

CEAC Newsletter

November 2014

Editor: Ken Miller

President's Message

By

Scott D. McGolpin

My oh my, how time flies. This time last year I was preparing to become your CEAC president, as 99 previous presidents had done before me. I cannot believe that our 100th year of CEAC's service to the citizens of the state of California is drawing to a close. It certainly has been a great year!



As we celebrated this outstanding organization's centennial this year, it was humbling to note how many counties recognized CEAC's contributions to public works with resolutions from Board of Supervisors around state. My own senator, Hannah-Beth Jackson also sponsored a senate resolution to mark this historic event (the Senator was also instrumental in the \$100 million early repayment of the loan from HUTA to counties and cities for local road maintenance within the FY 2014-15 state budget). I hope you provided each of your board members with a CEAC pocket protector! At the NACE Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, and again at the NACE/AACE Western Regional Conference, CEAC shared the centennial message by showing our centennial video to all attendees. It was obvious to me that CEAC has garnered respect not only in California, but across America. Your active participation in CEAC is the basis of our outstanding reputation. Thank you for your continued support!



As we all know, the lack of adequate funding for transportation has been an issue for many years. We started this year hoping that a potential solution may be on the horizon to help us close our funding gap. At the 2013 fall conference in San Jose, we heard Transportation California's proposal for

President's Message (cont.)

increasing revenue options. While their proposal did not go forward to the general election, it did prompt a larger discussion in California for alternatives to the state gas tax. With the increasing number of alternative fueled vehicles in California and elsewhere, we continue to see our primary transportation funding source diminish. The conversation to replace gas taxes will commence in earnest at the fall conference in Orange County. Each one of us must engage in the conversation in order to develop a sustainable alternative transportation funding source in the future. In addition, the federal transportation funding bill known as MAP 21 is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2015. The continued partnership with CSAC, the League of California Cities and the National Association of County Engineers is critical to insuring that our federal delegation knows what California's counties and cities need from Washington D.C. and the federal transportation bill.

CSAC and Los Angeles County led a successful legislative proposal to amend the state's biomass definition in 2014. The revised definition now includes "non-combustion thermal" technologies, thus providing conversion technology the same regulatory certainty and incentives currently provided to "controlled combustion biomass." This is the future of solid waste management in California, and once again, CEAC is taking a leadership role not only in California, but across the country, to develop resource recovery and alternative disposal methods for municipal solid waste material. To more accurately reflect this role, the CEAC solid waste committee was renamed in 2014 as the "Resource Recovery and Waste Management" committee.

This past summer we each had the opportunity to review and comment on a fact sheet developed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The

fact sheet outlined California's Disaster Proclamation Process and the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding process. Thanks in part to our input, the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency since the March 2011 tsunami has included state contributions to local government emergency or disaster related costs, in eight of forty-six declared events. These actions by the state, coupled with FEMA's continued denial of a road commissioners' authority contained within state law, must be addressed in order to protect each of our respective transportation infrastructure systems during disasters. We must work with our state delegations *now* to protect our future ability to obtain gubernatorial proclamations of a state emergency with access to CDAA proceeds. The CEAC board of directors commissioned a white paper this year to assist us when federal disasters strike, and FEMA funding is pursued. In addition, a strategy was developed to create a potential funding source for storm water services. If successful, we will no longer have to rob "Peter to pay Paul" to accomplish this mandated work.

If someone asked you a decade ago, "have you tweeted today," how would you have answered that question? In today's world, it seems that if you are not tweeting or Facebooking on a frequent basis, then your organization is probably behind the curve in communicating with your customers. Elected officials have already embraced social media – have you? Twitter has approximately 65 million monthly active users in our nation. For CEAC to remain relevant and influential, we must be present where the people are. We must adapt, or face declining relevance. This will be a challenge for us in the future. In addition, CEAC as an organization must continue to look for all opportunities that provide diversity in our leadership. Through our scholarship program

President's Message (Cont.)

we must encourage diversity in our candidates to insure our public works organizations, and ultimately CEAC, reflect the communities we serve.

In closing, there are so many people I need to thank. First, I am honored that the CLODS selected me to guide CEAC in 2014. It has been an experience of a lifetime and I cannot thank them enough for this opportunity. Thank you to the board of directors for providing their strong leadership and direction; many thanks to each of our members that take an active role in the CEAC regional activities and policy committees; and thank you to our affiliates whose tremendous support makes all of our activities a reality. Lastly, on behalf of CEAC, a very big thank you to our CSAC partners - Merrin, DeAnn, Kiana, Cara, Karen and Chris. From their advocacy efforts this past year on numerous legislative issues, to staffing and conducting our conferences, we are all extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with this team. Their efforts have once again been outstanding!

