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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

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

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

COST
$265 members
$365 non-members

THANK YOU TO DEA for providing the event space!

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
As expected, on Monday the Senate Republicans left the Capitol following the passage of SB 1530, the carbon bill, from the Ways and Means Committee to the Senate floor. By not allowing a quorum of 20 Senators on the floor, the Republicans have stopped the Senate’s ability to pass the carbon bill or any bill.

On Tuesday the House Republicans also left that chamber without a quorum.

Great anxiety and uncertainty permeate the Capitol and one staffer told me it was the most divisive she has seen it in her ten years in the Capitol. The non-stop emails full of vitriol and partisanship has made the simple act of responding to a constituent an uncomfortable process. She indicated that it’s like the campaigns never stop and the negativity of electoral politics is now the daily expectation in legislative offices.

The near future will most likely include a special session limited to budgets only, no carbon bill or other policy bills, that need action now. This includes the Forestry Department, DHS, and prisons who need budget-balancing.
actions taken. This could happen as soon as March 9 as the session will end at midnight, Sunday, March 8 with or without Senate Republicans in the Capitol.

Yesterday a bill to move $30 million per year from the Rose Quarter Project to the Abernethy Bridge Project had a hearing in House Rules. While considered a courtesy hearing for local legislators along I-205, it was met with a strong opposition panel of Sen. Betsy Johnson, Sen. Lee Beyer, Rep. Caddie McKeown and Rep. Susan McLain who all were leaders on the HB 2017 transportation package in 2017. They all opposed the bill and said that it was a break from the tenuous deal making needed to pass the bill. The amendment was to HB 4127 and won’t be taken up again by the House Rules Committee.

-1 amendment to HB 4127:
https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020R1/Downloads/ProposedAmendment/17887

### 2020 Benefits Legislative Update Seminar – March 10

Join Woodruff Sawyer for this complimentary benefits legislative update seminar, featuring their in-house ERISA attorney, Jennifer Chung, and Davis Wright Tremaine Partner, Jenna Mooney.

This event will cover hot topics including 2020 ACA changes, individual health insurance mandates, the rise and potential fall of Association Health Plans, a peek into DOL audit statistics and insights on the Washington and Oregon Paid Family and Medical Leave laws.

**SPEAKERS**

![Jen Chung](image1.png)

**Jen Chung**

VP, Senior Compliance Officer

![Jenna Mooney](image2.png)

**Jenna Mooney**

Partner

**AGENDA**

7:45 - 8:15 A.M. – Registration

8:15 - 8:20 A.M. – Introductions

8:20 - 9:30 A.M. – Jen Chung Presentation

9:30 - 9:45 A.M. – Break

9:45 - 11:00 A.M. – Jenna Mooney Presentation

WHERE

Multnomah Athletic Club

1849 SW Salmon Street

Portland, OR 97205

8:00 to 11:00 A.M.

*(includes complimentary breakfast)*
CONTRIBUTE!
The ACEC Oregon board of directors and Scholarship Committee are asking member firms to boost the profession with a gift to the scholarship fund.

Thank you to DOWL and Miller Consulting Engineers for recent donations.

Click HERE for more information and a pledge form, or contact mwebber@acecOregon.org.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 2

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

- 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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