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President’s Message

Our last meeting in April featured the Young Professional Forum. The intent of this event was to attract the future leaders of our profession and introduce them to our events, help them meet their peers and other professionals, show them the value that ACEC brings to the local consulting community.

We had a roomful of young engineers, surveyors and other professionals. We had a great panel with years of experience and wisdom to share with these folks. While it was very heartening to see a roomful of young men and women instead of usual gray-haired folks, I found the event to be disappointing because the folks who came to event represented only a handful of member firms. Currently, our chapter has 88 member firms and it is truly sad if only 5 percent of them show up or make the effort to send the young professionals from their firms.

Participation of member firms makes our organization strong and vibrant. We need to understand the root cause of this apparent lack of interest. A simple answer is that the folks are too busy, which is understandable given the current flow of public and private work. Other reasons

Calendar of Events

Meetings are at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.
 Member Cost: \$40 - Non-Member \$50

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 (No General Membership Meeting at the Hilton in May)

Legislation Visit Day
 Citizens Hotel, State Capitol
[Register Here](#)

Wednesday June 5, 2019
 Monthly General Membership and BOD Meeting

Presenter:
 Michael Green from Memory Spring will present on “Leadership”

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Save the Date!
24th Annual Summer Social
 “Official Passing of the Gavel Event”
 Location: TBD

July 25-26, 2019
 State Event

Leadership Training and Board of Directors Meeting
 Long Beach, CA

Please visit www.acec.org for a complete list of upcoming webinars and on-line classes



Debanik Chaudhuri
 Sierra Chapter President
 2018-2019

We need you at ACEC Legislative Visit Day!

By: Marco Pallila, Director and Grass Roots Chair



Who doesn't want a picture with the Governor's Grizzly Bear? Sierra Chapter members Bob Lokteff, Diane Ogden, Kevin Gustorf and Kathy Wickam did at last year's Leg Visit Day!

It is not too late to register and participate in the most important activity of the year: **ACEC Legislative Visit Day**. The big day is Wednesday, May 15th, and it is a full day of networking, meals, political engagement, and smoozing. If you care about the consulting engineering and land surveying industry in California, you don't want to miss this opportunity. No other event provides us the access and exposure to the politicians that impact our business on a daily basis.

If that is not enough, you also get a behind the scenes look at the Capitol and some great photo opportunities! (see above).

The day kicks-off with a Welcome Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Citizen Hotel. The breakfast will be followed by legislative office visits to the Capitol, a policy luncheon back at the Citizen Hotel and more legislative office visits after lunch. Additionally, ACEC-CA will offer a special "Legislative Training Session" for first and second time attendees. Our day ends with a reception honoring legislators, state officials and staff from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Brasserie Capitale.

Use this link to register: https://www.acec-ca.org/event/LVD_2019

Join our team, we need you!

April 2019 Meeting Recap - Young Professional Forum.

By: Kevin Gustorf, Vice President

At our April Membership Meeting, we were joined by over 20 young professionals from firms around the region, who had the chance to meet new colleagues and mingle with some seasoned veterans of the engineering, surveying and geotechnical industry. They also had the pleasure of listening to some wise words and sage advice from a diverse panel of industry professionals. Our Young Professionals Forum panel included:

- Nancy Walker – Vice President and California Water Market Lead – Kleinfelder
- Lynn Toth, PE – Land Development Engineer – City of Rocklin
- Tom Sell, PE – Vice President – Sage Engineers / Gannett Fleming
- Scott Lillibridge, PE – Assistant Vice President and Sacramento Office Manager – Rick Engineering

Meeting attendees heard from each panel member about some of the challenges they have faced in their career, and what they learned from those experiences. Each of those experiences and challenges have led them each to achieve great accomplishments in their profession. The panel members generously shared those experiences with the audience to help guide our up-and-coming professionals. The panel members provided their perspective on the important qualities, skills and characteristics necessary to build a lasting, rewarding and successful career. The young professionals had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with our panel members, which I'm sure will help each of them navigate tough decisions down the road.



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GET NOTICED IN THE SIERRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER!

Would you like to see YOUR FIRM listed in this Newsletter?

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 Kevin Gustorf, Vice President, for submission details.

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President's Message Continued

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could be the type of events are not of interest. May be a diversity in speaker pool will draw a large crowd. May be people don't see much value in attending the chapter events in terms networking and business development. We need to find the real answer to this question. I will urge the next year's board members to make a serious effort to reach out to the member firms and understand their needs and interests.

Now something on a more positive note! You probably have seen several announcements from our chapter and also from ACEC California about the Legislative Visit Day scheduled for May 15th. If you have not signed up yet, I strongly urge you to do so. It is great opportunity to meet with State legislators, make them understand the

important role of engineers and surveyors in the community, and promote ACEC agenda. If you have not participated in this event in past, I will tell you that it is a great learning event and an opportunity to peek behind the political and legislative curtain. It is also a good networking opportunity as you will get to meet with ACEC members from other chapters.

