

Committee Updates March 2010 – May 2010

Legislative:

- ACEC/CO opposes ballot initiatives Amendments 60 and 60 and Proposition 101 on the 2008 ballot. Education and fundraising campaign will be sent to membership to oppose these measures.
- Governor signed the architects' bill HB 1148 to repeal continued competency portion of SB08-029.
- Governor signed change orders SB10-116 sponsored by Building Jobs For Colorado (BJ4C) coalition of which ACEC/CO is a member.
- Watched legislation that could have repealed FASTER SB09-108
- Worked with the bill sponsor, Rep. Joe Rice, to amend language HB 1394 to eliminate Professional Liability Insurance in this legislation that is for Commercial General Liability Insurance; bill signed by governor.
- Met with our Colorado Congressional Delegation during the ACEC Annual Meeting at the end of April. Topics discussed: infrastructure spending, encouraging use of the private sector, and repeal of the 3% withholding mandate.

QBS Colorado/Business Practices:

- At the request of QBS Colorado, Larry Friedberg, state architect, contacted Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to inform them that they must follow QBS and should encourage municipalities to follow QBS. He is doing follow-up meetings with DOLA to assist them in changing their procurement procedure to be in compliance with state law. He reminded/reiterated with DOLA that when dealing with municipalities that the source of the funding (from state or federal sources) dictates the procurement method.
- Meeting with David Fine, City of Denver City Attorney, to discuss the city's indemnification language.
- Colorado Springs City Engineer Cam McNair informed ACEC/CO that they adopted many of the contract revisions that we recommended.

Environmental:

- Met with State Board of Licensure for Architects, PEs, and PLSs concerning the CDPHE certification forms for their water construction projects; this language which engineers are to sign that could jeopardize their license. State board recommended that we continue to work with CDPHE to modify the language. At our quarterly CDPHE meeting, Dave Akers with the Water Quality Division said that he expected the department to use our modified language on these forms until stakeholder meetings on the issue can be held.
- Met with Laura Farris, EPA's Region 8 Climate Change Coordinator along with Robert Clement from Water Quality and Gerard Bulanowski from Sustainability/Green Building to discuss developing a liaison with EPA.
- Met with CDPHE's Pollution Prevention Control Advisory Board about the need to work with the department on innovative technologies.

Membership:

- Encouraging principals to recognize their "up and comers" and to become ACEC/CO affiliate members; application fee waive for affiliate members.
- Met with a few Future Leaders' graduates to discuss how they can be involved in ACEC/CO, and how ACEC/CO can be of benefit to them.

Nominating:

- Completed a slate officers and board members for 2010-11:

National Director	Lauren Evans, Pinyon Environmental Engineering Resources
Secretary-Treasurer	Michael Ellsberry, Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

Director, District 1 - Metro
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Director, District 2 - North

Jane Boand, David Evans & Associates
Diana Horner, Bates Engineering
Brian Zick, TEC, The Engineering Company

The following officers will move through the chairs as follows:

President	Bill Hoffmann
Vice President	Eric Young
Past President	Rob Refvem

Continuing Directors are:

Director, Metro – Janet Williams and Greg Sekera
Director, South – Roger Barker
Director, West – Peter Monroe

Transportation:

- Co-sponsored the Spring Transportation Symposium on April 9th with WTE and ITE; over 170 people attended. Profits from the event will be split between the 3 sponsoring organizations and donated to their respective scholarship programs.
- Submitted feedback to the City of Denver on their Transportation Standards and Details
- Submitted feedback to Treya Partners, an outside consultant hired by CDOT, concerning CDOT's contracting processes with engineers. Treya also interviewed a few firms in the ACEC/CO office.
- At the request of CDOT, we will be discussing taking a position on audited indirect rate and workload factor at the June Transportation Committee meeting.
- Newly formed Transit Committee held a meeting with Sherry Ellebracht – RTD Government Relations Officer and Terry Howerter – Acting Assistant General Manager, Administration and Chief Financial Officer who gave an update on RTD.

Awards:

- Displayed our Awards panels at the capitol during Engineers Week.
- At our 2010 Annual Meeting, we transferred the gavel from Rob Refvem to Bill Hoffmann; recognized outgoing and incoming board and committee chairs. Presented awards to:
 - Orley Phillips Award: Narender Kumar of Kumar and Associates and John Haley (posthumously)
 - George Washington Award: Ralph Christie of Merrick & Company
 - General Palmer Award: Dr. Sandra Woods, CSU's Dean of Engineering
 - President's Award: Senator Abel Tapia, PE
 - Committee Chairs of the Year: Jane Boand for her work on the Environmental Committee and John Clarke for his work on the Southern Colorado Committee
 - Educator of the Year: Aaron Waggoner, a math teacher at Chaparral High School, Parker

Water:

- Continue to work with the WIN Colorado (Water Infrastructure Network) to develop a mission statement and a website that promotes the need for water and wastewater infrastructure spending at the federal, state and local levels. Besides ACEC/CO, other members of the coalition: CCA, AGC, CML, Special Districts, Colorado Water Congress, AWWA/RM, Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority, and APWA.
- Met with Dick Wolfe, State Engineer and Kevin Rein, Assistant State Engineer and Jennifer Gimbel, director of Colorado Water Conservation Board who gave an update on the 2010 legislation and activities of their respective departments. CWCB has money to lend through their construction fund.

