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CELSOC Orange County Chapter 2006/07 Chapter of the Year Award



September 28, 2007

Mission Statement: CELSOC's mission is to enhance the environment for the practice of all members by initiating legislation, conducting public awareness programs, improving business and professional practices, and providing effective member services for all members through strong Chapter and Academy organizations.

Introduction

This document for Year 2006-2007 has two purposes: (1) it serves as an outreach tool for our Chapter membership by summarizing the Chapter activities; and (2) it serves as our submittal for the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence "Chapter of the Year" for the CELSOC organization.

Our Chapter had an excellent year under the overall direction of our President, Jeff Walker.

Highlights of the year included:

- Becoming one of the state's largest chapter by increasing our membership to over 100 firms;
- Continuing to expand our Chapter website, which is an excellent tool for our members and the public;
- Increasing our Chapter's participation in both State and Local "Grassroots" efforts with our legislators;
- Awarding four (4) \$2,500 scholarships, supported exclusively with revenue from our Annual Golf Tournament.
- Implementing our Member Firm Mentor Program;
- Organizing the second-annual CELSOC Orange County Awards Banquet to honor our "Client of the Year" and to present our "Lifetime Achievement Award" to an iconic engineer.
- Holding our annual luncheon with the Women's Transportation Seminar in the Fall, which attracted over 150 attendees; and
- Provided a contribution of \$1,500 to Families Forward for their contributions to helping our community through their charitable efforts.



I. Effective Participation in Legislative Process

The OC Chapter had one of the largest contingents (over 10 representatives) at the January 2007 Annual Legislative Visit Day in Sacramento. Dina Rochford, Grassroots Chair from Leighton & Associates, organized this event for the Chapter to visit with our local state elected officials. The State legislative day allowed our members an opportunity to visit the legislators after a briefing of key issues from CELSOC staff. In preparation for these legislative visits, the Orange County chapter formed a subcommittee to identify and outline our own local issues and prepare “Talking Points” for the visits. Armed with both the state and local “leave behinds,” our members were much better informed and well equipped to communicate our issues to our legislators.



Mary Erchul, Orange County President, with Assemblyman Van Tran (R-Costa Mesa) discuss issues during CELSOC's Legislative Visit Day

During each of the individual visits, a member of our delegation was appointed to take notes. The notes were collated and transcribed for distribution to all members, and action items were prepared. As a follow up to these visits, letters were written to our legislators, and all action items were completed. Several legislators requested copies of our “leave behind” materials. All of their questions and requests were individually addressed.

The OC Chapter also had several representatives participate in the ACEC Consulting Congress Day (CCD) in Washington DC, where they visited national legislators and their representatives an event that is similar to the Legislative Visit Day at the State level. Our efforts at CCD in Washington D.C., in concert with our efforts at the local level, has allowed us to keep the concerns of CELSOC Orange County members fresh in the legislators minds.

Other grassroots efforts at the Chapter level during 2006-2007 included:

- The Chapter invited key local legislators (or prospective legislators) to our monthly Board of Directors meetings. This year's visits included Janet Nguyen, Orange County Supervisor and Tom Bogard, Director of Highway Delivery, OCTA.

- The Chapter hosted a tour of State Route-22 with Legislator of the Year, Assemblyman, Van Tran.
- Orange County member firms Leighton & Associates and Parsons Transportation Group sponsored political fund raisers for Jim Silva, Todd Spitzer and Van Tran who ran for Assembly; in addition to Pat Bates, who ran for County Supervisor.
- Both Dan Boyd, CDM, and Mary Erchul, Harris & Associates, members of the Orange County chapter, joined community leaders to discuss “Rebuilding California’s Infrastructure” with Assemblyman Van Tran and the Metropolitan Water District. This event helped promote discussions on how to solve critical water infrastructure issues in California.
- President Elect, Mary Erchul, Harris & Associates, holds the State Chair position for the Legislative Grassroots Committee. The mission of the CELSOC Legislative Grassroots Committee is to recruit, educate, motivate and coordinate the membership for political action. The focus of the committee is to help organize and encourage the Key Contacts to build meaningful relationships through frequent personal contact with their elected representatives, thereby giving them the ability and opportunity to affect legislation and promote the organization’s overall legislative goals.