My tenure as your Chapter Board President is coming to end soon. We are planning for our Summer Social event where I will pass on the proverbial gavel to the next president. The event will be a fun filled one at. Stay tuned for the announcement with details. I hope to see you there!

Please note that there is no event this month due to conflict with other events. See you all on [June 5th](#) at our next meeting!

New Member Profile—GHD

By Kevin Gustorf, Vice President



Please welcome the newest member of the Sierra Chapter, GHD. GHD is one of the world's leading professional services companies operating in the global

markets of water, energy and resources, environment, property and buildings, and transportation. We provide engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services to private and public sector clients.

Established in 1928 and privately owned by our people, GHD operates across five continents - Asia, Australia,

Europe, North and South America - and the Pacific region.

Our local office in Roseville employs over 40 people. Globally, we employ more than 10,000 people in 200+ offices to deliver projects with high standards of safety, quality and ethics across the entire asset value chain. Driven by a client-service led culture, we connect the knowledge, skill and experience of our people with innovative practices, technical capabilities and robust systems to create lasting community benefits.

Welcome to the Chapter, GHD!

A SIERRA CHAPTER MEMBER PROFILE



A Business Group of
Gannett Fleming

SAGE Engineers has been a trusted advisor in maintaining critical water resources infrastructure in Northern California for over two decades. Now backed by the strength and multidisciplinary resources of global infrastructure firm Gannett Fleming, our services and staff resources have expanded. Our combined technical expertise provides a full suite of engineering services few other firms can match.



GROUND MOTIONS PERFORMED AT NEW BULLARDS BAR DAM

Gannett Fleming is a global infrastructure firm that provides planning, design, technology, and construction management services for a diverse range of markets and disciplines. With 2,500 highly qualified individuals across a global network of more than 60 offices, we are united in our passion to deliver excellence. We play a part in shaping infrastructure and improving communities in more than 65 countries, specializing in transportation, environmental, water, energy, and facility related projects.

SAGE Engineers has been a trusted advisor in maintaining critical water resources infrastructure in Northern California for over two decades. Now backed by the strength and multidisciplinary resources of global infrastructure firm Gannett Fleming, our services and staff resources have expanded. Our combined technical expertise provides a full suite of engineering services few other firms can match.

Ground motions were performed at the new Bullards Bar Dam. The dam is a large concrete structure situated in a valley with a reservoir behind it. The ground motions were performed to ensure the dam's structural integrity and safety.

serious about quality, Gannett Fleming's Quality Management System (QMS) defines the processes used to execute every project across the firm, regardless of scope or scale. We follow these processes from project development through project closeout and every step in between to deliver successful projects for our clients. What's more, our project execution processes comply with the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK). Developed by the Project Management Institute, the PMBOK is THE industry standard for world-class project execution and management.

Our QMS also is certified to the ISO 9001:2015 Standard for Quality Management Systems. We verify consistent companywide adherence to our QMS through intensive internal audits in each of our worldwide locations, as well as external audits performed by independent ISO-certified registrars.

Across markets and geographies worldwide, clients depend on our expertise to solve their most critical project challenges. Our technical knowledge, local relationships, and broad experience fuel our ability to provide innovative, transformative outcomes that improve our communities and sustain our world.

With every project, every day, we pledge our unyielding commitment to **Excellence Delivered As Promised.**



INSTALLATION OF NEW GENERATOR STEP-UP TRANSFORMER (GSU) BANK AT HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY.

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Public Agency Excellence Awards—Update

By : Debanik Chaudhury

There has been some change in plans. Instead of having Public Agency Excellence Award event in June as originally planned, the Sierra Chapter Board has decided to combine this event with our Engineering Excellence Award in Fall. We hope this will make the event more attractive and promote participation of the consulting community and the agencies. We will

announce the winners of the Public Agency Excellence Award before the event. Our apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment caused by this change. We will keep you posted of the details of the event. If you have previously submitted a nomination, you do not need to re-submit

24th Annual Summer Social—Save the Date, Saturday June 22nd

Mark your Calendar! Save the Date! Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. Sierra Chapter's 24th Annual Summer Social, the "official passing of the gavel event."

This is our annual party to celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming year. This is the only event that spouses and significant others are not only invited, but encouraged to attend so that we can just have fun and enjoy the event together.

Dress is casual . We will install new Chapter Officers

and Board Members, and say farewell to the 2018/2019 President, Debanik Chaudhury.

We promise to keep the evening casual with fun, good food and drinks. We also and guarantee to keep the meeting short and/or entertaining.

Soon you will be receiving an official invitation with all the details.

We look forward to seeing you on June 22nd!

