Wilde, Gerding Edlen Development; Kyle Anderson, GBD Architects; and Andy Frichtl and Omid Nabipoor, Interface Engineering, Inc.**

\*The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Members of the U.S. Green Building Council representing all segments of the building industry developed LEED and continue to contribute to its evolution.



## MORE ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE WINNERS AND PHOTOS INSIDE!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dwight Hardin, P.E.

2007 is here, and it is a busy time. Despite the threat of bad weather, the annual Engineering Excellence Banquet on January 10 still drew about 230 attendees, including members, clients, representatives from various agencies, and elected officials.



**Dwight Hardin**  
GRI Geotechnical &  
Environmental  
Consultants

**Interface Engineering, Inc.** won the Project of the Year award for the sustainable design included in the Center for Health and Healing at Oregon Health & Science University. Grand Award winners included **Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.**; **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; **KPFF Consulting Engineers**; **Nishkian Dean Engineering**; **PAE Consulting Engineers, Inc.**; and **Parsons Brinckerhoff**.

Congratulations to the winners and special thanks to all of the entrants, judges, and **Gary Peterson**, who so ably served as the master of ceremonies. Through the hard work of **Alison Davis** and **Merideth Webber**, the awards banquet continues to be the signature event of our annual calendar.

January also marked the beginning of the bi-annual state legislative session. We have an ambitious legislative agenda that focuses on limitation of contractual liability and job site safety liability, protection from frivolous lawsuits, and support of transportation funding.

Last week was National Engineers Week and it is a good time to ask ourselves whether there is a real shortage of graduating engineers, and, if there is, what are we as a group and as individuals doing about it? Assuming there is a shortage, conventional wisdom would suggest that the law of supply and demand would lead to higher salaries as an incentive to enter our field. Although there has been a slight increase in entry-level salaries and compensation in the past few years, entry-level salaries in Oregon have increased at a modest average of about 4% over about the past

35 years. So, if this axiom is working, it is very slow. Significantly increasing entry-level compensation would require engineering companies to raise fees across the board. Unfortunately, engineering firms are reluctant to raise fees to adequately reflect the value they bring to projects and society. But, this can be the subject of another column.

Personally, I feel that engineering is the world's most important profession. We provide safe drinking water, sanitation systems, safe and efficient transportation systems, energy-efficient solutions to new challenges, and safe buildings, and develop and implement new technology to make the world a better place. Engineers are at the forefront of sustainable design and implementation of green technology, which was well illustrated by the Engineering Excellence Project of the Year and Grand Award winners. This is exciting stuff, but as engineers we tend to keep these accomplishments and the importance of this work to ourselves. Engineers are generally modest and somewhat reluctant to talk about the accomplishments of our profession. Each of us must be an ambassador and cheerleader for the engineering profession by talking to middle and high school students, talking to teachers and guidance counselors, and



Members converged in Salem February 20 for ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol." Pictured in the Capitol Galleria are from left: **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin, GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants**; **Regional Vice President Gayle Harley, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; **Rep. Deborah Boone, (D) Cannon Beach**; **Sen. Margaret Carter, (D) Portland**; **Vice President Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**; **President-Elect Mel Sears, Parametrix, Inc.**; **Larry Fox, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; **Bob Carson, Mason Bruce & Girard, Inc.**; and **Wayne Bauer, W&H Pacific**.

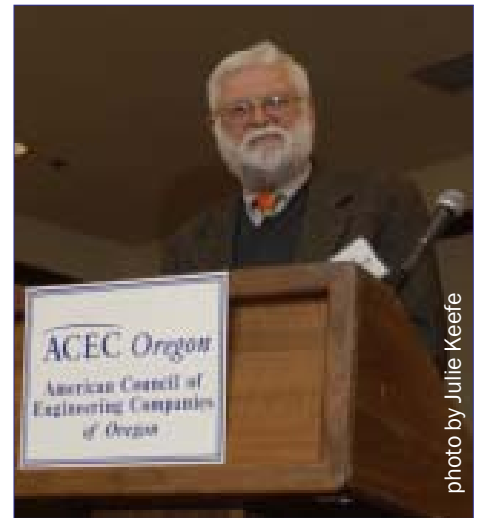


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**Gary Peterson, P.E., Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.** served as emcee for the Engineering Excellence awards and provided many insightful comments.

generally being enthusiastic about engineering and how challenging and rewarding it can be as a profession. As much as engineers as a whole are reluctant entrepreneurs, it is up to us to beat the drum for our profession to attract future generations of engineers.