Please join me in welcoming our 2015 president, Mike Penrose from Sacramento County. May we all provide him the support needed to continue to move CEAC into the next century. The next hundred years will provide tremendous opportunities for CEAC. While we must learn from our past, it is our responsibility today to insure we have positioned CEAC to take advantage of every future opportunity.

Thank you for your public service and for all of your support this past year.

Scott

***Scott,
Thank you for your commitment
and strong leadership of our
CEAC organization this year.
You Done Good!***

NACE Report - Fall 2014

by Pat DeChellis
CEAC Representative to the NACE
Board of Directors

NACE held its annual conference this year in Baton Rouge, Louisiana April 13-17, 2014. We again had a good turnout of CEAC members led by our President, Scott McGolpin. In addition, our President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and immediate Past President attended representing CEAC very well. I want to encourage each NACE member to attend a future conference. I highly recommend it.

A highlight of this Conference was the installation of Julie Bueren, CEAC member and Contra Costa County Director of Public Works, as the NACE Western Region Vice President on the NACE Board of Directors. While I recognize that this is a significant commitment of time for Julie, I understand that Julie's input on the Board is much valued. Keep up the good work, Julie, representing CEAC and the Western Region on the NACE Board of Directors.

I continue to find the NACE Annual Conference very informative and I always take away something new. For this conference, there was a continued strong emphasis on roadway safety and practices that have been developed to improve safety. Safety is our No. 1 priority in Los Angeles County and I am sure it is in yours. What I learn about safety practices and improvements elsewhere in the country is reason enough to continue to attend the NACE Annual Conference.

The 2015 Conference will be held April 19-23 in Daytona Beach (Volusia County), Florida. I am looking forward to attending this one. It is a joint conference with the Florida Chapter of APWA and it is anticipated that there could be upwards of 800 attendees. You can already go on-line to the NACE website, www.countyengineers.org, to register and to secure your room for this event. I also understand that the host hotel is right on the beach.

Future Conferences are:

- 2016 – April 24-28 in Tacoma, Washington
- 2017 – April 9-13 in Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2018 – At a location in the Midwest to be determined at the 2015 Conference

NACE no longer “bids out” the annual conference. Selection is now made on a regional basis. When it gets back to the Western Region, I would strongly recommend that CEAC once again consider hosting the Conference. We have much to offer and it is a shame that we don't share it with the County Engineers throughout the Country.

Julie Bueren and I recently attended the 29th Annual Midwest County Engineers Conference held in Rapid City, South Dakota, which is one of the locations being considered for the 2018 Annual Conference. This conference was attended by almost 400 Public Works Directors, County Engineers, Road Superintendents, and Road Supervisors from States throughout the Midwest Region. The NACE Board of Directors held its fall meeting in conjunction with this conference. The conference emphasized how to improve maintenance, operations, and safety of county roads.

The NACE Western Regional Annual Conference was held November 5-7, 2014 in Laughlin, Nevada and was hosted by the Arizona Association of County Engineers. Our President, Scott McGolpin, coordinated presentations by several of our CEAC members, which included himself as part of the Welcome and showing the CEAC Centennial Video, Greg Kelley from Los Angeles County on Cold-in-Place treatment, Tom Fayram from Santa Barbara County and Mike Penrose from Sacramento County on the Owners Panel, and myself as part of a panel discussion on funding alternatives. As I have previously stated, I always take away something new from these conferences that I want to try in my own county.

Hope to see you in Volusia County in April 2015!!!

Member Spotlight

New Affiliate

Bennett Engineering Services, established in 1977, provides a full range of professional engineering services for public works infrastructure projects from initial planning through project startup. Experienced professional staff provide their expertise in project areas including: water; wastewater; transportation; land development; stormwater pollution prevention planning; expert witness testimony; construction management; and extension of staff to agencies.

Bennett Engineering Services
1082 Sunrise Ave., Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95661

Contact: Karman Cates, Marketing Manager
Phone: (916) 783-4100
Email: kcates@ben-en.com
Website: www.ben-en.com
Additional Contacts: Orin Bennett, PE, President
and Leo Rubio, PE, Vice-President



Returning Affiliate

TRC Engineers, Inc.
10680 White Rock Road, Suite 100
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Contact: Mark Imbriani, Vice-President
Phone: (916) 366-0632
Fax: (916) 366-1501
Email: mimbriani@trcsolutions.com
Website: www.trcsolutions.com



Thank you Conference Sponsors!



CEAC Memorial Scholarships

Once again, the Scholarship Committee consisting of Steve Kowalewski, Chair, from Contra Costa County and assisted by Vincent Gin, Orange County, and Scott DeLeon, Lake County, had the task of wading through and evaluating sixteen scholarship applications that were received from around the state this year.