Scholarship:

- Awarded \$33,000 in scholarships to 10 Colorado engineering students:
 - Michael LeBaron (Mines) will receive the Leonard Rice Memorial Scholarship of \$6,000.
 - Maura Hurley (CU-Boulder) will receive the William Russell Stoneman Scholarship of \$5,000.
 - Daryn Hobbs (CU-Boulder) will receive the Fu Hua Chen Scholarship of \$3,000.
 - Lisa Truong (Mines) will receive an ACEC/CO Scholarship of \$3,000.
 - Juliane Von Pichl (Mines) will receive an Urban Water Shed Scholarship of \$2,500.
 - Charlotte Van Voast (CU-Boulder) will receive the CASFM Scholarship of \$2,500.
 - Bailey Leppek (CU-Boulder) will receive the Jack Bruce Memorial/APWA Scholarship of \$2,000.
 - Yevgeniy Kaufman (CU-Boulder) will receive the Bates Engineering Scholarship of \$2,000.
 - George Fosu (CSU Pueblo) will receive an ACEC/CO Scholarship of \$2,000.
 - Joey Maestas (Mines) will receive an ACEC/CO Scholarship of \$2,000.
 - Carl Enright (Mines) will receive an ACEC/CO Scholarship of \$2,000.
 - Josh Currier (Mines) will receive an ACEC/CO Scholarship of \$1,000.

Programs:

- March Wake-up Call program was on BIM.
- March 23rd General Meeting addressed Strategic Planning with a panel of large and small firms and their success stories with their strategic planning.
- Held April Wake-up Call program: Program - State Board Licensure issues with Bill Harris, board member and DORA's Angie Kinnaird-Linn, board administrator
- Held May Wake-Call program. Program: LEED Overview & Responsible Parties During the LEED Process by Drew Russ, Director of Sustainability, Adolfson & Peterson Construction
- Held May 25th General Meeting; topic: Engineers' Perspective on Working in Wartime Conditions presented by civil engineer Ron Geurts and structural engineer Michael Griffeth
- Held June 2nd Wake-Call Program: An Engineer's Balanced Perspective on Climate Change; speaker Steven Sondergard of Merrick and Company

AIA/AGC/ACEC Liaison:

- Held Integrated Project Delivery roundtable on May 26th at AGC with engineers, architects and contractors. Panelists: Eric Telesmanich – NREL PM, Larry Friedberg – State Architect, Bruce Fong – Exempla Healthcare, and Brant Lahnert of KL&A.

Public Relations:

- Developing 2010-11 Public Relations and Marketing Plan that will be presented to membership at the Awards Workshop on June 18th at URS; providing opportunities for members to promote their firms on ACEC/CO's PR "coat tails".
- secured May coverage in:
 - **Colorado Public Works Journal**, Vol. 6, 2010, for the Engineering Colorado article by member GEI and the 2010 Outstanding Woman in Engineering Award with photo;
 - the **Denver Daily News**, April 26 issue, for the Scholarship Awards release, the Daily Journal for the Scholarship Awards release,
 - the **Denver Business Journal** for the Scholarship Awards release,
 - the **Daily Journal**, April 28 issue, for the ACEC/CO Honors Advocates of the Engineering Industry awards release, May 6 issue,
 - the **dBUSINESSNEWS**, May 8, for the ACEC/CO Honors Advocates of the Engineering Industry awards release.

- the **Denver Business Journal** and **Cherry Creek/Glendale Chronicle**, April issues for receiving the Colorado Technology Makeover grand prize valued at over \$50,000.
- will be featured in **McGraw-Hill's electronic magazine**, May 13 issue, for the Advocates of Engineering Awards press release; it is the feature article on the editor's blog (Public Relations)
- In partnership with **McGraw Hill Publications**, we will be combining our annual directory with our annual magazine **Engineering Colorado** to produce a stronger publication that will showcase our membership and projects. Publication will be distributed to 7,000 owners, developers, architects, engineers, agencies and contractors with **McGraw Hill's Mountain States** October 2010 issue. Great opportunities for our members to advertise.
- Copies of the 2010 TV Show "Colorado Engineers 2010" will be distributed to the Transportation Resource Environmental Council (TERC) at their June meeting to illustrate the efforts to include sustainability in their projects was being made by consulting engineers.

Education:

- Members gave presentation to Morey MS students about engineering