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Committee Awards Scholarship for 2011-2012

Zachary Hartman of Ashland will attend University of Portland

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce it's new scholarship recipient for 2011-12: **Zachary Hartman** of Ashland. Hartman will attend University of Portland in the fall and plans to study civil engineering. He is a graduate of Ashland High School, where he finished with a 3.98 GPA.

In high school, Hartman was involved with many activities, including Mu Alpha Theta (the Math Honor Society of which he was co-president), soccer, the school newspaper, Math Team (he also served as a math tutor), and Model United Nations. He also assisted with field research for a U.C. Davis scientist by collecting old growth forest data.

"I hope to design energy efficient buildings that require less energy."

"Inefficiency is a pet peeve of mine. I am always trying to do things better. I will spend ten minutes writing a program on my calculator that allows me to do a busy work assignment twice as fast. Even if I would have finished the assignment faster without

the program, the process is so satisfying that I don't mind," Hartman wrote in an essay for his scholarship application.

For his senior project he analyzed the English buildings' energy use, looking at how it could be made more efficient, and submitted a report to the school on his findings. "I look forward to continuing my quest for efficiency as an engineer."

Congratulations, Zachary!

Networking Day Raises \$11,000 for Scholarships

The 6th Annual Networking Day Benefit Golf Tournament and Dinner, held with the American Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member Forum (ASCE YMF), sold out four weeks in advance and raised more than \$11,000, which is shared by each group for their respective scholarship funds and activities. Funds raised came from golf



Pictured above, left, **Devon Lombard, Degenkolb Engineers**, takes a break between golf holes to test his luck at GeoDesign's black jack table. **Traci Nolan** and **John Gannon, GeoDesign, Inc.** are the dealers.

registrations, sponsorships and mulligan sales. *Thank you to all the golfers who purchased mulligans and these sponsors and prize donors:*

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New Board Inducted

ACEC Oregon's new board of directors for 2011-2012 was sworn in May 24 during the annual business dinner. Pictured from left are: Vice President **Jay Lyman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.;** Vice President **Tim Shell, KPFF Consulting Engineers;** President Elect **Erik Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.;** Immediate Past President **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.;** Vice President **Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.;** President **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.;** and Vice President **Dave Simmons, CH2M Hill, Inc.** Pictured at far right conducting the induction ceremony is Past President **Gayle Harley, OBEC Consulting Engineers.** Not pictured: Secretary/Treasurer **Kay Van Sickle, Mead & Hunt, Inc.** and Regional Vice President **Scott Wallace, The Wallace Group, Inc.** Terms of office commenced July 1.



Networking Day Foursome Wins Tournament by One Stroke

Pictured at left during the Networking Day golf tournament in June at Langdon Farms Golf Club are, from left: **David Paiko, Cornforth Consultants;** **Terry Jacques, Major Drilling;** **Lewis Caruso, SCS Engineering;** and **Terry Hosaka, Cooper Zietz Engineers.** From a field of 36 teams, the foursome was the overall winning team with a score of 57, narrowly edging out the second place team who finished with a score of 58. Third and fourth place teams tied with scores of 60. Prizes were also awarded for: Closest to the Pin Hole 3 - **Jon Ropper;** Closest to the Pin Hole 6 - **Terry Jacques;** Closest to the Pin Hole 13 - **Kevin Gray, Clark County;** Long Drive Men Hole 5 - **Terry Jacques;** Long Drive Women Hole 5 - **Melissa McFeron, Miller Consulting Engineers.** *Congratulations, golfers!*

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Among Ourselves...

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

DUAL ENGINEERING LLC, 3939 NE Hancock Street, Portland, OR 97212, phone (503) 473-8240, www.DualEngineering.com. Firm representative is **John Duval**. The firm provides innovative pavement solutions to improve the quality of pavement systems in roadway and airport applications. Areas of expertise include pavement design and evaluation, materials analysis, construction quality control, and pavement preservation.