Assemblyman Van Tran, Mary Erchul, and Rick Grebner, OCTA at the SR-22 Tour

II. Public Awareness of Services Provided by Member Firms

Scholarships

The OC Chapter has for many years provided annual scholarships to students from local colleges and universities. The revenue for the scholarships comes exclusively from our annual golf tournament, which was organized at Tijeras Creek Golf Club by our Chapter President, Jeff Walker. The proceeds of the tournament, which drew 130 golfers, allowed the Orange County Chapter to present four (4) scholarships totaling \$10,000. Mr. Yazdan Emrani of Advanced Infrastructure Management has chaired the Scholarship



2006-07 OC Chapter Scholarship Winners

Committee for several years. His significant effort in contacting the civil engineering departments and promoting the CELSOC scholarships at Cal State Long Beach, UC Irvine, Cal Poly Pomona, and Cal State Fullerton has been vital to our receipt of many qualified applications each year. The scholarship winners were invited to our 2006 membership meeting, where they received their checks and were given the opportunity to speak to the membership.

Community Service by our Member Firms

On May 17th, Transportation Project Manager Chris Bretall, P.E. of DMJM Harris (Orange), organized an important meeting featuring a unique “short list” that consisted of the members of WEBELOS Pack 614, Den 4—Adam Bretall, Parker Hawkins, Ben Guzman, Matthew Kruger, Scott Kruger, and Michael Camarda, as well as Den Leaders Robin Kruger and Donna Camarda. WEBELOS (which stands for WE BE LOyal Scouts) is a prep course for scouting offered by the Boy Scouts of America. On that Wednesday afternoon in May, Bretall welcomed his son’s WEBELOS den for a very specific reason.



DMJM+Harris Engineer, Chris Bretall, and members of the Boy Scouts of Orange County Pack 614 WEBELOS view an exhibit showing expansion plans for the Port of Long Beach

“Visiting an engineering office was one of the requirements to earn their WEBELOS engineering badge,” explains Bretall. “But it also helped them learn what engineers do, and what we do here at DMJM Harris specifically. For example, I described an interchange project and showed them an aerial photograph of it. It really sank in because they were driven through that very interchange to get to the meeting in our Orange office.” Fellow engineers Casey Weber (structures), Sheila Amparo (roadway), and James Enriquez, P.E. (hydraulics), also participated in the meeting by performing demonstrations from their areas of expertise. The scouts saw an earthquake simulation, roadway plans that were developed using CADD, and a hydraulic model illustrating storm runoff and its impact.

Professional Reprographic Services is very active in our community. One of the owners is on the Board for the Laguna Beach Boys and Girls club. They recently donated a brand new passenger van to this organization, so that the children can be transported safely to and from special events and field trips.

Professional Reprographic Services is also very interested in environmental issues, which is why they have developed the industry recognized benchmark for sustainable reprographic practices. Their program is called SRS which stands for sustainable reprographic solutions. This ground breaking program sets rigid environmental standards for document production. Recycling paper, the use of recycled paper, waste reduction, accountability, and the use and support of like-minded vendors is their goal. Industry awards are earned by participants.

Huitt-Zollars supports numerous charitable organizations ranging from assistance with fund raising, temporary “loaning” of staff, and outright donations. Organizations that benefit from Huitt-Zollars’ involvement include the American Cancer Society, Bryan’s House, American Diabetes Association, Junior Achievement, and the Museum of Art.

In May 2007, Huitt-Zollars helped give back to the community through their “Big Spring Clean” event. Clothing and other household items were collected throughout the offices and donated to various charity organizations. Huitt-Zollars has 15 offices in six states, including three offices in California. Each office selected an organization of choice for this event – Irvine, CA donated to the Isaiah House; Ontario, CA donated to Foothill Family Shelter and Westlake Village, CA donated to Arc.

