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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES REPORTED DURING MAY DINNER MEETING

CECO committee members accomplished much work this year, the following are reports submitted by committee chairs and presented at the May business dinner meeting:

CECO/Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee:

The committee provides a forum for discussion with the meeting topics reflecting the projects of interest to both groups. Recent Corps-sponsored meetings have included discussion of the impact of the latest Supreme Court decisions on regulatory programs, introduction of current Corps programs and assistance available to local sponsors, and a tour of the Western Processing Center. CECO-sponsored programs topics have focused on the Interstate and Airport MAX projects, Portland Harbor and the contaminated sediments found there, and impacts of the Endangered Species Act. Additionally, several CECO firms participated in the Corps' Engineering Week activities to encourage high school students to consider a career in engineering. (*Cynthia Lowe, Parsons Brinckerhoff*)

FHWA/CECO/CECW Liaison Committee: The committee is made up of personnel from the Federal Highway Administration's Western Lands office in Vancouver and representatives from CECO and CECW. The goal of the committee is to maintain an open line of communication between the FHWA and the consulting community, identify mutual concerns and issues, and look for ways to better work together. For the past few years, the FHWA has implemented an A/E group to manage multidisciplinary A/E teams to do total project work. Presently, four teams are under contract and each contract has the potential to run for five years. Individual work orders are now underway. The FHWA will also continue to solicit and maintain indefinite delivery contracts for specialty services such as civil design, surveying, hydraulics, structural design and geotechnical engineering. Consultants can periodically browse the FHWA website to review current solicitations. For the past year, the committee has been helping consultants become more proficient with Geopak, the FHWA's roadway design and graphics software. **Woodi Davis** of David Evans and Associates led this effort and produced a

workshop. Information regarding Geopak is also available on the FHWA website. The committee is currently exploring the topic of "Aesthetics in Highway Design" and it appears this could be an ongoing task.

Mike Edgerly of Transystems and **Bob Van Vickle** of W&H Pacific are leading this effort. One or two technical sessions will probably be scheduled after each regular business meeting. Notices will be posted in the CECO newsletter so that interested consultants can attend. FHWA

personnel indicate their major concerns are: 1) Consultants not doing adequate QA/QC checks on finished products, and 2) Consultants not allowing enough time for FHWA review of products in progress. (*Dwight Hardin, GRI*)



Other committee reports are:

Risk Management Committee: The committee hosted two well-attended risk management breakfast programs this year (in February and April) and is working on another program, entitled "Stuff Happens, Who Pays?" The program will focus on cost containment risks.

Legislative Committee: Since it's a legislative year, the committee has been busy tracking legislation. The CECO-Political Action Committee (PAC) was formed and collected a little over \$11,000, \$8,000 was distributed to various legislators. Only one bill that CECO sponsored was killed in committee and the QBS legislation is still being considered by the legislature.

CECO/ODOT Liaison Committee: The committee meets five or six times a year and is making appointments with ODOT officials to discuss what topics to pursue for future meetings. They would like to re-focus efforts and perhaps do joint training sessions. (*Claude Sakr, W&H Pacific*)

CECO/OACES Liaison Committee: CECO members along with the Oregon Association of County Engineers & Surveyors meet periodically to discuss mutual issues. Committee members also presented an environmental workshop entitled "How to Get Things Done in Today's Regulatory Climate" during the OACES annual spring conference in June. (*Continued. See "Committee Reports" on page 4.*)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over as it relates to my term as President of CECO. It doesn't seem that long ago that the Board conducted its annual planning session at Salishan. I can't let my term expire without publicly acknowledging a lot of people.



Mike Schmid

It is befitting that I begin those acknowledgments by thanking the two people that really are the backbone of CECO and responsible for its day-to-day success. Alison and Merideth continue to do a wonderful job. It is not easy running an organization on a daily basis with as many members as we have, 125 member firms representing 3,300 employees, with just two people. Add to that the special events, training programs, dinner meetings, and involvement with our committees, and you begin to get a feel for just how much Alison and Merideth do for us. In addition, this has been a legislative year. I don't know specifically what percentage of Alison's time has been spent on legislative activities, but it is substantial. None of the other duties and responsibilities change, even with the additional burden of activities associated with monitoring the legislature and working to pass legislation in the best interest of CECO members. While Alison is focused on the legislative front, Merideth has to pick up the slack on all of the other duties and responsibilities. And they always seem to have smiles on their faces. The organization is in good shape administratively and financially, and we owe it in large part to Alison and Merideth. So the next time that you see or talk to them, remember what they have done for us and give them a heartfelt thank you.

I would also like to thank all of our active committee members. We currently have the following active committees: Programs, Legislative, Operations/Administration, CECO/ODOT Liaison, CECO/CECW/FHWA Liaison, CECO/Corps of Engineers Liaison, Risk Management, Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors Liaison, Historical Preservation Commission and Speakers' Bureau. A substantial amount of

collective energy and work occurs on our behalf that many of us don't realize. Many of you had the opportunity to hear from our committees at the dinner meeting held on May 30th at Bridgeport, so I won't go into specifics about their current activities. It has been said many times in the past that the strength of our organization is dependent on the involvement of our members, and our active committees are a testament to our current organizational strength. It's never too late, either. If you would like to become more active in CECO, give Alison or Merideth a call.

