



CEAC Board of Directors

2023 CEAC Spring Conference / PWOI

March 10, 2023|10:30 am – 12:00pm|Club Room

Universal City Hilton

555 Universal Hollywood Drive

Universal City, Los Angeles County, California

10:36 am.

Call to Order (Balbas)

Officers present: 10 of 10; Regional Directors: 5 of 6; **Quorum Present**

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Kokkas)
128th Annual Meeting/Fall Conference - **Attachment 1 Action Item – Motion** to approve minutes; Move to approve - Johnson, 2nd Khan; **Approved** – Abstention - DeChellis.
2. **Correspondence** (Balbas)
 - a) None to report
3. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) (Sadjadi)
Treasurer Emeritus Sadjadi thanked President Balbas for the letter to the CLODS inviting them to this meeting. Sadjadi declared that the CLODS were glad Dashiell was finally able to join the illustrious ranks of the CLODS and welcomed him. Buffalo Bull was interesting and fun per usual and thanked CEAC Newsletter Editor DeChellis for hosting.
4. **NACE Report** (Machado)
NACO/NACE Fly-in to DC in February had productive meetings with DoT, FHWA, White House staff and Transportation and Infrastructure committee members. What was disappointing is that NACE was unable to meet with FEMA. NACE plans to align with the Disaster Managers Association to team up; strength in numbers might gain traction with FEMA. The city Engineer of La Cañada Flintridge mentioned that the city has a (secret) contact at FEMA. Machado to reach out. Alabama trip is upcoming, swag obtained, we are wearing orange vests, next meeting prior to flying out is April 3. NACE officer nominations are coming out soon. Machado is running for Western Region Vice President and is looking for 100% support from California Counties.
5. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) (Neuburger)
Lots of attention on homelessness. CSAC brought on a former Director of Finance to assist in this effort. Senate talking about the IIJA and the impacts on counties and how we are eligible for receiving these funds. March 15, 2023, Machado presenting testimony to the Senate Governance and Finance committee on disasters and IIJA funding. Neuburger is working on the Local Streets and Roads needs assessment which is taking quite a bit of time.

6. **Regional Directors Reports**

Johannes Hoeverstz – **Bay Area** – No meeting yet this year due to floods. The meeting is supposed to be this quarter, will inform Balbas of the date.

Kent Edler substituting for Walter Rubalcava – **Central Coast** – Meeting held February 24, 2023 with about 20 in attendance. Lots of good discussion about storm damage and recovery. Discussions about staffing during extended storm events. Next meeting is April or May 26 at Diablo Canyon.

Bob Bronkall – **NorCal** – Next meeting will be via Zoom on March 29, 2023. Main goal is resurrecting the Bedroll Conference that is centrally located. Taking suggestions. Anticipate a revival in 2023. Machado/Leamon still looking forward to dominating cornhole tournament again at this conference.

Matt Randall – **Sacramento/Mother Lode** – Met in February. Well attended, good discussions regarding storms, homelessness, and snow.

Fritz Buchman – **San Joaquin** – No meeting in January due to storms, met in February in Tulare County, good presentation, and discussion on HBP with the District Local Assistance Engineer from D6. Also discussed State earmarks, next meeting in Kern County in April, Stanislaus County in May.

Nardy Khan – **SoCal** – The region had virtual meetings, continue with this format. Next meeting March 22.

The CEAC newsletter editor reminded the regional directors to take lots of pictures for the newsletter regional updates. Upcoming updates: Northern California, Central Coast, San Joaquin Valley, Southern California, Bay Area, Sacramento/Motherlode. DeChellis reminded the Regional Directors he needs their updates for the CEAC Newsletter. He had sent out the schedule for the Reports from the Regional Directors with the Northern California Report due in a week for the April Newsletter.