On a final note, the ACEC Oregon board is continuing to meet regularly with ODOT Director Matt Garrett and his staff. During our last meeting, ODOT committed to the statewide implementation of the Region 1

Pilot Program to increase business opportunities for small engineering firms.

Happy New Year!

--Dwight Hardin

## SIX FIRMS TAKE HOME GRAND AWARDS; TWO FIRMS EARN “BEST BOARD” RIBBONS

### ANDERSON-PERRY & ASSOCIATE S, INC.

#### Cutting Edge Approach to Water Storage Saves Millions

*“Ever heard of pumping a well dry?”*

*This new water project pumps a well wet!”*

The old ways of storing water cost a lot of money and damage the environment, but the Baker City project, called aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), does neither. ASR redirects pure mountain water into a vast storage area underground where the water is preserved and protected for use when the city needs it most.

Surface water is injected into the aquifer during times of underutilized surface water supply and pumped out when the supply is most needed. Using the new science of ASR, small fractures in the underlying subsurface basalt layers effectively store and preserve the pure water supply source, which can be retrieved with little commingling with the area’s existing groundwater.

Implementation of ASR allows storage of at least 160 million gallons in the City’s existing well, which represents a four-month water supply for Baker City.

The project team consisted of Anderson-Perry & Associates, Groundwater Solutions and Stettler Supply Company.

### DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

#### Rivergate Industrial Habitat Restoration Project

*“A new precedent for greening industrial lands.*

*Nature has not only been restored, but transformed into an event as worthy as any garden.”*

Adjacent to the Columbia Slough and Smith and Bybee Lakes Natural Area lies the Rivergate Habitat Restoration project, one of the largest restoration efforts undertaken to date in the Portland metropolitan area. For nearly 30 years, this site was used for dredge disposal, ultimately resulting in the placement of up to 30 feet of spoils. David Evans and Associates, Inc. worked closely with the Port of Portland to completely restore 40 acres of wetland and riparian habitat and construct more than 4,000 feet of off-channel

salmonid habitat, benefiting a multitude of plant and animal species, including federal- and state-listed fish and turtles. *More Engineering Excellence, contined on page 4.*



**GRAND AWARD: David Evans and Associates, Inc., Rivergate Industrial Habitat Restoration Project for Port of Portland** Pictured, from left, are **Leland Larson, Rain Country Construction, Inc.;** **Sean Sullivan, David Evans and Associates, Inc.;** **Tom Hjort, Port of Portland** and **Craig Bauld, Rain Country Construction, Inc.**

### What is the “BEST BOARD” award?

Best board ribbon(s) are awarded to the firm(s) which created the best display panel. The objective of the award is to promote communication of engineering excellence by creating displays that are both visually exciting and stimulating to read, as well as promoting the achievements of the engineering profession.

This year the judges awarded two “Best Board” winners: **Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.** and **PAE Consulting Engineers, Inc.**



**GRAND AWARD (and a “BEST BOARD” winner): Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., Cutting Edge Approach to Water Storage Saves Millions for City of Baker City** Pictured, from left, are **Jason Melady** and **Jeff Barry** of **Groundwater Solutions**; and **Robin Harris** and **Andy Perry** of **Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.**

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## MORE GRAND AWARDS (continued from pages 1 and 3)

### KPFF CONSULTING ENGINEERS

#### Bob and Dianna Gerding Theater at the Armory

*“Exemplary cooperation and synthesis of common-sense engineering techniques for an extremely unusual project.”*

Purchased as part of the former Blitz-Weinhard Brewery complex in downtown Portland, the First Regiment Armory posed a significant redevelopment challenge. The castle-like brick and stone building was on the National Register of Historic Places. Its massive, column-free interior was a blank slate in a vibrant part of town. When Portland Center Stage began looking for a new home, avid theater patron Bob Gerding saw a perfect match.