The Committee finally arrived at a consensus to award a total of three scholarships, two for students pursuing engineering degrees and one for a student pursuing surveying. Each of the scholarships was in the amount of \$2,000.

The committee recognized that not only were the selected recipients exceptional students, but also participated in many outside activities and life experiences that made them perfect recipients for the scholarships.

The engineering scholarships were awarded to Elizabeth Jachens and Kianna Negoro.

Elizabeth is from Rescue, California and attends CSU Chico majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in mathematics. She anticipates receiving her degree in May 2015.

Kianna is from Fresno, California and attends CSU Fresno majoring in Civil Engineering and will complete her degree requirements in December 2014.

Marco Castaneda has been awarded the scholarship in surveying. He is from Manteca, California and attends CSU Fresno majoring in Geomatics Engineering. He anticipates his degree in May 2015.

Since its inception, the CEAC Memorial Scholarship Fund has provided over \$125,000 in scholarships to deserving engineering and surveying students around the state.

Anyone desiring to make a tax deductible donation to the Fund may do so by sending a check directly to the CEAC Treasurer, who will in turn confirm your donation and place it into the Scholarship Fund for future distribution.



Elizabeth Jachens, above, proudly displays her scholarship award flanked by Scott DeLeon, Lake Co., and Mike Crump, Butte Co., and supported by CSU Chico Civil Engineering Department Chair, Curt Haselton, and Professor Stewart Oakley.



Fresno County's Director of Public Works and Planning, Alan Weaver, honored Kianna and Marco with their scholarships at the October 24th meeting of the San Joaquin Road Commissioners/County Engineers Association.



CEAC 100 Years

As reported in the Newsletter over the past year, our organization has been led and supported by many outstanding individuals in the field of public works.

In our efforts to locate photos of all of our past Presidents, we have come across interesting facts about the careers of our past leaders. For example, Bob Glenn, our very first Newsletter Editor, was found to have captained his college baseball team and pitched in two major league baseball games.

We found that many of our early leaders were actually registered surveyors first and registered engineers later on as registration of surveyors in California began in 1891, while the registration of civil engineers did not begin until 1929.

Many of our early county surveyors were elected, not appointed. Many of these county surveyors along with road commissioners, county engineers, and public works directors moved on to become county administrative officers, city council members, mayors, city engineers and heads of statewide commissions. Their stories are widely varied, interesting and quite remarkable.

One our these men with a remarkable and exciting life and career history is **Robert L. Ryan**, who served as CEAC President in 1949-50.

Robert L. Ryan **Ventura County Surveyor** **CEAC President 1949-50**

(Photo of Ryan is from 1919-20 time period as he worked on a survey crew at the Grand Canyon)



Robert Laurence Ryan was born in Galesburg, Illinois on January 17, 1894. He attended Knox College

in Galesburg before going to the University of California at Berkeley. He graduated in 1917 with a degree in engineering, although he left six months early in order to serve with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in France during World War I.

Following the war, he joined a survey crew at the Grand Canyon that was doing the initial survey work for an aerial tramway proposed for a crossing of the canyon from El Tovar on the south rim, then across several buttes and outcroppings to the north rim of the canyon. At the time this tramway was proposed as a more scenic and comfortable alternative than mules as a way of crossing the canyon.

In accomplishing the survey, the crew consisting of three surveyors, “camp rustlers”, and a cook, sequentially constructed trams across the buttes. These cable ways were then used to transfer survey gear and food to their next base camp. When they needed to cross the Colorado River, **Robert Ryan**, the strongest swimmer, tied the rope around himself and swam across the current, a feat he performed twice. The crew then constructed a raft of empty ten-gallon oil cans and hitched it to ropes and pulleys to enable them to carry all their gear across the river. The survey effort was eventually abandoned sometime in 1920. Mr. Ryan wrapped up his effort on this project by assembling an album of survey photographs to document the work that had been pursued. The album of photographs is currently housed in the Cline Library archives at Northern Arizona University.

Ryan subsequently went to work in Mexico to participate in oil exploration as an employee of the Mexican Eagle Oil Company.

Ryan returned to California in 1922, and continued work for the petroleum industry for some time. He met and married Ida May Shively, a native Californian, after which he was elected Ventura County Surveyor. Ryan then served in that position from 1935 to 1943 and following service in World War II from 1947 to 1954.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Ryan joined the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Corps (Seabees)

CEAC 100 Years

and served in the Pacific. This is where Ryan's history again gets quite interesting. Below is a summary of an incident that occurred during his time in the Pacific.

