

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 21, 2009

1. Committees and Programs:

- **Transportation:**
 - Members of the Transportation and Legislative Committee testified before the Senate and House Transportation Committees in support of SB 108 – FASTER legislation for increased transportation funding. SB108 was approved as amended by the senate and will be heard by the full house on Monday, Feb. 23rd.
 - Met with Karla Petty and Michael Davies of FHWA to discuss the distribution of stimulus money for transportation projects.
 - Held a 2nd meeting with Pam Hutton concerning the Governor's Efficiency Report. Our response to the governor concerning outsourcing is being revised.
 - Meetings were held with CDOT concerning the stimulus package.
 - In the final stages of developing Colorado's transportation funding authorization recommendations for our Congressional delegation.

- **Legislative:**
 - 55 members attended our very successful annual Legislative Day on Feb. 3rd and heard from 13 legislators.
 - Holds weekly conference calls to review transportation, water and business legislation.
 - List of bills that the committee is tracking is posted on the ACEC/CO Legislative Page of the website.

- **Business Practices:**
 - Meeting with Velma Lane of Van Gilder to discuss language that is uninsurable in design/build contracts. Expecting to hold meetings with City of Denver concerning this matter.

- **Environmental**
 - Met with CDPHE to discuss regulations, stakeholder meetings and updates from the water quality, air quality and hazardous waste divisions. Conference call capability was implemented at their January meeting and will be arranged for subsequent meetings.

- **Water Resources:**
 - Reviewing water legislation and will testify in support of SB 80 on capturing precipitation on Feb. 25th.
 - Learned that CDPHE's water division will oversee the distribution of stimulus money for water projects.

- **Nominating**
 - Met to nominate candidates for the 2009-11 board of directors.

- **Expert Witness: (Leslie)**
 - The annual expert witness practices seminar will be held Wed., April 22nd.

- **Education/Scholarship (Kim):**
 - 54 scholarship applications were received. This well surpassed the 41 applications received last year. The committee is now scoring the applications to determine the finalists who will be interviewed March 7th.
 - Attended the annual bridge building contest to award a \$1,000 scholarship to the region 2 winner.
 - Attended the Young Scientist Best of Show program at the zoo. Denver Zoo's George Pond and Cresthill MS students will be attending our Feb. 24th general meeting with their zoo exhibits.

- **Website/Technology (Leslie):**
 - Staff is looking into Facebook and LinkedIn pages and if there would be value to the membership to set up these profiles.

- **Awards (Leslie):**
 - Reviewed nominations for George Washington Award and General Palmer Award, and making recommendations to the board. These awards are presented at the April Annual Meeting.

- **Golf (Jennifer and Kim)**
 - Visited Hiwan Golf Course, the site of the August 10th annual golf tournament.

- **Women's Forum (Kim):**
 - Planned a March program with sustaining member Michelle Towers giving the presentation.

- **Programs (Jennifer):**
 - Breakfast Series continues to bring about 16-20 new members to their monthly programs.
 - Held the graduation for the 2008 Future Leaders Supervisory classes. Rich Weingardt gave the keynote on leadership; his presentation along with the spokesmen from the 2 graduating classes was recorded as a podcast and on the ACEC/CO website.
 - Registrations are being accepted for the 2009 Future Leaders Supervisory Series. This marks the 10th year for our Future Leaders' program.

- **Membership:**
 - 39 members completed the Value of Membership Survey. Committee will review the results.
 - Collecting data on membership participation and growth to help us determine at risk members.
 - Planning to question specific focus groups on value of membership and our programs.

- **Other Programs/Events:**
 - Attended CASBA (Colorado Association of Sustainable Business Alliances) Legislative Briefing.
 - Attended Colorado Society of Association Executive's luncheon meeting on Social Networking - Blogs, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.
 - Attended CCA's annual conference to hear Governor, legislators, Russ George and member of the Federal Surface Transportation Commission on the need for new revenue streams for transportation funding.
 - Met Becky Roland, the new association manager, for Colorado Association of Geotechnical Engineers (CAGE) and ASCE/CO.
 - Attended the ACEC webinar on the impact of the stimulus package on consulting engineering profession.