Converting an 1891 building into a modern theater facility was a complex proposition. The theater’s program required 55,000 square feet of space, but the Armory was a 20,000-square foot building. The Armory is the first theater and building on the national historic registry to earn LEED Platinum in the nation. KPFF helped attain that rating by designing structural systems that accommodated the competing needs of the sustainable elements, theater facilities, building mechanics, historic renovation, and open space.



photos by Julie Keefe

**GRAND AWARD: KPFF Consulting Engineers, Bob and Dianna Gerding Theater at the Armory for Gerding/Edlen Development Company ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin, at right, presents Dennis Wilde, Gerding Edlen Development and Nathan Charlton, KPFF Consulting Engineers with their project’s Grand Award.**

### NISHKIAN DEAN, INC.

#### Cape Canaveral AFS Launch Complex 41 Vertical Integration Facility Emergency Door Replacement

*“An example of a good solution implemented within a seemingly impossible timeline.”*

High winds generated from Hurricane Wilma caused catastrophic failure of a 28-story folding fabric door on a building housing the Atlas V rocket during final launch processing, weeks before the launch date for NASA’s Pluto mission. This event nearly forced NASA to cancel its Pluto mission launch, a once-in-a-decade opportunity.



**GRAND AWARD: Nishkian Dean, Inc., Cape Canaveral AFS Launch Complex 41 Vertical Integration Facility Emergency Door Replacement for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company** Pictured, from left, are **Kenneth Oliphant, Nathan Hoesly and Ed Dean**, all with **Nishkian Dean, Inc.**

To avoid a costly 10-year delay and possible damage to the vehicle, the door had to be repaired immediately. Nishkian Dean was on site the next day to assess the damage and develop concepts for a door enclosure that could be operable in time for the scheduled launch.

The uniqueness of this facility and the need for haste posed interesting challenges. There is little precedent for the design and construction of a door like this. Completion of the mission-critical temporary doors, under extreme conditions and within a narrow time frame, assured the success of NASA’s \$700 million mission.

### PAE CONSULTING ENGINEERS

#### Portland State University Engineering Building

*“No Oregon educational building better exemplifies the possibilities of ‘learning space.’”*

Portland State University’s facilities development plan for engineering and applied sciences programs called for a new, highly sustainable classroom and laboratory building that would itself serve as a laboratory.

design team. Alternative strategies were used to ensure the project remained within budget while pursuing the client’s desired LEED Silver rating. A Gold rating was achieved and a building was delivered in which students analyze its rainwater collection, monitor and assess energy data from its controls systems, and study in areas filled with daylight and natural ventilation.

This new building is exceptional on many levels: It is a state-of-the-art place for teaching and learning about engineering, it is among the country’s most environmentally sustainable buildings, and it is designed specifically so that students can monitor and analyze its performance. In short, engineering students don’t just learn *within* this building—they also gain inspiration and learn directly *from* it.

Cutting edge practices and technologies were pursued by the

**PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF**

**West Side Combined Sewer Overflow Project**

*“A great solution to a highly complex engineering and construction challenge.”*

The West Side CSO Project seeks to improve water quality, public health and the environment by reducing CSOs into the Willamette River to create a livable, sustainable community. The project consists of a pump station, shafts and a 4-mile-long tunnel 120 feet underneath downtown Portland, along the river.

Noteworthy features include the first use of large diameter slurry mix-shield tunnel boring machines in the U.S. and one of the largest and deepest shafts excavated in saturated soft-ground conditions in the country for the pump station. In September 2006, the WSCSO project was completed over two months ahead of schedule, well under budget, with a strong worker safety program and a local business utilization that exceeded the client’s goals.



