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The Risk Management Committee presents
a two-part breakfast program on Design-Build...

“Characteristics of Design-Build and Contracting Strategies” and “Design-Build Negotiation and Risk Management Strategies”

A two-part risk management breakfast program on design-build will be held Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9 at David Evans and Associates, Inc. in Portland.

The June 8 program is “Characteristics of Design-Build and Contracting Strategies,” and the June 9 program is “Design-Build Negotiation and Risk Management Strategies.” Registrants may sign up for either session or both. Each session is good for two continuing professional development (CPD) credits.



The speaker panel consists of **Erin Austin, J.D., David Evans and Associates, Inc.;** **Doug Smith, AMEC Earth & Environmental;** **Tom Willoughby, P.E., Parsons Brinckerhoff;** and **Robin McKnight, Parsons Brinckerhoff.**

For each session check-in and breakfast begins at 7:30 A.M., program begins at 8:00 A.M. and concludes at 10:00 A.M. Driving directions along with parking code will be e-mailed to registrants a few days prior to the program.

Cost per session is \$70 per person for members (*if your firm is a member, then you are a member*) and \$95 per person for non-members. Registration deadline is June 4. For more information and registration form, go to www.acecOregon.org or call (503) 292-2348.

Future Leaders Recognized at May 20 Dinner

Lions and tigers and ACEC—oh my! Wednesday, May 20 the annual business dinner will be held at the Oregon Zoo. This event is a great opportunity to gain a good overview of the association’s activities.



The event will feature:

- An animal display during the social
- Brief committee reports
- Recognition of Future Leaders Series participants
- Overview and vote on 2009-10 fiscal year budget

**Register by
May 14!**

Registration deadline is Thursday, May 14. For more information and registration form, go to www.acecOregon.org or call (503) 292-2348. *Special pricing for Future Leaders Series students!*

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From the President by Gregg Scholz, P.E.



Gregg Scholz, P.E.
R & W Engineering

ACEC Oregon was well represented at the National ACEC conference in Washington D.C. Our group had the opportunity to meet with staff from the Oregon congressional

delegation and got personal audiences with **Senator Jeff Merkley** and **Representative Earl Blumenauer**. Transportation funding lead the conversations with water infrastructure and repeal of the three percent withholding also discussed. The ACEC National Convention and Capitol Hill visits are something everyone should try to attend if possible. It was educational and enlightening.

During the conference, I met with the leadership from ACEC Washington and we agreed to work together to address

issues that are common to our states here in the Northwest. An idea that will be considered is a joint liaison committee made up of firm leaders and a board representative from each state. The Oregon board will be discussing this further. Please let me know if you have any input on ways Oregon and Washington can work together to make your firms stronger.



Pictured with freshman **Senator Jeff Merkley** in Washington, D.C. during the ACEC National 2009 Annual Convention, are, from left, ACEC Oregon Executive Director **Alison Davis**; newly elected National Executive Committee member and ACEC Oregon Past President **Ken Wightman**; **Senator Merkley**, ACEC Oregon President Elect **Gayle Harley**; and ACEC Oregon President **Gregg Scholz**. Issues discussed during the brief visit included the future viability of the Highway Trust Fund, pending water infrastructure legislation, the industry's concerns over the three percent withholding mandate that will apply to government contractors and other issues of importance to the engineering industry.



photo courtesy of ACEC

ACEC/PAC hosted a fundraiser honoring Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), member of the Budget Committee, and Ways and Means Committee, who is a leading voice for greater infrastructure investment. Pictured, from left to right, are: ACEC Oregon President **Gregg Scholz, R&W Engineering**; newly elected National Executive Committee member and ACEC Oregon Past President **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; **Congressman Blumenauer**; ACEC Oregon Executive Director **Alison Davis**; and ACEC Oregon President Elect **Gayle Harley, OBEC Consulting Engineers**.