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SOUNDEARTH STRATEGIES, INC., 121 SW Salmon Street, Suite 900, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 206-6610, www.SoundEarthInc.com. Firm representative is **John Lambie**. Other key personnel are **Beth Copeland** and **Jack Dahl**. The firm's activities include water supply planning, design and implementation utilizing groundwater and groundwater aquifers. The firm uses advanced data analysis and modeling tools to augment field data collection activities in planning and designing for groundwater storage and supply.

Affiliate member **ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC. (ADS)**, 9285 SW Galena Way, Beaverton, OR 97007, phone (971) 235-1569, www.ads-pipe.com. Firm representative is **Leroy Lucero**; alternate is **Jeff Mason**. ADS manufactures engineering products and provides services to solve water management issues in both the storm and sanitary markets.

Affiliate member **AXIOM SOLUTIONS LLLP**, 17555 Redfern Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, phone (415) 816-0011, www.AxiomSolutions.com. Firm representative is **Christine Sun**. Axiom Solutions is a professional services firm delivering financial benefits to clients by reducing tax exposure and lowering the cost of indirect expenses. The firm's mission is to help businesses become stronger and more competitive in the global market.

Affiliate member **CAPITAL PACIFIC BANK**, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 780, Portland, OR 97205, phone (503) 542-8524, www.CapitalPacificBank.com. Firm representative is **Judy Hutchison**; alternate is **Carol Warneke**. Capital Pacific Bank provides financial products for a diverse range of businesses, professionals and nonprofit organizations with comprehensive business banking expertise. Headquartered in downtown Portland, the bank's full array of products and services are delivered through a strategic combination of highly experienced client service officers and the innovative application of technology.



David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) is pleased to announce **Tom Walsh, P.E.**, as the Transportation Business Unit Business Development Leader. For more than 25 years, Walsh has been a senior project manager, managing multi-discipline transportation projects from conceptual through design stages. As business development leader, he will work

closely with transportation clients and DEA employees across the firm's 17 offices to facilitate service delivery and build strategic partnerships. DEA consistently ranks in the top 50 of the Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For in the U.S. and in the top 100 of ENR's (Engineering News Record) list of Top 500 Design Firms in the nation.



Environmental Science Associates (ESA), an environmental consulting firm, announced that **Marjorie Wolfe, PE, CFM** has been promoted to Director of the Portland office.

"Our Portland office is well positioned to provide integrated solutions to complex water, restoration, and floodplain challenges throughout the region," says Wolfe. "We're looking forward to providing innovations in hydromodification, fisheries, and restoration to our clients, while continuing environmental assessments and permitting – the work for which we are known."

Wolfe began her career with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans Salmonid Enhancement Program, building spawning channels and off-channel rearing habitat. She worked for ten years in Montana restoring upland, wetland, and stream habitats, conducting floodplain studies and planning stormwater management on ski slopes. Before joining ESA, she was a senior engineer for Clean Water Services in Hillsboro.

Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc. (MBG) is celebrating their 90th anniversary. MB&G began as a forestry consulting business in 1921 under David Mason. He became widely known as one of the nation's first leading advocates of sustained yield forest management. By the middle of the 20th Century, Mason's and MB&G's influence on the forestry industry was second to none. In fact, in 1952 F.K. Weyerhaeuser said of David Mason: "No single person has been more influential in promoting sound forest management on private forest lands than he."

Over the years, MB&G has expanded its range of services, and today has diversified into a full-service natural resources consulting firm, with expertise in environmental services, forestry and geographic information systems (GIS). **Congratulations, MBG!**

OBEC Consulting Engineers announces **Lawrence H. Fox, P.E.**, has moved into the role as President, in line with the firm's long-developed leadership transition plan. To ensure effective continuity, outgoing President **Gayle Harley, P.E.**, will fill the role of Executive Vice President through the end of the year before officially retiring from the firm. (*continued on page 4*)

More Among Ourselves... (continued from page 3)

Fox and Harley have been colleagues at OBEC since 1990, and together they have been increasingly involved in the firm's growth and development. In 2001 they took over as Vice President and President, respectively. Since then, they have continued the corporate tradition of leveraging executives' experience and expertise to deliver quality by serving in both firm leadership and project management roles.

