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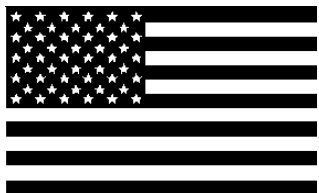
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUE ACEC OREGON BUSINESS OVER THE SUMMER

President Unger has a slate of objectives to accomplish.

ACEC Oregon's 2002-2003 board of directors took the oath of office June 26 at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora during Networking Day activities. Past president **Mark Wirfs** of **R & W Engineering** performed the installation. Four new vice presidents were among the officers sworn in.

New board of directors went straight to work, meeting for an initial planning session in July and then participating in a phone-a-thon in August. During the phone-a-thon, board members and ACEC Oregon staff encouraged members to take advantage of the Oregon law which allows Oregon taxpayers to deduct contributions to PACs directly from income taxes—up to \$50 for single filers and \$100 per couple.

You can still help fund ACEC Oregon's legislative efforts by sending your contribution to: ACEC Oregon PAC, P.O. Box 3082, Salem, OR 97302-0082. Questions? Need more details about personal PAC contributions? Please call ACEC Oregon's lobbyist, Marshall Coba, Coba Company, at (503) 585-7716 (Salem) or ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348.

The Board will meet again on September 26 at Salishan during ACEC Oregon's annual meeting for part two of the planning session, followed by a regular board meeting.

2002-2003 ACEC Oregon Board of Directors

(Terms of office commenced June 26, 2002.)

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REGISTER FOR CONSULTANT SELECTION SEMINAR FEATURING PUBLIC & PRIVATE PERSPECTIVES

Wed., September 18th in Keizer; see page 4 for details!

There's still time to register for annual meeting at Salishan, "Transitions to the Future," Sept. 26-28; Earn up to 8 CPDs; for info go to www.acecOregon.org.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to serve as President of ACEC Oregon. I have been a member for around 20 years, and have served as a board member and on several committees.



During this time, I appreciate having had the opportunity to interact with capable people and learn from their expertise.

We have four new board members—three of whom serve as vice presidents of ACEC Oregon and one who serves as a regional vice president. Our new vice-president board members are **Tom Fowler of Miller Consulting Engineers, Dwight Harden of GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants** and **Ken Wightman of David Evans and Associates, Inc.** Our new regional vice-president is **Darryl Anderson of Anderson Engineering and Surveying, Inc.** We appreciate their willingness to donate their time and effort to our organization.

It is because of the fine efforts of previous presidents, board and committee members that ACEC Oregon is an effective organization. The new board members, along with the rest of us old-timers, give the combined ACEC Oregon Board of Directors the opportunity to build on the past successes of our organization.

This year's Board met for the first time at the initial meeting of the annual planning session on July 10. A second planning session will be held September 26. It will be at this meeting that we will finalize our plans and goals for the year.

In my two months as President, I have been impressed by the service provided by **Alison Davis** and **Merideth Webber**. Under the direction of Alison, it is evident that ACEC Oregon is well managed and that the day-to-day details are effectively administered.

One of the first agenda items that we took care of at the planning session was to increase the PAC fund. As we approach the 2003 legislative year, our legislative goals include addressing such issues as "frivolous lawsuits" and defending the ACEC Oregon sponsored QBS bill.

Marshall Coba, our lobbyist, has indicated the need to have a reasonable funds available in order to be effective in our lobbying efforts. Telephone calls from board members to member firms were completed during a telethon held on

AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Caire Water Engineering, 10130 SW 153rd Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97007-6146, phone (503) 372-9523, fax (503) 579-7641, e-mail: water-engineer@attbi.com, website: www.water-engineer.com. Principal is **Timothy Caire, P.E.** Caire Water Engineering offers water treatment plant studies and design, water treatment plant vulnerability assessments, water system master planning, wastewater treatment, pump station design and has the ESB designation as an emerging small business.

Siemens & Associates, 19134 Riverwoods Drive, Bend, OR 97702-8998, phone (541) 385-6500, fax (541) 385-6500, e-mail: siemens@bendcable.com. Principal is **Andrew Siemens, P.E.** Founded in 1992, the company provides geotechnical and geophysical services for subsurface investigation and analysis. Typical projects include specialty support to regional geotechnical and environmental consulting firms in subsurface characterization using the latest geophysical acquisition and data processing technique.



W&H Pacific has finalized the repurchase of the company from The IT Group (now Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure). Financing of the repurchase was provided by ASCG Incorporated, a consulting design firm located in Anchorage, Alaska. W&H will become an independently operated firm within ASCG.