**GRAND AWARD (and a “BEST BOARD” winner): PAE Consulting Engineers, Portland State University Engineering Building for Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects** Pictured, from left, are **Robyn Pierce** and **Dresden Skees-Gregory, Portland State University; Dennis Anderson, Systems Commissioning Consultants; Mark Firestone, PAE Consulting Engineers; Dennis Harper and Craig Briscoe, Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects; and ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin.**



**GRAND AWARD: Parsons Brinckerhoff, West Side Combined Sewer Overflow Project for City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services** Accepting their project’s Grand Award are, pictured, from left, **Paul Gribbon, Bureau of Environmental Services; Roy Cook, Robin McKnight and Ron Horres of Parsons Brinckerhoff; Gary Irwin, Bureau of Environmental Services; ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin; Glenn Boyce, JACOBS; and Maria Thi Mai, City of Portland.**

**NINE PROJECTS GARNER HONOR AWARD RECOGNITION**

**CH2M HILL Canal Bridge at South Shore Boulevard for City of Lake Oswego** *Project becomes a catalyst for community problem solving and civic pride.*

**DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. McLoughlin Boulevard Improvements for City of Milwaukie** *This project removed barriers and promotes the safe and friendly circulation of pedestrians and bicyclists.*

**DEGENKOLB ENGINEERS Providence Newberg Medical Center for Providence Health Systems** *A shining example of how sustainable design can be implemented on complex healthcare projects.*

**HDR ENGINEERING, INC. St. Helens Water Filtration Facility for City of St. Helens** *“Excellent service and value provided to the client and community.”*

*(Continued on page 6, “More Honor Awards.”)*



Accepting **CH2M Hill’s** Honor Award are, pictured, from left, **Nathan Good, Architect; Richard Krumm, Natt McDougall Company; Joel Komarek, City of Lake Oswego; ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin; and Gary Conner, CH2M Hill.**

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## MORE HONOR AWARDS (continued from page 5)

**MGH ASSOCIATES, INC. Summer Creek Park for Polygon Northwest** *“The result is now a unique space that perfectly balances man and nature, while benefiting both.”*

**OBEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS Lowell Covered Bridge Rehabilitation and Development of Interpretive Center for Lane County** *“A wonderful example of the conundrum of American-style historic preservation.”*

**OBEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS OMSI-Springwater Trail, Three Bridges for Portland Parks and Recreation** *“The end result is a functional and aesthetic project that the communities of Portland and Milwaukie can enjoy for years to come.”*

**OTAK I-84 Corridor Study for Oregon Department of Transportation - Region 1 / Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners** *“This is the first study of it’s kind for a national scenic area.”*

**W&H PACIFIC OTIA III Bridge Replacements (9) for Polk County** *Project is completed “under budget and ahead of schedule...and the county will return money to the state for reallocation.”*



photos by Julie Keefe

Accepting **David Evans and Associates, Inc.’s** Honor Award for the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvements for City of Milwaukie are, pictured, from left, **Brian Barnett, City of Milwaukie; James Bernard, Mayor of City of Milwaukie; Paul Shirey, City of Milwaukie; Walt Bartel, David Evans and Associates, Inc.; Tom Weatherford, Oregon Department of Transportation; and ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin.**



AT LEFT: Accepting **Degenkolb’s** Honor Award are, pictured, from left, **Karla Richards and Stacy Bartoletti, Degenkolb Engineers,** and **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin.**



ABOVE: **Tim Homann, City of St. Helens,** left, and **Bryan Black, HDR Engineering,** center, accept their project’s Honor Award from **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin,** right.



AT LEFT: **MGH Associates, Inc.** accepts their firm's Honor Award for Summer Creek Park. Pictured, from left are: **Fred Garmire, Allister Dawson, Laura Standridge, and Michael Birndoff**, all with **MGH Associates, Inc.**, and **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin**.