The Legend of Robert L. Ryan: Segi Island, New Georgia, 1943. *Compiled by Gina Nichols, Archivist, U.S. Seabee Museum, Naval History and Heritage Command.*

On June 21, 1943, two companies of the Fourth Marine Raiders disembarked from the destroyer-transport 'Dent' and 'Waters' and cautiously landed at Segi Point on New Georgia Island. The Marines had initiated the American amphibious attack against the strategic enemy-held island. They did not meet the heavy Japanese resistance they had expected. Their advance up the beach was unchecked by gunfire.

Suddenly a figure emerged from the jungle and walked forward, not to threaten, but to greet them. "Colonel," he said, "the Navy Seabees are always happy to welcome the Marines to enemy-held territory." As they shook hands, astonished Marine Lt. Col. Michael Currin could only mutter, "Well, I'll be...."



*The surprised Marines owed this unusual reception to a brave officer, **Lt. Robert L. Ryan**, Civil Engineer Officer, U.S. Naval Reserve. The 49-year old Ryan of Santa Paula, California, led a reconnaissance party of two Army officers ashore on June 14,*

1943. His party gathered landing and enemy disposition information, which was presented to an advance survey party.

For the zeal and professional skill displayed during his reconnaissance mission in New Georgia, and his later participation in the construction of the fighter landing strip at Segi Point, Ryan was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States Army and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Commander.

As previously noted, after the war, Robert Ryan returned to the position of Ventura County Surveyor. He passed away in Oxnard, California on July 31, 1954.

We are continuing to gather historical information about CEAC's first 100 years and are still searching for photographs of the following eight CEAC Presidents.

Any assistance you could provide in locating any of these in your Department or County archives would be greatly appreciated.

Arthur E. Cowell, Merced County, 1921-22
H.F. Cozzens, Monterey County, 1933-34

Marshall Wallace, Sonoma County, 1950-51
Joseph H. Mack, San Diego County, 1953-54

Carl L. Lind, Fresno County, 1957
Charles S. Dumble, Kern County, 1958-59

David K. Speer, San Diego County, 1968-69
Clinton D. Beery, Fresno County, 1972-73

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
 9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
 Thursday, September 18, 2014 ~ 2:30-4:30pm
 CSAC Conference Center
 Sacramento, Sacramento County

Call to Order (McGolpin) Meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

Meeting Roster:

Officer	Office	County
Scott McGolpin	President	Santa Barbara
Michael Penrose	President Elect	Sacramento
Matt Machado	Secretary	Stanislaus
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Tom Mattson	Past President	Humboldt
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional Directors		
Regional Directors	Region	County
Stephen Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
Dan Gibbs	San Joaquin Valley	Fresno
John Presleigh	Central Coast	Santa Cruz
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
Committee Chairs		
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Susan Klassen	Transportation	Sonoma
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Rick Marshall	Land Use	Napa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Steven Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Pat Proano	Solid Waste	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Surveyor	Los Angeles
CSAC/CEAC Staff		
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
DeAnn Baker	Director of Legislative Affairs	CSAC

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Page 2 of 6

Other Attendees		
Mark Schleich		Santa Barbara
Mike Crump		Butte
Julie Bueren		Contra Costa
Tom Mlcoch		Honorary CLOD
David Leamon		Stanislaus

All Officers, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are listed. Those shown shaded were not in attendance.

2. **Approval of Minutes –**
 - March 28, 2014 minutes - Upon a motion by Mike Penrose and second by Matt Machado, were **unanimously approved**.
3. **Correspondence** (Scott McGolpin)
 - a) None
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) – Mehdi Sadjadi reported that Max Bridges was working on the CLODS BBQ menu for the Fall Conference in Orange County. Vincent Gin will be responsible for the location and setup. The CLODS are working on the program and are taking nominations for the Buffalo Bull Award. On Behalf of CLODS, thanks to CEAC for hosting the CLODS dinner during the Policy Conference.
5. **NACE Report** (Patrick DeChellis) – Western Regional NACE conference to be held in Laughlin, Nevada, November 5th-7th. Very inexpensive and worthy of attendance, it is a great conference. The Centennial CEAC video will be shown at the conference. California representatives will host a couple of panels and presentations. Annual NACE Conference is April 19th-23rd, in Daytona Beach, Florida. This will be a joint conference with Florida APWA, so should be a large event. Just a reminder that Julie Bueren is our Western Region VP for NACE. She is also a member of the NACo Transportation Steering Committee.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) – DeAnn Baker reported that this is an election year, so the political landscape will be changing. Governor Brown currently has a favorable lead in his re-election effort. CSAC staff is working with his administration to hopefully influence the budget. Other leadership position changes include a new pro tem Senator Kevin DeLeon. He is not in touch or as close to counties as desired so will need to help educate him on our issues. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins does have a good alliance with counties. Republican Minority Leader in the Assembly will be Kristin Olsen. Supervisor Vito Chiesa, from Stanislaus County, will be the incoming CSAC President. Senator Huff will continue to be the Minority Leader in the Senate. Last year CSAC was successful with pre-payment of mandates. This resulted in more money for counties. Distribution of these funds was of concern to rural counties. There is a new focus on rural counties for additional resources including PILT funds. Currently the State owes \$14-\$18 million of PILT funds to counties. Some other good news is that DOF is discussing infrastructure, preliminary discussions include block grants for flexible infrastructure needs.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Page 3 of 6