Your board continues to follow the local issues very closely. We are meeting with local government agencies to lobby for continued use of outside consulting services. The board met with ODOT leadership and continued our good dialogue regarding streamlining the project procurement process. Members have testified before the Oregon legislature on issues that are important to our businesses.

Thanks to you all who have supported the local Oregon ACEC PAC. Your dollars are being used to improve and protect the business of engineering. The ACEC National PAC has set a goal for Oregon and we hope to meet that goal again this year, so expect a call from the board.

My term as your president will be finished in June. This year has been challenging and I have found the experience rewarding. I appreciate the efforts of all of my fellow board members and ACEC staff in helping to continue the good work that ACEC Oregon does for the engineering community.

Among Ourselves...

PACE Engineers has hired **Dave Poulson** as branch manager of its Oregon City office. Poulson has 24 years of experience in civil engineering and project management for public and private organizations, including urban planning and community development, commercial and industrial property development, civil engineering for transportation and public works infrastructure and military housing development.

Roggenkamp Erickson & Associates PC announces that **Shawn W. Stevenson** has passed the Washington State Structural examinations and is now a licensed structural engineer. REA is a full-service structural engineering firm providing engineering design and consulting to owners, architects, contractors, insurance companies, financial lenders, developers and other engineering professionals on a wide variety of structures throughout the Pacific Northwest.

WRG Design has rebranded itself **CardnoWRG** to reflect its membership of Cardno, a leading physical and social infrastructure consulting firm with more than 3,000 staff worldwide and projects in more than 60 countries.

Cardno merged with Portland, Oregon-based WRG Design in June 2007. **Darren Welborn**, President of CardnoWRG, said the addition of the global Cardno brand is a very positive development for clients and staff. With such a strong network of offices in the United States and globally, CardnoWRG clients can readily access the diverse array of planning, engineering, survey and environmental services offered by Cardno.

"Through our relationship with Cardno, we have already enjoyed increased opportunities for our clients and staff on an international scale," said Wellborn. He cited working on projects in Dubai, Australia, and New Zealand and the ability for selected staff to participate in international exchanges as evidence of the benefits of being part of the Cardno global network.

The company has offices in six states with headquarters in Portland.

Thank you, ACEC Oregon PAC Donors

A big thank you to the following firms that made recent contributions to ACEC Oregon's Political Action Committee. Donations received February 19 through May 5, 2009 are from:

- Kleinfelder, Inc.
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you!*



IN MEMORIAM

Harry Czyzewski, ACEC Oregon's fifth President, 1960-61 (at that time known as CECO, the Consulting Engineers Council of Oregon), died unexpectedly at his home in Portland, March 8, 2009, after his usual early morning exercise routine and a hearty breakfast. He was 91 years old.

Born in Chicago in 1918 and the eldest son of Polish immigrants, Harry is an American success story. He spoke not a word of English until he started grade school. However, Harry excelled at school and ultimately graduated with honors from the University of Illinois with both bachelor's and master's degrees in science, specializing in metallurgical engineering. He was a member of four scholastic societies at U of I.

When Harry moved to Oregon in 1946, he founded Metallurgical Engineers (MEI) and was closely associated with Charlton Laboratories. He was a licensed engineer in four states and also consulted on international projects. Upon Dave Charlton's retirement in 1970, Harry purchased Charlton Laboratories, merging the firms to form MEI-Charlton, Inc.

In a career filled with awards, honors, and appointments by Oregon governors, some of Harry's career highlights were receiving the Gallo Medal, the Alumni Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering from U of I; twice receiving the President's Citation for Extraordinary Service Plaque from the Consulting Engineers Council of Oregon; and being named a fellow by the American Institute of Chemists.

In 1971, when a 15-foot crack appeared in the Fremont Bridge mid-construction, Harry was retained by the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to conduct a comprehensive failure analysis and recommend correction of the cause of the crack. The factors were found to be a series of complex interactions, and the remedy required redesign and removal of four bridge sections. His findings resulted in several revisions to the American Association of State Highway Officials Standard Specifications for Bridge Design. As a result, in addition to the correction of the Fremont Bridge, the same corrective measures were introduced to three other bridges in construction across the county at that time. Harry's study has been recognized as a pattern for such failure investigations within the Federal Highway Administration, in studies of fracture-control in large structures, and a nondestructive evaluation criteria.

