IN THIS ISSUE

Profitability & Risk Management in Engineering Practice – April 4

ACEC / SW WA Public Agency Liaison meeting & presentation

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design – April 5

From Doer to Leader: Lessons Learned – May 2

Congratulations on achieving our 2017 ACEC National PAC goal!

Profitability & Risk Management in Engineering Practice

Engineers often feel that they are between a rock and a hard place when it comes to risk management and profitability. If they follow all of the risk management advice they are given—e.g., “only sign 100% insurable contracts,” “don’t do business with difficult clients,” “send CYA letters about everything”—they risk losing clients and projects. But engineers are also aware that one claim can have devastating impact on the firm’s profitability in the form of a (often quite large) deductible obligation, lost time, damage to reputation, and the like.

In this seminar we will explore how engineers can navigate the dangerous waters between sound risk management and profitability. We will provide practical advice about client and project selection, contract negotiation, and using documentation and communication to strengthen client relationships and reduce the likelihood of professional liability claims.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Karen Erger, Lockton, is Vice President and Director of Practice Risk Management at Lockton, the world’s largest privately owned, independent insurance brokerage. Drawing upon her experience as a construction lawyer in private practice and as a claim supervisor for a major insurer of architects’ and engineers’ professional liability, Karen consults with Lockton’s architecture, engineering, and construction clients on practice management issues, including complex claims and contracts, and provides risk management training and resources.

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago at 20
THURS
April 5

Click HERE to RSVP.

Click HERE to see who’s already RSVP’d.

SCHEDULE (lunch included)
11:30 A.M. – Check-in
1:30 P.M. – Conclusion
(includes 30 mins. for Q&A)

WHERE
City of Vancouver, Washington
Water Resources Education Center
4600 SW Columbia Way
Vancouver, WA 98661

Good for one (1.0) continuing professional development credit!

LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP - No charge to attend!
Please RSVP by clicking on the "Member Registration" or "Public Registration" button at top right of page.

While it is not necessary to RSVP, it is helpful to know how many people may be attending so we can arrange for enough food and seating. Thank you!

ACEC / SW WA Public Agency Liaison meeting & presentation
Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design

There is an increasing demand to implement Low Impact Development (LID) methods into roadway projects especially in the Pacific Northwest. Green infrastructure is the LID solution in stormwater management to help maintain the natural hydrological condition of the site.

Depending on the project funding source and location, local and federal agencies require green infrastructure facilities to be prioritized in stormwater management. Such engineered facilities are designed to provide treatment and detention as required and to reduce long term maintenance costs. However, there is always a challenge to find the right approach that fits both the project condition and regulations.

Challenges include high groundwater level, limited right of way, shallow existing stormwater system, low infiltration rate and limited funding.

This presentation discusses and compares regulations and challenges for implementing LID techniques in five transportation projects.

Additionally, green stormwater treatment and detention design methods, bioengineered slope protection techniques and how to minimize impacts of a new infrastructure on ecosystem will be discussed.

Selected projects include three Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems, two roadway widenings and one pedestrian trail design. Stakeholders for these projects are LTD, TriMet, ODOT, WFLHD, Washington County, and C-TRAN.

PRESENTER
Hamed Hakimelahi, PE, WSP, is a water resources engineer who specializes in hydrologic and hydraulic design and analysis of conveyance systems with emphasis on Low Impact Development (LID). Hamed’s work also encompasses stream restoration, bioretention facility design, large and small diameter pipe asset management and rehabilitation. Hamed earned a master’s degree from California State University of Long Beach and is a licensed Professional Engineer. He has worked for WSP (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff) for 4 years.

PUBLIC AGENCY UPDATE
City of Vancouver - upcoming RFP efforts

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR!
From Doer to Leader: Lessons Learned

Our leadership series culminates with a lively and candid session, featuring stories and insights from senior leaders on how to transition from doer to leader. This facilitated session gives participants a chance to ask industry leaders questions concerning industry, practices and management. Includes a review of key take-aways from past classes, and group problem solving and sharing strategies.

Good for 2.0 continuing professional development credits!

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Leo MacLeod | Training | Coaching | Pie

Leo returns as facilitator of this session. He is a leadership and communication coach, who helps companies identify and develop future leaders. Leo is the past president of the American Marketing Association Oregon and speaks nationally on leadership for ACEC and Construction Management Association. He lives in Portland, and yes, makes a mean pie. More info: www.leomacleod.com.

Congratulations on achieving our 2017 ACEC National PAC goal!

Thank you to everyone that made ACEC/PAC donations in 2017. The PAC exists solely to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry—and our success depends on membership participation.

Thank you to ACEC Oregon Vice President, Tony Roos, Kittelson & Associates, for championing the ACEC/PAC in Oregon. He’s pictured at left with the PAC plaque. This is the 10th year in a row ACEC Oregon has made our goal.

Did you support your industry today?

A contribution to ACEC/PAC is not only an investment in your firm, but also to your industry. Promote the engineering profession by supporting ACEC/PAC today via the Spring Sweepstakes. Enter now to win one of 15 cash prizes. Click here to enter.

($200 per ticket, limit 5 per person.)

- Grand Prize: $10,000
- Plus: Two $5,000 winners, Two $2,500 winners, and Ten $1,000 winners!

UPCOMING

- April 15-18 – ACEC National Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
- May 23 – Annual business dinner with brief committee reports

SAVE THE DATES

- June 20 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms
• Sept 13-15 – ACEC OR+WA Fall Conference, Clearwater Casino Resort
  Suquamish, Washington Right on the water!

ACEC Washington Upcoming Events – ACEC Oregon members receive the member rate!

• March 29 – Workshop: Principles of Project Management
• April 4 – Trends in Professional Liability
• April 5 – Benefits Nuts and Bolts
• April 24 – Creating a Culture of Inclusion
• May 10-12 – Spring Conference – Strategic Planning: Know How Your Firm Stacks Up and How to Prepare for the Future

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT

• April 5 – Business Expo West – West Portland’s Premier B2B Business Event, Tektronix, Beaverton
  Meet business leaders, renowned experts, and make connections to grow your business. Exhibitor registration now open.

Comments? Questions? Please e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org or adavis@acecOregon.org.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON
Serving the business needs of engineering and surveying companies in Oregon and southwest Washington since 1956.
5319 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97221
phone 503.292.2348 / fax 503.292.2410
www.acecOregon.org
Member of the American Council of Engineering Companies, Washington, D.C. ~ www.acec.org

Upcoming events: http://www.acecoregon.org/calendar_list.asp.

ACEC Oregon is 118 member firms strong representing more than 3,500 employees!
Check out our online directory at http://www.acecoregon.org/AF_MemberDirectory.asp.

Follow ACEC Oregon on Facebook!

If you do not wish to receive emails from ACEC OR, please reply to this email to be removed from our email list.
Questions about this email can be sent to mwebber@acecOregon.org. This notice is provided to further the purposes of the federal CAN-SPAM Act of 2003.