7. Regional Directors Reports

- San Joaquin Valley – No Report
- Northern California – Scott DeLeon reported that their region has been focused on fires and drought issues and impacts. Scott and Mike Crump awarded the CEAC scholarship to one of the two winners, hand delivering the award to the student at Chico State, including the Chair of Engineering from Chico.
- Central Coast – John Presleigh reported their region has lost two Public Works Directors recently, including San Luis Obispo and San Benito. The region is looking to meet in October in Santa Cruz.
- Bay Area – No Report
- Southern California – Vincent Gin reported their region had a meeting in August, 6 of the 9 counties attended, with 18 attendees. Looking at moving the meeting location to San Bernardino to hopefully attract some of the further out counties to attend. Patrick DeChellis gave a report on the highway bridge committee, streets and highways needs assessment and FLAP program. Karen Keene gave a good update on the proposed water bond measure and DWR called in to share an update on the Flood Needs Assessment Report. There is an effort to get their region to respond and fight statewide policies that are problematic for counties. Discussing information sharing program to share ideas about dealing with regulatory agencies and other issues. Looking to meet in Ventura County to discuss this new program idea.
- Sacramento Motherlode – Panos Kokkas reported that their region had a meeting last week. The meeting included a good presentation by Caltrans Local Assistance and CSAC's Chris Lee. Next meeting is scheduled for January.

8. **Treasurers Report** (Mehdi Sadjadi) – Attached to the agenda is the Treasurers Report. Mehdi reported that a couple of contracts should be closed before proposed budget is submitted. Confirmation is needed that the centennial contract is complete. Additionally the flood control contract balance has been on the books awhile. Confirming understanding that this balance will be moved to a new contract (this part of a proposed action item under item 12c.). No comments were made and the report is accepted as submitted.

9. Committee Reports

- a) Flood Control and Water Resources – Karen Keene reported that the committee met yesterday. The agenda included 6 action requests. Five were approved to support legislation and one was dropped. These items will be included in goals and priorities for review at the annual meeting. There was a legislative update, including discussion of Fish & Wildlife bird nesting policy and Army Corps waters of the US policy. The committee is working on a draft letter to comment on these policies. Took action on Strategy to Fund Flood Protection and Water Quality Service. This item is in response to current limitations within Prop 218 regulations. See item 12c. for continued discussion and action. This item was presented by John Presleigh.
- b) Solid Waste – Pat Proano reported that there is a recommended action to change the name of the Solid Waste Committee to “Resource Recovery and Waste Management”. This is consistent with the industry direction and the actual work being done by each agency.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Page 4 of 6

Motion by Tom Mattson and seconded by Mike Penrose. Discussion on motion included switching words to waste management and resource recovery. Thinking ahead of what the committee could be referred to as just the first two words of the official name. Comment that solid waste may give the wrong perception of what type of material is being managed. Resource Recovery is a better fit. - **unanimously approved**. Additionally the billed (solid waste) sponsored by LA County and supported by CSAC is on the governor's desk awaiting signature, special thanks to Cara and CSAC.

- c) Surveyor – Rick Marshall reported the committee is working with CLSA on ROS workshop to increase understanding and communication on the topic. Good partnership. Looking to have more workshops. Also, changing the process to receive nominations for Surveyor of the Year Award. Now accepting nominations by private surveyors. Private surveyors know our county surveyors better and may be more apt to make nominations.
- d) Land Use – Rick Marshall reported that the committee area of interest continues to broaden, including CEQA review, and utilities. In area of CEQ working on refining scope of effort, including SB743 (evaluation of LOS versus VMT on impacts). Following up on groundwater legislation to better understand impacts to land use. Still working on language of Rule 20A agreements with PG&E. Discussion on PG&E Pathways Project, clearing areas over pipelines. Some counties are concerned with process PG&E has undertaken with getting the word out on this project.
- e) Transportation – Susan Klassen reported the primary item of business was to consider any proposed priorities or items of support for FY15/16. 3 prop. One of the items was requesting sponsorship of legislation, and the other two items requested amendment to our priorities and policies. The first item was with regard to enhanced school zones. This item will be brought back later for further study. The other two items will move forward with support from the committee. Additionally, Will Kempton gave a good presentation on funding transportation and infrastructure.
- f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – Jim Porter reported there was a good discussion on the idea of whether a new committee should be created to discuss general services. It was concluded for now that agenda items including general services and other topics such as airports would be added to the Oversight Committee for discussion. Regarding outreach and getting our public works message out there will be a conference call to further discuss. This call will include Merrin Gerety, Vincent Gin, Jeff Pratt, and Jim Porter to brainstorm this topic, including who is the audience of our message.