Remembrances may be directed to Loaves & Fishes/The Meals-on-Wheels People, 7710 SW 31st Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, or William Temple House, 2023 NW Hoyt Street, Portland, OR 97209.

"Maximizing Performance, Growth & Value in Your A/E Firm" featured program during Joint Fall Conference, September 10-12 at Salishan

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Coba's Capitol Comments...

by ACEC Oregon Lobbyist Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC

As of May 7, 2009:

Amendments for HB 2001, the legislative transportation package, will be announced soon by legislative leaders. The amendments will include the gas tax amount, weight mile increases and other fees that will make up the funding portion of the package. This is the result of many hours of closed door discussions and negotiations among legislative leadership who have crafted most details of the package. It is expected that hearings will be held late next week and the House Revenue Committee will move the bill later this month.

Here is the HB 2001 (<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measpdf/hb2000.dir/hb2001.a.pdf>) - A version of the bill that was adopted by the House Transportation Committee last week. The bill was sent to the House Revenue Committee where it now sits as the deadline to move bills was imminent.

Of interest to engineers is section 19 that requires ODOT to follow "practical design" concepts when designing projects. **Senator Rick Metsger** pushed for this amendment and said it is based upon the Missouri law that has been adopted by other states. Doug Tindall with ODOT said ODOT already uses this concept and that this will not have any change in their way of designing projects. This is the Missouri website on practical design: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/business/PracticalDesign.htm>.

SECTION 19. The Department of Transportation shall implement transportation design practices that follow the concept of practical design. Practical design standards should incorporate maximum flexibility in application of standards that reduce the cost of project delivery while preserving and enhancing safety and mobility.

SB 955, the economic loss doctrine bill introduced by ACEC, did not receive a work session in the Senate Judiciary Committee and will not pass this session. After a public hearing on April 14 a work session was scheduled on April 23 but the bill was pulled just prior to the hearing. **Senator Floyd Prozanski**, chair of the committee, said he thinks the bill deserves further discussion and is open to discussions during the interim to possible prepare for legislation in the next session.

HB 2768 that requires significantly increased public contracting record keeping for private firms and state and local governments will move forward but will not include ORS 279C which is the engineer and architect public contracting section of law according to the public employee

unions pushing the bill. The public employee engineer union from ODOT, Forestry and another agency have pushed for the inclusion of all design contracts but it is not likely at this time. The bill is supported by leadership and will most likely pass in some form.



4th Annual ODOT Conference a Success

"The Future of Transportation: Costs, Innovations & Sustainable Systems"



ODOT Director Matt Garrett addresses the group.

The conference, held April 21 and jointly developed by ACEC Oregon and the Oregon Department of Transportation, "continues to exemplify the strong rapport and business partnership enjoyed by ODOT and ACEC members as we, together, deliver high value projects on behalf of Oregon's citizens and businesses," remarked ACEC Oregon Vice President **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**

"The topics of the day's conference were very insightful as to the state of the industry and the potential impacts of timely and meaningful funding decisions at the State and Federal level will have on our transportation system and our economy."

The conference is geared for both private consulting firms and ODOT employees. It provides information and tools that can be used to improve how the two groups do business together and the efficiency of project delivery. Each year the conference continues to grow and this year there were more than 250 attendees.

