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## From the president

by Erik Peterson, P.E., Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.



**Erik Peterson, P.E.**

The president's column is an opportunity for the ACEC Oregon president to reach out and say a few words about the current fiscal year, what has been happening and what is on the horizon. Seven months into my 12 month presidency we have had fantastic events such as the Fall Conference in Sunriver, the annual Engineering Excellence Awards banquet at the MAC and our holiday dinner/election recap at Ernesto's. Looking forward, the upcoming Business Dinner (May 21), and the annual Networking Day (June 25), cleverly disguised as a golf tournament, are events that should make their way onto your calendars.

Our various committees have been hard at work, particularly in light of the fact that the 2013 Legislature is in session. This is always an exciting time of year and this year especially so with the I-5 bridge (CRC) funding front and center of state issues. We are also tracking numerous legislation as well as writing a small modification to our previous QBS bill. All of our legislative issues continue to be shepherded through the legislative process by **Marshall Coba** and the brain trust in our Legislative Committee.

On a national level our National Director, **Troy Bowers**, has been working with our National Vice Chair and other members of ACEC National to keep tabs on the goings on in DC. Troy, Alison and I attended a fantastic Fall Conference in Boca Raton where ACEC laid out its plans for the future of ACEC which, in the last 10 years has transitioned from an effective organization to a real force in advocacy for national issues of interest to our industry. The annual Spring Convention in Washington, DC will be well represented by Oregon, which 10 of our members are scheduled to attend.

Much thanks to **Bob Carson** for helping to get us across the line to our National PAC goal in 2012. I ask all of our members to "give early and give often" to our National PAC to help make our goal in 2013. This is Bob's last year as PAC Champion so we are on the hunt for a new PAC champ for 2014.

Finally, I have to extend my gratitude to all of our members who volunteer their time to make us an effective organization in promoting and protecting the interests of our profession. The glue that holds all of us together is our executive staff, **Alison Davis**, **Merideth Webber** and **Patrick Kelly**. Please make sure and thank them for all their hard work.

I am honored to represent ACEC Oregon in my current tenure on the Board and will continue to be involved with ACEC in future years on both a State and National level.



### State Senator Steiner-Hayward visits ACEC Oregon

Pictured from left to right during the December 6 election recap dinner are: ACEC Oregon lobbyist **Marshall Coba**, **Coba Company**; ACEC Oregon Past President **Art Johnson**, **KPFF Consulting Engineers**; **Sen. Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward**, D-NW Portland/Beaverton, District 17; and ACEC Oregon President **Erik Peterson**, **Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.**

## Among ourselves...

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

**BRESHEARS/THORNTON ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LTD.** (aka **B/TEC**), 9017 SE Division Street, Portland, OR 97266, phone (503) 954-3230, [www.btec-ltd.com](http://www.btec-ltd.com). Firm representative is **Larry Breshears**. Other key personnel are **Gary Thornton** and **Michelle McCormick**. The firm provides consulting civil/structural engineering, drafting and design.

**LANDIS CONSULTING**, 6446 Fairway Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97306, phone (503) 584-1576, [www.landisconsulting.com](http://www.landisconsulting.com). Firm representative is **Benjamin Perry**. Other key personnel includes **George Landis**. The firm provides electrical design, start-up, commissioning and peer review services for wastewater, water, higher education, government and commercial facilities. Landis Consulting is a certified small business.

**MFIA INC.**, 2007 SE Ash Street, Portland, OR 97213, phone (503) 234-0548, [www.mfia-eng.com](http://www.mfia-eng.com). Firm rep is **Scott Miller**. Other key personnel include **John van Bladern**, **James Tormey**, **Robert Connell** and **Mark Denyer**. MFIA is an electrical, mechanical and plumbing “MEP” consulting engineering firm which has provided engineering services since 1945. Their client base includes architects, engineers, contractors and property owners who are involved in many fields including government, industry, commerce, health care, research, education and transportation.

Affiliate member **CRESA**, 415 NW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209, phone (503) 546-3670, [www.cresa.com](http://www.cresa.com). Firm representative is **Eric Turner**; alternate is **Charlie Wolff**. Cresa is an international corporate real estate advisory firm that exclusively represents tenants and specializes in the delivery of fully integrated real estate services.

Affiliate member **PERKINS & CO.**, 1211 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1000, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 221-0336, [www.perkinsaccounting.com](http://www.perkinsaccounting.com). Firm representative is **Dave Sullivan**; alternate is **Brigitte Sutherland**. Founded in 1986, the firm has grown to be the largest locally based accounting firm in the Portland metro area. Perkins mission is to be an alternative to the national firms while focusing on the business needs of the region’s closely held companies.

Affiliate member **WM. NESBIT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**, 16400 Chapin Way, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, phone (503) 534-8984, [www.wn-a.com](http://www.wn-a.com). Firm representative is **Bill Nesbit**. He is a writer and communications trainer with more than 30 years of experience working with engineering organizations and corporate clients in a variety of disciplines.



