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# UPDATE

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## New board of directors announced for 2012-13



ACEC Oregon's new board of directors for 2012-2012 were sworn in May 22 during the annual business dinner. Pictured from left are: Vice President **Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**; Vice President **Jay Lyman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; Vice President **Mike Reed, GRI**; Vice President **Karen Tatman, Quincy Engineering, Inc.**; Secretary/Treasurer **Tim Shell, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; Regional Vice President **Andy Perry, Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.**; President Elect **Dave Simmons, CH2M HILL, Inc.**; Immediate Past President **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**, and President **Erik Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.** Terms of office commence July 1.

## Register for ACEC OR & WA Joint Fall Conference September 13 - 15, 2012

*Exhibitor opportunities still available!*



Featured program:

## LEADERSHIP GAME CHANGERS: What Got You Here Won't Get You There

Presenters: **Rod Hoffman, P.E.**, and **Barb Smith**, S & H Consulting Associates  
and **Geordie Aitken**, Aitken Leadership Group

More information and registration form at [www.acecOregon.org](http://www.acecOregon.org).

## From the president

by Andy Vessely, P.E., Cornforth Consultants, Inc.



**Andy Vessely, P.E.**

In April, several ACEC Oregon members travelled to Washington, D.C. to attend the Annual Convention and meet with our congressional delegates. The conference was a big success, attracting a record 1,300 ACEC members. Along with keynote speeches by former Governors **Haley Barber** (Mississippi) and **Ed Rendell** (Pennsylvania), the meeting focused on industry trends and domestic funding shortages. One of the highlights of the conference was the opportunity for ACEC members to meet with their senators, representatives, and Capitol Hill staffers to urge passage of long-term transportation, water/wastewater infrastructure, and energy legislation.

Oregon attendees to the convention included **Erik Peterson, Marc Butorac, Bob Carson, Ken Wightman, Tony Roos, Gregg Scholz, Alison Davis** and myself. We were successful meeting with all of our Oregon delegates or senior staffers, including face-to-face meetings with Reps. **Kurt Schrader, Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer**, and newly-elected **Suzanne Bonamici**. What impressed me most is that ACEC Oregon, through a combination of PAC contributions, fundraisers, and annual Capitol Hill visits, has developed strong relations with our delegates - to the point our delegates recognize the importance of ACEC in promoting infrastructure investment. What also rang clear was the level of frustration that our legislators have reached regarding the lack of infrastructure investment in this country, estimates that are now reaching \$200 billion per year needed for the U.S. to regain its competitive edge.

My year as President is rapidly coming to a close. Serving on the Board has given me great perspective into the benefits that ACEC provides our member firms. I encourage everyone to stay active or become active. The old adage, "you get out what you put in" holds true for our organization. From business networking, to educational programs, to legislative advocacy, there are plenty of opportunities for members to participate.

We have had several recent changes to the ACEC Oregon Board of Directors. **Kay Van Sickel** announced her retirement from Mead & Hunt and resigned her position as Vice President of the Board. Kay was very active with the ODOT Liaison Committees and her insight on transportation initiatives will be missed. **Scott Wallace**, The Wallace Group, has completed four years serving the Board as Re-

gional Vice President. Scott has been active with the Risk Management Committee and helped provide QBS training at an APWA conference last fall. **Troy Bowers**, Murray, Smith & Associates, will be stepping down from the Board following completion of his Immediate Past-President year. Troy has been instrumental with the new QBS legislation and training for local agencies. I would also like to thank **Gregg Scholz**, R&W Engineering, who is stepping down after serving as Oregon's National Director for the past few years.



### **ACEC Oregon lobbies Capitol Hill, April 17-18, during ACEC Nat'l Annual Convention & Legislative Summit**

Pictured from left are: LDG (Leadership Development Group, formerly the Future Leaders Forum) Chair **Tony Roos, CARDNO**; President **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**; Vice President **Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**; and ACEC/PAC Champion **Bob Carson, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.**

Please help me in welcoming new Board members **Karen Tatman**, Quincy Engineering; **Andy Perry**, Anderson-Perry & Associates; and **Mike Reed**, GRI. Lastly, I want to welcome **Erik Peterson**, Peterson Structural Engineers as our incoming President. Erik brings a lot of energy and ideas to our organization and will do a great job representing us this year.