Fox earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in civil engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, and has been instrumental in the delivery of more than 120 public agency and ODOT projects throughout Oregon in the past 10 years. His background encompasses managing multi-disciplinary teams on award-winning projects including the Springwater Trail Three Bridges and the St. John's Bridge Rehabilitation in the City of Portland. Fox recently completed his duties as the Design Project Manager on the I-5 Willamette River Bridge in Eugene/Springfield and is currently serving as the Design Project Manager on the Sunrise Corridor project in Clackamas County in addition to his firm leadership duties.



Along with newly named Vice President of Technical Services, **Guy Hakanson, P.E.**, the executive team will deliver a smooth transition that supports ongoing reliable and responsive service. Hakanson, who previously served as Principal Construction Engineer, has more than 24 years of design and construction engineering experience at OBEC and will also serve as OBEC's Chief Engineer.



Otak is celebrating their 30th anniversary. The firm was founded in Lake Oswego in June 1981. Over the last 30 years, Otak has grown to become a leading multidiscipline, multinational design firm in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest and Middle East. Today, hundreds of designers, planners and engineers worldwide continue the firm's original mission of helping clients build livable cities and sustainable communities, collaborating to write the next chapter in Otak's history. ***Congratulations, Otak!***

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) has promoted **Isabella Bejarano, P.E.**, to civil group lead for its Portland office. Her 17-year career has been distinguished by strong client service and a dedication to collaborating for project success. Bejarano provides project management for the design and construction of public works improvements encompassing roadway, highway, transit, bike and pedestrian facilities, utilities and tunnels. She



is currently serving as deputy project manager and civil design lead for the Bethany Overpass Widening project in Washington County. Additional experience includes civil and transit design lead for Lane Transit District's award-winning Springfield Transit Station and civil design for the \$570 million East Side Combined Sewer Overflow project for the City of

Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services.

In addition to her technical contributions, Bejarano is committed to community involvement and mentoring emerging professionals. She spearheaded the development of Parsons Brinckerhoff's Community Involvement Challenge, which promotes the mission of excellent corporate citizenship.

Bejarano is a licensed professional engineer in Oregon and Washington. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Portland State University.



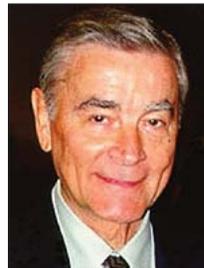
Dr. Jeffrey Bradley, Founder and President of **WEST Consultants, Inc.**, is the recipient of the 2011 Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) Service to the Institute Award.

The award, given in recognition of extensive and outstanding service to the Institute, was presented at the 2011 World Environmental and Water

Resources Congress held in May. EWRI, a specialty institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), promotes the integration of technical expertise and public policy into the planning, design, construction and operation of environmentally sound and sustainable infrastructure impacting air, land and water resources.

WEST Consultants is a water resources engineering firm with more than 60 employees in seven offices in Oregon, Washington, California and Arizona.

ACEC NATIONAL NEWS



James Poirot, former chairman of **CH2M HILL** and ACEC Chairman from 1989-90, died on August 4 in Roseburg.

In 2000, Poirot received the ACEC Distinguished Award of Merit—the Council's highest award—for his dedication and accomplishments on behalf of the industry.

An international leader in environmental engineering, Poirot served as CH2M HILL chairman from 1983 to 1993, and was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly on Sustainable Development.

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Coba's Capitol Comments...

by ACEC Oregon Lobbyist Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC



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CobaCo, LLC

Oregon's new Qualification Based Selection (QBS) law will become effective on January 1, 2012. The bill, HB 3316, will extend QBS to all local governments for the first time. (QBS applies when projects are more than \$100,000 in estimated design fees. If the project is less than \$100,000 in estimated design fees, local and state governments may use a direct appointment process during procurement. This \$100,000 direct appointment level is an increase from the previous amount of \$50,000.) Plans are underway for an education campaign that will help local governments better comply with the new requirements and to ensure a smooth and orderly implementation.

