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President's Message

By Tom Sell

Hello, Sierra Chapter.

It's hard to believe my year as the Sierra Chapter President is coming to an end. We had a complete year of events for the first time in three terms. While we had a couple of hiccups, our chapter board, admin, and member firms showed great agility and resiliency to maintain continuity of business. How's that for some presidential lingo. I had a good time seeing friends and colleagues at the meetings and welcoming new individuals and new firms. I'm proud of the board's efforts this year in securing a variety of speakers, collaborating with APWA and Calmentor, and contributing to our newsletters. A big thank you to the members that supported ACEC National and ACEC California events and initiatives, either through your time or donations.

A huge thank you to Debbie LoCicero, our Chapter Administrator, who takes care of all the details, coordinates with the vendors, and generally keeps us organized. Debbie was certainly top of mind as I wrote "great agility and resiliency".

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Tom Sell
 Sierra Chapter President
 2022-2023

Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.

Member Cost: \$50 - Non-Member \$60

ACEC Sierra Chapter

"In the works" 2023/2024 General Membership and BOD Dinner Meetings.

Mark your Calendar!

Details coming in the September 2023 newsletter.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

As stated above, meetings are held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.

ACEC-California

July 26 & 27, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting and Leadership Training (Walnut Creek)

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

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I am happy to be passing the gavel (and the responsibility for this President's Message) to Erik Fanselau and look forward to the year ahead under his leadership. I wish the best for Erik and the incoming officers as I continue to serve the chap-

ter as a State Director. As usual, we take a break from meetings for the summer. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the first dinner meeting of the new year, currently planned for September 20. Hope to see you then.

ACEC Legislative Visit Day Recap

By Marco Palilla, Sierra Chapter Director/Grassroots Chair



On May 10, 2023, the Sierra Chapter joined over 80 ACEC members from around the state for our 2023 Legislative Visit Day. This was our first "in-

person" event since 2019 and 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. This year's event was another excellent experience!



Can you spot the Sierra Chapter members in this photo?

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The day kicked off with breakfast at the Elks Tower and some key presentations from Senator Lena Gonzalez (ACEC's Legislator of the Year) and Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. Tyler Munzing (ACEC's Director of Government Affairs) then briefed the group on our plans for the day, our talking points, and what to expect at the Swing Space (the legislatures temporary working area while the Capitol is under renovation). Senator Brian Jones thanked ACEC for our efforts over the years and helped make a special presentation to long time member Roger Ball, with Rick Engineering, who is retiring after many years of service to our organization. After lunch we all headed over to the Swing Space with a quick photo stop at the Capitol (photo, previous page).

Special shout out to the following Sierra Chapter members who spent the afternoon meeting with Assembly and Senate members (or their staff): Chad Coleman, Luciana Cunha, Joy Denny, Dan Forgey, Rosa Griggs, Kevin Gustorf, Lincoln Leaman, Scott Lillibridge, Bob Lokteff, Erin McPherson, Marco Palilla, Dana Remington and Katie Wrightson. We had a great mix of veterans and first timers as well as the largest contingent of any Chapter! I could not have been prouder of our group and their efforts on Leg Visit Day. Another special thank you to Rosa Griggs who worked closely with me this year to better understand the Leg Visit Day logistics and overall planning process. Below is an assortment of photos taken during Sierra Chapter legislative meetings:



Sierra Chapter Members with Legislators on Legislative Visit Day 2023

After the legislative meetings, everyone met back up at the Elks Tower for a friendly reception that included legislators and their staff. Next page is a photo of Sierra Chapter members talking with

Assemblymember Josh Hoover (center). Josh represents the 7th District which encompasses Rancho Cordova, Folsom and Citrus Heights.

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Thanks again to all the Sierra Chapter members who made this another awesome event!

Membership



The Sierra Chapter is proud to announce the Board of Directors approved and welcomed the following new firms in the past year:

Firm	Month/Yr. Joined	Member Type	City
TRC	03/2023	Engineering	Roseville
Ultieg	06/2023	Engineering	Rancho Cordova

*Did you know that individual members that help to bring a new state ACEC California member can take advantage of the Member-Get-a-Member Recruitment Program that entitles recruiters to a \$100 VISA Gift Card? If you know a firm that may be interested in joining ACEC California, please reach out to **Erik Fanselau, Erik.Fanselau@ghd.com**.*

ACEC Sierra Chapter Firm Profile



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<p>125+ CIVIL EMPLOYEES</p>	<p>75+ ENERGY SOLUTIONS EMPLOYEES</p>	<p>175+ PROJECT MANAGEMENT & FIELD SERVICE EMPLOYEES</p>

Sierra Chapter 2023 Summer Social Event

By Erik Fanselau, Vice President

On June 14th, many of your Sierra Chapter leadership, members, and spouses gathered at La Provence in Roseville for our annual Summer Social. It was an evening of great food, great fun, and great conversation. This is our yearly event to celebrate our past year and accomplishments and transition to our

new term of Officers and Directors. I was humbled to receive the gavel from our current President, Tom Sell. We also introduced our two new leaders, Secretary/Treasurer, Lincoln Leaman, and Director, Rami Gharaibeh. Please plan to join us in June 2024 for our next Summer Social. You will not be disappointed!



Tom Sell “passing the gavel” to newly appointed 2023/2024 president Erik Fanselau



Erik presents Tom Sell with a plaque in honor of his presidency during the 2022/2023 term.

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

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Board of Directors Announcement

By Erik Fanselau, President

Your Sierra Chapter Board of Directors are pleased to announce the addition of Lincoln Leaman (TRC) and Rami Gharaibeh (Michael Baker International) to our Board. Lincoln will be serving as the new Secretary/Treasurer and has over 30 years of experience in the planning, design, and construction management of a broad range of capital improvement projects including:

transportation, recreation, underground utilities, and water-related projects. Rami will be serving as a Director and has over five years of experience as a water resources engineer including pipelines, flood mapping, flood mitigation, and water quality. Rami's experience includes both local and international projects.

Please join me in welcoming them to the Board.

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