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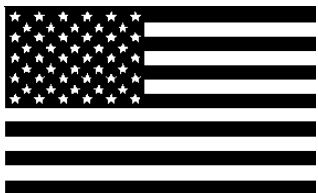
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JOIN AN ACEC OREGON COMMITTEE!

The work carried out by committees is the backbone of ACEC Oregon. Participation in committees directly affects the organization and helps to advance the mission of the council. Committee work is both educational and interactive. Committee members have a chance to interact with other ACEC Oregon members which can lead to improved business practices in their firms. Participation on an ACEC Oregon committee is also a great way to gain leadership skills and give back to the profession.

Please check the committee(s) on which you'd like to serve. If you are interested in serving on more than one committee, please rank your choices with 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, and so on. Remember, you may be in the 2nd or 3rd year of an existing committee term already. Please call ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org if you are unsure of your term status.

Committee members serve three-year terms. Get involved today! **Sign-up by Nov. 26th!**

Name: _____ Firm: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please fax or mail this form to for receipt by Tuesday, November 26th to: ACEC Oregon, 5319 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 221, Portland, OR 97221-2411, fax 503/292-2410.

Risk Management Committee

OBJECTIVE: To assist member firms in understanding professional liability insurance and how to identify and manage professional liability risks. Also, to help improve the legal climate for improving competitiveness and the business environment.

Legislative Committee

OBJECTIVE: To promote and protect the interests of consulting engineers primarily through state legislative action, monitor legislation, initiate membership action by formulation of objectives to support and oppose legislation.

Operations/Admin. Committee

OBJECTIVE: To provide budget oversight, monitor the financial affairs of the Council, and to write and recommend sound fiscal policies and procedures, including investment strategies.

Liaison Committees (pick one below)

OBJECTIVE: To provide members with the opportunity to improve working relationships with public agency personnel. Each liaison committee has its own agenda, but communications and problem-solving are primary concerns.

ODOT (Oregon Dept. of Transportation)

FHWA (Federal Highway Admin.)

Army Corps of Engineers

OACES (Oregon Association of County Engineers & Surveyors)

Programs Committee

OBJECTIVE: To work with the Executive Director, review program ideas and make recommendations for future events, including membership meetings, educational programs and the annual meeting. Also support the annual Engineering Excellence program by review of potential rules changes, and provide input regarding program direction.

Scholarship Committee

OBJECTIVE: To provide oversight and direction for the ACEC Oregon scholarship program, including fund raising activities, management of the endowment fund, placement of scholarships, coordination with universities, and interaction with scholarship recipients.

Historical Preservation Commission

OBJECTIVE: To provide members, and the public, a secure record of the continuous development of consulting engineering and of consulting engineers in Oregon.

Speakers' Bureau

OBJECTIVE: To provide ready and willing resources to speak to students about engineering as a profession or engineering in general; also, to serve as a resource in educating public agencies about Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS).

I'd prefer to talk in the schools.

I'd prefer to talk to public agencies.

I'll speak to either group.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our annual planning session on September 28, the Board adopted the following goals:



Mike Unger

- 1) To become recognized by all engineering companies in Oregon as their legislative advocate for the promotion and protection of their business interests.
- 2) To become recognized by all engineering companies in Oregon as their primary resource on business practices.
- 3) To become recognized as the voice of the engineering industry in Oregon.
- 4) To grow the *ACEC Oregon* PAC.
- 5) To retain existing members and add new members to increase membership by 10%.

These goals are similar to the National *ACEC* goals with some modifications to apply to *ACEC Oregon*. In support of the above goals, we will continue with our legislative efforts. We will also focus on programs that educate our members in business practices and, in so doing, provide opportunities for our members to obtain continuing professional development (CPD) credits.

I want to thank **George Gross** for accepting the Chairmanship of our new Membership Committee. George obviously believes in leadership by example. In developing an outreach program for the Board, George has personally visited members from fifteen of our firms. The rest of the Board will follow his example. By the end of this year we plan to have a Board member pay each of the member firms a visit. We anticipate that these visits will provide valuable information that will serve as a guide

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Group Mackenzie Engineering, 069 SW Bancroft Street, Portland, OR 97239-0039, phone (503) 224-9560, fax (503) 228-1285, www.groupmackenzie.com. Principals are **Matt Butts, P.E.**; **Mark Hettum, P.E.**; **Dave Larson, P.E.**; **Brent Ahrend, P.E.**; **Tim McGuire, P.E.**; **Brent Sanborn, P.E.**; **Tom Wright, Geraldene Moyle, AICP**. Group Mackenzie Engineering offers a variety of services. Civil engineering services include public roadway and utility design, transportation studies, traffic signal and site development. Structural engineering services include commercial, industrial, high tech, manufacturing and residential facilities including seismic analysis. Planning services include land use and feasibility studies, zoning and community planning and permit coordination.