"This purchase is very positive for management, employees and clients of W&H Pacific," according to William Jabs, W&H Pacific's co-founder. "We are able to keep our core leadership and project teams in place with the help of an established partner that understands our industry. We look forward to continuing our longstanding relationships in the Northwest business community. Our plan is to continue to grow the business and expand throughout the U.S."

W&H Pacific's senior principals leading the effort include **William Jabs, P.E.**, and **Jeff Daggett, P.E.**, the company's original founders. (*Meet Jeff Daggett at ACEC Oregon's upcoming annual meeting at Salishan, September 26-28. Daggett is also on the national ACEC Executive Committee and serves as Oregon's liaison to national. Besides Oregon, Daggett's region for ACEC also includes Idaho, Montana, Alaska and California. Members may have met Daggett's predecessors in this position: Orrin "Mac" MacMurray and Fred Berger.*)

Established in 1988, W&H Pacific has 225 employees in seven Northwest offices. The company serves the infrastructure development needs of clients in the transportation, land development and telecommunications industries.

August 8. The focus of our outreach was to take advantage of the Oregon law which allows Oregon taxpayers to deduct contributions to PACs directly from their income taxes—up to \$50 for single filers and \$100 per couple. The Board decided that this could be a relatively painless way to fund our PAC. If anyone is so inclined to participate, please contact Alison or Merideth for details.

ACEC Oregon has submitted statements of support for the fall voters pamphlet for **Ballot Measures 15 and 16**. These Measures authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds to fund seismic rehabilitation of public education buildings (Measure 15) and emergency services buildings (Measure 16). The Executive Committee

concluded that supporting these measures offers us an ideal opportunity to speak out on issues of importance to the State and to the professional consulting engineering community.

The September annual meeting will offer great opportunities for networking, education (including 8 CPDs) and fun. Among other agenda items, **Janet Sanders** will speak on "**Achieving Business Objectives in Social Settings**" and "**Across the Desk Marketing and Sales.**" She comes highly recommended. I heard Janet's presentation at the Hawaii annual meeting and found her to be very informative and entertaining.

I look forward to serving ACEC Oregon in the upcoming year and to working with the Board.

MORE AMONG OURSELVES...

PAE Consulting Engineers, Inc., a mechanical, electrical, telecommunications, lighting and sustainable design firm, celebrates its 35th anniversary in August. Peterson Associated Engineers debuted as a mechanical and electrical engineering firm based in Portland in August 1967. Not only was Peterson Associated Engineers the first firm to combine mechanical and electrical design services in the Portland area, they were also the first to be computerized and design their own air conditioning program and bookkeeping systems to control costs. Their name was changed to PAE Consulting Engineers in 1985 upon founder Harold Peterson's retirement.

Over PAE's 35-year history, additional services were added to include plumbing, lighting, telecommunications and sustainable design. PAE has a staff of 50 professionals and focuses on the government, commercial, K-12 and higher education, healthcare and advanced technology sectors.

Due to a change in the law, **Moffat, Nichol & Bonney, Inc.** no longer has a separate firm for their architects. They recently formed a multi-discipline firm along with a new name and logo. **Moffat, Nichol & Bonney, Inc.** is now **MNB Architects/Engineers** providing full design services in the areas of planning, architecture, civil and structural engineering.

Jordan Schrader PC, Portland's largest law firm outside the downtown area, will celebrate 40 years of practicing law beginning this month. Founded as Myatt & Bollinger in 1963, the firm transitioned into Bollinger, Hampton & Tarlow in 1975, and ultimately became Jordan Schrader PC in August 2001. Today the 55-person law firm (www.jordanschradler.com) represents private and public clients throughout the Northwest. The firm, noted for its Dirt Law™ practice (real estate, environmental, land use and construction), also has a strong business and government law practice.

Jack Beemer, P.E., David Evans and Associates, Inc., Bend, was recently a presenter at the Oregon County Counsel's Association annual meeting in Sunriver. His topic was "Architect and Engineer Selection." The program was attended by sixty county counsels and city attorneys and was well-received. (*Please see page 4 for related story and registration information about upcoming program, "Consultant Selection," featuring public and private perspectives, September 18 in Keizer.*)

The Portland offices of **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** have a new address: 2100 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Main phone/fax numbers remain the same.

HDR Engineering, Inc. has a new address and new phone/fax numbers: 1001 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1800, Portland, Oregon 97204, phone (503) 423-3700, fax (503) 423-3737.