ABOVE: From left, **Ollie Snowden** with **Lane County Public Works** and **Tony LaMorticella** and **Greg Ausland** of **OBEC Consulting Engineers** accept their project's Honor Award for the Lowell Covered Bridge Rehabilitation and Development of Interpretive Center for Lane County.

ABOVE: Accepting their project's Honor Award for the OMSI-Springwater Trail, Three Bridges are, pictured from left: **Mark Foster, Oregon Department of Transportation; Gayle Harley** and **Gary Rayer**, both with **OBEC Consulting Engineers**, and **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin**.



ABOVE: **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin**, center, presents **Charlie Sciscione, Oregon Department of Transportation**, and **Kay Van Sickel, Otak, Inc.** with their project's Honor Award for the I-84 Corridor Strategy for the Oregon Department of Transportation - Region 1/Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners.

ABOVE: Accepting their project's Honor Award for the OTIA III Bridge Replacements (9) for Polk County, Oregon are, pictured from left, **Jarard Richardson, W&H Pacific; Phil Walker** and **Mike Propes, Polk County; Ken Husby, W&H Pacific**; and **ACEC Oregon President Dwight Hardin**.

## AMONG OURSELVES...

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

**Afghan Associates, Inc.**, dba **AAI Engineering**, 4875 SW Griffith Drive, Suite 300, Beaverton, OR 97005, phone (503) 620-3030, [www.aaieg.com](http://www.aaieg.com). **AAI Engineering's** firm representative is **Hamid Afghan, S.E.** The firm provides structural engineering services for commercial, industrial and institutional facilities, seismic analysis, design, and upgrade, building evaluation, construction engineering, shoring design, value engineering, peer review, and project management. The firm also offers civil engineering for site development, site evaluation/feasibility studies, storm water management, permitting, construction management, and land planning.

**Chernoff, Vilhauer, McClung & Stenzel, LLP**, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 1600, Portland, OR 97225, phone (503) 227-5631, [www.chernofflaw.com](http://www.chernofflaw.com). Firm representative is **Doug Wells**. Firm activities include patents, trademarks, licensing and technology agreements, infringement and validity options, trade secrets, copyrights, litigation. The firm obtains patents, trademark registrations and copyright registrations and represents clients in all types of intellectual property litigation. CVMS offers its clients broad experience in all facets of intellectual property law representing innovative businesses since 1970.

**HCRENGR LLC**, 9615 SW Allen Boulevard, Suite 107, Beaverton, OR 97005, phone (503) 726-3345. Firm representative is **Harry C. Reeder, P.E.** (ACEC Oregon past president, 1985-86). The firm specializes in acoustical mechanical engineering and noise control, HVAC (including NFPA 820) and general mechanical engineering (pumps, piping hydraulics, valves, etc.) for water and wastewater projects. HCR provides services to government agencies, municipalities and engineering firms.

**PBS&J**, 1211 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 790, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 222-7275. Firm representative is **Marjorie Wolfe, P.E., CFM**. PBS&J provides comprehensive consulting services in the areas of engineering, planning, construction management, program management, scientific disciplines, surveying and mapping, and information technologies. Specialized services include natural resource restoration, GIS technologies, transportation and water resources engineering, and environmental permitting and compliance.



**Hatch Mott MacDonald** has moved. The firm is now located at 400 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 914, Portland, OR 97204. Their new phone is (503) 243-5001 and new fax is (503) 243-5021.

**HNTB Corporation** has a new address. They are now located at 111 SW Columbia, Suite 940, Portland, OR 97201. Phone and fax remain the same.

**MWH** has moved. The firm is now located at 5100 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 420, Portland, OR 97239. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.



