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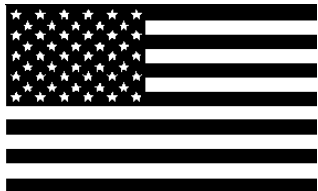
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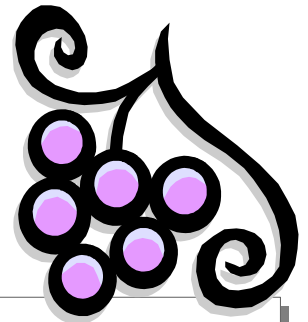
URBAN WINEWORKS SITE OF BUSINESS DINNER MAY 29th

Chairs to report on committee activities.

Catch-up on ACEC Oregon business, hear brief committee reports and vote on the 2003-2004 budget on Thursday, May 29th at Urban Wineworks.

Located in a converted warehouse in northwest Portland, Urban Wineworks is a fully functional winery and tasting room. Hand-painted wine casks line the walls to create a warm, rustic feel.

The event will begin with the check-in and social at 5:30 P.M. (wine and non-alcoholic beverages are included in the cost). A catered hors d'oeuvres dinner buffet featuring roasted turkey and ham cocktail sandwiches, smoked salmon mousse, primavera pasta salad and fresh melon will be served at 6:00 P.M., followed by coffee and gourmet cookies for dessert.



What: May Business Dinner
When: Thursday, May 29th
• 5:30 P.M. Check-in and Social
• 6:00 P.M. Catered Buffet of Cocktail Sandwiches and Hors d'oeuvres
Arrive early for dinner @ 6:00 P.M.!
• 7:00 P.M. Business Meeting

Where: Urban Wineworks, Portland
407 NW 16th & Flanders
(between Sony Only and Chown Hardware, near Mission Theater)
phone 503.226.9797
www.UrbanWineworks.com

Parking: On street parking or UWW has a few spaces. You may also park in the gravel lot shared by Mission Theater and Chown Hardware after 5:00 P.M. Do not park in Chown's paved lot as they're open until 8:00 P.M. on Thursdays.

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Oregon

Registration Form
MAY BUSINESS DINNER
@ URBAN WINEWORKS

Registration deadline is
Thursday, May 22

Thursday, May 29th • Urban Wineworks • 407 NW 16th • Northwest Portland
• 5:30 P.M. Check-in & Social • 6:00 P.M. Dinner • 7:00 P.M. Business Meeting

Cost includes hosted beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet dinner:

- \$45 for members & their guest(s) *If your firm is a member, then you are a member.*
- \$65 non-members

Name: _____

No. of _____ member(s)
@ \$45.00 = \$ _____

Name: _____

No. of _____ non-mbr(s)
@ \$65.00 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Firm Name: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Guest Name: _____

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REGISTER EARLY FOR NETWORKING DAY ACTIVITIES: GOLF OR TENNIS & DINNER

Wednesday, June 25th; see page 5 for details!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the past few months, I have had an opportunity to participate along with fellow ACEC Oregon members ACEC National's "Consulting Congress Day" and ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol."



Mike Unger

At ACEC National, we were afforded the chance to present our concerns and suggestions to our U.S. Senators and Representatives on the following issues:

- 1) **TRAC and TRAC-like Amendments** - The misnamed "Truth, Responsibility and Accountability in Contracting Act" aims to reduce or eliminate government outsourcing to the detriment of many member firms.
- 2) **The Fair Labor Standards Act "FLSA" Reform** - This bill has been written by our own **Jack Beemer**. Its goal is to more clearly define the professional exemption for construction, engineering and design professionals.
- 3) **TEA-21 Reauthorization** - The Transportation Equity Act reauthorization will have obvious benefits for our member firms.
- 4) **Water Infrastructure** - This legislation proposes enactment to provide \$25 billion over five years for the Clean Water Act Program; it includes QBS Selection.

I want to thank **Steve Anderson** and **Jack Beemer** for their participation in this event. They are obviously experienced at this, and it was great to have them with us.

At ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol," approximately 25 members attended. This reflected a gain in participation, which we are grateful for.

At our day at the capitol, we presented our positions and concerns related to the following issues:

- 1) **Senate Bill 611, Certificate of Merit** - Addresses frivolous lawsuits in the engineering and construction industry.