**Casso Consulting Inc.** is pleased to announce **Jim Evans, P.E.** has joined the firm as Senior Project Manager and Executive Vice President. Evans brings more than 26 years of experience in civil engineering and project management to the

firm. Casso Consulting is an OMWESB certified engineering and professional services firm with a focus on infrastructure improvements and related services.

**David Evans and Associates, Inc.** (DEA) is pleased to announce the addition of these professionals:

**Chris Aldridge** is the geospatial manager for surveying and geomatics. Having practiced photogrammetry for more than 27 years, Aldridge has performed the full breadth of technical tasks associated with major mapping projects.

**Kass Alkanani** is a senior bridge engineer with more than 25 years of experience in structural engineering, including project management and design of highway, light rail and railroad bridges for state and local entities, Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway.

**Ed Chamberland** is the Roads and Highway Leader in DEA’s Salem office. He has more than 20 years of experience providing infrastructure engineering services for clients throughout the Pacific Northwest. He has worked for public agencies, including five years at the Oregon Department of Transportation, and for private consulting firms in design and construction roles.

**Duval Engineering LLC** has finalized an agreement to acquire **Pavement Services, Inc.** (PSI). The two firms will be merged under the Pavement Services, Inc. name and will operate from PSI’s current location. **John I. Duval** will serve as president and principal engineer. **Bud Furber**, who is retiring, will serve as an advisor. The merger brings together two pavement engineering and testing firms under one name to continue to provide pavement engineering services to clients in the Pacific Northwest. PSI capabilities include falling weight deflectometer (FWD) testing, pavement coring and pavement-focused laboratory testing capabilities including triaxial resilient modulus, CBR, and soil classification.

**ESA** is pleased to announce **Nicole Czarnomski** has joined their Northwest Water group as a geomorphologist and hydrologist. She brings 11 years of experience with in-channel, riparian and floodplain restoration, large wood placement, bank stabilization, planting and maintenance projects in the Pacific Northwest and arid southwest.

**Marjorie Wolfe** was jointly appointed to serve a four-year term on the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team (IMST) by Governor **John Kitzhaber**, Senate President **Peter Courtney**, and Speakers of the House **Arnie Roblan** and **Bruce Hanna**. The IMST is a scientific review panel charged with advising the State of Oregon on matters of science related to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. These matters include fish recovery, water quality improvements and enhancing watershed health.

**GRI** is pleased to announce that **Chris Ell** has joined the firm as a senior geotechnical engineer and heads the firm’s new branch office in Brookings. He has 12 years of geotechnical experience on a variety of public and private sector projects throughout *(continued on page 4; please see “More among ourselves”)*

# ACEC Oregon reaches 2012 fundraising goal for National PAC!

by Bob Carson, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., ACEC Oregon's National PAC Champion



**Bob Carson**

For the fifth year in a row, ACEC Oregon met its annual fundraising goal for the national PAC. I'd like to thank and recognize all of the ACEC Oregon members who made personal contributions to ACEC/PAC in 2012. There are many critical legislative issues and challenges that our industry is facing at the national level in 2013 and 2014; ACEC/PAC

is educating and influencing the decision-makers involved in these important issues. Click the link to read about some of ACEC/PAC's 2012 achievements and challenges for 2013 and beyond: [http://www.acec.org/advocacy/committees/pdf/acecpac\\_onepager.pdf](http://www.acec.org/advocacy/committees/pdf/acecpac_onepager.pdf).

## Thank you, ACEC/PAC donors!

A big thank you to the following individuals (grouped by firm) who donated to the ACEC National PAC in 2012:

- **ACEC Oregon** Marshall Coba, Alison Davis, Christine Heisen (PNCE Trust)
- **Anderson - Perry & Associates** Andy Perry
- **BergerABAM** Helen Devery, Tom Wilcox
- **Cardno** Bob Long, Tony Roos
- **CH2M HILL** Steve Katko, Dave Simmons
- **Cooper Zietz Engineers** Terry Hosaka, Tim Oliver
- **Cornforth Consultants, Inc.** Gerry Heslin, Mike Meyer, Ermel Quevedo, Andy Vessely, Kenji Yamasaki
- **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** Walt Bartel, Jay Lyman, Steve Miles, Mike Reynolds, Craig Sheahan, Jiri Vitek, Tom Walsh, Ken Wightman, Lyn Wylder
- **DKS Associates** Randy McCourt
- **GeoDesign, Inc.** Scott Mills
- **GeoEngineers** Dave Thielen
- **GRI** Mike Reed, Matt Shanahan
- **Hart Crowser** Tim Blackwood, Greg Landau
- **HDR** Alex Cousins
- **Kittelson & Associates, Inc.** Chris Brehmer, Marc Butorac, Larry Van Dyke, Mark Vandehey
- **Kleinfelder** John Baker
- **Marvin Chorzempa & Larson** Jon Larson
- **Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.** Bob Carson
- **Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.** Troy Bowers, Jim Helton, David Leibbrandt, Phil Smith, Kevin Thelin
- **OBEC Consulting Engineers** Greg Ausland, Jeff Bernardo, Larry Fox, Guy Hakanson, Tim Shell
- **Otak, Inc.** Mike Peebles
- **Parametrix** Bill Ciz, Richard Roche, Lindsay Yamane
- **Parsons Brinckerhoff** Jerry Ramsden, Jim Ruddell, Mel Sears
- **PBS Engineering + Environmental** Guy Neal
- **Peterson Structural Engineers** Travis McFeron, Erik Peterson, Gary Peterson
- **Quincy Engineering, Inc.** Karen Tatman
- **R & W Engineering, Inc.** Gregg Scholz, Mark Wirfs
- **Shannon & Wilson, Inc.** Gary Peterson
- **Wallace Group, Inc.** Scott Wallace