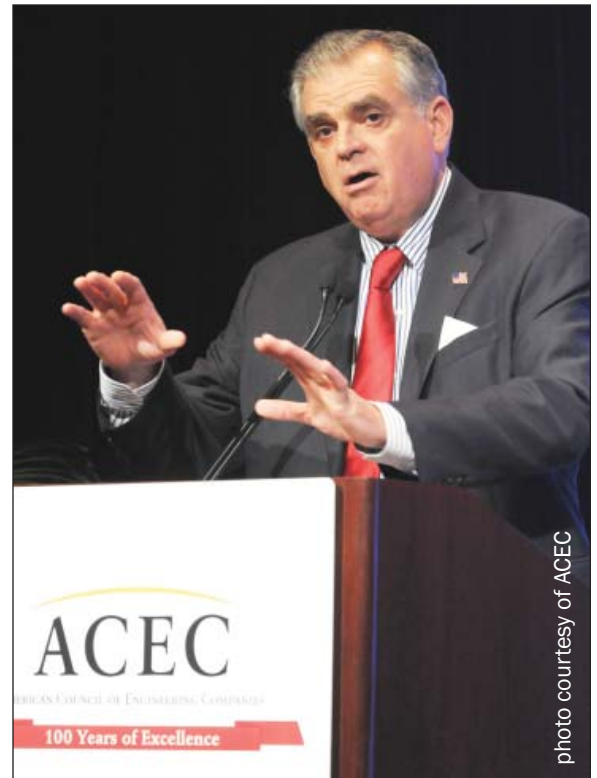
Featured speakers included ODOT **Director Matt Garrett**, **Congressman Peter DeFazio** (video) and **Bill Conerly** (Economist).

ACEC Celebrates 100th Anniversary During Spring Convention



ACEC ANNOUNCES NEW 2009-2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM)

From left: ACEC California's **Tim Psomas** succeeded **John Hennessy** as the 2009-2010 ACEC Chairman; **Jerry Stump** (TN) chair-elect; new national vice chairs on the Executive Committee are: **Robin Greenleaf** (MA), **Bart Patton** (CA), **Ken Wightman** (OR), and **Scott Heidner** (KS) NAECE representative.



U.S. Transportation Secretary **Ray LaHood** promoted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act during ACEC's 100th Anniversary Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

Pictured above during their Capitol Hill visits in Washington, D.C. are, from left, ACEC Oregon President Elect **Gayle Harley**; ACEC Oregon Past President and new ACEC National Excom member **Ken Wightman**; and ACEC Oregon President **Gregg Scholz**.

Mark your calendar...

May

- **May 14 Thursday**
Board of Directors Meeting
R & W Engineering, Inc.
- **May 20 Wednesday**
Future Leaders Certification Series
(class 8 of 8)
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
Level 1: Client Maintenance
Level 2: Leadership Transition
- **May 20 Wednesday**
Annual Business Dinner & Recognition
of Future Leaders Series participants
The Oregon Zoo
*For more information & registration
form go to http://www.acecoregon.org/calendar/documents/May09_business_dinner_distributed.pdf.*

June

- **June 8 & 9 Monday & Tuesday**
*The Risk Management Committee
presents a two-part breakfast program...*
June 8: "Characteristics of Design-Build and Contracting Strategies"
June 9: "Design-Build Negotiation and Risk Management Strategies"
*Earn two (2) CPD credits per session.
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
See page 1 for more information;
or go to http://www.acecoregon.org/calendar/documents/June09_Design-Build_bfast_distributed.pdf for
registration form.*
- **June 11 Thursday**
Board of Directors Meeting
R & W Engineering, Inc.

■ June 24 Wednesday

4th Annual Networking Day Benefit
Golf Tournament & Dinner, a joint
event with
ASCE's Younger
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September

SAVE-the-DATE!

- **September 10-12 Thursday - Saturday**
Joint Fall Conference with
ACEC Oregon & ACEC Washington
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Featured program is "Maximizing
Performance, Growth & Value in
Your A/E Firm" with Zweig White

*Watch for more information and
registration form to come!*



October

- **October 7-10 Wednesday - Saturday**
ACEC National Fall Conference
La Quinta Golf Resort
Palm Springs, California
For more information go to <http://www.acec.org/calendar/conferences.cfm>.

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