I hope that the remainder of 2012 is successful and hope to see everyone at our Networking Day on June 27th!

## Among ourselves...

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

**CASSO CONSULTING, INC.**, PO Box 0049, Beaverton 97075-0049, phone (503) 707-6902, [www.cassoinc.com](http://www.cassoinc.com). Firm rep is **Tina Adams**. The firm provides design and consulting for transportation infrastructure projects such as roadway and utility improvements, bridge replacements, and transit infrastructure improvements.

Affiliate member **LOIS D. COHEN ASSOCIATES, LLC**, 4134 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland 97217, phone (503) 332-4869, [www.loisdcohen.com](http://www.loisdcohen.com). Firm re is **Lois Cohen**. The firm specializes in innovative public involvement programs, school-based outreach programs, and workshops on mentor training, generational differences, and marketing for small businesses.

**David Evans and Associates, Inc.** announces:



**Scott Dreher, P.E.**, was chosen by CE News and Structural Engineer magazines as a Rising Star in Civil Engineering. Dreher is one of 30 "Rising Stars" selected nationwide, including two others from DEA. The Rising Star Award celebrates professionals under age 40 who have achieved notable professional success and

serve in their professional and local communities. Dreher is the lead for the Roads and Highways Design Practice Group.

**Col. Steve Miles, P.E.** (Ret.) was inducted into the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Academy of Fellows. SAME Fellows are recognized for dedicated and outstanding service to SAME and to military engineering. During his 27-year Army career, Miles led design and construction projects in Turkey with NATO, in Germany during the Cold War, and throughout the Pacific Rim while stationed in Korea and Japan. He also served as the Commander and District Engineer of the USACE Portland District. Miles is the Federal and Ports Team Leader for DEA.



**Claudia Zahorcak, P.E.** is DEA's newest addition to their Water Resources group in Portland. She has more than 30 years of experience in environmental engineering project management in the public and private sectors. Zahorcak holds a master's degree in environmental engineering.

**DKS Associates** has moved. Their new address is 720 SW Washington Street, Suite 500, Portland 97205.

**Nishkian Dean** celebrates more than 90 years of engineering and the 45-year career of **Jerry Gotchall, S.E.**

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## Focus on risk management...

### Getting the right PL coverage at the right price

*The following material is provided for informational purposes only. Before taking any action that could have legal or other important consequences, speak with a qualified professional who can provide guidance that considers your own unique circumstances.*

The professional liability insurance marketplace has continued to be soft. There remains capacity within the insurance industry and major carriers are still in competition for your insurance dollars. This competition has driven premiums relatively low for the past few years. While true that some disciplines continue to remain stable or drop, others disciplines and markets have seen and enacted premium rate increases.

Regardless of whether premiums remain low or begin inching up, design firms should not shop for insurance based solely on price. There can be significant differences in coverages between carriers; and more importantly, differing quality in the claims handling, loss prevention and other services you receive from insurance carriers and agencies. Lately, some insurance companies have entered the A/E/E insurance market simply because they have excess capacity and are looking for an additional inflow of premiums. They seek income in this market even though they do not necessarily have expertise in the design industry or solid experience in defending A/E/E claims.

Your best approach to managing professional liability risks is to work closely with an experienced insurance agent who knows the ins and outs of the A/E/E insurance marketplace and who can help you manage your risks and your insurance premiums. An agency like ours can help select the appropriate insurance carrier and recommend the appropriate coverage limits and deductibles. These recommendations will be based on your exposure to claims, your appetite for risk, the types of design services you offer and the annual fees you earn. We can then quote you premiums

from one or more insurance providers based on the current market conditions.