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

J-U-B Engineers, 915 NE 7th Street, Bend, Oregon 97701, phone (541) 318-5060, fax (541) 318-5103, www.jub.com. **John Chambers** is the firm representative. J-U-B Engineers is a privately owned corporation headquartered in Boise, Idaho. Services include engineering, reports, environmental studies, design, specifications and construction review for airports, bridges, civil, hydroelectric, highway, irrigation, municipal, industrial, pipelines, sanitary, waterworks and structural projects. Master planning for cities, industrial sites, airports, regional areas and subdivision developments. Surveying and mapping for ground control, boundary surveys, site surveys and construction staking. Solid waste management. Geographical information systems (GIS) for municipal, commercial and industrial applications.



Falconi Consulting Services has a new office location and new phone and fax numbers. They are now located at 11830 SW Kerr Parkway, Suite 329, Lake Oswego, phone (503) 892-6608, fax (503) 892-6626. Mailing address remains the same: P.O. Box 1826, Lake Oswego 97035. Principal **Xavier Falconi** was elected President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Oregon Section.

Stuart Albright of **Hart Crowser, Inc.** has been named Principal Geotechnical Engineer in their Portland office. Albright has been with the firm since 1999 and has more than 17 years of diverse geotechnical engineering experience that includes building and land development, roadways, bridges, dams and landslide investigation. His recent notable projects include 192nd Avenue, Phase III for City of Vancouver and the Nike World Campus.

National Transportation Week is May 11-17 and provides an opportunity for the transportation community to join together for greater awareness about the importance of transportation. NT Week also focuses on making youth aware of transportation-related careers. For more information visit www.ntweek.org.

R & W Engineering, Inc., recently celebrated 25 years of providing engineering solutions. Founded by **Harry Reeder** and **Mark Wirfs** in 1978, R&W Engineering, Inc. is a full service electrical and mechanical consulting firm with extensive experience working with municipal, industrial commercial, institutional and governmental clients.

Congratulations to **Kennedy/Jenks Consultants** and **MWH** for achieving National Finalist status for their 2003 Engineering Excellence entries. Kennedy/Jenks entered "PDX Deicing Storm Water System" and MWH entered "Willamette Water Project" in the national competition.

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- 2) **Transportation Funding** - We are supporting a \$1.6 billion or more for bridge and highway upgrade.
 - 3) **Funding for Ballot Measures 15 and 16** - We are advocating \$1.5 million to get started on the earthquake preparedness measures.
 - 4) **Qualifications Based Selection Process** - There may not be any QBS legislation in this session, but we want our legislators to be aware of the issue.

We can probably agree that one or more of the above listed national or state issues are very important to each ACEC Oregon member firms. Clearly, we are on the way to meeting our goal of becoming recognized by engineering companies in Oregon as their legislative advocate. We appreciate the effort of our ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee headed by **Melissa Johnson**, our lobbyist - **Marshall Coba**, and our executive director - **Alison Davis**. It is great to have this team supporting the goals of ACEC Oregon and its Board.

“ETHICAL VALUES IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE” TOPIC OF JUNE 4th BREAKFAST PROGRAM WITH RAD SQUIER

Special thanks to URS Corporation for providing meeting space for this program.

L. Radley (Rad) Squier, Ph.D., P.E., will present “Ethical Values in Professional Practice” during a breakfast program on Wednesday, June 4th at **URS Corporation** in Portland.

SYNOPSIS Among other characteristics of a professional is a belief that one should act in accord with standards of conduct, utilizing core ethical values and a code of ethics. Failure to adhere to core ethical values has profound impacts, not only for the professional, but his/her employer, the clients served and ultimately the public.

Considering the vital role of our profession, this seminar will focus on core ethical values; i.e., the six pillars of character and the role of a code of ethics (NSPE 2003) in professional practice. The Josephson Institute model of ethical decision-making, a 3-step approach, will be introduced.

The seminar will be interactive with real world ethical case histories discussed to reinforce the ethical decision-making process. Time will be set aside for participants to present their own cases for discussion.

WHAT: “Ethical Values in Professional Practice,” with Radley Squier, Phd, PE

WHEN: Wednesday, June 4th

- 7:30 A.M. Check-in & Continental B’fast
- 8:00 A.M. Program Begins
- ~ BREAK ~
- 10:00 A.M. Conclusion

WHERE: URS Corporation, Portland
111 SW Columbia, 14th Floor
(take elevator directly to the 14th floor)

PARKING: Smart Park lot at SW First & Jefferson, just across the street from URS Corporation.