Hall & Foreman, Inc. (HFI) employees and family members are seen frequently volunteering in communities throughout southern California. This Spring, in addition to their Habitat for Humanity activities, HFI volunteers were found at: The LA Memorial Coliseum for the Revlon 5K Run/Walk, Fashion Island in Newport Beach for the March of Dimes Walk America 5.5 Mile Run/Walk, The Village of Hope’s Landscape Day at the former Tustin Marine Air Station sponsored by BIA and HomeAid, and holding bake sales in support of Share our Strength’s Great American Bake Sale.

HFI’s Habitat for Humanity support ranges from working at the build sites to assisting in the ReStore to providing monetary donations.

The Children’s Water Festival is put on by the Orange County Water District’s Groundwater Guardian Team. “The drinking water festival is a fun, environmental program designed to teach elementary school children about the interdependence of water, soil, plants, trees, animals and humans.” The event is attended by approximately 6000 students and teachers, from throughout Orange County. The two day event is supported by both public and private organizations. CDM has participated in past years by sponsoring the event, participating in educating the students by teaching the children about the water cycle through singing the water cycle boogie, and Suzanne Rowe was on the Groundwater Guardian Team in 2003 through 2005. Kleinfelder as also participated in the Water Festival in past years.

Since Water for People's founding in 1991, CDM and their employees have proudly supported the organization through leadership on the Water for People Board of Directors, volunteer involvement in the organization's regional chapters, and corporate and personal financial contributions. For the past three years, CDM, Irvine has supported Water for People an international nonprofit development organization. CDM's total contribution in 2007 from the Workplace Giving Campaign and other CDM donations, was more than \$120,000. These donations continued CDM's status of Global Sponsor, one of only six organizations to be recognized as such by Water for People. The Irvine office of CDM held fund raisers including a silent auction, bake sale, Texas hold 'em tournament, bowling for dollars, and "pay to wear jeans" on Fridays to raise over \$10,000 in support of this program. The lives of thousands of people will be improved with the new water systems that will be made possible by these donations.

Kleinfelder prides itself in uniting with the best of the best. This philosophy goes beyond the workplace and will transcend global territories as the firm solidifies its alignment with Engineers Without Borders. Engineers Without Borders - USA (EWB-USA) is a non-profit humanitarian organization established to partner with developing communities worldwide in order to improve quality of life on a global level. This partnership involves the implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while involving and training internationally responsible engineers, engineering students and a variety of other professionals, including geologists. At its 21st Professional Development and Technical Training Seminar in 2007, Kleinfelder announced the firm's progress in its initiative to develop a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. The multi-faceted program is developed to inspire and track volunteerism through the company. On behalf of the firm, Vaughn pledged a donation to Engineers Without Borders and went on to announce the formation of Kleinfelder's own chapter in EWB, challenging all employees to get involved and make a difference.

Sunday June 10, 2007, ten Southern California **Kleinfelder** employees convened for the 2007 World Famous MUD RUN at the USMC Base in Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. The race is a 10K (6.2 miles), consisting of four river crossings, hay bale and tire obstacles, two walls with mud pits on either side, a 36-in diameter tunnel crawl, a lake crossing and a very steep mud hill to climb in addition to a 50 feet belly-crawl through muddy, watery slime. The "Kleinfrogger" team was represented by Michelle Garde and Lindsey Dandridge-Perry of the firm's Irvine office, and Jason Williams, Carolyn Stegon, and David Consalvo (Captain) of the firm's Redland's office. Kleinfelder sponsored our runners, raising money to help support the Quality-of-Life programs for our Marines, sailors and their families.

Kleinfelder's Catastrophic and Natural Disaster Fund (CNDF) provides financial assistance to employees whose incomes are reduced as a result of a serious illness or natural disaster. These types of events can financially devastate a family. As expenses begin to mount, the Kleinfelder employee's income may be stretched to cover the basic necessities. As employee-owners, we found a way to pool our resources to assist our co-workers in times of need. The program involves soliciting donations of accrued Paid Time Off (PTO), which is managed by the CNDF Committee to be distributed to needy employees. The fund can also be utilized upon the approval of the committee for employees who volunteer in support of natural disasters.