10. Other Committee Reports

- a) Fellowship – No Report, except that President McGolpin complimented the group on a great event at The Mix last night.
- b) Scholarship (Steve Kowalewski, with co-chair Scott DeLeon and Vincent Gin) – The committee received 17 applications. Two applications were rejected due to incompleteness. The other 15 were reviewed, with 3 applicants awarded a scholarship. Each scholarship is worth \$2000. One scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Jenkins at Chico State; the other two are being coordinated to be handed out in Fresno County. The recipients will be Kiana Norgoro and Marco Castanada. Marco will be receiving survey scholarship. All of the applicants were very good, making it a difficult decision. If there were more money in the fund then more of the needs could be met. Donations are very welcomed. Discussion included other ways to raise

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Page 5 of 6

money, including payroll deduction by the employer, similar to United Way process. Kiana mentioned that California Transportation Foundation offers matching grants. We should pursue next year. Additionally, the Engineer of the Year and Surveyor of the Year nominations are due October 3. There are a lot of deserving people, so please make an effort to submit nominations.

- c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG) – Tom Mattson reported on the HSIP Committee that they have met and that Cycle Seven will be out soon. Cycle Seven includes \$200M in funding, broken into two components, one being programmatic such as counter measures, and systemic improvements, the other half of the funding will go to standard format projects with competing B/C ratios. This Cycle will have an increase in dollar value for fatal accidents, putting more focus on those locations. Transportation Coop Committee also met; there was a lot of DBE discussion (goals, good faith effort etc.) due to new direction of Caltrans. For now Caltrans is listening to our concerns and not changing the process. Patrick DeChellis reported that the HBP Committee is still discussing MAP 21 and the issue of no on system off NHS set aside program, HBP committee is still pushing for this set aside. Counties need to continue to push delivery of their bridge projects. Mattson reported that the TRCC Committee discussed how Federal Lands is now taking on bridge delivery, environmental and design. Central Lands Federal Highways does a great job delivering bridge projects for local agencies. There will be an attempt to invite them to the annual meeting to present their bridge delivery process.

11. **Life Membership** – None, yet a comment made that Tom Gau, San Joaquin County, is retiring this fall.

12. **Unfinished Business**

- a) Proposed General Service Committee – Discussed in Oversight
- b) CEAC Bylaws – discussed in Oversight
- c) White Paper: Strategy to Fund Flood Protection and Water Quality Services (to be referred to as “Drainage Infrastructure Funding Strategy”). John Presleigh presented the concept to develop a strategy to legislatively include storm / flood control / water quality as part of water and sewer enterprise type funds with regard to Prop 218 ballot measures. Resulting in a lower threshold to be met via a protest vote for property related assessments. The item before the Board includes five action items: 1) Approve providing support to CSAC as a member of the Reform Proposition 218 Coalition. 2) Approve contract with Watershed Resources Consulting to supply staff resources to the Coalition. It is estimated that staff costs could be approximately \$5000 per month based on past expenditures. 3) Approve Supplemental Assessment to the CEAC annual dues to raise revenue to pay for the staff resources costs. 4) Amend the appropriation approved at the March 2014 meeting from \$10,000 - \$14,000. 5) Recommend that CSAC join the Coalition.

Karen Keene commented that Heal the Bay is leading the Coalition effort. Their goal of improved water quality aligns with our water quality objectives. Not all objectives align perfectly, so we will need to work together to build a relationship. It is a good partnership / coalition to pursue. Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be another key partner in this effort. Currently they have voiced support for this effort.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
9th Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Page 6 of 6

There was a lot of discussion about how the county assessments (supplemental assessments) would be invoiced / described / calculated.

