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**President's Message**

All good (and bad) things must come to an end. Let me start with the good things. As the President of the chapter, I had a great experience working with the Board of Directors and my fellow Officers, planning for new events, and welcoming friends and colleagues at every dinner meeting. We accomplished a lot, failed in some, and had a good time doing it. Personally, the initial few months were difficult for me, with full time work and part time teaching load. But I had great support from everyone. In fact, I used to look forward to our meetings, despite serious time crunch. The dreaded part of being the Chapter President, in my opinion, is writing the President's message – every month. I cannot say that scratching my head and dealing with writer's block while facing the looming newsletter deadline is a pleasant experience. I am sure most, if not all, past Presidents of the Chapter will agree with me. I am glad that I am writing the last message. Kevin, it is your turn now.

It won't be possible to wrap up my "last message" without thanking certain folks. First, thanks to my Board of Directors and fellow Officers for showing up every month, spending time to discuss the matters important for the Chapter (but boring), arranging event speakers and sometimes a whole panel. A huge thank you to Debbie LoCicero, our Chapter Administrator. I particularly want to thank Debbie for remembering all the little details that made our events successful – keeping track of the attendees, dealing with the event manager, picking up gift cards. She made us look efficient,

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**Debanik Chaudhuri**  
 Sierra Chapter President  
 2018-2019

**Calendar of Events**

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

**Wednesday June 5, 2019**

Monthly General Membership and BOD Meeting

*Presenter:*

**Michael Green from Memory Spring**

*Topic:*

***A Dynamic and Interactive Presentation on Leadership***

**[Registration Link](#)**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**Save the Date!**

**24th Annual Summer Social**

*Location:*

Sutter Street Steakhouse, Folsom

**[Registration Link](#)**

**July 25-26, 2019**

State Event

**Leadership Training and Board of Directors Meeting**

Long Beach, CA

***There will not be General Membership meetings in the months of July & August.***

***See you in September for the first meeting of the 2019/2020 year!***

Please visit [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org) for a complete list of upcoming webinars and on-line classes

## President's Message Continued

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and without her we would be a little lost. I would also like to thank Kathy Wickam for her continued long-distant support even after she left Sacramento and was no longer a part of the Sierra Chapter. Special thanks to Marco Palilla for his knowledge, wisdom, and enthusiasm to guide our chapter.

The last President's message won't be complete without boasting about some of our accomplishments during the year. So, here they are:

- We continued our support for engineering education through our donations to fund several scholarship programs including Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund and San Joaquin Engineers Council. We also supported high school STEM education through our contribution to local robotics teams and Sacramento Regional Science Fair. We hope our efforts would help advance our profession amongst the next generation of engineers.

- We continued our annual Young Professional Forum event that was introduced last year to attract young professional to our events.
- We had the ball rolling on Public Agency Excellence award. We decided to merge the event with Engineering Excellence Award in the Fall. So, keep an eye on future announcements.
- Sierra Chapter was very well represented at the Legislative Visit Day. Thank you to all chapter participants. It is so important that we, engineers stay engaged in the political process.

What did I miss?

I wish the best for Kevin and the incoming officers and look forward to serving the Chapter as a State Director.

Like every year, we are planning to close the year with some fun. The Summer Social is planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sutter Street Steakhouse in Folsom. I hope to see you there.

## June 5, 2019 General Membership Meeting-Michael Green, Memory Spring

By: Chad Coleman, Director

Our June Membership Meeting will feature a departure from our standard program that is intended to add value to our members by providing a presentation on an important professional development topic. Michael Green will teach an informative and interactive presentation on **Leadership** that will encourage all firm leaders and those that want to become leaders.

This is a great opportunity to take an evening to think about ways to improve Office and Firm leadership. It is also a great opportunity to invite young engineers who may be future firm leaders to begin to think about skills they need to develop.

Don't miss this Leadership presentation that will include discussions of:

- Specifics on Leadership in Today's AEC Environment
- The cost of employee turnover
- Common elements between top athletic coaches and business leaders
- 4 Factors of Leadership, and...
- The Helium Hula!

## ACEC-CA 2019 Legislative Visit Day Recap

By Marco Palilla, Sierra Chapter Director/Grassroots Chair



On May 15, 2019, the Sierra Chapter joined over 100 ACEC members from around the state for our 2019 Legislative Visit Day. This is our annual occasion to meet with our legislators and their staff to explain our views on various issues that impact our industry. In my opinion,

this is one of the most important activities for ACEC since it provides direct access to the people that have such impact on our businesses. It is also a great opportunity to remind legislators how important the engineering and surveying industry is to the daily lives of every Californian.