Jacobs Civil, Inc. has changed their mailing address. Their P.O. box is closed; please use the following address: 5005 SW Meadows Road, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97035.

Landau Associates, Inc. have a new address: 7800 Durham Road, Suite 500, Tigard, OR 97224. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

SUPPORT BALLOT MEASURES 15 & 16

During the last regular legislative session, two bills regarding seismic event preparation passed the legislature. Because the bills involve a change in the Oregon constitution, the legislation was referred by the legislature to the November ballot.

Ballot measures 15 and 16 authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds to fund seismic rehabilitation of public education buildings (Measure 15) and emergency services buildings (Measure 16).

ACEC Oregon has furnished a statement of support for both ballot measures, look for them in your November voter guide. In addition, ACEC Oregon has joined a coalition called "Oregonians for Safer Buildings" that supports the passage of ballot measures 15 and 16.

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 September 10, 2001 to August 21, 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.

AES Engineers
Anderson Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
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Mark your calendar...

September

Wednesday 18th

Consultant Selection Seminar
featuring Public & Private Perspectives
Wittenberg Inn, Keizer

Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th

Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC Oregon Annual Meeting & Auction
Westin Salishan, Gleneden Beach, OR
*There's still time to register! Go to
www.acecOregon.org and click on
"Annual Meeting @ Salishan" for
program info and registration form.*

October

Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th

ACEC (National) 2002 Fall Conference
Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort
Puerto Rico
See story, back page.

Monday 28th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Phase 1 Deadline

Wednesday 30th

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

November

Monday 4th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Workshop

Monday 25th

ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence
Phase 2 Deadline

Tuesday 26th

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



The ACEC Oregon 2002-2003 Membership Directory & Roster is hot off the press! Did you get yours?

To request additional copies contact ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or mwebber@acecOregon.org.



The 2003 Engineering Excellence rules are now available. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please call ACEC Oregon at 503-292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org. EE information may also be obtained at www.acecOregon.org.

UPCOMING "QBS SCHOOL" FEATURES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PERSPECTIVES

Earn 5½ professional development credits at "Consultant Selection" program in Keizer Sept. 18
Hurry! Registration deadline is Friday, September 13

Proper selection of qualified engineers and architects is proven to save significant funds through the planning, design, construction and life cycle of all private or public works projects. This seminar focuses on how to make the best consultant choice for you project, featuring the perspectives of acknowledged leaders in public works and private sector desing professionals.

Topics include:

- "Public Contracting in Real Life"
- "Type and Variety of Selection Processes"
- "Basics of the New QBS Law"
- "QBS: The Owner's Perspective"
- "Ranking and Selection of Consultants for Local Control"
- "Developing a Scope of Work with Your Most Qualified Consultant"
- "How to Negotiate with Your Design Professional"

Good for 5 ½ CPDs!

Presenters include:

- Kurt Corey, Director of Public Works, City of Eugene**
- Dave Leonard, Principal, Pinnacle Engineering, Roseburg**
- Steve Anderson, Anderson Consulting Services**
- Don Kliever, URS Corporation and ACEC Oregon Past-President**
- Bill Worcester, Marion County Engineer**
- Bill Foster, Oregon State Architect**
- Robert E. Meyer, Consulting Engineer**
- Jim Marvin, Senior Partner, Marvin Chorzempa & Associates, P.C.**

For more information please call (503) 585-7716.

CONSULTANT SELECTION Seminar Registration

September 18, 2002, 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Wittenburg Inn, 5188 Wittenburg Lane, Keizer, phone 503-390-4733

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Registration fee is \$125 and includes seminar materials and lunch.

QUESTIONS? Please call (503) 585-7716.

Name: _____ Profession: _____

Representing: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ check here for vegetarian meal

Registration fee: \$125 (Includes seminar materials and lunch.)

Make checks payable to: ACEC Oregon Seminar. **Mail registration form & payment to:** ACEC Oregon Seminar, P.O. Box 5506, Salem, OR 97304.

Or, FAX form to (503) 585-7733 and bring payment (check or cash) to the door.

Cancellations must be received on or before the September 13, 2002 registration deadline in order to receive a refund.

FIRST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT NAMED; WILL ATTEND PORTLAND STATE IN FALL

by Scholarship Committee Chair Cynthia Lowe, Parsons Brinckerhoff

ACEC Oregon is proud to announce the first recipient of the ACEC Oregon Scholarship – Rex Whistler from Gresham High School.

Rex is starting the mechanical engineering program at Portland State University this fall, and his particular areas of interest include energy conservation and renewable energy fields. While Rex had strong test scores and GPA, his senior project was what caught the attention of the Scholarship Committee – converting a 1969 VW bug to electric power.

