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President's Message
 By Kevin Gustorf

Well, here we are, eight or so weeks into the shelter-in-place order. And I, for one, am ready for it to end. And I'm not saying that just because my 8-year old daughter interrupted me in my "office" for the fifth time in an hour... okay, so maybe I am. However, it sounds like there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Some states have begun to gradually re-open, while many others have discussed their plans for a gradual re-open. For the first time, we are actually hearing about real dates for when activities can return. So, what does that mean for us? It's difficult to predict, but I think we can all agree that our daily routine won't return to "normal" any time soon. It's too early to tell how Covid-19 will impact our businesses in the long term, but many folks that I've talked to believe it will have a long-term impact on how our businesses operate, such as how we evaluate office space, work hours, allowances to work remotely, the acceptance of virtual meetings, and so on. I've always been impressed with how engineers run a business, and I'm certain that most of our firms will get through these times and be stronger and better for it.

Even though our Chapter has temporarily halted our normal events, the Board is still meeting and conducting business. We are

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Kevin Gustorf
 Sierra Chapter President
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Calendar of Events

Meetings are at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.
 Member Cost: \$50 - Non-Member \$60

Wednesday May 20, 2020
 11:00 a.m.—Noon

Board of Directors Meeting:
 Virtual Meeting -Microsoft Teams
 (email kgustorf@Woodrogers.com for email link.

Meeting Cancelled
Rescheduled for May 12, "2021"

May 20, 2020.
 ACEC-CA—ASCE—APWA
Joint Legislative Visit Day

June 2020 Annual Summer Social

TBD

No BOD or General Membership Meetings in July or August 2020

Wednesday Sept. 16, 2020
 Sierra Chapter General Membership and BOD Dinner Meeting

TBD

State Level

May 21, 2020 BOD Meeting
 Virtual Meeting

July 29-30, 2020 Leadership Training & Board of Directors Meeting

TBD

Annual Strategic Summit

To be held in conjunction with
ACEC– National Fall Conference
 October 28-31, 2020
 San Diego, CA

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approaching the end of our fiscal year, and it's time to start to planning for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. The Sierra Chapter Board will have at least one open Director position for the next fiscal year. Every employee of every member firm is eligible to sit on the Chapter Board. It is a great way to get involved in our industry, and I encourage you all to consider running for the Board. The work we do as a Board and as an organization is focused on bettering the business community for our companies. So, if you are interested in joining the Sierra Chapter Board, please reach out to me or anyone else on our current Board. Nominations are open and due by May 18th. We will discuss Board nominations and make a

recommendation at our next Board meeting, which will be held on May 20th. All are welcome to join and participate in the Board meetings.

ACEC-CA provides a weekly Covid-19 update by email, every Thursday, with tons of great resources and up-to-date information. The information is also posted to the ACEC-CA website (www.acec-ca.org). If you are curious about the stimulus opportunities, employee benefit programs, or return-to-work procedures for your firms, please check out the ACEC-CA website or contact an ACEC representative, they are here for us.

That's all I've got for today. Please stay safe, healthy, productive and positive.

Update on Covid-19 Impacts

By Landon Blake, State Director

Federal Updates

Congress approved approximately \$300 million dollars of additional funding for the Payroll Protection Program. Congress is currently discussing an additional stimulus package (possibly related to infrastructure funding) known as the "Phase 4 Stimulus." Negotiations related to the stimulus package are expected to be intense and will officially begin when the house and senate return to business in early May.

California Updates

As hospitalizations for COVID-19 decrease, Governor Newsom has allowed hospitals to resume urgent elective surgeries. Several cities and counties in California have asked Governor Newsom to begin lifting shelter-in-place restrictions.

Governor Newsom also indicated local jurisdictions may have some role in rolling back shelter-in-place restrictions. The Mercury News said: "When we consider the loosening of our stay-at-home orders, we will

consider local conditions," Newsom said. "We will consider those things not only from the perspective of the spread of the virus, not only from the perspective of the number of deaths and trend lines, but also in terms of our broader capacity."

City Journal reported on the financial impacts of COVID-19 on government financing. It said: "The coronavirus-induced recession will make clear how tenuous California's financial condition has become. The state's much-touted \$21 billion operating-budget surplus is likely [to disappear](#) entirely under the weight of declining revenues and rising welfare costs. Since March, California's [chronically underfunded](#) unemployment-insurance claims grew by 1.6 million filers.

Coupled with a drop in revenues, expanding demand for services will prove catastrophic. More than [two-thirds of California cities](#) have no funds set aside for retiree health care and other retirement expenses; the budgets of 12 of the 15 largest cities are in the red. The state overall owes

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Sierra Chapter Board of Directors Meetings Continue

By Kevin Gustorf, Chapter President

Sierra Chapter Members, we wanted to let you all know that the Sierra Chapter Board has continued to meet and conduct business (virtually) as we shelter-in-place. Our meetings are still held on the third Wednesday of the month, and are being held via Teams.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 20th and is open to all members. If you are interested in joining our next Board meeting, please email me at kgustorf@woodrogers.com and I will send you the meeting invite.

Sierra Chapter Board – FY 20/21 Board Nominations – NOW OPEN

By Kevin Gustorf, Chapter President

To all Sierra Chapter Members, nominations are now being accepted for positions on our FY 20/21 Sierra Chapter Board. Our Board consists of nine (9) members, three Officer positions and six Director positions, which are selected from amongst our Chapter member firms. Our business year extends from July 1 through June 30.

If you are interested in joining the Board for FY 20/21, please email me at kgustorf@woodrogers.com. All nominations must be submitted by May 18th. Next year's Board will be voted on at the May 20th Board and General Membership meeting.

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\$1 trillion in pension debt, notes former [Democratic state senator Joe Nation](#). [Truth in Accounting](#) in 2019 placed California, despite the tech boom, 42nd in fiscal health among the states.”

COVID-19 Webinars/Resources

ACEC Webinar On Legislative and Regulatory Updates To Property and Casualty Insurance Related to COVID-19

ACEC California is hosting a webinar with Mike Olson from Dealey, Renton and Associates to provide an overview of the legislative and regulatory updates to the Property and

Casualty insurance industry impacting California engineering firms. The program will also review COVID-19's application to the various insurance coverages as well as claims trends the industry may see. ACEC California lobbyists will be in the presentation to help provide perspective.

ACEC National Web Page On COVID-19 Resources For Business

ACEC National has a dedicated web page for business resources related to COVID-19: <https://www.acec.org/conferences/coronavirus/>

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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 Jerry Jones, Vice President, for submission details.

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