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LOWE SWORN IN AS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT IN ACEC OREGON HISTORY

Board is well underway in preparing for legislative year

ACEC Oregon's 2004-2005 board of directors took the oath of office during Networking Day activities June 30 at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora. Past president **Art Johnson** of **Kpff Consulting Engineers** performed the installation.

The new board of directors has been busy thus far. They continue to work on behalf of engineering firms in facilitating communications and negotiations between the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners, in tandem with ACEC Oregon's ODOT Liaison Committee.

Also, in conjunction with the Legislative Committee, the board has been involved with spearheading the efforts to create direct communications opportunities with various legislators by inviting them to breakfast. Thank you to the following firms for hosting breakfasts with a legislator: **Parsons Brinckerhoff** (Rep. Wayne Scott), **CH2M Hill** (Sen. Rick Metsger), **URS Corporation** (Sen. Ryan Deckert), **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** (Sen. Roger Beyer) and **HDR Engineering, Inc.** (Sen. Ginny Burdick).



2004-2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Pictured, from left: Vice Presidents Dwight Hardin and John Martin, President-Elect Ken Wightman, Immediate Past President George Gross, President Cynthia Lowe and Secretary/Treasurer Gregg Scholz. Not pictured: Vice Presidents Mel Sears and Jory Abrams and Regional Vice President Darryl Anderson.

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2004-05 Board of Directors
(Terms of office commenced June 30, 2004.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Cynthia Lowe, P.E.
ACEC Oregon President

Based on the pace of this summer and fall, the year promises to be a busy one. The Board's attention will be focused on passing legislation to amend the QBS law, removing the 2008 sunset at a bare minimum, and working with ODOT on their new procurement policy and OTIA III program.

To modify the QBS law, I recently spent a morning making initial contacts with state legislators in the Capitol and proposing meetings to later discuss their stand on QBS. The governor's office has also been engaged to determine the level of support for modifications to the QBS law. Please mark on your calendars for "Day at the Capitol" in Salem on February 22 and come join the Board as we visit with our state legislators and discuss QBS.

The legislative committee has coordinated several breakfasts with legislators to discuss QBS over the last few months with Senator Ginny Burdick our most recent guest. The breakfasts have provided us with an excellent forum to educate our legislators on QBS, and we will be coordinating more breakfasts now that the elections are past. I would like to thank the firms that have already hosted breakfasts, and if you would like to host a breakfast for around 15 people, please contact Alison Davis.

Another volunteer opportunity aimed at increasing our profile with legislators involves giving a tour and brief overview of your company. The intent of the tours is to educate legislators about projects in their district and how consulting engineers contribute to make projects successful. We have already received several responses from legislators who are interested in touring engineering firms, and please contact Alison if you are interested.

The Board has also kept busy providing ODOT with input during the development of their new procurement policy, and further updates will be likely be forthcoming via emails. Bruce Warner, ODOT Director, spent his birthday dinner with us, and the open dialog of the evening was appreciated by all in attendance. In addition to continuing our

discussions, ACEC Oregon also plans to update our partnering agreement with ODOT next year.

Combining both ODOT and QBS, the ACEC Oregon/ODOT Contracts Subcommittee coordinated an excellent program on QBS for over 150 people. The question and answer sessions proved very informative, and all of the questions and answers are being compiled into a valuable reference. Several months of work went into the planning for this program, and I would like to recognize and thank the individuals involved:

■ ACEC OREGON MEMBERS: **Tonya Finley, Otak; Bob Carson and Mike Lester, Mason Bruce & Girard, Inc.; Elizabeth Kurtz, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; Mike Mowatt, CH2M Hill and Tim Shell, Kpff Consulting Engineers**

■ OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: **Kyle Knoll, Carla Busse, Roberta Watson, Mary Cotter and Peggy Zahler**

■ FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION: **John Gernhauser**

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



The "Understanding QBS" program on October 19 was a big success with more than 150 participants from ODOT, FHWA and ACEC Oregon. Pictured at the meeting is ACEC Oregon president Cynthia Lowe, left, with two other attendees.

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Ash Creek Associates, Inc., 9615 SW Allen Boulevard, Suite 106, Beaverton, OR 97005-4814, phone (503) 924-4704, fax (503) 924-4707, www.ashcreekassociates.com. Firm rep is **Stuart Albright**. Ash Creek Associates is an environmental and geotechnical consulting engineering firm providing a full range of services for public and private clients throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northern California.

Harris & Associates, Inc., 1001 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204-1127, phone (503) 535-8092, fax (503) 535-8093, www.harris-assoc.com. Key personnel are **Sam Yaghmaie** and **Jim Parmley** (in Concord, CA). Founded in 1974, Harris & Associates is a professional services firm with a staff of 350 employee-owners. The firm works on specialized planning, design and construction management needs for their public and institutional clients. They are ranked among the top 50 in *Engineering-News Record's* Top 100 Construction Management firms in the U.S.

Hatch Mott MacDonald, 1001 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204-1147, phone (503) 535-8090, fax (503) 220-1815, www.hatchmott.com. Key personnel are **Allan Walley** and **Robert Shulock**. The firm provides professional engineering services for the planning, design and construction management of bridges, highways, tunnels, transit, heavy rail, airports and wastewater facilities. (continued)

THIRD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH STUDIES AT OSU

Scholarship Committee Chair and President, **Cynthia Lowe, Parsons Brinckerhoff**, is pleased to announce the third recipient of the ACEC Oregon Scholarship – **Jill Bartholomew** from Corvallis.

Bartholomew is a graduate of Corvallis High School. To accept the scholarship, she and her father, Mike, attended the Networking Day dinner in June. He is an engineer with CH2M Hill.