PacRim Geotechnical Inc., 506 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1006, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 239-3941, fax (503) 223-2306, www.pacrimgeo.com. Local principal is **Andr e Mar e, P.E.** Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, PacRim Geotechnical Inc. provides geotechnical engineering and applied earth sciences. Services include: foundation design, shoring/retaining wall design, landslide investigations and stabilization design, pavement evaluation and design, geotechnical earthquake engineering, geotechnical instrumentation, forensic studies, in-situ testing and construction observation. The firm carries the disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) and the minority business enterprise (MBE) designations.



W&H Pacific is moving over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to the new Peterkort Centre II building. Their new office is located at 9755 SW Barnes Road, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97225, effective December 2. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.



Phase 2 deadline (panel submission) is Monday, November 25th. Questions? Call ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org.

Engineering Excellence 2003

to the Board in developing policies and programs.

At the ACEC Oregon Board meeting on October 30, **Ray Miller**, ACEC Oregon National Director, reported on the National *ACEC* Meeting in Puerto Rico. Included in this newsletter is an article from Miller (on page 3) about the efforts

of the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) to restrict outsourcing. This is, in a sense, a wake-up call for us that we not only need to be diligent and active with our state and local government activities, but also on the national level to insure that the Oregon delegation in Washington, D.C. is aware of our concerns.

CONTRACTING OUT FEDERALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IS "HIGHWAY ROBBERY"

by Nat'l Director Ray Miller, Miller Consulting Engineers

The skirmish is over and we won, but the battle is on and the first round results are scary. The battle over Caltrans employees doing all the design work for federal or state funded programs has pretty well been resolved, at present, in favor of the practice of hiring outside consultants to help with the work load.

A recent report titled "Highway Robbery" by the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU), issued in May of 2002, states:

- The outsourcing of engineering services is out of control.
- Private engineering costs more.
- There is no accountability of costs by private engineering.
- Private engineering is taking over all of the engineering and design transportation projects.

This publication is just the latest skirmish in the ongoing battle over contracting out for design engineering, inspection and management services in federally funded transportation projects. As some of you may recall, there was a skirmish with the Caltrans employees union over doing all design work for federal and state funded programs in-house and not allowing this work be contracted out. Rather than take their battle on a state-by-state basis, NASHTU has now gone to the federal level and the next battle will be over the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century, or TEA-21. This is a major federal program for the next six years, involving \$217 billion for state and local governments.

With support from similar state organizations, NASHTU is proposing that under TEA-21 there be a provision that the work shall not be contracted out and that all work shall be done by in-house staff. To justify this, they have written a report called *Highway Robbery*. (To request a copy of this report call ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org.) To further their argument, they have tied several amendments to other bills. One of these bills, called the Kennedy Amendment, was just barely defeated, 50-49. Without the help of ACEC and their coalition, that amendment would have passed. In the ongoing battle to keep all the work in-house, the unions have fired several shots to make their case.

In rebuttal to the *Highway Robbery* report, ACEC National commissioned a report called "WANTED: THE TRUTH. The Facts Behind the Union's *Highway Robbery* Report." This document listed some of the untruths, misrepresentations, misstatements and misquotes that were in the original *Highway Robbery* report. From "WANTED: THE TRUTH," it becomes apparent that some of the causes for outsourcing are staff constraint, specialty skills and policy direction.

More publications are forthcoming, the argument is on Capitol Hill and you, as individuals, will be called upon to contact your senators and representatives to help put a stop to this continuing battle. Additionally, you are being asked to help fund this through the ACEC/PAC. Obviously the battle is going to cost a great deal of money and in order to win against a monetarily stronger opponent, funding is necessary. So if you can, please help the ACEC/PAC win this battle.

If you can find it in the phone book, why does the government need to do it?

Thank You, PAC Donors!

Thank you to the following ACEC Oregon member firms and individuals for their generous contributions to the ACEC Oregon-Political Action Committee (formerly CECO-PAC). **Donations reported are from August 21, 2002 through November 5, 2002.** These contributions form the backbone of the ACEC Oregon-PAC and help fund our legislative efforts from which all businesses engaged in consulting engineering benefit.

OBEC Consulting Engineers

Thomas E. Fowler

Raymond T. Miller

Kenneth Safe

D.A. Vessely

Donald J. Grigg

John G. Lyman

Power System Engineers, Inc.

Parametrix, Inc.

David Evans and Associates, Inc.