PROGRAM GOOD FOR TWO (2) CPD CREDITS.

BENEFITS

- Increased awareness of core ethical values and code of ethics (NSPE), as applied in professional practice.
- Introduction of Josephson Institute 3-step ethical decision-making process in resolution of conflicts.
- Practice in ethical decision-making using real world case histories.
- Opportunity for interactive discussion of ethical conflicts with peers.
- Recognition that ethical value issues are often as important as technical issues in real world situations.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER Rad Squier is founder and past president of Squier Associates, Inc., a geotechnical and environmental consulting firm in Lake Oswego. He is also past president of ACEC Oregon.

Registration deadline is Friday, May 30th



Registration Form

“Ethical Values in Professional Practice”

Wednesday, June 4th • URS Corporation • 111 SW Columbia, 14th Floor • Portland
• 7:30 A.M. Check-in & Continental Breakfast • 8:00 A.M. Program • 10:00 A.M. Conclusion

Cost: • \$45 for members & their guest(s) *If your firm is a member, then you are a member.*
• \$65 non-members

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Firm Name: _____</p> <p>Guest Name: _____</p>	<p>No. of ____ member(s) @ \$45.00 = \$ _____</p> <p>No. of ____ non- mbr(s) @ \$65.00 = \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____</p>
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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SERIES TO DEBUT FALL 2003

An on-going series of nine breakfast programs to be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Programs Committee is working diligently to produce a series of business leadership development programs. More details to follow, but in the mean time be sure to mark your calendar for the following dates:

- 1) **Project Management 1**
September 17, 2003
- 2) **Project Management 2**
October 15, 2003
- 3) **Marketing/Sales**
November 19, 2003
- 4) **Client Management**
January 21, 2004
- 5) **Financial Management**
February 18, 2004
- 6) **Human Resources**
March 17, 2004
- 7) **Risk Management**
April 24, 2004
- 8) **Information Technology**
May 19, 2004
- 9) **Strategic Planning**
June 16, 2004



COBA'S CAPITOL COMMENTARY..

by ACEC Oregon lobbyist Marshall Coba, Coba Company

Thank you to the 24 ACEC Oregon members who braved the cold and desolate Capitol for ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol." This was a significant increase in member participation and hopefully is a continuation of the recognition that what does or does not happen in Salem can have a significant impact on your business.

There was no question that the more than \$2 billion in new road and bridge funding was a draw but members also discussed with legislators the Certificate of Merit legislation (SB 611) as well as the potential for initial funding for Ballot Measures 15 and 16 and a chance to keep the QBS discussion alive. We received a number of positive comments on our issues and the quality of our members. Thanks again and we hope to see you in 2005.

An interesting political drama played out behind the closed doors of Senate President Peter Courtney's office. ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee Chair **Melissa Johnson, David Evans and Associates, Inc.** (who was making her first trip to the Capitol) and incoming President **George Gross, Spencer B. Gross, Inc. and Paul DePalma, Jacobs Civil, Inc.** along with ACEC Oregon lobbyist Marshall Coba witnessed what we hope was the premature burial of the 2003 transportation funding package. Senator Courtney, much to the amazement of all in the room, declared the package dead and gone. He stated the lack of action by the House of Representatives had made it too late in the session and that the legislature had missed the easiest and most accepted economic development package of the session. He was hopeful something could be done in 2005 but that this package was done.

What made this so startling was that only minutes earlier, Senator Rick Metsger, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, informed the group that we were only days away from a deal that would sail through the Legislature. Senator Metsger was praising the work of key leaders from the House and Senate in crafting a package that would lead to a better bridge and road infrastructure. Senator Metsger stated the package would be the biggest ever and would be about \$104 million in new revenue that would be bonded into a \$2.6 billion package.

So the political intrigue of two leaders from the Senate who are both Democrats and who both want the same thing telling a group of friendly visiting engineers two completely different tales was a great learning opportunity. While each of us in the room with Senator Courtney learned different things, I could hear the engineers mumbling to themselves that they were sure glad they aren't lobbyists and have to go through this every day.