Finally, I would like to thank the current Board of Directors of CECO; Todd Chase, George Gross, Gary Katsion, Don Kliewer, Cynthia Lowe, Rick Luebbers, and Mike Unger. Each of them has been an active participant on the Board, both in terms of Board meeting participation and active involvement with our committees. They have made my job much easier by being very participative and willing to roll

up their sleeves and work hard. At our planning session in September of last year, we committed to each other to work hard toward our goal which was to serve our member firms. The Board members have followed through on that commitment. Perhaps most exciting is the Boards' development of an endowment program to fund scholarships for students interested in pursuing a career in consulting engineering. If you attended the May 30th meeting, you probably are now caught up in the excitement that the Board has for the program. If you didn't attend, I would encourage you to call Alison, Rick Luebbers, Mike Unger or me for details. The Board anticipates a great deal of participation from the membership in this endowment program.

I have enjoyed my year as the President of CECO. It is a very good organization with which to be associated, and it is the active participation of so many individuals that makes it so.

"THANK YOU!" FOR QBS LETTERS...

Thank you to the following firms for writing letters to the Senate Business, Labor and Economic Development Committee in support of the Dash 3 amendments to House Bill 2014. The letters were bound and presented with testimony in Salem.

AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.
Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.
Berger/Abam Engineers, Inc.
Brown and Caldwell
Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.
Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
DKS Associates
Fujitani Hilts & Associates, Inc.
GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants

HNTB Corporation
Kpff Consulting Engineers
Miller Consulting Engineers
Otak
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.
Pinnacle Engineering, Inc.
Power System Engineers, Inc.
Tetra Tech/KCM, Inc.
Thomas/Wright, Inc.
URS Corporation

BYLAWS CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT

Several years ago the CECO Board of Directors decided to stop requiring the CECO president to be the National Director. The National Director attends and votes on behalf of CECO members at ACEC meetings. The Bylaws change was approved by a two-thirds majority of the total voting power of the member firms.

Old language: ACEC Delegate. The President shall be the official delegate to the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) for a term of one year. The President-Elect shall be the Alternate Delegate to ACEC for the same one-year term.

New language: National Director. The National Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve for a minimum of two years. In addition, the Board shall appoint an Alternate National Director. The National Director or Alternate National Director will attend all ACEC National Director meetings and will report to the Board following all meetings. The National Director or Alternate National Director shall seek the opinion of the Board on issues prior to voting sessions.

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Advanced Remediation Technologies Co., 119 NW 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013, phone (503) 266-2122, fax (503) 266-4724. Principal is **Lance Downs**, P.E. Firm activities include: providing comprehensive remediation construction services and civil/environmental engineering. Services include: new construction, project planning and development, design/build capabilities, preparation of regulatory compliance reports, site investigations/research for remedy selection, and site specific construction and engineering design for both civil and environmental projects. Site investigations, regulatory compliance audits, feasibility studies. Design, installation and operation of remediation systems for state, federal, industrial and commercial clients.

McKee Engineering, 65214 Webster Road, La Grande, OR 97850-5195, phone and fax (541) 963-2860. Principal is **Rodney McKee**, P.E. Firm activities include: civil engineering, water, sewer and road system design, subdivision design, commercial site design, bridge and building structural inspections, construction engineering services, and project planning and development.

Pinnacle Engineering, Inc., 3329 NE Stephens, Roseburg, OR 97470, phone (541) 440-4871, fax: (541) 672-0677, e-mail: pinnacle@rosenet.com, www.pinnacleengineering.com. Principal is **Dave Leonard**, P.E. Activities include civil, structural and geotechnical engineering with materials testing QA/QC capabilities in wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Testing, Inc. Projects include wide range of building and transportation structures of varying size and construction cost ranging from 1 to 70 million dollars.

Please welcome new affiliate member:

Luma Lighting Design, 808 SW Third Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-2426, phone (503) 226-3905, fax (503) 226-3596, e-mail: markr@lumald.com, www.lumald.com. Key personnel are **Mark Ramsby** and **Craig Oty**. Services include architectural interior and exterior lighting, daylighting, three-dimensional modeling, renderings and custom luminaire design. A division of PAE Consulting Engineers.



OBEC Consulting Engineers announces the election of **Gayle D. Harley** as the new company president. Harley, previously vice president of operations, has over 23 years of engineering and project management experience with OBEC. Since 1993 he has been the chief construction engineer and project manager for all OBEC construction and contract administration projects. **William H. Hall**, past president, was named vice president and chief engineer. Hall will concentrate on marketing and project development.

The Trustees of the Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers Health and Welfare Trust are pleased to announce that **Bruce Livingstone** of Hammond, Collier & Wade—Livingstone Associates, Inc. has been elected by the Washington members of the Trust to complete the term ending December 31, 2003. He replaces **Richard Kato**, who has resigned from the Board of Trustees.

