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56th Annual Engineers Week High School Program
“Experience a day as an engineer in the Pacific Northwest”

Yesterday’s E-Week program in Portland sold out at 600 students and engineers with a wait list of 70. Participants could meander the exhibit hall in the morning, followed by a luncheon with a keynote speaker, and then in the afternoon students were pre-registered for one of 10 different engineering-oriented field trips.

Pictured below are local ACEC Oregon engineer hosts and students. Thank you to all who participated!
WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Owners, principals, project managers and other firm personnel who work with contracts.

SCHEDULE
7:30 A.M. – Check-in & breakfast
8:00 A.M. – Program begins
10:30 A.M. – Conclusion

WHERE
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
2100 SW River Parkway
Portland, OR 97201

CPDs
This class is good for accruing two and a half (2.5) continuing professional development credits.

COST
$265 members
$365 non-members

Risk Management for A/E Firms – March 4

PART 1: Risk Drivers
Gain a clear understanding of what causes claims. Since risks are present throughout the entire project cycle—from client acquisition to project close-out—managing them is a constant activity. Based on a large body of claim data, this course identifies the technical and non-technical causes of loss for design firms. In this course, you’ll develop a better understanding of the dynamics of risk, learn the key areas that influence your firm’s risk, and gain strategies to anticipate, manage and respond to risk.

PART 2: Claims Case Study Workshop
This interactive session will study an engineering actual interstate highway claim. Program is designed to help engineers readily spot risks, identify opportunities to use loss prevention techniques, and decrease your firm’s exposure to claims.

PRESENTERS

Brett Stewart, Risk Manager,
Design Professional Unit, AXA XL
Brett is responsible for developing risk management and education materials for AXA XL’s architect and engineer insureds with the goals of minimizing the frequency and severity of loss exposures, while focusing on increasing best practices. Prior to his role as Risk Manager, he was a Senior Claims Examiner handling design professional claims for seven years.
Mike Olson, Vice President, Design Professional Practice Group, Dealey, Renton & Associates
Mike’s role at Dealey Renton is the client executive for many of the company’s key design professional client relationships. In addition to insurance placement and consulting, Mike spends his time involved in industry issues related to insurance and risk management.

Click HERE for more details and to register.

Click HERE to see who’s already registered.

Coba’s Capitol Comments

Two carbon bills, Senate Bill 1530 and the new House Bill 4167, will each have hearings in the next two days. SB 1530 will have a public hearing and possible work session today, February 19 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ways and Means subcommittee on Natural Resources in Hearing Room F in the Capitol. Tomorrow, HB 4167 will have invited testimony only at 1:00 P.M. in the House Committee on Rules and then a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. Both bills are the same and are a compilation of a number of amendments attempting to assuage rural Republican and their allies concerns but at the same time not going too far to lose votes from Democrats willing to vote for more progressive policies.

Legislative leadership added these hearings after a joint commitment to slow the progression and to allow for a more thorough process. This feel good moment lasted most of the day before the House Republican caucus agreed to not attend a House floor session Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. This irritated the House Democrats, but the legislative process began anew this morning with both sides on the House floor at the appropriate time.

HB 4043, the water pipe preference bill supported by the American Chemistry Council, died in committee last week. The bill will return in the 2021 session after we’ve had a chance to have in-depth conversations with supporters.

SB 1537, the Governor’s resilience bill, is in Ways and Means and does not have any scheduled activity.
Eligible H.S. Seniors – Apply for the ACEC Oregon Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be either a graduating high school senior (including GED students and home-schooled seniors) or have had no previous college education
- GPA: 3.30+
- SAT score: 1280+ combined SAT scores or ACT composite of 28+
- Major: Civil, electrical, environmental, or mechanical engineering. Excludes computer and biomedical engineering
- Career field (preference): Applicants interested in the consulting engineering profession
- Colleges: Any Oregon four-year college that offers Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology accredited programs in the major fields of study (currently OIT, OSU, PSU, George Fox, University of Portland; check with your college if unsure of its accreditation)
- Enrollment: Full-time enrollment required
- FAFSA: Not required - not based on financial need
- Automatically renewable if renewal criteria met

DOCUMENTS & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Essay:
  Respond to both of the following:
  1. What interests you most about being a civil, structural, mechanical or geotechnical engineering consultant?
  2. Which type of ACEC firm would you envision yourself working for and why?
  Length: 500-700 words (maximum 1 page)
- Additional document:
The ACEC Recommendation Letter form must be submitted with your OSAC Scholarship Application by the deadline (click here to download form)

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
All materials submitted to OSAC (Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion).


UPCOMING

- Feb 25 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee meeting, Portland
- Feb 25 – 13th Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Future Engineers Day Event, Keizer
- March 2 – Final deadline, ACEC Oregon scholarship application
• March 20 – ODOT Liaison Committee meeting, Salem
• May 6 – ACEC / ODOT Partnering Conference, Salem
• May 14 – Annual Business Dinner, Multnomah Athletic Club
• June 17 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT

• March 19 – SAME spring seminar, “Changes in Structural and Geotechnical Design Requirements”
  Instructors: Jason Bock, GRI; and Seth Thomas, KPFF
  Where: KPFF Portland | Program – 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. | Networking/Social – 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
  Registration: SAME.PDX.RSVP@gmail.com or call (503) 643-8710

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