Motion by Mike Penrose made to approve 5 recommended action items, seconded by Matt Machado. Clarification made on the five action items as follows: The contract would be for a two-year period at \$60 thousand per year. The allocation of the \$14,160.93 towards the strategy will be on top of the \$60 thousand per year. One payment would be made in 2015 and another in 2016. The details of the supplemental assessment will be developed to the satisfaction of all counties, based upon population base similar to existing dues formula. - **unanimously approved**

13. New Business

- a) CEAC Affiliate Dues / Invoice – Scott McGolpin reported that affiliates have had concerns regarding how dues are billed and then being asked later to support conferences and the hospitality suite. Their concern is due to the multiple invoices over the course of a year. They would like a more efficient, simple and streamlined process. The concept being developed is to add to the annual dues membership invoice an option to include early bird sponsorship opportunities. Additionally, membership will be raised from \$250 annually to \$350 annually (this will require a modification to the bylaws). Attachment 4 is an effort to address this concern. Discussion followed regarding how funds should be tracked and who should pay directly for items such as the hospitality suite. Substantial concern was raised regarding change to process toward a direct funding of the hospitality suite and other similar events by CEAC. The optional early bird sponsorship could exclude the cost of the hospitality suite and similar functions. Tom Mattson made a motion to establish a sub-committee to meet with Fellowship to discuss other options to resolve concerns of how to pay for hospitality suite and other similar events. Seconded by Patrick DeChellis. Scott McGolpin, Mehdi Sadjadi and Panos Kokkas volunteered. - **unanimously approved**
- b) Institutionalizing Communications in CEAC
 1. Communications ad hoc committee
 2. Communications element within conferences

14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) CSAC 120th Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Orange County, November 18-21, 2014
- b) CEAC Spring Conference / League PWOI, Newport Beach, Orange County, March 25-27, 2015
- c) NACE Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida, April 19-23, 2015

15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) November 21, 2014, 11:00am (Annual Meeting)
- b) March 27, 2015, TBD (Spring Conference)

Scott McGolpin adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Matt Machado, CEAC Secretary

Droppings



By

Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

“The Stomp (Continued)”

If you read the last “Droppings” you will recall I wrote about the American Society of Big Game Hunters & Pelican Egg Stompers. The purported activity of the Stompers was to hunt the wily buck, but knowing several of the players I’d guess the principle activity was drinking and playing poker. Time did not permit, in my last writing, divulging the names of the Stompers.

Bill McIntosh “invented” the Stomp and furnished the McIntosh cabin on Eagle Lake to house several of the participants. Lassen County Assistant Road Commissioner, Dick “Curly” Uptegrove, and brother Jim also provided housing at the Lake. John Mitchell, who provided much of the background for my story, was the Lassen County Deputy Public Works Director. His father had a large nearby ranch where most of the hunting took place. John attended 27 Stomps, which I assume was all of them, and no doubt Bill, Dick and Jim also attended every Stomp.

Other County Engineers attending the Stomp over the years included the following: Bruce McClain, Monterey County and CEAC President in 1966; Vic Sauer, Contra Costa County and 1968 CEAC President; Ed Hanna, San Benito County and 1957 CEAC President; Verne Davis, Merced County and 1984

CEAC President; Buzz Stokes, Ventura County, Honorary CLOD; Ted McConville, Orange County; Budge Campbell, Mendocino County, 1980 CEAC President; Howard Van Reyper, 1970 CEAC President from Yolo County; Bill Jones, Solano County and 1962 CEAC President; Don Head, Sonoma County, 1974 CEAC President. Perhaps now you will understand why I consider the Stomp almost a CEAC activity. I don’t know how many years each of these attended, but I’d guess a few were part of the “27 year club”.

Many of the non-county engineers that attended over the years could be labeled a part of the who’s who in government. The list included: Jack Merlman, former CSAC Executive Director; Vic Pottorff, CSAC Deputy Director and Honorary CLOD; Bernie Hillenbrand, NACO Executive Director, federal agency head and Methodist minister; Fred Metz, Susanville Planning Commissioner; Bill White, Lassen County Planning Director; Bob Glenn, Institute of Transportation Studies, CEAC Treasurer and first CEAC Newsletter Editor; and Bunky Parker, USFS Supervisor.

The gang would meet at Bill and Dixie’s house on Thursday and from there travel to Eagle Lake. Both Bill and John advised that Buzz Stokes always made a special entrance. They told of one instance when tape recorder had been hidden at the McIntosh house and at the proper time a recording of a plane in distress and subsequently crashing was heard. Shortly thereafter, a military ambulance stopped at the McIntosh’s and a bandaged Buzz Stokes emerged.

John told of a Stomp attended by Jack Merlman, who at the time lived in New York City. Seems as Jack played the piano so one was moved to the McIntosh cabin. Fred Metz played the trumpet and a band was formed. The old, old timers may recall that Fred accompanied the reading of “Trees” at the Spring Conference in 1972, when Irv Mohar, Los Angeles County, received the very first Buffalo Bull Award. Fred also played “Taps” at the graveside funeral service for Dixie McIntosh.