RBF Consulting has provided more than 450 hours so far this year of community service in Orange County, including Habitat for Humanity, Olive Crest, Water for People, Second Harvest Food Bank, City of Hope and about 15 other organizations.

Employees at **RBF Consulting** have provided presentations to Orange County ASCE, UCI, and CELSOC. RBF Consulting has also provided High School career guidance at Orange County high schools, thru APWA, held in-house PE Review Courses, in-house LEED training and Saturday Survey Classes at UCI.

Charity

At our December 2006 membership meeting, our annual charity event, the Orange County Chapter presented a check for \$1,500 to Families Forward. Families Forward is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping low income and homeless families in need. Families Forward addresses families' needs at any point in their crisis by providing a broad spectrum of services, including: housing, counseling, food, education, case management, life skills training, and rent or utility assistance. Our chapter also helped fill their wish list for the holidays by providing canned goods, shampoo and conditioners, kitchenware, etc. for the families.



Steve Kight of Families Forward and Jeff Walker, President at the December charity event.

6th Annual Golf Tournament

The OC Chapter plans an annual golf tournament with the primary purpose of generating revenue for our scholarship program and increasing the interaction between the private sector consultants and public sector officials. Our 6th annual event was held in September at Tijeras Creek Golf Club in Rancho Santa Margarita. Support for the event was widespread throughout the Orange County consulting community with



18 tournament sponsors (\$1,000 ea), 11 tee sponsorships (\$250 ea), and 132 golfers attending. With the help of our sponsors and efforts of several volunteers in the weeks leading up to the tournament, the Orange County Chapter was able to raise over \$10,000 for our scholarship program.



6th Annual Golf Tournament at Tijeras Creek

III. Enhancement and Improvement of Business Practices

2nd Annual CELSOC Orange County Awards Banquet

The Orange County chapter organized and hosted its 2nd Annual Orange County Awards Banquet as a way to focus attention on the importance of the engineering community. Our committee agreed to limit the awards to two (Lifetime Achievement and Client of the Year) to allow greater focus on the two recipients, thereby increasing the prestige of the award. This year's Lifetime Achievement Award honored Tim Psomas of Psomas. Tim has been a long-time supporter of CELSOC and other professional organizations over his long and distinguished career. In addition, Tim has been instrumental in shaping the face of engineering community in Orange County. For our "Client of the Year," the Orange County chapter honored the City of Anaheim. The award recognized the City of Anaheim for their efforts in improving the lives of the citizens of Orange County. Mayor Curt Pringle accepted the award on behalf of the City and gave an inspirational talk on the history of the City and significance of the City's role in shaping Orange County. The event was well received by our membership, backed up by the attendance of more than 120 members from the Orange County Chapter at this evening event.



Blake Murillo presents Tim Psomas, of Psomas the Lifetime Achievement Award

2007 CELSOC State Engineering Excellence Awards Program

Steven Tayanipour of Dokken Engineering, Inc. and member of the Orange County Board of Directors has been the chairman of the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee at the State level for many years. Steve's tireless efforts and enthusiasm for the program has ensured a solid slate of award winners each and every year of his chairmanship. After a lengthy stint as chair, Steve has passed the baton to another Orange County Chapter board member, Dick Bardin of Kennedy/Jenks. Dick will continue the tradition of excellence of the CELSOC Engineering Excellence Awards Program.



Mary Erchul, President Elect; Curt Pringle, City of Anaheim Client of the Year; and Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council

Orange County Chapter member firms continue to be active in the submittal of applications for CELSOC Awards. In

2007, awards were presented by the State to the following Chapter firms:

2007 Golden State Award Recipient

- CDM Inc. & CH2M Hill – Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan

2007 Honor Award Recipients

- David Evans and Associates – Interstate 10 HDS Surveying
- Kennedy/Jenks – Integrated Utility Planning
- Nolte Associates – The Reno ReTRAC Project
- PBS&J – SR-22 HOV Widening

