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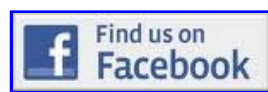
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Register by **July 31, 2010** to receive the early bird discount for the 2010 ACEC National Fall Conference to be held in Puerto Rico, October 17 - 20, 2010. [Click here](#) for more information about the conference. [Click here](#) to register now or call Krysta Perrault in the ACEC Meetings Department at 202-682-4353 or via e-mail kperrault@acec.org.

Membership Notices and Engineers in the News

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Happy July Fore-th!
Play in the 2010 ACEC/CO Golf Tournament.



Sponsorships Available

Hole Sponsorship \$300
Beverage Cart \$450
Hole-in-One \$500
Free Shot Sponsor \$575
Lunch Sponsorship \$800

JULY 2010
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

**Have a little freedom from work for a day.
Enter the 2010 ACEC/CO Golf Tournament.**

All proceeds from this tournament help fund scholarships awarded to promising engineering students each year. In 2009, the ACEC/CO Scholarship Program awarded \$32,500 in scholarships to Colorado engineering students, \$2,000 of which was raised through the golf tournament.

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Additional Professional Development Opportunities and Events

- **SMPS Upcoming Events:**

Check out the upcoming events for the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) [Read More..](#)



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Here is a snippet about the make-up of our membership:

- 14% are a one person firm
- 48% have 10 or less employees
- 21% are between 11 and 20 people in size
- 83% have 50 or less employees

- 7% of our member firms have 100 or more employees

In November, Colorado citizens will vote on at least three initiatives that will have a profound impact on state and local public entities to function and build capital projects. Needless to say, the negative business effect is profound. Since these could have a national impact, ACEC-CO acted quickly and decisively requesting ACEC national for Minuteman Funds to help oppose these initiatives. We asked for just under \$50,000 which could be granted immediately (based on DC time). This is the first time ACEC-CO has asked for such funding and it was granted. Kudos to the membership! We had about one week to raise at least matching funds. In three business days we had commitments from more than 40 member firms for more than \$90,000. I know some of the firms that pledged are in a position that they can ill afford the expense but understood the impact on the vitality of our businesses. The number of firms that participated and the short time frame the dollars were raised impressed national expediting the grant. I would like to thank every firm who helped. Now you need to educate your employees about how passage of these items will impact their lives.

The operation of the Council is evolving based on the state of the economy. Historically the Council has published a "Membership Directory" in the fall and an "Engineering Colorado" magazine focusing on member projects in the spring of the following year. This year it was decided to combine the publications so as to avoid asking members to purchase advertisements in one or the other or both. The publication is to focus on projects considered sustainable throughout the state. The directory/magazine is to be released with the October issue of Mountain States Construction so there have been accelerated efforts on our PR consultants, Üli Creative, LLC. and the PR committee to pull this together. We need to also acknowledge the efforts and contribution of the publisher, McGraw Hill Publications in accommodating the change.

- Bill Hoffmann, ACEC-CO President

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"This is one of the nicest private club's in the state," Hahn said. "I think everyone is going to have a great time, enhanced by the awesome views and a challenging golf course."

The committee tries to pick private courses that not everyone can play at any other time. Hahn said that they have already started to plan for next year by selecting a course for the 2011 tournament.

The primary goal for the Golf Committee is to raise as much money as possible for the ACEC/CO scholarship fund which distributes the money every year to engineering students. These students are selected by the Scholarship Committee every spring through an interview process.

The ACEC/CO golf tournament idea started in 2002 where the committee raised about \$3,500 for the scholarship fund. Last year's tournament contributed about \$9,300 which was a new record.

"This allowed us to increase our scholarship awards to \$35,000 which we gave to 15 students, an all-time high!" 2009-10 Scholarship Committee Chair Murray McBride said.

"This year in particular, our goal is to match the success of last year's tournament. The economy has hit our industry hard, so matching the financial successes of the past would be a great feat," Hahn said.



Perry Park Golf Course

Despite the economy, the past tournaments have continued to be successful and Hahn said he is confident the committee can hit the \$10,000 mark at future tournaments.

Raising money for college kids is the ultimate and rewarding goal for the Golf Committee, but the tournament is about having fun too.

"The golf tournament provides a great opportunity for both members and non-members of ACEC-CO to enjoy a day of fun, camaraderie and kicking your golf ball back into the fairway when others aren't looking," Hahn said.

If you are interested in joining the Golf Committee, or would like to participate in this year's tournament, please contact Jennifer Shaw at jennifer@acec-co.org, 303-832-2200.

