NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN FOR 2000-01 CECO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terms of office commenced June 21st.

The 2000 ballot produced four newly elected officers:

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Donald J. Kliewer, P.E.
Vice President, David Evans and Associates, Inc., Bend

VICE PRESIDENT
Todd Chase, A.I.C.P.
Transportation Planner, Otak, Portland

VICE PRESIDENT
George F. Gross, P.E.
President, Spencer B. Gross, Inc., Portland

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
Richard D. Luebbers, P.E.
Senior Project Manager, CH2M Hill, Corvallis

Other board members are:

PRESIDENT
Michael N. Schmid, P.E.
Reporting Center Manager (Civil Engineering), Kpff Consulting Engineers, Portland

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Arthur W. Johnson, P.E.
Vice President, Kpff Consulting Engineers, Portland

As CECO President Mike Schmid recently joined Kpff Consulting Engineers, Art Johnson will no longer serve on the Board of Directors. CECO bylaws state: “No member firm shall have more than one representative serving on the Board of Directors at any one time.” See Article VII. H. on page 51 of 2000 Membership Directory.

SECRETARY/TREASURER
Michael W. Unger, P.E.
President, Power System Engineers, Inc., Tigard

VICE PRESIDENT
Robert C. Brannan, P.E., P.L.S.
Area Manager & Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Portland

VICE PRESIDENT
Gary Katsion, P.E.
Principal, Kittelson & Associates, Inc., Portland
SERVE TO TANT GOAL FOR THE YEAR IS TO DEVELOP A MANAGEABLE LIST OF ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES THAT WE FEEL CONFIDENT WE CAN ACHIEVE. AN OBVIOUS WAY TO BE OF SERVICE TO OUR MEMBER FIRMS IS JUST TO DO IT (DIDN’T SOMEBODY ELSE SAY THAT ONCE?). THEREFORE, OUR SECOND MAJOR OBJECTIVE FOR THE YEAR IS TO PROVIDE SERVICE. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE ACTION ITEMS BEING PRESENTED TO YOU WILL EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE. ONE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SERVICE WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH DURING OUR PLANNING SESSION. IT WAS DEEMED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE LISTED AS A SPECIFIC ACTION ITEM.

- Develop and implement a QBS education program. (Katsion)
- Create an endowment program. (Luebbers)
- Develop an active speakers’ bureau. (Schmid)
- Develop and implement an effective outreach program to member firms outside the Portland Metro region. (Kliwer)

As member firms, we all strive to add value in the delivery of services to our clients. It is equally important that the services CECO provides to our member firms add value. We can guess at what our clients perceive as value added, or we can get to know them and ask. The latter approach is far more effective. The Board intends to take the same approach with our member firms. To that end, we have developed the following action item:

- Visit member firms and discuss what CECO can do to add value. (Gross)

You’ll notice a name in parentheses following each action item. We felt it was important that a champion be identified for each action item. Each champion will work hard over the coming year to ensure that his action item is completed. We ask your help in helping us be successful. Your significant involvement in the organization is essential in maintaining a healthy and vibrant organization that can truly be of service to our member firms.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Our new Board met for the first time on Thursday, September 14th, prior to the annual meeting at Salishan. In addition to conducting our Board meeting, we held our annual planning session. I was pleased by the energy and enthusiasm exhibited by the Board members, and I am looking forward to a rewarding and productive year.

The primary purpose of our planning session was to establish goals for the upcoming year. We agreed that it does no good to establish goals and objectives that are too lofty or too numerous to achieve. Although many ideas were presented during our lively and animated discussions (from a bunch of engineers no less) we worked hard to prioritize our suggestions and develop a manageable list of actions and objectives that we feel confident we can achieve.