2007 Merit Award Recipients

- Brown and Caldwell – Ventura WRF New Influent Headworks
- CDM – SRTTP MCB Camp Pendleton
- CH2M Hill – Viticulture Geospatial R&D
- David Evans and Associates – Mission Viejo Slope Repair
- Kleinfelder, Inc. – San Marcos Landfill
- Moffatt & Nichol – Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration
- Moffatt & Nichol – Route 90/Culver Drive Interchange

- P2S Engineering – Chaffey Central Plant
- Psomas – Aubrey Park
- RBF Consulting – Chino I Desalter
- URS Corporation – Maxwell Bridge Replacement

2007 Orange County Engineering Excellence Awards

The Orange County Chapter also maintains its own Engineering Excellence Awards program to honor local firms for making a difference in our communities. This year, our chapter presented awards for three projects within the community. Awards were provided to OCTA for the State Route-22 Design/Build HOV Widening, The City of Lake Forest for The Arbor on El Toro Road; and the Orange County Performing Arts Center for the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. The awards were presented at our lunch meeting in March, where each client was provided an opportunity to discuss the project and publicly acknowledge the consulting team responsible for implementation of the project.



Jeff Walker, President with Carolyn Cavecche, OCTA Board Member at the Engineering Excellence Awards

OCTA Liaison Committee

In an effort to improve the relationship between our member firms and one of the largest producers of consulting engineering work in Orange County, the Orange County Board invited Mr. Tom Bogard, Director of Highway Delivery of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to speak at a monthly board meeting. It was clear at the meeting that several issues related to procurement needed to be addressed with OCTA. Following this meeting, the Board formed a liaison committee between CELSOC Orange County and OCTA. The goal of this committee is to improve business practices by promoting better communication and cooperation between the two organizations. The committee has been focused on issues such as the procurement process, elimination of barriers to contracting with firms, simplified requests for proposals, delivery of projects, and small business practices. Results of the meeting are shared at the Board of Directors meetings, disseminated to the general membership, and posted on the Chapter's website.

IV. Strengthen Membership

The key to the success of the OC CELSOC Chapter is our membership. We enjoy the strong participation of many firms throughout the County; our increased membership numbers validate the strength of the Chapter. These numbers show consistency through the participation of the majority of firms in Orange County. We are very proud of the participation that has been achieved and maintained.

The Orange County Chapter began 2006-07 with 94 member firms and ended the year with 95 firms. It is important to note that our membership represents approximately 10% percent of the overall State membership total. Having 95 firms in the OC Chapter is a result of:

- A large and active Board of Directors (22 members and 1 associate member) that serves as outreach to not only their represented firms, but others as well;
- Outstanding monthly programs as discussed below ;
- CELSOC's and the Orange County Chapter's strong leadership on various legislative actions, including AB573 and a wide range of legislative bills and court cases;
- Diversity in our membership from small to large firms and from those home-based in Orange County to those with Corporate offices elsewhere; and
- Participation and recognition of our organization and chapter by many local elected officials.

Monthly Meetings

The steady attendance at the Orange County Chapter's luncheon meetings attests to the quality of the programs. In particular, we wish to recognize the services of Board member Don McDougald, VA Consulting, Inc, our Program Chairperson for his tireless effort in organizing quality programs for our membership.



Election 2006 Program

During the year, the Orange County Chapter had ten meetings (including the May Awards Banquet) with the following topics:

Month	Event
July 2006	CELSOC Annual Angels Baseball Night
August 2006	Dark
September 2006	Creating an Outrageously Successful Organization
October 2006	Election 2006
November 2006	Current Happenings at the OC Business Council
December 2006	Charity Luncheon – Families Forward
January 2007	Storm Water Management and Your Responsibilities
February 2007	Quality Management In A Design Organization – A Case Study
March 2007	Awards of Excellence
April 2007	Improving Mobility Between Riverside and Orange County
May 2007	Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers
June 2007	California High Speed Rail Authority

Newsletters

Also during the year, the Orange County Chapter published four (4) newsletters. Copies of the newsletters are available for review on our chapter website; one has been provided as an attachment. The newsletter not only serves as an informational tool to our members, but also serves as a reminder to local agencies and clients of our strong coalition of firms within Orange County. In addition, we offer publicity to firms and individuals within our membership in the “People on the Move” segment. In this section, a member can announce a promotion or new office location.