You should begin planning today for your next professional liability insurance renewal. Don't wait until 30-60 days before your current expiration date. Contact your broker early to begin planning your strategy for keeping your insurance available and affordable. For firms just starting or already involved in the renewal process, here are some tried and true tips for getting the right insurance at the right price.

#### Take Advantage of Loss Prevention Education Programs

Some insurance carriers offer substantial premium credits if you successfully complete their loss prevention education programs. While not all carriers offer programs for premium credit, every carrier takes into consideration participation in loss prevention programs of any kind when underwriting firms at renewal. Not only do most programs assist in getting premiums down, they also help minimize claims, and most qualify for free AIA LU's or PDH's for participating staff. So while not directly lowering your premium, these can help the bottom line.

For the full text of this article (5 pages), go to [http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/Focus\\_on\\_RM\\_Getting\\_the\\_Right\\_PL\\_Coverage\\_at\\_the\\_Right\\_Price\\_June2012.pdf](http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/Focus_on_RM_Getting_the_Right_PL_Coverage_at_the_Right_Price_June2012.pdf).

An archive of past risk management articles is located here: <http://www.acecoregon.org/riskManagement.php>.

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# ACEC/PAC update: Buy your fall conference raffle tickets!

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



**Bob Carson**

Thank you to the recent contributors to ACEC/PAC—ACEC's national Political Action Committee that makes sure our industry's voice is heard in D.C. During this election year, it's especially important that the legislative candidates we support receive their contributions from ACEC soon so they can put the money to good use before election day. Your ACEC Oregon Board

members have personally contributed to the PAC, and are in the process of contacting current and rising leaders in ACEC Oregon member firms to request donations to the PAC. You can beat them to the punch by completing the **2012 contribution form**. Or while supplies last, you can complete the **ACEC/PAC Fall Sweepstakes form** to purchase one or more tickets to the drawing—with a chance to win one of eight cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$10,000!

## What does ACEC/PAC do?

Here are some recent accomplishments:

- Met with senior leadership of the Corps of Engineers to discuss need for greater infrastructure funding and industry concerns over insourcing.
- President Obama signed into law ACEC-backed legislation to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank including increased lending capacity to support the export of engineering services.
- Defeated a proposed payroll tax increase on S corporation owners.
- Lobbied for extension of 100 percent bonus depreciation in 2012, and for a provision to make it easier for firms that convert to S corporations to access their own capital without paying a tax penalty.
- Maintained strong lobbying pressure (ACEC members sent more than 1,000 emails, letters to Congress) to finalize a long-term transportation bill before current extension expires at end of June.



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## Thank you, ACEC/PAC donors!

A big thank you to the following individuals who have contributed to ACEC/PAC in 2012. Donations received January 1 through June 5, 2012: **Troy Bowers**, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.; **Chris Brehmer**, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; **Marc Butorac**, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; **Bob Carson**, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.; **Alison Davis**, ACEC Oregon; **Larry Fox**, OBEC Consulting Engineers; **Guy Hakanson**, OBEC Consulting Engineers; **Jay Lyman**, David Evans and Associates, Inc.; **Erik Peterson**, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.; **Mike Reed**, GRI; **Tony Roos**, CARDNO; **Jim Ruddell**, Parsons Brinckerhoff; **Mel Sears**, Parsons Brinckerhoff; **Larry Van Dyke**, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; **Andy Vessely**, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.; **Scott Wallace**, The Wallace Group, Inc.; and **Ken Wightman**, David Evans and Associates, Inc.



## ACEC OR meets with Cong. Schrader

Congressman Kurt Schrader told ACEC Oregon leaders recently that he supports quick passage of a long-term surface transportation program. Pictured from left are: Vice President **Dave Simmons, CH2M HILL**; **Cong. Schrader**; Past President **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates**, who is also chair of the ACEC Nat'l Transportation Committee; Vice President **Jay Lyman, David Evans and Associates**; and Vice President **Mike Reed, GRI**.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Contributions made by Oregon residents can qualify for a tax credit, up to \$50 per individual, or \$100 per couple filing jointly.