We all agreed that our most important goal for the year is to SERVE TO OUR MEMBER FIRMS. In order to achieve this goal, we developed the following objectives:

1. Be Visible
2. Provide Service
3. Add Value

Visibility is important to each of us as member firms. Often I hear our own members lament that “we just don’t get the respect and recognition we deserve as professionals”. I believe in many cases that this statement is true, and I also believe that we can increase our respect and recognition over time, not to mention our backlog, by increasing our visibility. As your Board, we are committed to increasing CECO and member firm visibility by completing these action items:

SUSTAINABLE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

A statewide Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure Conference is scheduled for Wed., December 13, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. The theme for the conference is: “Affordable Wastewater Solutions: A Blueprint For Sustainability in Small Communities.”

This conference will focus on sustainability and the plight of many small rural and distressed communities throughout Oregon that lack adequate technical and managerial resources and the financial capacity to invest in expensive conventional wastewater treatment technologies. The main objective of the conference is to expand and enhance the dialogue between state funding and regulatory agencies and local elected officials, public works professionals, technical assistance providers, and consulting engineers representing communities with less than 5,000 people. The conference will explore new relationships and more cost-effective alternative technologies that support the principles embodied in Governor Kitzhaber’s Executive Order on Sustainability.

The conference involves a collaborative effort between the Office of Economic and Community Development Department (OECD), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), other member-based state professional associations, and the private sector. Principal financial support is being provided by OECD, DEQ, and the staff of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments is providing conference coordination.

For further information, contact David Galati, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (COG), at 503/588-6177 or dgalati@open.org.
ANDERSON BECOMES ACEC FELLOW
He is the 3rd CECO member to receive the honor.

Stephen C. Anderson, Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., La Grande, was honored as an ACEC Fellow during the Distinguished Award of Merit Banquet at the national meeting in San Diego recently. The Distinguished Award of Merit program recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to the practice of engineering and to the public by its members and others. Anderson served as President of CECO from 1987-88 and continues to serve on various ACEC and CECO committees.

Other ACEC fellows affiliated with CECO are: Les Wierson, CH2M Hill; and Ray Miller, Miller Consulting Engineers. Additionally, L. Russell Smith, Jr. is an ACEC fellow residing in Medford.

Stephen Anderson (center), Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., receives his Fellow certificate from ACEC President Arnie Spiess (right) and Committee of Fellows Chair Albert “Boots” Nelson (left).

CONGRATULATIONS, Steve!
AMONG OURSELVES...

Governor John Kitzhaber, M.D. has appointed Stuart H. Albright, P.E. to the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS). Albright has been named to complete the remaining term of Suzanne T. Crane, P.E. Crane resigned from OSBEELS prior to moving to Washington state. Albright is a civil engineer with Hart Crowser, Inc. in Lake Oswego. First licensed in 1989, his area of practice is geotechnical engineering.

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AGRA Earth & Environmental, Inc. has adopted a new name and corporate identity. The firm will now operate as AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc., reflecting the company’s recent merger with AMEC plc, ranked by Engineering News Record magazine as the world’s largest international design firm. AMEC employs 50,000 people in 40 countries with annual revenue exceeding $8 million. AMEC’s North American headquarters is in Toronto.

Brown and Caldwell’s corporate and Bay Area operations have moved from Pleasant Hill to Walnut Creek. They are now located at 201 North Civic, Walnut Creek, California 94596. Phone, fax and P.O. box numbers remain the same.

GeoDesign, Inc. have moved. They are now located at 14945 SW Sequoia Parkway, Suite 170, Portland, Oregon 97224. Phone and fax remain the same.

SJO Consulting Engineers have moved. They are now located at 6650 SW Redwood Lane, Suite 360, Portland, Oregon 97224. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

URS Corporation has opened a branch office in Corvallis at 245 NE Conifer Blvd. Mike Gallagher, a senior planner with more than 15 years of experience in environmental facility planning, resource management, and impact assessment will manage the office.