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Government Affairs

- Headed off a major proposed tax increase on Subchapter S engineering firms in the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.
- Supported liability protection legislation introduced by Reps. Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Jim Matheson (D-UT) for engineering, architectural and construction firms that volunteer in the aftermath of terrorist attacks or natural disasters.
- Testified at a House Highways & Transit Subcommittee hearing on the benefits of "context sensitive solutions" in transportation planning – i.e., taking into consideration the natural and built environments affected by transportation systems.
- Criticized lack of Administration leadership in funding new 6-year transportation authorization and providing necessary capacity expansion – in comments submitted to DOT on its draft Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- Awarded Minuteman Fund grants to: ACEC/Illinois to support an appeal against an adverse court decision on the scope of a design professional's duty; and ACEC/Colorado to help fight against radical ballot initiatives that would seriously undercut the state's ability to fund infrastructure.



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Dave Raymond

Institute for Business Management

- Members were attracted to ACEC's eight, highly topical, business seminars over the past month:
 - *The New Health Care Law: What It Means for Your Firm*
 - *2009 A/E/C Court Cases: Lessons Learned*
 - *America's Coming High Speed Rail Markets*
 - *U.S. Water Demand, Supply and Allocation: Trends and Outlook 2010 to 2030*
 - *Achieving Sustainability Goals Through By-Product Synergy*
 - *Commissioning: A Growing Market*
 - Sponsored jointly with ACEC/Colorado, a two-day course: *Applying Expertise as an Engineering Expert Witness*
 - *Realizing BIM Profitability Potential*
- Added two new resources to the Contracts Central web site: a state-by-state listing of statutes of limitations for personal injury lawsuits; and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure guidelines for expert witnesses
- Bookstore hot sellers for the month: *Wired to...Clients* (ACEC); *The Blue Sourcebook: Business Practices and Risk Management for Engineering Firms* (ACEC); *EJCDC E-500: Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner & Engineer for Professional Services*.

General

- Addressed "Industry Achievements and Challenges" – including recent ACEC "wins" exempting A/Es from Project Labor Agreements and eliminating mandatory retainage on federal contracts – at the ACEC/Massachusetts 50th anniversary celebration, as well as at the ACEC/Metro Washington annual meeting.
- ACEC/Indiana became the third state so far to meet its 2010 PAC goal; and has met its goal for eight straight years "recognizing the importance ACEC/PAC to our advocacy programs."

- Undertook “hands on” membership recruitment efforts in California, Rhode Island, Oregon, Colorado and Massachusetts, as part of an intensified program of recruitment and retention in a challenging economy.
- Participated in the annual conferences of the Canadian and Mexican engineering associations to promote mutual understanding on infrastructure funding, liability reform and other issues of common interest.

By Dave Raymond, ACEC President

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For the first time we are combining our annual magazine and membership directory for the 2010/2011 edition. This publication will be distributed along with the October edition of Mountain States Construction. It will reach the ACEC/CO membership as well as the entire readership of Mountain States Construction. THIS WILL BE OUR BIGGEST AND MOST BROADLY DISTRIBUTED ACEC COLORADO PUBLICATION EVER!



Contact [McGraw Hill Publications](#) to take advantage of this marketing opportunity. Click the above link for more information.

Membership Notices

Prospective Individual Members:

Mark Vessely, Shannon & Wilson Inc.

Bryant Walters, Collins Engineers Inc.

Welcome Individual Members:

Michelle Johnson, Martin & Wood Water Consultants. 602 Park Point Drive Suite 275, Golden CO 80401. 303-526-2600 mjohnson@martinandwood.com. Michelle is a graduate of Portland State University with a B.S. degree in Geology. She also received her M.S. degree in Hydrogeology. Recommendations came from Bruce Kroeker, Ed Armbruster, and Joe Tom Wood.

Stanley Kobayashi, KDG Engineering, LLC. P.O. Box 620337, Littleton, CO 80162-0337. 303-868-2489 skobayashi@engineering.com. Stanley is a graduate of University of Hawaii with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering and a M.S. degree in Structures. KDG Engineering, LLC provides bridge and miscellaneous structure design. Recommendations came from Mike Kibbee, Tim Eversoll, and Nancy Clanton.

Ceila Rethamel, WHPacific, Inc. 12596 W. Bayaud Ave. Ste 200, Lakewood, CO 80123. 720-963-4361 crethamel@whpacific.com. Ceila is a graduate of University of Wyoming with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Interviewed by membership committee.

Life Membership

Dave Adams

Transfer:

Tara Schutter has transferred membership from Applegate Group Inc. to Tessara Water LLC. Tessara Water LLC. specializes in raw water conveyance and storage infrastructure.

Engineers in the News

Congratulations to **Ralph Christie** for being named a finalist for Denver Business Journal's 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year!

Scott Tonn of **EMC Engineers** recently became a Certified Commissioning Authority through the AABC Commissioning Group (ACG). **Matt Dubrovich, PE, Ryan Hughes, PE,** and **Megan Van Wieren,** all with **EMC,** are now Certified Energy Managers. Matt also recently became a Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP).