Sadjadi mentioned that we used to get more CEAC internal scholarship applicants. Dashiell encouraged CEAC members to recruit and scout for internal applicants.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** (Johnson)

President Balbas thanked Treasurer Johnson for all his hard work on the budget and budget recommendations. Treasurer Johnson reminded the Board that we had already approved the proposed budget at the Fall Conference. Johnson reminded the group:

CEAC is experiencing a budget shortfall, a sub-committee was assembled to evaluate funding alternatives. Three recommendations from the sub-committee:

1. One is to increase dues 10% per year for members and affiliates for three years.
2. Second recommendation is for job postings costs to increase from \$75 to \$125, Cities from \$150 to \$200.
3. Third recommendation is to increase revenue is to raise the registration on the Fall Policy Conference from \$100 up to \$150. Combined proposals would increase revenue by \$30,000 per year.

The CSAC service contract has an annual CPI inflationary factor that is projected to increase expenditures by approximately 8%, raising the cost from \$219,286 in 2022 up to \$237,000 for 2023. The Fall conference on average runs a deficit of approximately \$15,000, President Balbas thought we should fix this in the future.

Treasurer Johnson then asked if the Board had any questions. There were none.

Attachment 2 - Action Item – Consider approving Final Budget

Motion to approve –Sadjadi; 2nd DeChellis – Unanimously approved

Attachment 3 - Action Item – NO ACTION TAKEN - ATTACHMENT 3 – ARTICLE III Dues and Assessments revisions – Upon recommendation of the Parliamentarian Penrose, we need to notice the membership and then take a vote of the membership. This is anticipated to happen during the Policy Conference in August 2023 to clarify the proposed By-Law changes and a full membership vote on the proposed changes at the Annual Conference in the Fall.

8. **Committee Reports: -**

- a) Administrative – Pack, well attended, lively discussion spent most of our time talking about best practices for software and technology. This was a robust conversation by the membership that was there. In addition reviewed old topics of interest – purged some, kept others.
- b) Flood Control and Water Resources – Shephard update, Heard from DWR, Flood EOC activation at the State, heard about finance updates State and Federal. Much discussion on the flood events of '23. Desire for the public to solve and fix flood issues locally. Talked about climate change and how it is impacting flooding in California
- c) Infrastructure and Development, aka the Committee formerly known as Land Use – Tillotson absent, Randall. Talked about storm damage, utility trenching in County roads and micro trenching. Much interest by the group for a future topic to discuss County Service Areas and other special districts that can fund maintenance of County infrastructure.
- d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management – Carter, the meeting was well attended, County Counsel Association shared information about solid waste court cases. Cal Recycle attended, shared information about implementation, next steps, enforcement, and compliance reviews. There was less discussion and questions for Cal Recycle than first anticipated. The group wants to talk about illegal dumping task forces. Counties are still waiting for the release of the Little Hoover Commission study that keeps getting postponed.
- e) Surveyor – Bronkall partially attended so Wilson gave the update, shared the news that CSLA is sponsoring three bills and seem to have traction in the State house, one for number of monuments set, one for adopting a new reference set by NGS and the other about lot line adjustments. CSLA will look for support from CSAC and CEAC on those bills, Balbas shared to

work with Neuburger.

- f) Transportation – Zarif, room was large enough, PA was a little hard to hear. FHWA gave an update, Caltrans was there to discuss Buy America changes and ER for Floods of '23. Discussed the Local Streets and Roads assessment, always a lively conversation. Those who were there were clear in their desire to keep the report going every two years. The chair and vice chairs discussed future topics after the meeting..
- g) Fellowship – Porter, nice get together, good times had by all. Raised \$900 for the scholarship program in the hospitality suite.
- h) Oversight - Balbas will follow up on several items, otherwise no update as most of us were there.
- i) Scholarship –Dashiell-lively discussion amongst many, including the Newsletter Editor DeChellis, Treasurer Emeritus Sadjadi and others about the need to encourage the CEAC family to apply. Dashiell reminded everyone that this committee also runs the Engineer of the Year and Surveyor of the Year nominations. DeChellis reminded the group that Regional Directors should be bringing scholarship nominations forward (as well as EOY and SOY nominations).

