Welcome to the February issue of the ACEC Sierra Chapter Newsletter. We are halfway through our 2017/2018 meeting season and I’m excited about how we are going to finish out the year.

Our chapter meeting in February will be our Past Presidents Dinner, where we will learn about the new Amazon facility being built in our region. March will be our joint meeting with Calmentor.

In April and May we are going to explore two new meeting ideas. The April Meeting will be an awards dinner focused on recognition of public agencies across California that are great clients of our member firms. We will recognize agencies for exemplary efforts in qualifications based selection, contracting out, monument preservation, and innovative infrastructure design. Our May Meeting will be a panel discussion focused on providing career advice to young professionals. We will be making a special effort to invite young engineers and land surveyors to this May Meeting.

Our chapter board has also been working on a few ideas. We are trying to come up with a strategy for our funding of non-profits and scholarships. Kathy has been doing a great job in efforts to engage our chapter members, a job that I neglected as vice president. I encourage you to cooperate with her efforts and to respond to any invitations you get from her or our other board members that are working with her. Kathy

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and Debanik are also spearheading the idea of a fundraising component to our September Meeting this year, so we can more fully support scholarships and other non-profit funding requests.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping judge our public agency awards for the April Meeting or if you can serve on our panel for young professionals at the May Meeting.

Landon Blake

Past President’s and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner-Feb. 21, 2018

By: Marco Palilla, Director

Please plan to attend our Chapter Past President’s Dinner on February 21st when we will not only recognize and honor our amazing Past Presidents (a complete list is below), but award the 2017 Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship! The scholarship, now in its 7th year, is dedicated to the memory of one of our most accomplished and well liked Past Presidents, Tim Fleming. This year’s winner is Joseph Prescott of UOP. Joseph is a Master’s student and planning to graduate this Spring. He will be attending the meeting to receive his scholarship check from Susan Fleming Bentley.

The evening will also include guest speaker Kent Craney, who is a Senior Engineer with Sacramento County’s Infrastructure Finance Section. Kent will be speaking to us about the new I-5 Interchange being planned for Metro Air Park. The County is working with Mark Thomas to design this new interchange that will not only provide improved access to the growing Metro Air Park region, but provide exciting commercial opportunities for serving the Sacramento International Airport.

If you attended this event in the past, you know that we have many special guests representing the rich history of our Chapter. This is a meeting you will not want to miss as we award the Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship and rub elbows with the people that created our Chapter’s tradition of excellence.
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Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting Recap – West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon

By Marco Palilla, Director

We kicked off the new year with our always popular Joint ACEC/APWA lunch meeting on January 5th at the Dante Club. Our guest speaker was City of West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. Thanks to Past APWA Director Denix Anbiah, we were able to secure the mayor to speak to our joint organizations. This was also Bill Shunks first meeting as the Sacramento Chapter’s APWA President. Bill is with the City of Sacramento Department of Public Works. As always, the turnout was excellent with many Sierra Chapter members in attendance. President Landon Blake sat at the head table with the other dignitaries.

Mayor Cabaldon focused his talk on infrastructure and the challenges cities have in dealing with the magnitude of work to maintain and upgrade it. He referred to it as the most important thing our city’s do (and no one in the audience disagreed!). He listed all of the important infrastructure work the City of West Sacramento is engaged with from the Street Car Project, to Flood Protection, the Port of Sacramento and water and wastewater projects. He said the city has $2 to $3 Billion in future infrastructure work. The critical items are how to fast track the work and encourage private investment since there are little to no funds coming from the Federal Government. Mayor Cabaldon wrapped up his presentation and then answered questions. A great lunch program to kick off 2018!
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WSP has worked on several high-profile, award-winning projects throughout the region and beyond. These include: providing civil and structural design and water resources engineering for the City of Sacramento I-5 Riverfront Reconnection; civil, structural, and electrical design for the City of Sacramento Tower Bridge retrofit; civil/roadway and electrical design, and environmental clearance for the new east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge; and program management, construction management, and design services for the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Levee Rehabilitation Program.

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City of Sacramento I-5 Riverfront Reconnection
Sacramento, CA
The Riverfront Reconnection reconnects downtown Sacramento over I-5, to the riverfront area known as Old Sacramento. WSP performed the PA&ED and final PS&E on this award-winning project.

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Levee Rehabilitation
Sacramento, CA
WSP is providing construction management and assessment district services for this major levee rehabilitation program.

Caltrans San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Bay Lights
San Francisco and Oakland, CA
WSP provided electrical design for the unique lighting installation on the new east span of the Bay Bridge, which comprises more than 25,000 LED lights.
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ACEC-CA/Sierra Chapter firms in good standing are invited to submit a company profile for inclusion in this newsletter. Firms that have not been featured in the last two years are invited to participate again. Contact Kathy Wickam, Vice President.

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Save the Date!

ACEC California Legislative Visit Day

When: May 8, 2018
Where: Sacramento, California

**Registration will be available starting March 2018**

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You are cordially invited to attend the:

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Chapter Past President’s and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner

**Guest Speaker:**

Kent Craney, Senior Engineer with Sacramento County will be speaking to us about the new I-5 Interchange being planned for Metro Air Park.

**On-line Registration/ RSVP:**

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feb21-2018-event-tickets-42479160312

*If paying by cash or check at the door, please either “RSVP Only” at the above Eventbrite link, or email dlocioce-ro@acec-ca-sierra.org for reserving your seat.

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West**

Meetings are held at the Hilton unless otherwise noted.

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West**

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5:00pm – 6:00pm: BOD Meeting
6:00pm - 6:30pm: Networking
6:30pm - 8:30pm: Membership Meeting.