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CECO wishes to express condolences to the family and coworkers of Richard P. Fejta who died July 11 of cancer at age 42. Fejta was born August 15, 1957, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and was raised in Portland, Beaverton and Tigard. He graduated from Tigard High School in 1975, and from Oregon State University in 1980, and was a civil engineer for AGI Technologies in Portland for the past 15 years. In 1985, he married Judith Blunt. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Jennifer M.; son, Paul J.; parents Robert Sr. and Ruth; and brother, Robert J. Jr.

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CELSOC breathed a huge sigh of relief as Proposition 35 passed in California. Thank you to the following firms for their contributions to pass Prop 35 (the Fair Competition & Taxpayer Savings initiative): Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., Cornforth Consultants, Inc. and Miller Consulting Engineers.

Traffic Safety in School Zones

CECO President Mike Schmid, Kpff Consulting Engineers (left) and Mark Simmons, R-Elgin and House Majority Leader (right) share a laugh during CECO’s “Meet Oregon’s Next Speaker of the House” reception for Simmons at Atwaters on October 3rd. Simmons is an advocate of Qualifications-Based Selection and will be a good ally for CECO during the upcoming legislative session. CECO also utilized the event to make a $1500 contribution to Majority 2000.

3-D: Dwight Hardin, GRI, (center) gets razzed by auctioneer JillMarie Wiles (right) at CECO’s auction during the annual meeting at Salishan. President-Elect Don Kliewer, David Evans and Associates, Inc. (left) laughs while Drew Spiak, Geocon Northwest, looks serious.

Jim Marvin, Marvin, Chorzempa & Associates, P.C. (left) gets into the bidding frenzy while partner Janelle Chorzempa (right) and Bonnie Kiser (center) look on. Bonnie’s husband Jim Kiser is with Kleinfelder, Inc.

2000 AUCTION AT SALISHAN BIG HIT

The auction would not be possible without the generous support of these donors. CECO cordially thanks the following firms for helping make this event a success!

Anderson Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.
Ogden Beeman & Associates, Inc.
CH2M Hill
Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
Daily Journal of Commerce
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
Geocon Northwest, Inc.
GRI
Hurley, Atkins & Stewart, Inc.
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Klein Consulting Engineers, Inc.
KPFF Consulting Engineers
LDC Design Group, Inc.
Marvin, Chorzempa & Associates, P.C.
MEI-Charlton, Inc.
Miller Consulting Engineers
Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.
OBEC Consulting Engineers
Otak
Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.
Power System Engineers, Inc.
R & W Engineering, Inc.
Squier Associates, Inc.
Thomas/Wright, Inc.
TW Environmental, Inc.
W & H Pacific
Charles L. Youngman, Inc.

CECO also wishes to give special thanks to W & H Pacific for their help in facilitating auction donations.

Thanks!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NOVEMBER

Monday 27th
CECO Phase 2 Deadline for Engineering Excellence entries

Wednesday 29th
Judging of CECO Engineering Excellence entries

DECEMBER

Wednesday 6th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

Wednesday 10th
CECO Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner, Portland

Tuesday 16th
ACEC Deadline for Engineering Excellence entries
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 24th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

JANUARY 2001

Wednesday 10th
CECO Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner, Portland

Tuesday 16th
ACEC Deadline for Engineering Excellence entries
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 24th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

FEBRUARY

Saturday & Sunday/3rd & 4th
Judging of ACEC Engineering Excellence entries
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 7th
Risk Management Breakfast
"More details to be announced!"

Tuesday 20th
CECO’s “Day at The Capitol”
Salem, Oregon
Meet with your legislator! We’ll provide a list of talking points.

Wednesday 21st
National Engineers Week
Student Banquet & Tours
DoubleTree Lloyd Center
Host a student!

Wednesday 28th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers
May be moved to February 20th.

MARCH

Sunday 11th–Wednesday 14th
“Consulting Congress Day” and ACEC/NACECE Meeting
Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 13th
ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 28th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

APRIL

Wednesday 25th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

MAY

Wednesday 25th
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M.
Kpff Consulting Engineers

Wednesday 30th
Membership Business Meeting
Casual dinner at local brewpub!

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