Oregon's state budget remains a key topic of conversation among legislative leaders and the Governor. On August 26 the State Economist indicated the quarterly revenue projection was anticipated to be \$200 million less than projected at the close of the session. This amount will not cause any immediate budget reductions, but legislators will watch the November quarterly forecast and if that is down cuts will be necessary and made during the February legislative session. While some cuts were programmed in from the 2011 regular session a significant downside to the revenue projection would require additional cuts and would most likely drive the itinerary for the February session.

The first even year session in Oregon's history will begin on February 1 and run until March 5. This February session was the result of a ballot measure passed in the 2009 election. **Senate President Peter Courtney** was the major champion who pushed for the passage of the annual sessions as he thinks it will lead to a more responsive legislature especially in the area of budgeting. Bills to be introduced in February need to be to Legislative Counsel bill drafters by early December and will be publicly released in mid-January. Each legislator is limited to two bills that they can introduce and interim committees can introduce up to five bills per committee. ACEC does not plan to introduce any legislation in the February 2012 session.

The musical chairs of the political process has begun with several members choosing to run for other office or to step down. In the District 1 Congressional seat, current legislators **Rep. Brad Witt** and **Sen. Suzanne Bonamici** will run for David Wu's seat but don't have to give up their legislative seats as the timing of the campaign allows them to run again for their current seats next year if they so choose.

Campaign events are underway and ACEC Oregon PAC is being asked for donations on a regular basis. With our success on the QBS bill it is important that we fund ACEC Oregon's PAC to allow us to

Thank you, ACEC OR PAC donors!

These firms contributed Feb. 15 thru Aug 3, 2011:

- **Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**
- **Geotechnical Resources Inc. (GRI)**
- **Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc.**
- **Hatch Mott MacDonald**
- **Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**
- **Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**
- **MGH Associates, Inc.**
- **Parametrix, Inc.**
- **PB Americas, Inc.** (Parsons Brinckerhoff)
- **R & W Engineering, Inc.**
- **The Wallace Group**

thank those who stood with us. We are planning some ACEC sponsored events with key legislative leaders this fall and into next year. We encourage you all to attend these events and to also create a relationship with your local legislators.

ACEC Leads Efforts to Promote our Consulting Engineering Profession

by ACEC Oregon's PAC Champion Bob Carson, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.



Bob Carson
Mason, Bruce &
Girard, Inc.

Have you seen the "Latest News" section of the ACEC web site lately? It's pretty amazing how well ACEC is plugged into the developing federal issues that may help our hurt our industry. Here is just a sampling of the titles of articles currently on the web site:

- ACEC Raises Debt Ceiling-Related Issues with Dem. Leader Steny Hoyer
- ACEC, Chamber Coalition Seek to Shield Transportation Funding
- ACEC, U.S. Naval Facilities Command Sign Partnership Agreement
- ACEC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Address Contracting Out
- ACEC-Supported Water Bill Will Add \$5B Annually to Water Infrastructure
- 3 Percent Repeal Gains Steam Amid Major ACEC/U.S. Chamber Lobbying Effort

A key to our influence in the federal political arena is through ACEC's Political Action committee, ACEC/PAC. As we reach the halfway point in our annual fundraising for ACEC/PAC, we need your personal support to ensure that ACEC Oregon meets its fundraising target for 2011. So far we have reached only 41 percent of our 2011 fundraising goal.

No contribution is too small, and contributions made by Oregon residents can qualify for a tax credit, up to \$100 per individual, or \$200 per couple filing jointly. Also, while they last you can purchase one or more tickets for the sweepstakes to be held in conjunction with the ACEC Fall Conference in Las Vegas, October 19-22. (For PAC sweepstakes entry form go to http://www.acecoregon.org/2011_ACEC_PAC%20Fall_Sweepstakes_Flyer.pdf.) This is a fun way to benefit ACEC/PAC while gaining a chance to win some cash. Tickets are \$200 each and give you a chance to win one of nine cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. If you would like more information on ACEC/PAC and how you can participate, please send me an email at bcarsen@masonbruce.com.

Thank you, 2011 ACEC/PAC donors!

