Catch-up on ACEC Oregon business, hear brief committee reports and vote on the 2002-2003 budget on Wednesday, May 29th at Urban Wineworks. Located in a converted warehouse in Northwest Portland, Urban Wineworks is a beautiful, fully functional winery and tasting room. Hand-painted wine casks line the walls to create a warm, rustic atmosphere.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 P.M. (a variety of beverages are included in the cost). Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M., featuring Pizzicato gourmet pizzas, fresh green salads and assorted cookies and brownies for dessert.

What: May Business Dinner
When: Wednesday, May 29th
• 5:30 P.M. Social Hour
• 6:30 P.M. Dinner
• 7:30 P.M. Program
Parking: On street parking or UWW has a few spaces or you may park in the Chown Hardware parking lot after 5:00 p.m.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since this is a May-June newsletter, it is my last opportunity to address the membership at-large. This past year has definitely gone quickly; yet it has been a fruitful experience. Our ACEC Oregon board has been productive and I have appreciated the support of the board, the legislative committee and our lobbyist as we have traveled around the state in an effort to increase ACEC Oregon’s exposure and educate our clients in the use of QBS.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Cynthia Lowe, has selected Rex Whistler as the initial student to receive our first scholarship. He will attend PSU in the fall. The scholarship committee has also arranged to work with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission to help administer the program and ensure that future donations to the endowment fund are tax deductible. More information about the scholarship program will be presented at our next membership meeting on May 29 and I urge your firm to support the scholarship fund by purchasing a hole sponsorship for the June 26 Networking Day golf tournament.

The April board meeting and reception were held in Canyonville at Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort. Following the board meeting, we entertained a state senator and two state representatives and discussed QBS. It was an excellent chance to answer questions about QBS and promote our position to state legislators.

The next morning, the board met with many representatives of surrounding cities and counties to listen to Marshall Coba’s QBS presentation. Many of the public agency questions were answered.

April was a very busy month for QBS education. Many members (Mike Unger, Jack Beemer, Steve Anderson, Gary Katsion, Gary Rayor, Dave Leonard) and our lobbyist (Marshall Coba) presented the QBS program at various public contracting workshops around the state. These workshops were attended by 350 to 400 public purchasing and contracting staff and were sponsored by various associations including ACEC Oregon. (See related story, page 4.) I am convinced that ACEC Oregon has kept its commitment to the Governor to provide QBS education this last year.

I look forward to visiting with you at the next several membership meetings.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DONATES $10,200 TO OSU

More than $10,000 generated from the “Stuff Happens… Who Pays?” forum for design and construction industry leaders was donated to Oregon State University on Friday, May 10th.

$10,200 was donated in thirds ($3,400 each) to the OSU School of Engineering, OSU Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering (C2E2), and OSU Construction Education Foundation (CEF).

The January forum explored new concepts to deal with the inevitable risk of change in projects and was coordinated by the ACEC Oregon Risk Management Committee.

OSU School of Engineering was a primary sponsor and participated in the event. Supporting sponsors were ACEC Oregon, AIA Portland, AGC Oregon-Columbia chapter, Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) and National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP).

Chuck Schrader, of affiliate member firm Jordan Schrader, presented the checks at a retirement celebration for Hal Pritchett, Professor Emeritus, OSU, in Corvallis on behalf of the Risk Management Committee.

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Northwest Geotech, Inc., 9120 SW Pioneer Court, Suite B, Wilsonville, OR 97070, phone 503-682-1880, fax 503-682-2753, e-mail ngi.pdx@verizon.net. Principals are Thomas Ginsbach, P.E., Steve Day, P.E., Wayne Olson, P.E. and Jim Kiser, P.E. Northwest Geotech provides geotechnical and environmental consulting services for government and private clients. They also offer special inspection and construction materials testing services. Their materials laboratory is equipped and certified to test soil, aggregate concrete and asphaltic concrete.

R & W Engineering, Inc., is pleased to announce the addition of Donald C. Pfaff, P.E., to their mechanical engineering team. Pfaff brings over 26 years of mechanical engineering experience to R&W and is a recognized leader in mechanical engineering in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. R&W has been serving clients since 1978. Services include electrical and mechanical engineering and design, energy services, instrumentation and control systems, and programmable logic controller designs.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR

Melissa Johnson, David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA), is the new chair of the ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee. Johnson is the Oregon Marketing Director and a senior associate at DEA. She has been with DEA for more than 13 years, and is a Certified Professional Services Marketer (CPSM). Johnson has also been the industry outreach liaison between the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) and ACEC Oregon for the past two years, and a member of the Legislative Committee. “The legislative committee does such important work on behalf of consulting engineers, and we have significant challenges ahead. I’m looking forward to working with the very experienced and dedicated professionals on the committee, and serving ACEC Oregon members in this capacity.” Johnson replaces Gary Katsion, Kittelson & Associates, Inc., who recently moved to Alaska. She has a B.A. degree in journalism from Western Washington University.
ACEC Oregon’s Networking Day is Wednesday, June 26th. Have lunch on your own (or golfers may order a sack lunch) and then play golf or tennis, followed by a chicken and pasta dinner buffet at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora.

GOLF tee times begin at 12:00 NOON. Cost includes greens fee, golf cart, tournament scoring and prizes. Appropriate club attire is required: collared shirts, no denim, shorts must have a 6-inch inseam. Soft spikes, only! Tee times will be faxed or e-mailed.

DINNER is at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora and starts with a 5:30 P.M. social hour, then dinner at 6:30 P.M., followed by installation of ACEC Oregon officers and sports awards from the day’s activities.

Sign-up early! Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 11th.
Mark your calendar...

May

Wednesday 22nd
Board of Directors Meeting
URS Corporation, Portland

Wednesday 29th
Business Dinner Meeting with annual reports from committee chairs
Urban Wine Works
NW 16th & Everett, Portland

June

Thursday 20th
QBS Educational Luncheon program and Board of Directors Meeting
Hood River

Wednesday 26th
Networking Day: Golf (or Tennis) and Dinner at Langdon Farms Golf Club

A BIG THANK YOU! TO ALL THE PUBLIC CONTRACTING WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Members take turns speaking around the state

A series of public contracting workshops geared to public purchasing staff who handle personal service contracts or major construction projects were held in seven Oregon cities from April 15 through 25. ACEC Oregon members spoke about the new the QBS law that will become effective on July 1st. Lead sponsor of the series was the Oregon School Boards Association, in conjunction with Special Districts Association of Oregon, Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, Associated General Contractors, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Oregon Department of Administrative Services and ACEC Oregon. ACEC Oregon members who gave so generously of their time are:

- Mike Unger, Power Systems Engineers, Inc., spoke in Wilsonville
- Marshall Coba, Coba Company & ACEC Oregon lobbyist, spoke in Newport
- Dave Leonard, Pinnacle Engineering, Inc., spoke in Grants Pass
- Gary Rayor, OBEC Consulting Engineers, spoke in Eugene
- Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates, Inc., spoke in Bend
- Steve Anderson, Anderson Consulting Services, spoke in Vale & Pendleton

SAVE THE DATE!

September 26, 27 and 28th
2002 Annual Meeting and Auction
Westin Salishan Lodge & Golf Resort
Gleneden Beach, Oregon

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