Melissa A. Johnson

John R. McMichael

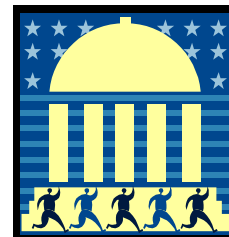
Durgam Chakrapani

Dwight Hardin

W&H Pacific

If you or your firm would like to make a contribution, please mail a check to: ACEC Oregon-PAC, P.O. Box 3082, Salem, OR 97302-0082.

Calling All Members Who Personally Know a State Legislator! We Need You!



If you personally know a state legislator, we'd like to hear from you. Please call or send an e-mail to ACEC Oregon's

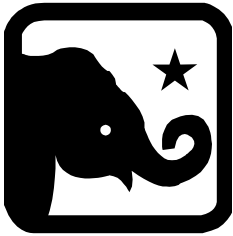
lobbyist, Marshall Coba, in Salem at (503) 585-7716 or cobaco@aol.com. We'd like to utilize your connections once the legislature begins in January.

Coba's Capitol Commentary...

ACEC SUPPORTS LEGISLATIVE, GUBERNATORIAL WINNERS

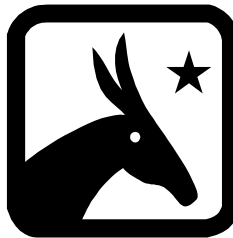
by ACEC Oregon lobbyist Marshall Coba, Coba Company

ACEC Oregon-PAC was very successful in backing winning candidates this election cycle. 20 out of the 22 candidates who received financial support from ACEC Oregon's political action committee won and will be members of the legislature beginning in January, 2003. In



addition, following an enlightening and fruitful January 23, 2002 meeting with Gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski, ACEC Oregon-PAC also supported his candidacy.

These victorious candidates reflect ACEC's commitment to a bi-partisan approach to working with the legislature. This bi-partisan approach will be critical in the upcoming session which will see a split Senate with 15 Republican and 15 Democrat members and stronger Republican control than last session in the House as they increased 3 members to 35 with 25 Democrats. We expect however, that this increased Republican muscle in the House will be muted by a more moderate to liberal Senate and Governor Kulongoski.



ACEC Oregon has a number of returning friends in the legislature and we will have a good opportunity to pass our priority legislation regarding Certificate of Merit, increased transportation funding, QBS expansion, and other issues of concern to ACEC members. We thank you for your support and look forward to a successful session with the active involvement of not only the Legislative Committee but with many new and concerned firms.

Our success in meeting and supporting candidates has been impressive. Now we need to work together to ensure we are able to finish the job of promoting and protecting our profession.

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The 2002 Salary & Benefits Survey will be available after Thanksgiving. This is mailed to all firm representatives.

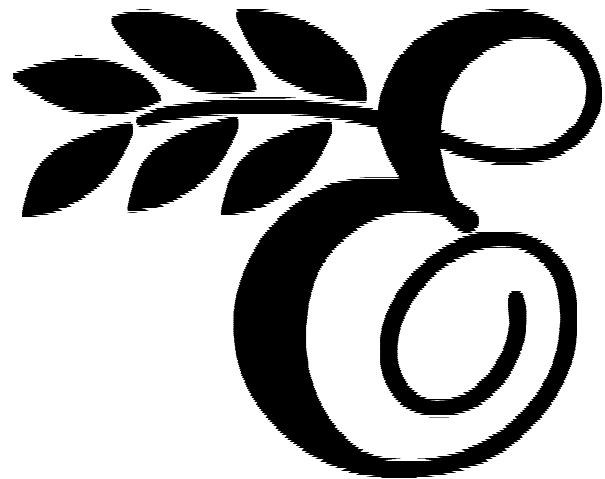
Winning Candidates Supported by ACEC-Oregon

■ SENATE

Lenn Hannon, (R) Dist. 3
Peter Courtney, (D) Dist. 11
Charles Starr, (R) Dist. 13
Bruce Starr, (R) Dist. 15
Richard Devlin, (D) Dist. 19
Kurt Schrader, (D) Dist. 20
Rick Metsger, (D) Dist. 26

■ HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Susan Morgan, (R) Dist. 2
Jeff Kruse, (R) Dist. 7
Phil Barnhart, (D) Dist. 11
Jerry Krummel, (R) Dist. 26
Debra Kafoury, (D) Dist. 43
Betsy Johnson, (D) Dist. 31
Max Williams, (R) Dist. 35
Dave Hunt, (D) Dist. 40
Jackie Dingfielder, (D) Dist. 45
Karen Minnis, (R) Dist. 49, Speaker of the House
Ben Westlund, (R) Dist. 53
Tim Knopp, Dist. (R) 54, House Majority Leader
Bill Garrard, (R) Dist. 56



Mark your calendar for the
Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner
on **Wednesday, January 8, 2003**

at the Multnomah Athletic Club in
Portland. Registration forms
will be mailed in December.