CELSOC Update
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER DECEMBER 2005

‘Greatest Disaster, Greatest Response’
The Army Corps of Engineers Responds to Katrina

(Excerpted from the Army Corps of Engineers publication, Engineer Update)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers met the greatest natural disaster to hit our nation with one of the greatest responses in Corps history.

Hurricane Katrina smashed southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, and southwestern Alabama coastal areas on August 29. Then Hurricane Rita steam rolled across southwestern Louisiana and southeastern Texas on Sept. 24. Together, these two storms shattered lives, homes, and economies. New Orleans was hit particularly hard. Hurricane Katrina left the Crescent City with no power, no drinking water, dwindling food supplies and, because of levee breaches, rapidly rising floodwaters in the streets.

During the next several days, the nation watched a crisis unfold as levees and floodwalls breached at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, and the 17th Street and London Avenue canals. By September 1, almost 80 percent of New Orleans was under water,

some places more than 20 feet. Thousands of people sought shelter from the rising waters on rooftops; thousands more gathered in shelters or in groups on high ground.

Against this backdrop of despair, the Corps offered hope. Engaging more than 3,000 personnel at its peak, the mammoth emergency response effort that was soon titled “Task Force Hope” received support from 41 district offices, eight division offices, the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), the Engineer Research and Development Center, Humphreys Engineering Center, Huntsville Engineering Center, the Institute for Water Resources, the USACE Finance Center, Transatlantic Programs Center, and the U.S. Army Engineer School. Volunteers from Germany.

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The storm surge from Hurricane Katrina overflows the north levee of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet/International Canal. (Photo by Eric McChubb, Energy)

A CH-47 Chinook from the Oklahoma National Guard prepares to place two 7,000-pound sandbags in one of the New Orleans levee breaches. (Photo by Lane Lyles, Louisiana Field Activity Office)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005
CELSOC CHARITY EVENT FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
Sponsors: Col. Alex Dornstamder & Lt. Col. Mark Blackburn
Army Corps of Engineers

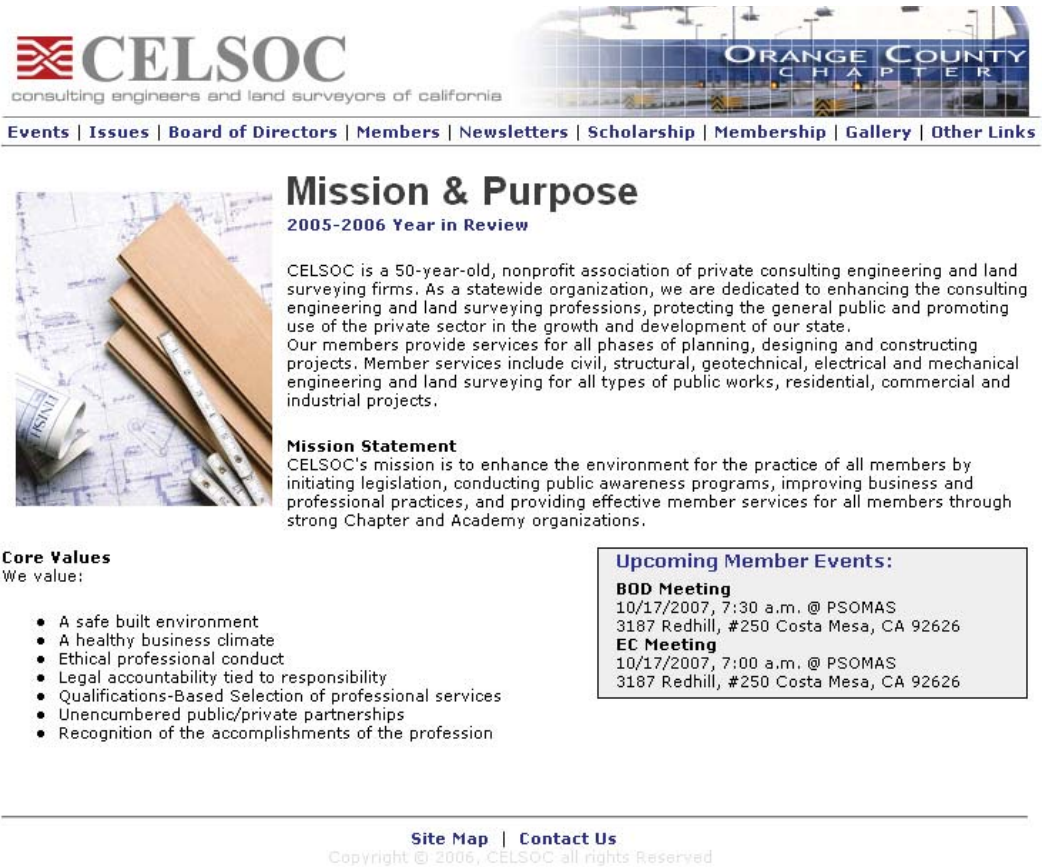
“Greatest Disaster, Greatest Response”
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Wyndham O.C. Airport Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCH
Program TBA
For further information about either of these events call (949) 672-9030


