It’s all happening at the zoo...
FUTURE LEADERS TO BE RECOGNIZED
AT MAY 21 BUSINESS DINNER

Lions and tigers and ACEC—oh my! Wednesday, May 21 the annual business dinner will be held at the Oregon Zoo.

The event will feature:
- An animal display during the social
- Brief committee reports
- Why the National PAC is important for Oregon

“...This event is a great opportunity to gain a good overview of the association’s activities.”

WHAT: May Business Dinner
WHEN: Wednesday, May 21
- 5:30 p.m. Social
- 5:45 p.m. Animal display
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Business meeting

WHERE: Oregon Zoo, Skyline Room
4001 SW Canyon Road
Portland, OR 97221
Phone (503) 643-5451
www.OregonZoo.com

Parking: Plenty of on-site parking in lot. Or, take the MAX to the Zoo!

Registration deadline is May 15.

**Registration Form**

**MAY BUSINESS DINNER**

Cost: $45 per registrant, or $30 for Future Leaders Series participants

Firm Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Name: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Name: ____________________________

Make checks payable to ACEC Oregon.
Mail check and registration form (or fax form to 503-292-2410 and mail check) for receipt by May 15 to: ACEC Oregon, 5319 SW Westgate Dr., Ste. 221, Portland 97221. QUESTIONS? Call (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org.

___ registrants @ $45 = $ _______

___ Future Leaders @ $30 = $ _______

Total Amount Enclosed: $ _______

Cancellations must be received on or before May 7. Non-members must pay in advance.

**TAKE THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!**

See President’s column on page 2 for more info.
I would like to engage you in critical activity here at ACEC Oregon. Our (your) organization is in the process of developing a comprehensive review and outreach campaign. You might ask, “What is a review and outreach campaign?”

Well, every organization, large and small, should periodically engage in a review with an eye towards improving its operations, providing better value to members, and evaluating how it can improve the public image of the industry it represents. Simply put, “ask the customers (you) what they need,” and then adapt accordingly.

It has been a number of years since ACEC Oregon undertook such a comprehensive review, and after several months of consideration, your board has initiated such a review process. We are hoping that the process can have a number of positive factors, including:

- Ensuring that the goals of staff, the board and members are aligned;
- Identifying improvements that can be made both in structure, function, and messaging;
- Identifying areas where the organization can improve its value to the member firms;
- Providing tools that can be used both by ACEC Oregon and its members to increase market penetration and market share;
- Creating, improving or enhancing the public and political awareness of the organization and its members (also driving market share).

To kick-off this effort, you will be receiving an on-line survey and some of you (lucky ones) will be receiving a personal (and brief) phone call from an ACEC Oregon Board member asking a series of questions. We are attempting to ensure that the process is as quick and easy as possible. But we ask that you take some time in the next month considering your membership in ACEC Oregon, ways that our process or programs could be improved, and ways that ACEC Oregon can work with its members to help position the industry in the region for further growth over the next several years. Are you aware of good examples from your colleagues in other states or in other industries that might be useful to our association? Are there strategies that we should undertake given the potential downturn in the economy or changing industry directions? These are some of the issues that the board wants to address, and we need your help to ensure that we make the right decisions.

To take this brief survey, go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rLi_2fq7VKeicawEizwNYZ7Q_3d_3d. At the end of the survey you may enter to win one of five prizes. Thank you for taking the time to help ensure ACEC Oregon is heading in the right direction!
AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Spangling, 111 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1575, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 273-0060, www.spangling.com. Firm representative is Kimberly Krull. Other key personnel are Mark Peckover, P.E., and Jim Duncan, P.E., FACEC (Seattle). Spangling is the nation’s largest specialty consulting firm providing services in electrical engineering, technology consulting, audiovisual design, lighting design and consulting and acoustical design.

Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), 6032 N. Cutter Circle, Suite 480, Portland, OR 97217, phone (503) 289-1778, www.psiusa.com. Firm representative is Paul Materia. Other key personnel are John Gent, P.E., Rick Hanford, P.E., G.E., and Jay Hathaway, P.E., CDT. The firm’s general fields of practice are environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering, and materials testing and inspection. Specialities include: environmental consulting, indoor air quality and mold services, asbestos and lead-based paint analysis, property and site assessment, specialty engineering and testing, nondestructive examination and testing, materials testing and certification, and facilities and roof consulting.

WRG Design, Inc., 5415 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97221, phone (503) 419-2500, www.wrgdesign.com. Firm representative is Tony Roos, P.E. Other principals are Jon Reimann, P.E., Ben Williams, P.E., Darren Welborn, P.E., and Jeff Curran, P.E. Other key staff are Bob Headrick, P.E., Cedomir Jesic, P.E., and Tana Mallory. WRG is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm specializing in public infrastructure, transportation, and private development. Firm disciplines include civil engineering, water resources, land use planning, surveying, and landscape architecture.

Affiliate member BlueDot Group, LLC, 11700 SW 67th Street, Tigard, OR 97223, phone (503) 624-0108. Firm rep is Robert Lennox, PLS. Bluedot Group is a professional land surveying firm. Lennox has more than 19 years of surveying experience.