Matt Dubrovich



Megan Van Wieren

Cassie Slade of **Stantec Consulting Services Inc.** has recently received her professional engineer certification from the state of Colorado Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

Anne Pagano was recently promoted to associate at **Drexel Barell & Co.**

CH2M Hill named **Daniel Baxter** practice director for transportation operations.

The RMH Group has promoted **Kirsten Cremona, P.E., LEED AP** and **Mike Watkins, P.E., LEED AP** to client team managers.



Mike Watkins



Kirsten Cremona

Olsson Associates' Amy Gabor, Ben Messersmith and **Will Lambert** have passed their professional engineering exams.



URS' "Employee Volunteer Program" volunteers at the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Shaffer Baucom Engineering & Consulting of Lakewood recently hired **Laura Carpenter** as an electrical engineer and promoted **Marcus Brand** to Revit manager and **Shane Copsey** to CAD manager.

Corey Rhodes was recently promoted to project manager at the Fort Collins office of **Beaudin Ganze Consulting Engineers.**

URS Corporation recently volunteered to help the animals at the Wildlife Sanctuary in Hudson, CO. More than 50 URS employees spent the day planting trees and mulching fields to assist the non-profit organization in caring for its more than 150 animals, including big cats, bears, and wolves. URS conducted this event



Diana Kazmer

through its "Employee Volunteer Program" or EVP.

URS has named **Diana Kazmer** to the position of Environmental Marketing Manager for its 500+ person Denver office.

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All projects are displayed and acknowledged at our awards banquet in November. Excellence winners have the chance to move on to the ACEC national competition.

Last year the excellence and honor award winners were featured in our TV show, Engineering Colorado 2010. Comcast has informed us that they want a 2011 version. If you enter in the

competition, you will have a chance to be featured in the TV program as well as other print media.

Don't miss out on this exciting and prestigious engineering event! [Click here to enter](#) or [click here to view more information](#).

Annual Golf Tournament/Scholarship Benefit

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If interested in participating, fill out our [registration packet](#) or contact Jennifer at jennifer@acec-co.org or at 303-832-2200.

2010 Green Building Summit & Expo

The 2010 Green Building Summit and Expo will be held the morning of October 7, 2010 at the Inverness Hotel and Conference Center. You can earn four hours of continuing education and USGBC credit.

Produced by Colorado Real Estate Journal, the 2010 Summit will be Colorado's largest commercial green building conference of the year, with an anticipated attendance of more than 500. ACEC/CO is pleased to be a trade association partner in the event.

Topics and speakers include:

Owner/Developer/Investor Panel

Anne Hayes, Westfield Company, Inc.; **Drew Torbin**, ProLogis; **Dean Barber**, McWhinney, **Chris Waggett**, Lend Lease Americas; **Ben Weeks**, Aardex, LLC; **John R. Benitez**, Moyer|White, Moderator

Construction, Design & Engineering Panel

William O. Green, The RMH Group, Inc.; **Mark Kieffer**, Norris Design, **Richard L. von Luhre**, RNL, **Dave Schroeder**, JE Dunn Construction Co., **Kari Foster**, Associates III; **Laura Thompson**, Architectural Energy Corp., Moderator

The Case for Green: Tenant Perspective

Barry Dorfman, Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc; **Dominick Sekich**, Moyer|White.

The Case for Green: Finance, Valuation and Accounting Perspective

Lloyd F. Sweet, Jr., Eide Bailly, LLP and **Ron Tilton**, FirstBank of Denver

The Case for Green: Improving the Bottom Line

Joel Asrael, Governor's Energy Office; **Connie O'Murray**, Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc.

Keynote Address: A Landmark Sustainability Project for the Empire State Building

Dan Probst, Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.

Click the link above for registration information.

Breakfast Series Podcasts For Sale

Missed a Wake-up Call Breakfast Series? Not to worry! Now you can catch up by purchasing our breakfast series presentations podcasts. Available to members for \$20 each or three for \$45. To purchase, contact jennifer@acec-co.org or call 303-832-2200. The following are now available:



- June 2, 2010: Climate Change - How Real is it, and Will CO2 Reduction Work, by Steven E. Sondergard.
- May 5, 2010: Construction on Leed Overview & Responsible Parties During the Leed Process, by Drew Russ, Director of Sustainability, Adolfson & Peterson
- March 3, 2010: BIM to Construction , by Cameron Donegan, Assistant Project Manager/Virtual Construction Manager, Adolfson & Peterson.
- December 2, 2009: *The Reality of Bank Lending*, by Jody McNerney, Compass Bank
- September 2, 2009: *Fastracks & RTD Update*, by Phil Washington, RTD GM
- May 6, 2009: *The Current Economic Meltdown & Its Implications for Infrastructure Planning*, by Edward F. Harvey, Harvey Economics
- April 1, 2009, *Colorado Economy*, by Richard Wobbekind, of the Business Research Division and Associate Dean for External Relations at the University of Colorado at Boulder

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