### Senator Betsy Johnson Speaks to ACEC Oregon Members during December Dinner Meeting

ACEC Oregon members had an opportunity to speak with Senator Betsy Johnson (D), Scappoose during dinner December 6 at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant in Beaverton. Pictured, from left, are: ACEC Oregon Lobbyist **Marshall Coba, Coba Company**; **Senator Betsy Johnson**; ACEC Oregon President **Dwight Hardin, GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants**; and fellow speaker and ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee Member, **Jim Marvin, Marvin, Chorzempa & Associates, PC**.

**USI Northwest** has a new name, new address and new main phone number. The firm is now known as **Kibble & Prentice, a USI Company**. Their new address is Two Union Square, 601 Union Street, Suite 1000, Seattle, WA 98101-4064. Main phone number is (206) 441-6300 and toll free number is (800) 767-0650.

**Mason, Bruce & Girard (MB&G)** is celebrating their 85th anniversary. The company was founded by **David Mason** in Portland, Oregon. From their roots as a forestry consulting firm during their first six decades, MB&G has expanded its natural resources portfolio to include environmental services and geographic information system (GIS) services. In 2005, the firm received a national Environmental Excellence Award from the Federal Highway Administration for their innovative work on the Oregon Department of Transportation's Bridge Program. The firm provides environmental services including environmental permitting, fisheries and wildlife biology, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, and water quality assessment and monitoring. In addition to Oregon, MB&G staff is located in Washington, California, Idaho, Maine, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. ***Congratulations, Mason, Bruce & Girard!***

**SJO Consulting Engineers, Inc.** has joined forces with Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers. Winzler & Kelly is an engineering and environmental service firm with offices throughout California and in Micronesia. They are ranked nationally by Engineering News Record as one of the top 500 firms in the nation and have been listed as one of the Top 50 Civil Engineering Firms in the country to work for over the past five years. SJO has been in business in Portland since 1975, providing mechanical, electrical, civil and environmental (continued on page 10, see "More Among Ourselves")

## COBA'S CAPITOL COMMENTARY...

by ACEC Oregon lobbyist Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC

The 2007 legislature began on January 8 with an accelerated pace and with legislative leaders planning to hold an abbreviated session. If the agreed upon ending date of June 29 holds up it will be nearly 45 days shorter than the 2003 and 2005 sessions. This shortening will limit legislation that ultimately passes and leave many interest groups scrambling for options as the final days approach. The goal of returning trust and confidence to the Oregon legislature and the legislative process begins with the



ACEC Oregon Vice President **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.** engages in a role-playing exercise with Oregon legislator **Senator Ginny Burdick, (D)**, Portland, during a legislative issues briefing breakfast on February 13. The breakfast meeting prepared members to discuss issues with their legislators for ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol" in Salem on February 20.

premise that a limited duration session, followed by a one-month session in February 2008, will be the answer. Trust and confidence will be regained if legislators tackle some of the contentious issues and leave the petty partisan bickering and non-productive grandstanding to another session or at least the 2008 campaign season.

ACEC Oregon enters the process with a full agenda of legislation. Following a very thorough review of members concerns the legislative committee has committed to introducing legislation that will assist members firms by: reducing job site liability for injury or death; reducing the statute of ultimate repose; strengthen certificate of merit to reduce lawsuits against design professionals and to change the indemnity law. In addition we have committed to being an aggressive advocate for increased transportation funding whether through a ConnectOregon II package or other undetermined package.

Four bills were recently introduced and were referred to the House Judiciary Committee. They are: **HB 2708-Change of Indemnity Law**, **HB 2709- Reduce Statue of Ultimate Repose**, **HB 2710-Job Site Liability Limitation** and **HB 2711-Certificate of Merit**.

The House Judiciary Committee is chaired by Rep. Greg Macpherson, (D) Lake Oswego. In a meeting with Rep. Macpherson in December, he was receptive to our agenda but was non-committal to his final position on each bill. This initial meeting set the stage for a productive relationship with the House Judiciary Committee and we are hopeful of success this session. Rep. Macpherson will be key to our success and we have had a good relationship with him during the past few years.