# Coba's Capitol Comments...

by ACEC Oregon Lobbyist Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC

The May primary elections have narrowed the candidates running for office this November. Sixteen of the thirty Senate seats will be up for re-election instead of the usual fifteen seats as Sen. **Elizabeth Steiner Hayward**, who was appointed to replace **Suzanne Bonamici**, will have to run a campaign for the remaining two years on Bonamici's term. Three of the seats are uncontested with Senators **Chip Shields** and **Jackie Dingfelder**, both Portland Democrats, and Senator **Doug Whitsett**, R-Klamath Falls, getting a free pass for another 4-year term this November. Two possible write-in candidates on the Democratic side may oppose Senator **Ted Ferrioli**, R-John Day and candidate **Bill Hansell**, R-Pendleton, who is hoping to replace retiring Senator **Dave Nelson**.

On the House side all sixty seats are up for re-election but eleven won't face an opponent. The incumbents without an opponent are in very high partisan registration districts and include Republican strongholds in Klamath Falls, Heppner, Ontario, Silverton, Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Central Point. The Democratic incumbent in NE Portland, downtown Portland won't face a Republican opponent.

Control of the Oregon House of Representatives will be a tough and costly fight. Currently tied at 30-30 for the first time in Oregon history, both sides have recruited good candidates in the key swing districts that will ultimately decide the outcome. If either the Democrats or Republicans control the House they will get the power of the Speaker's office as well as to appoint committee chairs and control the daily parliamentary process of the floor sessions. With the presidential election driving a higher than normal voter participation, the campaigning will be vigorous.

ACEC's legislative committee will focus on the Columbia River Crossing project now through the 2013 legislative session. With federal funds dependent upon passage of separate Oregon and Washington funding packages, we will be actively involved in helping pass the funding plan. Oregon has named a legislative committee to oversee the CRC and it is led by Sen. **Lee Beyer**, D-Springfield, and Reps. **Cliff Bentz**, R-Ontario, and **Tobias Read**, D-Beaverton. This committee is meeting regularly and is getting updates from key players. It is expected this committee will make a recommendation for or against the project later this



## ACEC Oregon attends reception with Governor John Kitzhaber

On May 30, ACEC Oregon President-Elect **Erik Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.** (at left) and ACEC Oregon Lobbyist **Marshall Coba** (at right) attended a private event with **Governor Kitzhaber** (center). The Columbia River Crossing was a major topic of discussion, and because our group arrived early, they were able to spend 10 to 15 minutes with the Governor discussing the CRC as well as QBS (Qualifications-Based Selection) and other topics.

year and will work closely with legislative leadership on developing a funding package for legislative consideration.

ACEC is also monitoring ODOT's Non Roadway Transportation Funding Task Force. This group is preparing a plan to develop a consistent funding model for intermodal, bicycle, ports and waterways, air freight and passenger and other modes of transportation that currently fall outside the constitutional limitations of the highway fund. The Task Force has identified annual needs equal to between \$515 million and \$573 million exclusive of need for operating subsidies. These figures significantly underestimate the shortfall between what is available and what the Task Force supports for non-roadway investment. This package could be brought to the 2013 session on a parallel path with the CRC to help gain votes from legislators who are reluctant to support the CRC as a stand alone project.

With the elections in 2012, it is important ACEC continues to support our state-level political action committee, ACEC Oregon PAC. These funds help us support those legislators who were supportive of HB 3316, our 2011 priority legislation requiring QBS for all levels of government in Oregon. This was a major victory and one that we will need to defend in the future. Looking forward, we need to support candidates who will be receptive to the CRC and to use these funds to expose candidates to ACEC and the engineering profession. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

# ACEC Oregon: Committee reports from annual May Business Dinner...

## ODOT LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Walt Bartel, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

### Goals:

- Maintain collaborative communication structure between ACEC and ODOT at the executive, management, and staff levels;
- Identify and solve issues that detract from the ability of the two organizations to effectively and efficiently work together to deliver transportation services and projects to the citizens of Oregon; and
- Create professional development opportunities for individuals within both organizations to provide and evolve their representative skills to improve/advance the current state of the practice.
- Address evolving technical, policy, and business related issues facing ACEC and ODOT.

