

ORANGE SPEEL

ASPE Chapter 3 Orange County News Letter No. 35: September 2020



President's Message

September 1, 2020

A message from your president

As we continue with COVID 19, I hope that all of you are getting along as best as possible at home and with work. Hopefully, things will return to normal as soon as possible.

We had a Virtual meeting in June in lieu of our normal dinner meetings. Things will continue in this manner as we resume our Monthly meetings starting in September. The Board Members voted unanimously to continue with Virtual meetings until the end of 2020. Next year, we will evaluate the situation, and will decide if we shall resume our dinner meetings at the Ayres Hotel, in Costa Mesa for 2021. In the meantime, our Virtual meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month in September, October and November with December being quiet. Meetings will now commence at 4:30 PM PST and should last approximately 40 minutes. Meeting fees will be complementary. PDU credits will still be available for those CPE's looking to maintain their certification requirements. Look for upcoming Fliers on meeting / speaker details.

On August 14th, the Board held our planning meeting for 2020 - 2021. We will continue to search for meaningful topics & speakers with regards to industry standards, construction disciplines, education on current estimating & bidding techniques, and possible virtual jobsite tours. It was decided that the Newsletter will now be published on quarterly basis. Look for the next newsletter to be released in November.

No elections were held in June. Officers and Board members will remain the same thru 2020 - 2021. Two new committees were added; Chapter Awards - Chairperson Troy Thomas and Membership - Chairperson Danielle Leyva. If anyone wants to become a Board Member, we welcome you to sign-up and help out the Chapter.

The Fall Regional meeting will be a virtual meeting on October 24th. All members are invited to attend.

A final reminder, our next Virtual Dinner meeting will be held on September 9th, 4:30 pm. Vahid Balali of Swinerton will be discussing BIM estimating methods. Look for the upcoming flier.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next virtual meeting.

Best Regards,

Dan Schottlander, CPE ASPE Chapter 3 President.

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"Professional Estimators and those in training shall utilize their education, years of experience and acquired skills in the preparation of each estimate or assignment with full commitment to make each estimate or assignment as detailed and accurate as their talents and abilities allow."

- Canon # 6

ASPE Online Education

ASPE offers a selection of Self-Paced and Instructor-Guided Online Education Classes. These online classes are designed as a great introduction to those individuals who are new to the estimating profession or provide a way to advance and grow your estimating career.

The Syllabus, available for each Class, provides information specific to the class, text book requirements, class fees and the registration information. [Visit ASPE National.org](http://www.aspe.org) Registration deadline September 17.

Instructor-Guided classes :

- 103 Construction Blueprint Reading
- 105 Estimating + Bidding 1
- 106 Estimating + Bidding 2
- 107 Construction Materials + Processes
- 109 Practical Applications of Civil Sitework
- 110 Civil Blueprint Reading + Materials
- 201S Leadership + Motivation
- 203P Risk Management + Problem Solving
- 205T Planning + Scheduling

Self-Paced Classes are open for enrollment

- o 099 Introduction to Concrete * *NEW*
- o 100 Introduction to Construction
- o 101 Introduction to Construction Estimating
- o 102 Essential Construction Math

More Instructor-Guided classes :

- 206T Construction Productivity + Cost Management
- 308 Construction Project Management
- 310 Practical Applications of Construction Law



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DANIELLE LEYVA - CPE:

Danielle is the current Chapter Vice President

Danielle served on the Board in 2009 before leaving to become a founder member of the Inland Empire Chapter where she did a term as Chapter President.



September “Dinner “ meeting is a ZOOM meeting at 4:30pm [BYOB]



Presenter is Vahid Balali, Sr. VD&C Engineer with Swinerton Construction

Vahid also teaches at California State University Long Beach.

He received the ASCE Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering Outstanding Reviewer Award in 2016 and 2017, was one of Consulting Specifying Engineer's (CSE) 40 Under 40 in 2017, and was named an Engineering News Record (ENR) California Top Young Professional in 2017.

His presentation addresses BIM-based cost estimation (5D) and design-change issues during the preliminary design phase and leverages end-user satisfaction through the use of collaborative functions in a VR environment for material cost estimation.

In this regard, a VR-based framework for interior finish material selection, incorporating both visual aesthetics and associated cost impacts. A systematic approach for converting building information models into interactive VR models is

Upcoming Programs in 2020:

September 9 at 4:30 pm ZOOM meeting: BIM-based cost estimation (5D) by Vahid Balali, Sr. from Swinerton

October 14: TBD

October 24: Regional Meeting [Fall]

November 11: Stormwater Collection by Craig Roth

December: No meeting



Asoka Sellaheewa is the Chapter Treasurer.

Asoka is a CPE and has served on the Chapter Board since 2015.

He is the owner of EQS Consultants, a estimating consultancy

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Board of Directors [2020/2021]:

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Troy Thomas

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Troy Thomas (Chapter Awards)

Danielle Leyva CPE (Membership)

Wil Beukman CPE (Newsletter)

Chapter Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for articles for the Orange Speel newsletter. These can be informational or technical in nature. Share a recap of a program/ seminar attended, estimating tips, articles on ethics, or other construction/estimating related items. The deadline for submittal is the Friday following our membership meeting. Any arriving after that will be considered for the next month. Items can be sent to Wil Beukman at wbeukman@gmail.com.



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AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 28