When asked what picqued her interest in engineering, Jill replied that she was first exposed to engineering because her dad is a structural engineer. “When I was little I was in awe of all of the bridges he had designed. When I became older I really started to love math and science,

and I had incredible teachers for calculus and physics at Corvallis High School who also sparked my interest.” In high school Jill was involved in the mock democratic convention, the on-site preschool and she was also her class’s salutatorian.

Jill is currently attending Oregon State’s Honors College studying mechanical engineering. She says she hopes to focus her studies on something such as prosthetics so that she can work on an individual basis with people. At Oregon State she is involved in the MECOP (Multiple Engineering Co-operative Program) pre-select program, the women and minorities in engineering program, and has joined the Chi Omega sorority.



Pictured during Networking Day activities in June at Langdon Farms Golf Club are, from left, Jill Bartholomew, ACEC Oregon’s third scholarship recipient and Cynthia Lowe, ACEC Oregon’s President and Scholarship Committee Chair. Bartholomew is attending Oregon State University’s College of Engineering.

MORE AMONG OURSELVES...

F. Duane Lee, Consulting Engineer, 14819 Crupper, Sisters, OR 97759, phone (541) 549-0905, fax (541) 549-2092. Firm rep is: **F. Duane Lee**. The firm provides civil, environmental, and structural engineering services primarily to public works, residential, commercial and industrial clients in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The firm specializes in water, waste water and storm water projects as well as pumping stations, well design and development, irrigation and water resource development.

Precision Structural Engineering, Inc., 4810 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603-4953, phone (541) 850-6300, fax: (541) 850-6233, www.structure1.com. Firm rep is **Nabil Taha**. The firm provides civil and structural engineering and consultation and specializes in light gage steel and dynamic analysis of structures.

Dale K. Price, P.E., Independent Engineering Advisor, 1553 Leewood Avenue NE, Keizer, OR 97303-1898, phone & fax (503) 304-2136. Firm rep is **Dale Price**. The firm provides design assistance and quality control review on land development and public works projects for local, private engineering firms.

Quincy Engineering, Inc., 200 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite E-530, Salem, OR 97301-4996, phone (503) 763-9995, fax: (503) 763-9981, www.quincyeng.com. Key personnel are **Jeff Olson** and **Karen Tatman**. Quincy Engineering is a multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm specializing in transportation and bridge design and construction management. Clients include cities, counties, states, regional transportation councils, associations and agencies, and private developers.

WEST Consultants, 2601 25th Street SE, Suite 450, Salem, OR 97302, phone (503) 485-5490, fax (503) 485-5491, www.westconsultants.com. Firm rep is **Jeffrey Bradley**. Firm provides engineering consulting services including geomorphology, stream restoration, water resources, erosion control, scour analysis, sediment transport, wetland hydrology, surface and groundwater, hydrologic modeling, flood control, hydraulics, environmental engineering, water quality and contaminant transport modeling, coastal and estuarine modeling, software sales, computer programming, training, and quality assurance.

GRI Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants celebrated their 20-year anniversary this July. Established in 1984 as Geotechnical Resources, Inc., GRI is headed by **David Driscoll, Stanley Kelsay, Dwight Hardin** and **Michael Reed**. Since 1984, GRI has completed over 3,000 projects requiring a wide variety of geotechnical services, from site investigation through planning, design and construction.

Consultech NW, LLC has moved. The firm is now at 3990 Collins Way, Suite 201, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. New phone is (503) 699-2806 and new fax (503) 699-2809.

Geocon Northwest, Inc. is now at 8283 SW Cirrus Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97008.

GeoDesign, Inc. has a new address. The firm is now located at 15575 SW Sequoia Parkway, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97224.

MKE & Associates, Inc. is now located at 6915 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97219.

SJO Consulting Engineers have relocated to 15575 SW Sequoia Parkway, Suite 140, Portland, OR 97224.

Congratulations, Jill!

Mark your calendar...

JANUARY

- **Wednesday 12th**
Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner
Portland *Watch for more info soon!*
- **Wednesday 19th**
Business Leadership Breakfast #3
"Ethics with Rad Squier"
- **Tuesday 25th**
Legislative issues update & training for
"Day at the Capitol" in Salem
- **Thursday 27th**
Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

FEBRUARY

- **Wednesday 16th**
Business Leadership Breakfast #4
"More Rain! (Rainmaking II) with
Michelle Winningham & John Martin"
- **Tuesday 22nd**
"Day at the Capitol," Salem
Board of Directors Meeting
- **Wednesday 23rd**
National Engineers Week dinner

MARCH

- **Wednesday 9th**
Dinner meeting *Speaker TBA*
- **Wednesday 16th**
Business Leadership Breakfast #5
"How to Get Paid" with Steven Pinnell
- **Thursday 31st**
Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

APRIL

- **Wednesday 6th**
Dinner meeting *Speaker TBA*
- **Sunday 10th – Wednesday 13th**
ACEC National Annual Convention,
Engineering Excellence Awards dinner
& Consulting Congress Day activities,
Washington, D.C.
- **Wednesday 20th**
Business Leadership Breakfast #6
"Business Etiquette"
- **Thursday 28th**
Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

MAY

- **Wednesday 18th**
Business Leadership Breakfast #7
"Client Management with
Derek Cornforth"
- **Thursday 19th**
Board of Directors Meeting, Portland
- **Wednesday 25th**
ACEC Oregon Business Dinner

JUNE

- **Thursday 23rd**
Board of Directors Meeting, Portland
- **Wednesday 29th**
Networking Day – Golf & Dinner
Langdon Farms Golf Club

SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th**
Joint Annual Meeting with ACEC
Washington, Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington

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