**Accomplishments:** Updated ODOT/ACEC Partnership Agreement and currently working on updating the solicitation process, terms and conditions, and RFP process for the envisioned combined Full Service and Local Agency Price Agreement; engaging ODOT on



Pictured at the annual May Business dinner, from left, are: **Ken Stoneman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.; Michael Zimmerman, Dwight Hardin** (Past President 2006-2007) and **Dave Driscoll** (Past President 1995-96), all with **GRI**.

the recent disparity study and pending DBE requirements; and expanding our reach across various ODOT divisions and programs.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Sue Laszlo, HDR**

LOBBYIST: **Marshall Coba, CobaCo**

**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:** 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) successfully passed the House and Senate and was signed June 2011 with the law effective January 1, 2012. The committee not only shaped the law, but also participated in crafting the related rules.

- Members of the Legislative Committee helped jump start the education outreach process by coordinating and preparing a 4-hour presentation by and for public agencies on January 24, where public agency peers talked about the implementation of the law. We also held a QBS Educational Workshop for A/E



Pictured above, from left, are: **Mary Green, Woodruff-Sawyer & Co.**, representing the **Pacific NW Consulting Engineers Health & Welfare Trust**; Secretary/Treasurer **Tim Shell, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; **Justine Ekstrom, Woodruff-Sawyer & Co.**; and **Christine Heisen, the PNCE Trust** administrator.

## ACEC Oregon: Committee reports... (continued from page 6)

Firms for the consultant community on February 8. Since then, the Professional Practices group has taken the lead in continuing outreach. We extend a special thank you to this group for doing a fabulous job. *Please refer to the Professional Practices Committee report, below.*

■ Currently, there are some differing interpretations of the selection process for design fees under \$100,000 by the agencies.

■ One of our strong advocates of the QBS bill was not re-elected.

■ Economic loss doctrine bills in the

old friends.

■ Finalizing issue priorities for 2013.

■ Working on CRC; need to fund Oregon's portion of the bridge.

■ Expect very contentious election cycle at state level and nationally. Thirty-thirty tie in Oregon House will mean every seat counts and the presidential election will ensure continuous election noise from now through November 6.

■ Encourage interested ACEC members to get involved. All politics is local and needs active members.

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



Pictured, from left, are: **Brian Feeney, 3J Consulting, Inc.;** Leadership Development Group (LDG) Steering Committee Chair **Tony Roos, CARDNO;** and **John Howorth, 3J Consulting, Inc.**

past intended to address the ambiguity resulting from a recent case whereby contract law was not considered sufficient to protect the design professional. However, upon closer analysis, the recent decisions were predicated on property damage, and distinct from economic losses, and therefore the committee decided to retire the issue.

■ Price agreements to benefit Small Business: There was a legislative concept sponsored by **Senator Chip Shields** with the intent of creating incentive for more opportunities for small businesses. However, the language proposed created unfavorable procurement practices. It appears that another proposal will be offered in the next legislative session.

**Looking ahead:**

■ PAC contributions to supportive candidates. Meeting new candidates and working to maintain relationships with

use of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) procedures for professional architectural and engineering services within the state of Oregon. In addition to QBS, the committee plans to explore and help move forward other issues that have an impact on our profession such as unfair competition and risk management.