The Scholarship Committee was not only impressed with Rex's strong interest in science and engineering but also his wide variety of other interests including cycling, hiking, singing tenor and being a stage manager and set crew member for musical and drama productions.

As Rex was awarded another scholarship to cover his tuition, this first ACEC Oregon scholarship will provide \$2,500 annually for four years to cover fees and books.

Future ACEC Oregon scholarships will cover tuition and fees for four years at an Oregon college that has an ABET-accredited engineering program. Qualifying Oregon schools are: Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Portland and the Oregon Institute of Technology.

ACEC Oregon is working to build an endowment fund for the scholarship program and has established an account with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission so that donations are tax-deductible. To donate to the endowment fund, make checks payable to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, indicate "ACEC Oregon #371" on the memo line and mail to: Oregon Student Assistance Commission, Grants & Scholarship Division, P.O. Box 40370, Eugene, OR 97404.

If you would like additional information on the scholarship program or the endowment fund, please contact Cynthia Lowe at (503) 274-7217 or lowe@pbworld.com.

Congratulations, Rex!



Pictured, from left, Rex Whistler, ACEC Oregon's first scholarship recipient, and Cynthia Lowe, ACEC Oregon board member and chair of the Scholarship Committee. Whistler will begin the mechanical engineering program at Portland State University in the fall.

Thank You, Hole Sponsors

for Helping Support the Scholarship Program!

Thank you to the following ACEC Oregon member firms for their hole sponsorships at the Networking Day golf tournament in June. Money raised supports the ACEC Oregon scholarship program which is administered by the Grants & Scholarship Division of the Oregon State Student Assistance Commission in Eugene. The Scholarship Committee has awarded the first scholarship to Rex Whistler.

**Anderson Engineering &
Surveying, Inc.**

**David Evans and
Associates, Inc.**

**GRI Geotechnical &
Environmental Consultants**

Spencer B. Gross, Inc.

**Jordan Schrader PC
Attorneys at Law**

Kpff Consulting Engineers

**Marvin Chorzempa &
Associates, P.C.**

**Miller Consulting
Engineers**

**Peterson Structural
Engineers, Inc.**

**Power System
Engineers, Inc.**

R & W Engineering, Inc.

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ACEC NATIONAL FALL CONFERENCE IN PUERTO RICO: “Revitalize Your Business in an Uncertain Economy”

The theme for ACEC’s fall conference, which will be held October 23-26, at the Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort in Puerto Rico, is “Revitalize Your Business in an Uncertain Economy.” Attendees will gain the latest intelligence on changes in strategy, finance and management, and surviving HR and IT challenges. Other topics will include politics and the economy, which will be presented by former Presidential press secretaries Joe Lockhard (Clinton administration) and Marlin Fitzwater (Reagan and Bush administrations), and bolstering America’s infrastructure.

For additional information, or to register online, visit www.acec.org/conference. A copy of the conference brochure can also be obtained by contacting ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or mwebber@acecOregon.org.

OREGONIANS AMONG RECENT GRADS OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE

Congratulations to Dave Moyano, David Evans and Associates, Inc., Salem, and Chris Thompson, Degenkolb Engineers

The *ACEC Senior Executives Institute* (SEI) is an advanced management, leadership and public policy training program for current and emerging A/E leaders. **Dave Moyano** and **Chris Thompson** were among 22 graduates of SEI Class V and were honored at the ACEC annual convention in May.

SEI started in 1995 and is built on the concept that engineers and architects cannot expect to assume leadership roles without continuing education and professional development to sharpen their management skills and broaden their understanding.

SEI offers training in leadership, advanced management and public policy and provides unparalleled opportunities for A/E executives to understand and eventually lead in the complex national and international businesses and policy arenas in which they must compete. Unlike other business administration programs, SEI is tailored specifically for design professionals. The primary objective of the *ACEC Senior Executives Institute* is to give participants the opportunity to explore concepts and techniques that will enhance individual management performance. Experienced trainers and facilitators lead participants through advanced management concepts about how to position an organization for the future.

The next SEI class begins April 26, 2003. Each class is limited to 26 participants and offers a strong network of dedicated leaders of the A/E industry. To register, or for more information, call or e-mail Roger Doucette at ACEC, phone (202) 347-7474 or rdoucette@acec.org.

There's Still Time to Register! “Transitions to the Future” theme of annual meeting at Salsihan, September 26-28. Go to www.acecOregon.org and click on “Annual Meeting @ Salsihan” for more information and registration form.

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