President
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Chapter Website

The Chapter has maintained excellence in our Chapter Website, which is either accessible from www.celsococ.org or from the State Website.




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Mission & Purpose

2005-2006 Year in Review



CELSOC is a 50-year-old, nonprofit association of private consulting engineering and land surveying firms. As a statewide organization, we are dedicated to enhancing the consulting engineering and land surveying professions, protecting the general public and promoting use of the private sector in the growth and development of our state. Our members provide services for all phases of planning, designing and constructing projects. Member services include civil, structural, geotechnical, electrical and mechanical engineering and land surveying for all types of public works, residential, commercial and industrial projects.

Mission Statement
CELSOC's mission is to enhance the environment for the practice of all members by initiating legislation, conducting public awareness programs, improving business and professional practices, and providing effective member services for all members through strong Chapter and Academy organizations.

Core Values
We value:

- A safe built environment
- A healthy business climate
- Ethical professional conduct
- Legal accountability tied to responsibility
- Qualifications-Based Selection of professional services
- Unencumbered public/private partnerships
- Recognition of the accomplishments of the profession

Upcoming Member Events:

BOD Meeting
10/17/2007, 7:30 a.m. @ PSOMAS
3187 Redhill, #250 Costa Mesa, CA 92626

EC Meeting
10/17/2007, 7:00 a.m. @ PSOMAS
3187 Redhill, #250 Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Mentor Program

The OC Chapter implemented a mentor program in which each Board member has multiple firms they contact on a regular basis. The goal of the mentor program is to remind each member what the benefits of being a member are, inform them of upcoming CELSOC events at the chapter and state level, and encourage them to become active in our organization by joining a committee at the chapter and state level. Reports on these mentorship activities are a standing agenda item for each monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Participation in CELSOC at the State Level

Based on its membership totals, the Orange County Chapter is entitled to 4 Directors at the State level and has had full representation at each State Board meeting. Orange County Chapter members actively involved at the State level include:

- Byron Tobey with Harris & Associates serves on the Construction Management Committee;
- Bart Patton with Kleinfelder serves on the Nominating, Organization and Planning, Retirement Fund & Future Leaders Committees;
- Richard Bardin with Kennedy Jenks is the chair of the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee and the Water Resources Committee;
- Mary Erchul with Harris & Associates serves on the Annual Conference Committee (2008 Chair) and the Legislative Committee and serves as the Grassroots Chair;
- Jeff Walker with Kleinfelder serves on the Annual Conference Committee and the Prevailing Wage Committee;
- Bob Crawford with RBF serves on the Membership Development Committee; and
- Robert Close with STV, Inc. serves on the Legislative Committee.



Bart Patton with Rob Salabar accepting award for his hard work as ACEC Director



Tim Psomas, Tom Blackburn and Hugh Linn at the State Board Meeting in Newport Beach