## ACEC/PAC fundraising fishing trip a success

**Bob Carson**, ACEC Oregon's national PAC champion, hosted a successful PAC fundraising fishing trip to a lake near Sunriver during the annual conference. Pictured from left are: **John Baker, Kleinfelder; Bill Ciz, Parametrix; Dave Eckberg, Skellenger Bender** (an ACEC WA affiliate member), and **Scott Wallace, The Wallace Group**.

Mark your calendar...

## MARCH

March 13 *Wednesday*

**Understanding Business Development:  
Proven Methods & Tools for Developing  
Business**

David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland

## APRIL

April 4 *Thursday*

**ACEC/ODOT Partnering Conference**  
Holiday Inn - Wilsonville Conference Center

April 17 *Wednesday*

**Strategic Marketing**

David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland

April 21-24 *Sunday - Wednesday*

**ACEC National Annual Convention  
& Legislative Summit**

The Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.

[www.acec.org/conferences/annual-13/index.cfm](http://www.acec.org/conferences/annual-13/index.cfm)

## MAY

May 21 *Tuesday*

**Annual Business Dinner & Social**  
with committee reports & officer installation  
Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland

## JUNE

June 26 *Wednesday*

**Networking Day Golf Tournament  
& Dinner**

Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora

## SEPTEMBER

September 12-14 *Thursday - Saturday*

**Joint Fall Conference with ACEC WA**  
Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, Washington



For a complete list of upcoming events  
please visit [www.acecOregon.org/Events.php](http://www.acecOregon.org/Events.php).

## More among ourselves... (continued from page 2)

Oregon, Washington and California. Some of his areas of expertise include design of deep foundations for bridges and other large structures, retaining structures for roadway embankments, excavation support, seismic design and landslide stabilization.

**Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc. (MSA)** announces **Troy Bowers** as the new firm president. He joined MSA in 1990 and has served as senior vice president since 2008. As a senior firm principal, he has overseen a large variety of water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation projects for many of the region's municipalities and public agencies. Bowers has led MSA's growth into transportation and was instrumental in the firm's expansion to several office locations.

The previous president, **David Leibbrandt**, served in that position for the past 10 years. During that time he guided the firm through its expansion from one office in Portland to a six-office regional firm, achieving record revenues in 2012. His goal since taking office has been to grow a team that could thrive in his absence, and he stated "the time was right" to hand off the firm to the team for continued success.

**WHPacific (WH)** has added key members to its corporate management team:

**Hal Keever** has been promoted to Chief Operations Officer. With 30 years of management success at WHPacific, his wealth of experience includes overseeing Pacific Northwest office operations and managing projects for private and public clients.

**Tom Jones** has been appointed to Operations Manager for the Portland office. He has more than 30 years of management, planning and design experience, including more than 20 years at WH. He is particularly skilled in facilitating multi-disciplinary project teams.

**Lynn Iaquina** has been appointed as Operations Manager for the Salem office. She has more than 25 years of major project and program experience, leading multi-million dollar design-build projects and teams and providing leadership in bridge engineering throughout her career.

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## Thank you, ACEC Oregon PAC donors!

Thank you to the following firms who contributed to the ACEC Oregon PAC; donations received December 2012 through February 14, 2013:

**Cardno**

**CH2M HILL**

**Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**

**David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

**Dhillon Engineers, LLC**

**Engineered Monitoring Solutions**

**GeoEngineers**

**Harper Houf Peterson Righellis**

**Hatch Mott MacDonald**

**HDR Engineering**

**Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**

**Lewis & Van Vleet Consulting**

**Engineers**

**MGH Associates**

**Miller Consulting Engineers**

**Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**

**Northwest Engineering Service**

**OBEC Consulting Engineers**

**Parsons Brinckerhoff**

**Right-of-Way Associates**

**Shannon & Wilson**

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