



# COLLEGE OF FELLOWS NEWSLETTER

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## Chairman's Corner



Committee of Fellows  
Chairman Miller Love

As the incoming Chairman of the Committee of Fellows, there are several items on the next Committee meeting in June.

First and foremost, is the question of what can be done to enhance the status of being an ACEC Fellow? I have

heard comments concerning being an ACEC Fellow and they basically deal with dissatisfaction with the emoluments of being a Fellow. The committee will review our options and decide what can be accomplished to eliminate this issue.

I fully intend to diligently work to make being an ACEC Fellow a symbol that those attaining the designation of Fellow have contributed for years at the national, state and professionally in a highly exemplary manner over career of the individual and that this is one of the crowning achievements of one's career in ACEC and professionally.

There will be a list of items on the June meeting agenda to begin to address this issue. I would also like to receive input from Fellows with your thoughts and ideas as how the aforementioned stated objective can be accomplished.

Next, ACEC Chairman Richard Wells, Fellow, has asked the Committee of Fellows to consider ways that the Fellows can impart experience and mentor the members of the newly created Emerging Leaders Forum (ELF) in ACEC. Assisting these emerging leaders with the experience and knowledge of our senior Fellows can bring insight to these emerging leaders how ACEC has matured into the highly successful and professional organization that we belong to. The future of ACEC rests in the hands of these emerging leaders and they need to be well versed in the history and the vision for the future as they ascend to leadership positions in ACEC.

Finally, I would like to thank and commend the Past Chairman of the Committee of Fellows, Everett Cowan for his leadership, sage advice, and guidance to the Committee during his tenure and to the diligent members of the Committee for the time you volunteer to support the Committee in attainment of its mission, goals and objectives.

**Miller Love, Chair  
Committee of Fellows**

**See you at the ACEC Fall Conference,  
Waikoloa, HI, Oct. 22-25, 2014**

## COF Elects New Fellows

The College of Fellows elected 11 new Fellows at the ACEC 2014 Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. They are: Blake Murillo, Psomas, Los Angeles, Calif.; David Diestelkamp, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., St. Louis, Mo.; Glenn Rehberger, CH2M HILL, Newport News, Va.; John Katahira, The Limtiaco Consulting Group, Honolulu, Hawaii; Mark Hamouz, Alfred Benesch & Company, Denver, Colo.; Robert Refvem, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Centennial, Colo.; Robert Salaber, Salaber Associates, Inc., Dixon, Calif.; Roger Lee Ball, Rick Engineering Company, San Diego, Calif.; Ron Bottorff, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Lincoln, Neb.; Stanley Sugden, Ruekert & Mielke, Waukesha, Wis.; and William (Bill) Green, RBF Consulting, Temecula, Calif. The new Fellows will be inducted at the 2014 ACEC Fall Conference in Waikoloa, Hawaii, October 22-25.

Kenneth Nelson, chairman of Clark Dietz, Inc., in Arlington Heights, Ill., was elected as a Life Fellow.

## Outside Board Member Registry Update

Due to legal and antitrust concerns, the ACEC Executive Committee is not willing to proceed with a Outside Board Registry.

As an alternative, ExCom proposed developing a registry of advisors with no reference to Board Membership. ExCom thought this might pass legal muster.

Past COF's Chair Everett Cowan and Tim Psomas were not sure this option would meet the original purpose of the Registry.

Some members of the Outside Board Registry Committee wanted to further evaluate the path to take on this effort. The item will be on the agenda at the upcoming COF's Board Meeting at Hilton Head in June, 2014.

## Chicago Project Wins Top EEA Award

At the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala during the ACEC Convention, the Wacker Drive and Congress Parkway Reconstruction project in Chicago was recognized as the top engineering achievement of the year. TranSystems led the project team, which included Alfred Benesch & Company, T.Y. Lin, International, Burns & McDonnell, Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., Parsons Brinkerhoff, and Lachner.

The Wacker Drive Reconstruction consisted of the complete reconstruction of a two-level structure in the heart of the City of Chicago Business District.

On the reconstructed lower level of Wacker Drive, the main lanes offer express access through the Busi-

ness District, while the service lanes provide access to parking garages and loading docks. The upper level is used for access to side streets, the lobbies of buildings and for pedestrian access.

During construction, access was maintained to all buildings on both the lower and upper levels. More than 135,000 motor vehicles and 150,000 pedestrians moved through the construction zone on a daily basis. The total project cost was \$303 million. Started in June, 2010, it was completed in November, 2013.

## COF Celebrates Eight Scholarship Winners



Nicholas True



Jamieson Matthews



Cody Porter



Elise Takebayashi



Jared Rogers



Michael Dube



Adam Morel



James Yokoyama

The COF’s Scholarship Committee received a number of outstanding applicants for the six ACEC General Scholarships and the two CASE Scholarships.

The 28 scholarship applicants came from 15 different Member Organizations, including several that had not submitted applications in the past.

The winner of the \$10,000 ACEC Scholar of the Year scholarship is Nicholas True at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Jamieson Matthews, Auburn University, was awarded the the \$7,500 Kennedy/Jenks Consultants Scholarship.

Cody Porter, University of Kansas, won the \$5,000 ACEC Business Insurance Trust(BIT) Scholarship.

The \$5,000 ACEC Life Health Trust (LHT) Scholarship goes to Elise Takebayashi, University of Southern California.

Both Jared Rogers, Kansas State University, and Michael Dube, Northeastern University, won \$2,000 scholarships from the Small Firm Council.

CASE awarded two scholarships this year. Adam Morel, Purdue University, and James Yokoyama, University of Hawaii, each won \$1,500 scholarships

The winner of CASE Scholarship 1 of \$1,500 was Adam Morel of Purdue University and the winner of CASE Scholarship 2 of \$1,500 was James Yokoyama of the University of Hawaii.

## ACEC’s Key “Capitol Hill” Priorities

The ACEC Government Affairs Staff presented an outstanding briefing on key ACEC legislative issues during the ACEC Convention.

The briefing covered key priorities/issues for the ACEC’s Citizen Lobbyists’ in their visits with their Congressional delegations.

The Citizen Lobbyists were instructed to focus on three key issues during their Capitol Hill visits: final passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA); proposed tax code changes of concern to engineering firms; and both the near- and long-term funding crisis affecting the nation’s surface transportation programs.

## Support ACEC/PAC as Mid-Term Elections Near

The 2014 congressional mid-term elections are now in full swing. The primaries began in Texas in early March and will not wind down until September in the Northeast, followed soon after by Election Day on November 4th.

ACEC/PAC has already disbursed over \$400,000 this year to candidates from both parties who support policies that promote the infrastructure industry and ACEC Member Firms.

Congressional votes on key water and transportation bills have been (or currently are) before Members of the U.S. House and Senate. These issues, while critical to the long-term growth of the private consulting business, are even more important to the economic long term health of our nation.

That’s why your personal contributions to our federal political action committee—ACEC/PAC—are essential to our federal advocacy efforts and ensure that the voice of the engineering community is heard loud and clear.

ACEC/PAC is one of the largest business association PACs in the country (among the top 4 percent of all federal PACs) but we need to be even stronger if we truly want to have a significant impact upon the political process and the issues that matter on Capitol Hill.

Help us continue to make certain that the “Engineers’ Voice” is heard and respected in the halls of Congress.

Look at your support of ACEC/PAC as an investment in your business, industry, and future.

Support ACEC/PAC right now—when we need it most!

For more information or to make a contribution online, go to <http://pac.acec.org/>

## ACEC Committee of Fellows

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