Letter from the President

“Spring has sprung!” Although in Southern California you barely notice the difference in our seasons.

We had a great turn out for the April meeting. A special thank you to Larry Hendrick and the members from Swinerton Builders and the Inland Empire Chapter #68 who joined us. Our speaker was Janeen Oliver from Catalina Pacific, a division of CalPortland Company. As an electrical estimator I don’t usually include concrete work in my proposals. I found it especially interesting to learn more about how it is processed, why delivery times are important, and she offered some great tips on how to get a better/more complete quote. On May 13th our speaker Michael Saucedo, VP Schuff Steel Pacific Division will be presenting on the “Current Economic Conditions of the Structural Steel Industry”. I am looking forward to hearing more about this. I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

I want to remind you again how important it is that you RSVP for our monthly dinner meetings at least a week before. Not only does it affect the way the room is set up, it also affects the number and type of meals prepared. We ended up with several last minute responses this month that caused a bit of confusion, including having to set up an extra table at the last minute resulting in a delay starting our meeting. As an incentive we offer a $40 price for those who RSVP by the deadline and $45 for those who don’t. Remember that if you RSVP and you do not show you will be invoiced and are expected to pay. Most professional organizations follow these practices for good reason. Please be considerate and RSVP ahead of time. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Letter from the President - continued

We held our Chapter elections and I delighted to announce that we have another year of great leadership! The new board will take office June 1, 2015 and we will have an official installation ceremony at the meeting on June 10, 2015. If you are interested in serving as a Chair, Co-Chair or in being member of a committee let me know. I will be scheduling a strategic planning meeting over the summer and would like to have these positions in place before then.

Finally I wanted to let you know that information is now available on line at [www.aspenational.org](http://www.aspenational.org) for our upcoming ASPE 2015 Annual Meeting and Estimator’s Summit. There have been some changes in the previous format and the presentations sound very interesting. The website link includes the agenda, list of programs, information about the speakers and how to reserve your hotel room. Check it out! Early Bird registration ends on April 15, 2015. The next discounted range is April 16th through May 31st. While this is not as good a deal as the Early Bird rate it is still a better than if you wait until after May 31, 2015. Act quickly to take advantage of the lower rates.

Until next month,

Carri

### Annual CHAPTER 3 Election

Congratulations to the following officers that were elected for the 2015/16 term.

- **President:** Carri Morones, CPE
- **1st Vice President:** Scott Porterfield, E
- **2nd Vice President:** Kevin Murphy, CPE
- **Secretary:** Andy Heffel, E
- **Treasurer:** Asoka Sellahewa, CPE

### ASPE Membership Meeting

Please RSVP by the Wednesday before each meeting so we are sure to have enough food and place settings. Registration is available at [www.aspechapter3.org](http://www.aspechapter3.org). Click on “Monthly Reservation” and make sure you select your dinner choice. Cost is $40 if RSVP before the deadline and $45 if you don’t. Note that if you RSVP and you do not attend you will be invoiced and are expected to pay. The Chapter has to cover the cost of the meals that we confirm.

Janeen Oliver from Catalina Pacific, a division of Calportland Company.
Over the years..

Orange County Chapter was the 3rd ASPE chapter to be founded.

The 1st chapter president was A Applegate in 1969. He was followed by Joseph Perron in 1970; Mel Hampton in 1972; Larry Lee in 1973 and John Porter in 1975.

1977 to 79 saw Eugene Colombini, John Huber and Hank Cisco as chapter presidents.

Marie Osowski had her 1st term in 1981 and she returned as chapter president in 1985. Marie is still a Chapter 3 member although she is not attending meetings anymore due to health reasons.

Frank Hanagan had 1 term before Ron Svarc started his 1st term in 1983. Ron is still a very active member of the chapter and is serving on the Chapter Board of Directors. He is also serving on the National Standards Committee.

"As the Drum Turns: Concrete Estimating Doesn't Have to be Melodramatic"

The April 8 meeting featured Janeen Oliver from Catalina Pacific, a division of Cal-Portland Company.