THANK YOU AUCTION DONORS AND BUYERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A huge THANK YOU to all for supporting the auction held September 27 during the annual meeting at Salishan.

The following firms and individuals provided auction donations that raised more than \$5,900. The funds support legislative activities, separate from the PAC.

Anderson Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
Interface Engineering, Inc.
Marshall Coba
Miller Consulting Engineers
**GRI Geotechnical & Environmental
Consultants**
Anderson Consulting Services
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
Power System Engineers, Inc.
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.
R & W Engineering, Inc.
Daily Journal of Commerce

Marvin, Chorzempa & Associates, P.C.
Kpff Consulting Engineers
Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.
Pavilion Trattoria @ The Greenwood Inn
Langdon Farms Golf Club
Westin Salishan Lodge & Golf Resort
Mount Bachelor Village Resort
Embassy Suites/Portland Downtown
Urban Wineworks
Kleinfelder, Inc.
MEI-Charlton, Inc.
Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.
Pacific Energy Systems, Inc.
Squier Associates, Inc.

Special thanks to the following:

- **USI Northwest** for sponsoring the champagne reception
- **Pacific NW Consulting Engineers Health & Welfare Trust** for sponsoring the President's reception, and
- **Mike Reed (GRI)**, tournament director & mulligan sales!

AIA TO PULL RADIO SPOTS

During the recent ACEC Fall Conference, word began to spread that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) was airing radio advertisements across the nation that promoted architects for highway work.

Dave Raymond, ACEC President, called Norman Koonce, AIA Executive Vice President/CEO about ACEC's concerns regarding the ad. AIA responded with a letter saying there was no intention on their part to claim the ability for architects to design highways. The ad was just part of an attempt to promote the collaborative spirit that exists between all of the professional participants in the design process.

Koonce writes that their current ads are designed to achieve public acceptance of two ideas. First, that an architect's appropriate involvement with client organizations and communities in the early planning stages of projects related to the built environment can improve the outcome for everyone. Second, that architects can be helpful in the public sector planning process for community development as well as for individual and private sector clients.

However, in response to ACEC's alarm about the ads, AIA decided the professional relationship that exists between the two organizations represents a far greater value than the advertising investment and will pull the scheduled spots as soon as possible.

Thank You, Hole Sponsors

Thank you to the following firms and individuals for their hole sponsorships at the September 28th golf tournament held during the annual meeting at Salishan. Funds raised go to support legislative activities (separate from the ACEC Oregon-PAC). This session our goals include passing a "Certificate of Merit" law, working on the rewrite of ORS 279 and continuing to support additional transportation funding. We will also continue to educate public agencies about the new QBS law and work to defend it.

**SHIPLEY & ASSOCIATES
INSURANCE**

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**ACEC Oregon Fellows
Steve Anderson, Ray Miller
& Les Wierson**

**David Evans and
Associates, Inc.**

Spencer B. Gross, Inc.

Interface Engineering, Inc.

**Jordan Schrader PC
Attorneys at Law**

Kpff Consulting Engineers

**Miller Consulting
Engineers**

R & W Engineering, Inc.

**Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
Geotechnical &
Environmental Consultants**

W & H Pacific

Mark your calendar...

November

Monday 25th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Phase 2 Deadline

Tuesday 26th

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.



December

Wednesday 4th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Judging

January 2003

Wednesday 8th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Awards Dinner
Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland

Friday 10th

ACEC Nat'l Engineering Excellence
Entry Deadline
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 22nd

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.



February

Saturday 1st - Sunday 2nd

ACEC Nat'l Engineering Excellence
Judging
Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 18th

"Day at The Capitol" in Salem and
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday 19th

National Engineers Week Banquet
Portland

March

Wednesday 12th

Program (to be determined)
Portland

Sunday 16th - Wednesday 19th

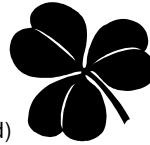
ACEC Nat'l "Consulting Congress Day"
Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 18th

ACEC Nat'l Engineering Excellence
Awards Presentation
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday 26th

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.



April

Wednesday 23rd

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday 29th

Dinner Program (to be determined)
Portland



May

Sunday 11th - Wednesday 14th

ACEC National Spring Meeting
Boston

Wednesday 21st

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.

Thursday 29th

Business Dinner Meeting
Urban Wineworks, Portland

June

Wednesday 18th

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon, 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday 25th

Networking Day Activities (golf & dinner)
Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora



It's Time for Committee Sign-ups.
See the front page for more information and to
make your selection from the "committee menu."

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