Droppings (Cont.)

John indicated that some of the other activities at the Stomp included horseshoes, darts volleyball, swimming, fishing (for Eagle Lake Trout), and mesquite gathering. The highlight of the festivities came Saturday night with a formal dinner followed by the presentation of the Golden Egg Award. Dress at the dinner ranged from tuxedos, to tattered 'hobo' attire, to a clown costume. An unnamed committee (John suspected it included Bill, Ed, Bruce and Verne) decided on the recipient of the traveling Golden Egg trophy. (Sorry CHICS, but the Stompers beat you to the award title by about 50 years). The Golden Egg was a coveted award and assured the recipient would be invited to the next Stomp.

There may be some of you who, after reading about the Stomp, think it was juvenile and a waste of time. I strongly disagree with this though and feel that activities such as the Stomp, the Buffalo Bull award, the CLODS barbecue, etc. have strengthened our organization through the years. I only wish that I could have attended one in order to get to know better some of the really good people.

See you in Disneyland.

Dave



Eagle Lake - Lassen County

Soon to be Ex-President Scott was recently spotted by paparazzi in Lake Almanor, CA. Was he already applying for a new job?or was it the \$40,000 vacation giveaway that he was really interested in?

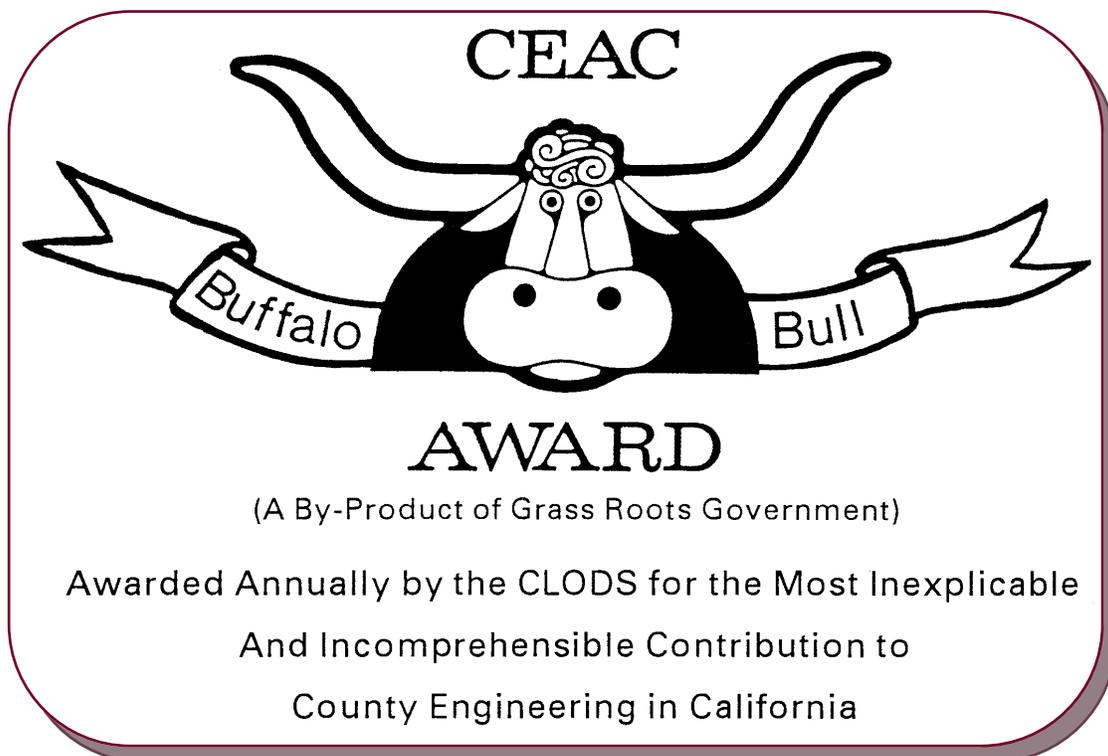
Buffalo Bull Award - 2015

California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants



is continuing to solicit nominations from all CEAC members and affiliates for potential candidates for the prestigious Buffalo Bull Award. Don't delay, give this some rigorous thought and submit your nominations as soon as you can. All prospective candidates will be screened by the acclaimed Tres Pinos Committee, with the most deserving candidates being "honored" at the President's Banquet during the Spring 2015 CEAC conference in Orange County.

Note: All nominations are kept strictly confidential!



NOTE: Due to a lack of nominations received to date.....the award for 2015 is in jeopardy of being cancelled.

Please submit your nominations and any supporting documentation to
kanuto2y@gmail.com

Platinum Sponsors for 2014

**Thank you so much for your commitment
of support to our CEAC organization !**