A big *Thank You* to the following individuals who have contributed to the national ACEC PAC for 2011. Donations received May 1 through August 26, 2011 are from:

- **Mike Meyer** Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
- **Ermel Quevedo** Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
- **Andy Vessely** Cornforth Consultants, Inc.
- **Ken Wightman** David Evans and Associates, Inc.
- **Chris Brehmer** Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
- **Marc Butorac** Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
- **Larry Van Dyke** Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
- **Miroslav Kurka** Mead & Hunt, Inc.
- **Kay Van Sichel** Mead & Hunt, Inc.

ACEC Oregon: Committee Reports from May Business Dinner....

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.

If you'd like to learn more about a specific committee or volunteer for a committee, please contact ACEC Oregon at mwebber@acecOregon.org or (503) 292-2348.

ODOT LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates**

Background and Purpose: The Liaison Committee serves as the management and communication hub of the partnership. Meetings are expected to proactively provide a forum for raising issues, communicating with the partnership community, and overseeing and distributing work assignments to the standing committees. Meetings are open and attendees are expected to be a mixture of ODOT technical managers and support services staff as well as general ACEC member firms.

Role and Responsibilities: Functions include:

- Institutionalizing the new business climate - solicit general feedback, present new policies and identify emerging technical topics.
- Managing issues - receive input and resolve issues.
- Prioritizing standing committee goals - assign work to other standing committees as needed.
- Serving as a clearinghouse - distribute input and opinion surveys.
- Managing standing committees' work progress, hear standing committee progress reports and provide guidance.
- Ensuring the partnership operates to the benefit of its ACEC and ODOT members.

Standing Committees:

- 1) **Procurement and Contracts** - Improve contracting processes.
- 2) **Project Delivery Management Systems** - Enhance ODOT and consultant delivery performance and management techniques.
- 3) **Technology Transfer** - Promote continual partnership skills and capacity advancement. Environmental/Planning Work to improve and streamline project development

within the environmental and transportation planning programs of ODOT.

Accomplishments: The committee continued to foster the ACEC relationship with ODOT through the following activities:

- 1) Held bi-monthly Liaison and Steering Committee meetings with ODOT (Liaison meetings average attendance exceeded 40 participants per meeting).
- 2) Coordinated with the ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee to address various bills in the legislature including QBS bill.
- 3) Continued development of the Planning/Environmental Subcommittee chaired by **Bob Carson, Marc Butorac, Erik Havig, and Hal Gard**. This committee was instrumental in facilitating the conflict of interest issues regarding NEPA related projects such as the Sunrise project. The subcommittee also coordinated three ad-hoc groups to discuss opportunities and issues associated with Interchange Area Management Plans (IAMP), the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) program, and the Transportation Planning Analysis Unit (TPAU).
- 4) Continued management of the standing subcommittees.
- 5) Held 6th Annual ACEC/ODOT Partnership Conference on April 27.

Other: The liaison committee is very active and looking for additional opportunities to nurture the relationship between ODOT and ACEC firms as well as the users of our joint efforts.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Sue Laszlo, HDR Engineering**

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.

Accomplishments: At this writing, the Legislative session was still underway. The committee has worked hard at monitoring proposed legislation, as well as advancing key initiatives. This is a very committed group that meets regularly early in the morning with our lobbyist **Marshall Coba** to progress the interests of ACEC.

Summary of Initiatives and Status:

- QBS (Qualifications Based Selection) advanced through the House with a 57-0 approval. Upon passage, it will result in removing the state financial thresholds (\$900,000

total project cost and 10 percent state funding threshold before the requirement to use QBS begins) and require all agencies to use QBS, with some minor allowances for projects with small design fees.

■ Economic loss doctrine SB 421 intended to address the ambiguity resulting from a recent case whereby contract law was not considered sufficient to protect the design professional. However, the bill did not move forward as there appeared to be unintended consequences resulting from the language, and we could not get agreement.

■ SB 422 was developed to fix the liability insurance requirements from 2009. It was pulled in April due to strong opposition of DAS and local governments. It appears we may be able to resolve the requirements through education and process with the agencies.

Noteworthy: Good turnout for ACEC Oregon's "Day at the Capitol" on February 22. It was an opportunity to meet with legislators and talk about our profession, as well issues that are of concern to engineers.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

(formerly the QBS Committee)

CHAIR: **Steve Bryant, Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI)**

Goals: See QBS (Qualifications Based Selection) through to law; QBS education once it becomes law; examine outsourcing issues; and work with OSBEELS to enforce the standard of care.