Some of the discussion points were:

Foundation Set in Concrete

Concrete 101: why you should never refer to it as "cement"

Sales Hacks: what to ask of your ready mix supplier when requesting pricing.

Janeen earned Certified Concrete Sales Professional training through NRMCA, is an ACI-certified Concrete Field Testing Technician- Grade 1, and most recently earned her Construction Project Management certificate through CSU Dominguez Hills.

May Dinner meeting

Dear ASPE, Chapter 3 Member-

We cordially invite you to attend the ASPE Orange County, Chapter 3 meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. Michael Saucedo will present "The Current Economic conditions of the Structural Steel Industry"

About the Speaker:

Michael Saucedo – Vice President Schuff Steel Pacific Division

Michael has been with Schuff Steel for 8 years now and have worked with in the Steel Industry for 20 years with positions as a Shop Welder, Cost Estimator and Business Development.

A few reference major projects:

LA Galaxy Soccer Stadium in Carson;
73 Story Wilshire Grand Replacement
LAPD Headquarters Building;
Several OSHPD Hospital Projects

Carri, Andy, Scott and Erica

"As the Drum Turns: Concrete Estimating Doesn't Have to be Melodramatic"
New Board of Directors
[2015/2016]:

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Past President:
Steve Murow, E

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Certification Chair:
Ron Svarc, LCPE

Directors:
Wil Beukman, CPE
Tom Smithson E

FORUM renovations

RICS, a global organization that upholds the standards of the real property, land and construction profession, will have its 3rd annual Summit of the Americas on April 22 – 24 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. We would like to ask that your organization promote our upcoming Summit and we will offer your members a special rate for attending. Below is the link for more information and details on the special rate.

RICS Summit of the Americas
http://la2015.rics.org
Special Rate on Full Conference Registration:
Select “Non-Member” option and use the promo code LA2015PROMO200 during check out to receive the discounted rate.

A shout out to O’Connor Management for making their facility available for the recent CPE test!
National Partnerships

About RICS: RICS is the world’s leading qualification when it comes to professional standards in land, property and construction. In a world where more and more people, governments, banks and commercial organizations demand greater certainty of professional standards and ethics, attaining RICS status is the recognized mark of property professionalism.

112,000 professionals worldwide have already recognized the importance of securing RICS status by becoming members. Members are recognized by the designation after their name - FRICS (for Fellow of RICS) or MRICS (for Member of RICS).

RICS is an independent professional body originally established in 1868. Since then, RICS has been committed to setting and upholding the highest standards of excellence and integrity – providing impartial, authoritative advice on key issues affecting businesses and society. RICS is a regulator of both its individual members and firms enabling it to maintain the highest standards and providing the basis for unparalleled client confidence in the sector.

Member Mingle:

Dan Schottlander, CPE, CCP, LEEDAP

April 28, 2015  MEP – Utilizing BIM
May 26, 2015  LEED & Green Building
June 16, 2015  Construction Claims

Member Mingle:

Dan Schottlander, CPE, CCP, LEEDAP

This month the spotlight is on Dan Schottlander, the past president of the OC Chapter 2008 & 2009 and current chapter board member.

Dan is a graduate of the University of Washington with degrees in Architecture and Engineering. Dan has 30 years’ experience in construction & engineering providing project controls on civil, water, wastewater, energy, oil & gas, environmental, solar, transportation, aviation, municipal, government, hospitality, commercial, healthcare, education and industrial projects.

He has experience with constructability reviews, risk assessment, schedules, change order management, claims resolution and life cycle costing. Dan has worked on projects providing Level 1 through Level V cost estimates ranging in magnitude from $10,000 to over $1 Billion. Dan is currently the Project Controls Manager for Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Engineers & Scientists specializing in environmental, water, civil works projects and provides Construction Management Services.

In his spare time Dan enjoys winemaking (he came in 3rd place at the OC Fair in 2013), going to the gym, traveling, working on home improvement projects, 4 wheel driving in his Jeep and playing golf on the weekends.