**Accomplishments:** Assisted with developing and presenting over a half dozen QBS educational workshops throughout the state this past year—most notably the Peer-to-Peer QBS Education Program which attracted 200 attendees from local public agencies. *See more details under the Legislative Committee report.*



Legislative Committee Chair **Sue Laszlo, HDR,** and ACEC Oregon lobbyist **Marshall Cobra,** deliver the Legislative Committee report.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LIAISON COMMITTEE**  
CHAIR: **Jon Dasler, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

**Quarterly meetings and topics:**

■ July - Knowledge Management with **Shane Cline** and **Robb Kirkman, HDR**

■ October - Evaluation of Proposals with **Jerry Christensen** and **Rowena Musser, USACE**

■ January - Condit Dam Decommissioning with **Thomas Hickey, PacifiCorp** and **Peter Stroud, Kleinfelder**

■ March - ACEC National Webinar: USACE 2012 Programmatic Outlook

■ April - Mt. St. Helens Sediment Retention Structure performance with **Jeremy Britton, USACE**

*Committee reports continued on page 8.*



Pictured from left, are: **Gary Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.;** **Eric Forsyth, Parsons Brinckerhoff;** and Vice President **Mike Reed, GRI.**

# ACEC Oregon: Committee reports... (continued from page 7)



Pictured above at the annual May Business Dinner are Executive Director **Alison Davis** and Past President **Dave Driscoll, GRI**.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Julia Kuhn, Kittelson and Associates, Inc.**

### Update on scholarship recipients:

Currently we have four students on scholarship; they receive \$2500 per year if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria (*remain in engineering as a major; maintain a certain GPA*):

- **Bradley Miller** will graduate OSU in June, and begin a 6-month internship with **OBEC Consulting Engineers**.
- **Kyle McVay** is attending OSU; has no remaining eligibility.
- **Ryan Rudnick** just completed his sophomore year at George Fox; for June and July he'll be in Tanzania installing a water treatment system he helped design.
- **Zack Hartman** just completed his freshman year at University of Portland; is double-majoring in civil engineering and Spanish; will be studying abroad in Chile next year; is involved in Engineers without Borders and ASCE student chapters.
- They are thankful for ACEC Oregon's help in funding their engineering education.
- The committee will determine the newest scholarship recipient in June or July.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Mike Meyer, Cornforth Consultants**

### Noteworthy:

- Since July 1, 2011, six new member firms, representing 40 employees, have joined ACEC Oregon.

- Additionally, 11 new *affiliate* member firms have joined.
- Currently, we have 120 regular member firms, representing approximately 3,500 employees + 28 affiliate members.
- Achieved our national member growth goal for last fiscal year (2010-2011) and received a national membership award at the ACEC Fall Conference.

### New member firms (since July 1, 2011):

- **Casso Consulting**
- **Duval Engineering**
- **Hart Crowser, Inc.**

- **McMillen LLC**
- **Precision Structural Engineering**
- **Wallis Engineering, Inc.**

### And new affiliate member firms:

- **Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS)**
- **Axiom Solutions LLLP**
- **Capital Pacific Bank**
- **Cushman & Wakefield of Oregon**
- **First Republic Bank**
- **GSI Water Solutions**
- **ICF International**
- **Lois D. Cohen Associates, LLC**
- **Right-of-Way Associates, Inc.**
- **Stewart Sokol & Gray, LLP**
- **Woodruff Sawyer & Company**

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (formerly the Future Leaders Forum)

### STEERING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Tony Roos, CARDNO**

**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:** The LDG/FLF held five events this fiscal year:

- August 2011 - BBQ at Skyline Tavern
- November 2011 - Bowling at Valley Lanes with brief ACEC/PAC talk
- February 2012 - Educational program, "QBS Workshop for A/E Firms"
- April 2011 - Pool at Touché Restaurant
- June 2012 - Educational program, "The

Benefits of Diversity & Equity Programs: Teaming with Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Businesses (DMWESBs)"

**Noteworthy:** The group, together with the ACEC Washington LDG, helped plan the featured program for the 2012 joint fall conference, "Leadership Game Changers: What Got You Here Won't Get You There," presented by **Rod Hoffman, P.E.** and **Barb Smith, S & H Consulting Associates** and **Geordie Aitken, Aitken Leadership Group**.

## RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Steve Day, Northwest Geotech**

**Objective:** The purpose of the RM Committee is to assist member companies 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 an educational program in March, "Contracts & Liability" with **George Mead, The Mead Law Firm** and **Jon Bennett, Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue**.

**Did you know?** The RM Committee also provides "Focus on Risk Management" articles, usually in each newsletter and also posted on the website, [www.acecOregon.org](http://www.acecOregon.org), under the "Focus on Risk Mgmt." button.

## 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.

**Noteworthy:** As per ACEC Oregon bylaws, the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year was presented for approval at a regular membership meeting (the May Business Dinner on May 22). The budget was ratified with a two percent dues increase for 2012-2013. This is the first dues increase since 2005-2006.

If you're interested in learning more about a specific committee or volunteering for a committee, please contact ACEC Oregon at [pkelly@acecOregon.org](mailto:pkelly@acecOregon.org) or call (503) 292-2348.

## Brown and Caldwell and Harper Houf Peterson Righellis each earn ACEC National Engineering Excellence Honor Awards

Only 24 entries are recognized with a national award, from a pool of 147 entries



### HHPR wins ACEC National Honor Award for SW Moody Avenue: SW River Parkway to SW Gibbs project

Pictured above at the ACEC National Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on April 17 in Washington, D.C. are, from left: ACEC President **Dave Raymond**; **Dan Houf** and **April Siebenaler**, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc.; **Chris Armes**, Portland Bureau of Transportation; **Bruce Haunreiter** and **Ron Peterson**, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc., and ACEC Chairman **Terry Niemeyer**.



### BC wins ACEC National Honor Award for their Lake Oswego Sewer Interceptor (LOIS) project

Pictured at left during the ACEC National Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on April 17 in Washington, D.C. are, from left: ACEC President **Dave Raymond**; Brown and Caldwell's Mid-Atlantic Area Manager and Vice President, **Tom Decker**, accepting the award on behalf of the LOIS team, and ACEC Chairman **Terry Niemeyer**.

*Congratulations!*

Mark your calendar...

## AUGUST

August 16 Thursday

4th Annual LDG (formerly the FLF)

BBQ at Skyline Tavern, 5:00 P.M.

Sponsored by Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

## SEPTEMBER

September 13-15 Thursday - Saturday

Joint Fall Conference with

ACEC Oregon & ACEC Washington

Sunriver, Oregon

More info: [www.acecOregon.org](http://www.acecOregon.org)

## OCTOBER

October 14-17 Sunday - Wednesday

ACEC National Fall Conference

Boca Raton, Florida

<http://www.acec.org/conferences/fall-12/>



### Davis completes term as NAECE President

Executive Director Alison Davis delivers her final report as NAECE (National Assn. of Engineering Council Executives) President during ACEC National's Spring Convention.

## Engineering Excellence

### 2013 ENTRY DEADLINES ANNOUNCED

- **October 22 Monday**  
Intent to Enter (Phase 1) deadline
- **November 19 Monday**  
Final Entry Deadline (Phase 2)
- **November 29 Thursday**  
Judging
- **January 11 Friday**  
ACEC Nat'l Entry Deadline
- **January 16 Wednesday**  
Awards Dinner (Portland, OR)
- **April 23 Tuesday**  
ACEC Nat'l Awards Gala



### ACEC Oregon meets with Congressman Peter DeFazio

Congressman Peter DeFazio met with a small group of ACEC Oregon members in June and answered questions regarding transportation and other infrastructure issues. Pictured from left are: **Larry Fox, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; President **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.**, **Scott Polzin, Parsons Brinckerhoff**; **Terry Song, HNTB**; Past President **Mel Sears, Parsons Brinckerhoff**; Cong. **DeFazio**; Immediate Past President **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**; Executive Director **Alison Davis**; **Lyn Wylder, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**; Vice President **Dave Simmons, CH2M HILL**; and **Roger Flint, CH2M HILL**. Thank you to **Parsons Brinckerhoff** for providing meeting space.

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