Pictured during "Day at the Capitol" activities are, from left: **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**; **Rep. Deborah Boone, (D) Cannon Beach**; Past President **Ray Miller, P.E., S.E., FACEC** and ACEC Oregon's lobbyist, **Marshall Coba, Coba Company**.

## THANK YOU, PAC DONORS!

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*Thank you!*

# Mark your calendar...

## MARCH

Good for  
28 CPD credits!

- **March 7-10** *Wednesday thru Saturday*  
ACEC National Program, "Business of Design Consulting"  
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland  
For more information and online registration, go to <http://www.acec.org/calendar/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=865>.
- **March 22** *Thursday*  
Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC Oregon Conference Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

## APRIL

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THE DATE!

- **April 17** *Tuesday*  
ACEC Oregon/ODOT Conference, "Trust and Teamwork—Foundations for Partnering Excellence"  
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville  
Watch for more info at <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/TECHSERV/upcomingengtrng.shtml>.
- **April 26** *Thursday*  
Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC Oregon Conference Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

## MAY

- **May 6-9** *Sunday thru Wednesday*  
ACEC National Annual Convention, Legislative Summit and Engineering Excellence Awards Gala, Washington, D.C.  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.acec.org/calendar/conferences.cfm>.
- **May 17** *Thursday*  
Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC Oregon Conference Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
- **May 23** *Wednesday*  
Business Dinner  
The Stockpot Broiler at Red Tail Golf Course, Beaverton

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THE DATE!

## JUNE

- **June 21** *Thursday*  
Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC Oregon Conference Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
- **June 27** *Wednesday*  
Networking Day Golf Tournament & Dinner  
Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora

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THE DATE!

## SEPTEMBER

- **September 20-22** *Thursday thru Saturday*  
ACEC Oregon Fall Conference  
Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, Bend
- **September 26-29** *Wednesday thru Saturday*  
ACEC National Annual Convention Fall Conference  
The Grand Wailea Resort & Spa, Maui, Hawaii  
For more information go to <http://www.grandwailea.com>.

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THE DATES!

## MORE AMONG OURSELVES...

(continued from page 8) engineering services. The new group will do business as **SJO Consulting Engineers, a division of Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers**. They will continue to operate out of the firm's Portland office and retain all current staff.

The Trustees of the **Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers Health & Welfare Trust** are pleased to announce that **Lloyd Wicket, Flemming & Wicket, Inc.**, has been elected to the Board of Trustees to complete Washington's five-year term which began January 1, 2006. Additionally, **Joseph Gehlen, Kramer-Gehlen & Associates, Inc.**, was elected to fill Oregon's five-year term which began January 1, 2007. Gehlen replaces **George Gross, Spencer B. Gross, Inc.**, whose term expired December 31, 2006. The new trustees may be reached through their respective offices.

## RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

ACEC Oregon presented **Brian Hunt**, Editor and Publisher of the **Daily Journal of Commerce**, with a "Recognition of Excellence" award in appreciation of his and the newspaper's continued support of ACEC Oregon. Hunt was awarded the honor in January during the Engineering Excellence awards dinner. Besides the DJC being a long-time supporter of ACEC Oregon, Hunt was instrumental in helping create and publish "A Tribute to Oregon's Engineering Industry," a special publication celebrating ACEC Oregon's 50th anniversary. The supplement debuted September 7 during ACEC Oregon's fall conference. **Congratulations, Brian, and thank you, DJC!**

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CORPS LIAISON COMMITTEE

The board representative and past chair of the ACEC Oregon/Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee, **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**, has requested volunteers to join the Corps Liaison Committee.

The liaison committee's objective is to provide members with the opportunity to improve working relationships with agency personnel, with communications and problem-solving as the primary focus.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail Merideth Webber at [mwebber@acecOregon.org](mailto:mwebber@acecOregon.org). *Thank you.*

The logo for ACEC Oregon features the text "ACEC Oregon" in a serif font. Above the text is a stylized yellow and orange arc that resembles a rising sun or a bridge.

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