Accomplishments: QBS law (bill) came out of this committee. Worked with Legislative Committee to get it through the House (at this writing it was 57-0); and now going through the Senate. **NOTE:** Since this report was submitted QBS is now law.

Other: With QBS education and training, soon we will need many new members on the committee. If you are interested, please contact mwebber@acecOregon.org or steve.bryant@psiusa.com.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Jeff Sedey, USACE**

(chair alternates every year between USACE and ACEC Oregon)

BOARD REP: **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**

Mission Statement: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Portland District and the

ACEC Oregon: More Committee Reports (continued from page 6)

American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon (ACECO) commit to a meaningful partnership between our organizations in the common purpose to provide quality and responsive engineering and consulting services to the nation and the world.

Goals:

- Ensure a cooperative dialogue between USACE and ACECO at all levels.
- Clarify and understand the changing roles of USACE and the private sector.
- Foster an attitude that explores opportunities and resolves issues.
- Enhance professionalism and integrity throughout the design and construction industry.
- Promote quality and value through improved business practices.
- Invest in the future by promoting new technology, continuing education, and research and development.
- Promote qualifications-based-selection (QBS) procurement of A-E services.
- Promote the use of project delivery methods that best serve the public interest.
- Support a healthy USACE and a strong U.S. engineering industry.
- Collaborate to expand U.S. business opportunities in the global marketplace.

Accomplishments: Held meetings during the year covering issues of interest to the USACE and ACEC. Meeting Highlights:

- Sept 2010 - **Chad Croft, PGE**, provided an update of the Round Butte Dam fish passage facility (which was the 2011 "Project of the Year" at the ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards).
- Oct 2010 - **Stephan Eagar, USACE**, presented an overview of grade-building structures to retain sediment on the Toutle River.
- Jan 2011 - **Lynn O'Leary, Kleinfelder** Sacramento, provided an overview of the Natomas Levee Improvement program
- April 2011 - **Laura Hicks, USACE**, presented an overview of the small project authorities program.

Noteworthy: At the April meeting, the Portland District indicated they have a couple of upcoming IDIQ solicitations, which may be advertised in June. One is a Planning IDIQ, \$2 million per year for up to five years. The other is an Ecosystems Restoration IDIQ, \$1 million per year for up to five years. The Ecosystem IDIQ is likely to be restricted to small businesses. The Planning IDIQ is likely to be unrestricted, but this could change. Interested firms can check Federal Business Opportunities

(www.fbo.gov) online, or contact **Rowena Musser** at the AE Contracting unit.

The Corps also announced that the Small Business Administration has proposed an increase to the size standards for small businesses from \$4.5 million per year to \$19 million per year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Julia Kuhn, Kittelson & Associates**

Activities:

- 1) Committee will select the new scholarship recipient soon. This year there are 52 applications. **NOTE:** Scholarship recipient has been selected since this report was submitted. *Please see page 1 for story.*
- 2) Our freshman scholarship recipient at George Fox (**Ryan Rudnick**) reports he was involved in designing a pedal-powered water treatment prototype under **CH2M HILL P.E. Paul Berg**. He says he is "grateful to ACEC for the amazing experiences and opportunities."
- 3) And our senior scholarship recipient, **Cierra Eby**, will graduate OSU in June. After interning with **Cornforth Consultants** over the summer, she'll head to U.C. Berkeley to pursue her master's in civil engineering with a focus in geotechnical engineering. **Congratulations, Cierra!**
- 4) The 6th annual Networking Day Golf Tournament & Dinner on June 22 is a big fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The tournament sold out four weeks in advance! Thank you to all the sponsors, prize donors, and golfers who purchased mulligans. *See story on page 1.*

Update on Current Scholarship Recipients:

As previously mentioned, **Cierra Eby** will graduate in June (2011). **Bradley Miller** and **Kyle McVay** will be seniors at OSU in the fall. And **Ryan Rudnick** will be a sophomore (at George Fox).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Mike Meyer, Cornforth Consultants**

Accomplishments: Group has remained very active this year with meetings held approximately every six weeks. As in past years, the committee's efforts have involved recognizing potential new member firms and affiliates; identifying key contacts at those firms; communicating the benefits of ACEC to them; and inviting them to participate. This year

the committee added eleven new member firms representing more than 100 employees, plus six affiliate member firms.