CECO wishes to extend condolences to the family of **James David Caufield** who passed away at his home June 17 at the age of 76. He practiced consulting engineering in the fields of civil and structural engineering in Portland, specializing since 1972 in the design of fisheries enhancement projects, and was registered to practice in 14 states.

ENGINEERING ITEMS SOUGHT BY OHS

The Oregon Historical Society, in conjunction with CECO's Historical Commission, is seeking old photos, plans and/or engineering items or related equipment (i.e., sliderules, drafting tables, etc.) for historical preservation and display. Donations may be made through CECO or the individual. For more information please contact Harry Czyzewski (phone 503/292-9663) or Evan Kennedy (503/223-8810). Help educate future generations that "engineering happens," computer aided or not. (See related story, "Committee Reports, Continued: Historical Commission," page 4.)

ACEC HOPES NEW NAME WILL BOOST CLOUT

Board Votes Unanimously New Name— American Council of Engineering Companies

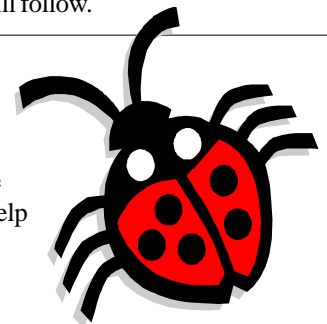
The ACEC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its May 16 meeting in San Antonio, Texas, to change ACEC's name to the American Council of Engineering Companies. The acronym remains the same (ACEC). The new name will go into effect by August 1, 2001.

"Our mission remains the same. But we are adopting a name that will allow us to more effectively communicate on behalf of our members and the industry," said ACEC Chairman **Stephen G. Goddard**, P.E., in an interview with an *Engineering News-Record* reporter shortly after the momentous vote.

The name change followed more than a year of internal deliberations as well as research by outside public relations counsel (see Nov. 2000 *LAST WORD*). Research found that those outside the engineering industry, including legislators, the general public, and other key ACEC audiences, did not readily understand the term "consulting engineer." The then-proposed new name tested well among these groups as well as the ACEC member audience.

ACEC President **David A. Raymond** said, "This is an important development for ACEC, whose origins date back nearly a century and whose future as the industry's leading business association is bright. We are still consulting engineers, but our practice has grown widely and the new name better describes that we are an association of companies rather than individuals."

In May, the CECO Board of Directors voted to follow ACEC's lead and approved a name change for CECO. CECO will soon be ACEC/Oregon. More details will follow.

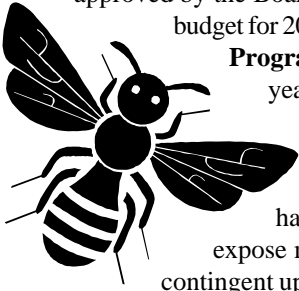


COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

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Speakers' Bureau: This year a speakers' bureau was created in order to have a list of ready-and-willing speakers available to talk to agencies about the Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) method for consultants or to talk in schools about engineering as a profession.

Operations/Administration Committee: Costs that were not anticipated this fiscal year included additional lobbying expenses due to the QBS effort and the ACEC special dues assessment. A portion of the auction funds raised will now go directly to the PAC. Several line items in the budget were increased for new letterhead (due to the name change) and equipment costs. The committee voted for no dues increase this year but dues may increase next year or the year after, possibly by 2–3%. The annual dues were approved by the Board of Directors and the members present voted to approve budget for 2001-2002.



Programs Committee: The committee put on several programs this year, including the annual meeting at Salishan and five evening events. The committee will now focus on planning the

annual meeting, this year October 4-6 at Mount Bachelor Village Resort in Bend. The overall general topic for the meeting is high tech and emerging technologies. With that in mind, the Committee feels that having a small “tradeshow” during the annual meeting would be beneficial in that vendors could educate and expose members to new high tech products and provide demonstrations. Use of vendors and a “tradeshow” is contingent upon space availability. If you have any vendor suggestions, please call or e-mail CECE at 503/292-2348 or ceco@ceco.org or any Programs Committee member. (*Gary Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.*)

Historical Commission: The committee has been working with the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) to create a list of CECE and engineering-related items for preservation. The committee proposes to archive those items, and expects to develop a display of some of those items about once a year at the Oregon History Center for its members and the public. A major element is expected to utilize the display board for the “Project of The Year” Engineering Excellence Entry. OHS is very supportive of the committee efforts to identify items to be preserved and in working out ways where the items will be accessible to CECE members. (*See related story, Engineering Items Sought by OHS,” page 3.*) (*Harry Czyzewski, Oregon Technical Services Center, Inc.*)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 19th–Saturday 22nd

ACEC/NACECE Meeting
Orlando, Florida

OCTOBER

Thursday 4th–Saturday 6th

CECO Annual Meeting & Auction
Mount Bachelor Village Resort
Bend, Oregon

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