9. **Unfinished Business (Balbas)**

- a) ARTICLE III Dues and Assessments Update – Bylaws amendment - ***Attachment Three – Action Item*** – Item postponed as the Bylaws need to be voted on by the membership and we need to provide notice so that the members can vote on this amendment. Postponed until Fall policy conference. Balbas suggested we also tie the CPI adjustment to the same index as our CEAC contract, which uses the SF Bay Area CPI. Some discussion of NACE dues, Machado thought that since NACE is on a better financial footing there are no anticipated NACE dues increases. Concern also expressed about participation from our big counties, LA and Orange and Balbas was encouraged to reach out. Mike Leacox mentioned that he thinks there is room to increase dues for affiliates. Balbas said he would follow up with Fellowship.

10. **New Business**

- a) CEAC Liability Insurance – **Balbas** – needed insurance for this conference’s golf tournament. General Liability insurance would be a good idea for our events. Mike Crump, former Treasurer, investigated insurance many years ago. Balbas and Johnson to follow-up with Crump. Sadjadi mentioned CEAC was previously covered by CSAC, but it is not possible anymore as related by Neuburger. Mentioned that maybe we should look into the same carrier as CSAC so that it would be the same company covering both organizations. Balbas to follow-up with Neuburger.
- b) Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment - Report and Committee update (Neuburger/Leamon) –Leamon shared that it is clear that both the Counties and Cities want to continue the two-year cycle for LS&RNA. It was suggested that we could do a “light” report where we gather data and

report PCI and then every 4 years we do the whole report. We do need to increase participation in the surveys, some ideas shared on this. Neuburger shared that the MPOs/RTPAs are all transit all the time now and it is hard to engage them on LS&RNA. Neuburger and Leamon will present to the RTPA's/MPO's at a CTC meeting, likely in May and get an answer for sure.

11. **Life Membership**

None

12. **Announcements**

Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACE Annual Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, April 16, 2023
- b) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 24-25, 2023
- c) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Alameda County, November 13-17, 2023
- d) NACE Annual Conference, Palm Springs, Riverside County, April 15-18, 2024

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- a) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA, date August 24-25, 2023
- b) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Alameda County, November 13-17, 2023
- c) NACE Annual Meeting, April, 2024 – Need to determine if a Board of Directors meeting should be scheduled during the NACE conference in Palm Springs.

13. **Round table discussion – Conference Fees**

- a) Dashiell brought up the idea of allowing a remote option, Balbas said due to cost, we will try the owl/remote light version for the Fall Policy Conference in August.

12:04 pm **Adjourn** – Motion by Leamon, 2nd by Balbas, unanimous consent to adjourn.

Meeting Roster
Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors

NP = Not Present

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Brian Balbas	President	Contra Costa
Panos Kokkas	Vice President	Trinity
David Leamon	Secretary	Stanislaus
Howard Dashiell	Immediate Past President	Mendocino
George Johnson	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis*	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Matt Machado	NACE Representative	Santa Cruz
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional-Directors	Region	County
Johannes-Hoevertsz	Bay Area	Sonoma
Walter Rubalcava - NP	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Bob Bronkall	Northern California	Humboldt
Matt Randall	Sacramento Mother Lode	Placer
Fritz Buchman	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Nardy Khan	Southern California	Orange

Non-Voting Meeting: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff

Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Josh Pack	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee - NP	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Glenn Shephard	Flood Control/Water Resources	Ventura
Trisha Tillotson - NP	Infrastructure and Development	Nevada
Brian Balbas	Oversight	Contra Costa
Jared Carter	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Madera
Alicia Meier - NP	Scholarship	Mendocino
Aleks Jevremovic - NP	Surveyor	Santa Barbara
Najee Zarif	Transportation	San Joaquin

CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Catherine Freeman	Senior Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Mark Neuburger	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Ada Waelder - NP	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Kristina Gallagher - NP	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Amber Garcia Rossow - NP	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC

Others in Attendance	Title	Agency/County
Jim Porter	Former Public Works Director	San Mateo
Mike Leacox	CEAC affiliate	NCE
Kent Edler	Assistant Director	Santa Cruz

Janice Thompson
Ian Wilson
Tracy Bartlett

Deputy Director
County Surveyor
CEAC affiliate

Sonoma
Alameda
NCE