Noteworthy: The committee continues to work in close coordination with the Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers (PNCE) Health & Welfare Trust to help support growth in both organizations. Growth in the PNCE Trust provides additional bargaining power with health care providers, which helps hedge against the dramatic rise in health insurance costs. This results in cost savings to member firms, which provides another compelling reason for joining and remaining in ACEC Oregon.

FUTURE LEADERS FORUM (FLF)

CHAIR: **Tony Roos, Cardno WRG**

Goal: To create opportunities for "Future Leaders" to engage in ACEC and build a foundation for future leadership within individual companies. *All are welcome to participate regardless of years of experience or position in firm!*

Accomplishments: Presented a well-attended program in January on "Intro to Firm Financials" in addition to social events in August, November and April.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Steve Day, Northwest Geotech**

Objective: To assist member firms and others in understanding and managing risk and, on their behalf, to advocate changes in legislation and regulation to properly control or allocate risk.

Accomplishments: Presented a risk management program, "Everyday Risk Management--Steps Firms Can Take Every Day to Reduce Risk and Prevent Claims" in March (featuring four speakers) and "State of the Industry: Update on Professional Liability Insurance" in June.

OPERATIONS/ADMIN COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Mike Reed, GRI**

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. The ACEC Oregon budget was presented for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The budget was approved without a dues increase.

Mark your calendar...

For more information about upcoming events, please e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org or call (503) 292-2348.

SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 15 *Thursday*
Board Meeting, The Riverhouse, Bend
- SEPT 15 - 17 *Thursday thru Saturday*
Fall Conference, The Riverhouse, Bend
- SEPT 28 *Wednesday*
Practical Issues in Engineering Leadership | Ed Edelstein
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland

OCTOBER

- OCT 5 *Wednesday*
Succession Planning | Leo MacLeod & guests
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland
Watch for more info to come!
- OCT 13 *Thursday*
Board Meeting, Portland
- OCT 13 *Thursday*
Oktoberfest Dinner & Wine Auction
Widmer Brothers Gasthaus, Portland
Watch for more info to come!
- OCT 19 *Wednesday*
Marketing & Business Development | Steve Walker
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland
- OCT 19 - 22 *Wednesday thru Saturday*
ACEC National Fall Conference, Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas
More info: <http://www.acec.org/education/conferences.cfm>
- OCT 24 *Monday*
**ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards
Phase 1 "Intent to Enter" Deadline**
- OCT 28 *Thursday*
Oktoberfest Dinner & Wine Auction, Widmer Gasthaus
Watch for more info to come!

NOVEMBER

- NOV 8 - 9 *Tuesday & Wednesday*
Business & The Environment Conference & Trade Show
presented by the Northwest Environmental Business Council
More info: <http://www.BusinessAndEnvironment.org/>
ACEC OR members receive \$50 off \$295 two-day registration fee; contact mwebber@acecOregon.org for discount code.
- NOV 9 *Wednesday*
CM/GC Follow-up Program | Steve Pinnell, P.E., Pinnell/Busch
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland
Watch for more info to come!
- NOV 10 *Thursday*
Board Meeting, Cornforth Consultants, Inc., Portland
- NOV 16 *Wednesday*
Human Resources | Jillian Sullivan, PHR, Parametrix, Inc.
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland
- NOV 21 *Monday*
**ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards
Phase 2 Final Deadline**

DECEMBER

- DEC 1 *Thursday*
ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards - Judging
- DEC 6 *Tuesday*
Board Meeting, Cornforth Consultants, Inc., Portland

JANUARY 2012

- JAN 11 *Wednesday*
ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards - Dinner
Portland, Oregon
- JAN 19 *Thursday*
Tax Savings for A/E Firms | Christine Sun, Axiom Solutions
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland



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