Sierra Chapter members who attended Legislative Visit Day included (left to right) Scott Lillibrige, Steve Sinnock, Rosa Griggs, Diane Ogden, Dana Remington, Debanik Chaudhuri, Harvey Oslick, Kevin Gustorf, Fortunato Enriquez and Marco Palilla. (Not pictured: Bob Lokteff and Chad Coleman)

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The day kicked off with breakfast at The Citizens Hotel before we walked over to the Capitol for our morning meetings with Assembly members (or their staff) and

Senate members (or their staff). During open time slots, members visited committee meetings and posed with iconic statues (see below).



Sierra Chapter members Rosa Griggs, Dana Remington and Diane Ogden posing with the Governor's grizzly bear on Legislative Visit Day. The Officer in the background had his stun gun at the ready!

Key talking points with legislators included the following:

- ACEC California Supports Building a Better California including support of SB 1, water infrastructure, state rail improvements, and housing development.
- AB 626 (Quirk-Silva): Design Professionals' Continuity of Services – This is the Government Code 1090 legislation that is moving through House and Senate committees.
- Engineering Excellence Award Winners – ACEC projects were posted near the Governor's office.
- SB 522 (Hertzberg): Sales Tax on Services - While this bill is tabled until next year, we let everyone know it has many problems.
- AB 5 (Gonzalez): Dynamex – We are trying to carve engineers and land surveyors out of this bill since it does not apply to our profession. Legislators were very sympathetic.
- Finally we promoted our Scholarship Winners, two of which were from UOP.

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Sierra Chapter members Kevin Gustorf, Bob Lokteff, Fortunato Enriquez, Dana Remington and Chad Coleman meeting with Senator Jim Nielsen.

After a lunch break back at the Citizens Hotel, we continued afternoon meetings through 5:00 PM with legislators (or their staff). After the legislative meetings,

everyone met up at Brasserie Capitale for a friendly reception that included legislators and their staff. Thanks again to the Sierra Chapter members who made this another awesome event!



ACEC members Ben Crawford (left), Marco Palilla (right) posing with Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (center) at the Legislative Reception.

## 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

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## 24th Annual Summer Social—Save the Date, Saturday June 22nd Sutter Street Steakhouse—Folsom

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 22<sup>nd</sup>!

(Invitation Attached)





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Coleman Engineering provides planning, design, and construction engineering services exclusively for water projects – drinking water, wastewater, recycled water, storm water, irrigation water, etc. Our experience is specialized and focused making us experts in what we do. In addition to our demonstrated technical skills, our engineers are dedicated to outstanding client service. We accomplish this by maintaining a focus on providing service that makes our Clients jobs easier: easier during design... easier during construction... and easier operations during the life of the facility.



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Our resume includes engineering services including planning, modeling, funding support, design and construction engineering services on pump stations, pipelines, storage tanks, and treatment plants for all water utilities.

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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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**Recording Secretary**  
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# ACEC California Sierra Chapter

June 2019

*You are cordially invited to attend:*

## General Membership and BOD “Dinner” Meeting

**Wednesday June 5, 2019**

Guest Speaker:

**Michael Green, Memory Spring**

Topic of Discussion:

***“A dynamic and interactive presentation on Leadership”***

### **On-line Registration/ RSVP:**

[Register Here](#)

*Or you can:*

**\*Pay by check at the door.**

**\*Pay Cash at the door.**

**R.S.V.P. deadline: Monday  
June 3, 2019 12:00 noon**

\*If paying by cash or check at the door, please either “RSVP Only” at the above Eventbrite link, or email [dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org](mailto:dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org) for reserving your seat.



Meetings are held at the Hilton unless otherwise noted.

***Hilton Sacramento Arden West***

**220 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm: BOD Meeting**

**6:00pm - 6:30pm: Networking**

**6:30pm - 8:00pm: General Membership  
Dinner Meeting**

## ACEC Sierra Chapter

*You and a Guest are Cordially Invited to:*

### The 24th Annual Summer Social Event

*The official "Passing of the Gavel and  
Introduction of the 2019/2020 Board of Directors"*

**Saturday, June 22nd, 2019**

**Time: 5:30-8:30**

**Sutter Street Steakhouse  
604 Sutter St, Folsom, CA 95630**

#### **Dinner Entree Choices:**

*(Wine & Appetizers will be served before Dinner)*

1. Market Fresh Fish.
2. Mary's Organic Brick Chicken Breast with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Wild Mushrooms, and Herb Pan Jus Sauce.
3. 6oz. Filet with Roasted Garlic Potatoes.

*Vegetarian & Vegan Options Available Upon Request*

**\$60 Per Person**

*(All Dinners include Salad and Dessert)*

[Register Here](#)