On another note, SB 611 passed the Senate floor 28 to 1 and it is scheduled in House Judiciary on May 15.

Speaking of which--watch out for May 15! This is the day the May economic forecast is presented by the state economist. If projections continue to slow maybe even more cuts will have to be made to the 2001-2003 budget! Hopefully the economy is at least leveling off and we are able to finalize the 2003-05 budgeting process. Remember, in the 2003 Oregon Legislature, it's the budget and economic development that are leading the charge.

NETWORKING DAY IS JUNE 25th AT LANGDON FARMS

Treat your clients to golf or tennis! Registration deadline for golf is June 10th.

ACEC Oregon's Networking Day is Wednesday, June 25th. Have lunch on your own (or golfers may order a box 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 e-mailed to golfers.**

TENNIS, round robin doubles format, will be held at a location to be determined. *All abilities are welcome!* Tennis fee includes light snacks and assorted beverages. Time and location will be e-mailed to tennis registrants prior to the event.

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! Golf registration deadline is Tuesday, June 10.

Schedule of Events

GOLF

Langdon Farms Golf Club
12:00 NOON tee times begin

TENNIS

Location to be determined
time to be announced

DINNER

Langdon Farms Golf Club
5:30 P.M. social hour
6:30 P.M. dinner buffet
7:30 P.M. officers installed/
sports awards

Tournament Polos

CUTTER & BUCK GOLF SHIRTS

100% cotton, embroidered with the ACEC Oregon logo on the sleeve. Purchase one for \$35; see the registration form for sizes.

Driving Directions

LANGDON FARMS GOLF CLUB
24377 NE Airport Road, Aurora
phone 503-678-GOLF (4653)

Take I-5 south to Exit 282B, the Charbonneau exit. Turn left to cross over the overpass, then take the first right at the "Y" in the road. You'll be on Airport Road, which runs parallel to Langdon Farms Golf Course; entrance is on your right.



Registration Form

Networking Day: Golf/Tennis & Dinner

Registration deadline for golf is Tuesday, June 10th by 5:00 P.M.
Registration deadline for dinner & tennis is Thursday, June 19th.

Wednesday, June 25th • Langdon Farms Golf Club • 24377 NE Airport Road • Aurora
• 5:30 P.M. Social • 6:30 P.M. Dinner • 7:30 P.M. Installation of Officers & Sports Awards

One registrant per form. Please duplicate this form and use a separate registration for each participant.

Name _____ Firm Name _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

GOLF @ LANGDON FARMS GOLF CLUB

\$ 85 golf (includes greens fee, golf cart, tournament scoring & prizes)
\$ 9 box lunch (turkey sandwich, chips, fresh whole fruit, cookie & beverage ticket)

Requested teammates (individuals & twosomes will be grouped): _____

TOURNAMENT POLOS Cutter & Buck golf shirts, 100% cotton, embroidered with the ACEC Oregon logo on the sleeve. Men's regular sizes (they run big!):

\$35 golf shirt (circle your size: L XL XXL)
L 40-41" chest, 33-34" waist
XL 42-42" chest, 35-36" waist
XXL 44-45" chest, 37-38" waist

TENNIS @ LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

\$25 tennis (includes light snack & beverages)

DINNER @ LANGDON FARMS GOLF CLUB

\$30 ACEC Oregon member firm employee, guest, spouse
\$40 non-member or client

\$ _____ **Total for this registration** (Make check payable to ACEC Oregon.)

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Mark your calendar...

May

Sunday 11th thru Wednesday 14th

ACEC National Spring Meeting, Boston

Wednesday 21st

Board of Directors Meeting

ACEC Oregon conference room

Thursday 29th

Annual Business Dinner Meeting

Urban Wineworks, Portland

June

Wednesday 4th

"Ethical Values in Professional Practice,"

Breakfast Program with Rad Squier

URS Corporation, Portland

Wednesday 18th

Board of Directors Meeting

ACEC Oregon conference room

Wednesday 25th

Networking Day: Golf (or Tennis) and

Dinner at Langdon Farms Golf Club

Fall 2003

Business Leadership Series

Third Wednesday of each month.

See page 4 for preliminary information.



SAVE THE DATE!
September 25, 26 and 27th

"New Models of Practice for Design Firms"
2003 Joint Annual Meeting with ACEC Washington
Sunriver Resort in Central Oregon

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