Affiliate member firm Holland & Knight, LLP, 2300 U.S. Bancorp Tower, 111 SW 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, phone (503) 243-2300, www.hklaw.com. Firm representative is Louis A. Santiago. The firm provides comprehensive legal services to engineering and other companies in more than 100 practice areas. In addition to his juris doctor, Santiago has a B.S. in engineering. For nearly 30 years, he has trained and counseled engineering and other business clients about the intricacies of federal, state and local employment laws and regulations, and about best employment practices.

Affiliate member firm i-TEN Associates, Inc., 2548 SE Ankeny Street, Portland, OR 97214, phone (503) 546-3577, www.i10assoc.com. Firm representative is Chris Aldridge. i-TEN Associates provides geospatial services and products to improve their clients’ operational efficiency in multi-platform data migration, transportation systems, utility mapping, and landbase digital conversion. Aldridge is a registered, professional photogrammetrist in Oregon with 27 years of experience. He spent the majority of his career with Spencer B. Gross, Inc. and now continues that position with i-TEN Associates.

Degenkolb announces that Stacy Bartoletti has been promoted to President and COO. He is now responsible for overseeing the firm’s operations and business development efforts.

GRI is pleased to announce the opening of a branch office at 1101 Broadway, Suite 130, Vancouver, WA 98660, phone (360) 213-1690. Established in 1984, GRI is a geotechnical and environmental consulting firm in Beaverton. The new Vancouver office has a complete soil mechanics laboratory and is managed by Matt Shanahan, P.E. (mshanahan@gricom), with support by founding principal David Driscoll, P.E., and the full GRI staff.

i-TEN Associates, Inc. announces the acquisition of Spencer B. Gross, Inc., Mapping and Aerial Photography, to complement their current variety of leading geospatial products and services. The company is based in Portland, Oregon with regional offices in Corvallis, Oregon; Vancouver, WA; and California.

Knight Engineers has merged with Miyamoto International, Inc. Structural & Earthquake Engineers, 700 Washington Street, Suite 204, Vancouver, WA 98660, phone (360) 696-9818 in Vancouver or (503) 252-1614 in Portland, www.miyamotointernational.com. Firm rep and principal in their Portland-Vancouver office is Brian Knight, M.S., S.E. Miyamoto provides structural, earthquake and risk engineering services.

Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc. has promoted David Leibbrandt to president. Leibbrandt joined the firm in 1985 and has served as senior vice president since 1996.

Pacific Geotechnical LLC has hired Andre Mare as a principal and John Lawes as an engineering geologist. Mare has 17 years of experience in geotechnical engineering, and Lawes has 15 years of experience in engineering geology.

IN MEMORIAM

R. Evan Kennedy, a charter member of ACEC Oregon (formerly CECO, the Consulting Engineers Council of Oregon), died February 17, 2008 in Portland. He was 91 years old. His life was one of service to society as a structural engineer. He designed many buildings in Oregon during a career which spanned seventy years. One of his first projects was the Central Fire Station in downtown Portland (about 1948); his last technical work was in 2007 for a Verizon cell-phone tower along Highway 26. One of his favorite projects was the Oak Street AT&T building (about 1949); it was on this structure that he pioneered seismic design elements to resist earthquakes, something not previously done in Portland. His innovative design for reinforcing the failing columns of Portland’s 100-year-old First Congregational Church won an ACEC National Grand Award in 1996.
Mark your calendar...

MAY
- **May 2** Friday
  Legislative b’fast with Rep. Dave Hunt
  Thank you to URS for hosting this event!
  For more info & registration form, go to
  [http://www.acecoregon.org/DaveHunt_b%27fast_May08.pdf](http://www.acecoregon.org/DaveHunt_b%27fast_May08.pdf)

- **May 8** Thursday
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **May 14** Wednesday
  Future Leaders Certification Series
  (class 8 of 8)
  David Evans and Associates, Inc.
  Level 1: Client Maintenance
  Level 2: Leadership Transition

- **May 21** Wednesday
  May Business Dinner & Recognition of Future Leaders Series participants
  The Oregon Zoo
  (For more information & registration form go to page 1)

JUNE
- **June 12** Thursday
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **June 25** Wednesday
  Networking Day Golf Tournament and Dinner, a joint event with
  ASCE’s Younger Member Forum
  Langdon Farms Golf Course
  For more information & registration form, go to [http://www.acecoregon.org/NetDay_june08.pdf](http://www.acecoregon.org/NetDay_june08.pdf)

SEPTEMBER
- **September 25-27** Thursday - Saturday
  Joint Fall Conference with
  ACEC Oregon & ACEC Washington
  Hilton Tucson El Conquistador
  Golf & Tennis Resort
  10000 N. Oracle Road
  Tucson, AZ 85704
  1-800-325-7832
  [www.hiltonelconquistador.com](http://www.hiltonelconquistador.com)

OCTOBER
- **October 19-22** Sunday - Wednesday
  ACEC National Fall Conference
  Montreal, Canada
  Fairmont - The Queen Elizabeth

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- PB Americas, Inc.

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APRIL 3 BREAKFAST WITH ODOT DIRECTOR GARRETT A BIG SUCCESS

Pictured above, left to right, are Oregon Department of Transportation Director **Matt Garrett**, ACEC Oregon President **Mel Sears**, ACEC Oregon Executive Director **Alison Davis**, and Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Executive Director **Sam Brooks**. More than 80 people attended the event to hear Garrett’s update on transportation funding.