Letter from the President

“The rain falls mainly on the plain!” Southern California never runs out of surprises!

If you missed our last meeting you missed a great program! Tom Smithson does a great job putting together our educational programs for each month’s meeting and this was no exception. Michael Saucedo, Vice President, Schuff Steel Pacific Division gave an informative overview of the structural steel market, current conditions and explained why some steel has to come from out of the country. He noted that pricing has probably hit bottom and will likely begin to rise. Now is a great time to buy if you are in the market!

Next month’s speaker is Anwar Hafeez, the President and founder of SDC & Associates, Inc. Mr. Hafeez is a nationally known and respected engineer and construction project manager. The presentation “Change Orders and Claims: How to Win Defective Documents, Conflicts, Omissions & Ambiguities Every Time” is valuable information for all of us. I hope you will make plans to attend. In addition to a great educational program, June’s meeting will also include the Installation of our new Board. It is also an opportunity to thank the outgoing Board for a job well done. This will be our last meeting before we recess for the summer.

There is a lot going on National, Regionally and locally with ASPE. Members should have received an email from the Society Business Office (SBO) outlining the proposed By-Law amendments. If you did not received it let me know and I will forward you a copy. This could also mean that your information with the national office is incorrect or the emails are being blocked. Since this is the primary means of communication it is important to log in and confirm. Once you go to www.aspenational.org you will need to log in as a member to see additional information, including the membership links.

“Professional Estimators and those in training shall safeguard and keep in confidence all knowledge of the business affairs and technical procedures of an employer or client”

- Canon # 4

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Letter from the President - continued

The May 31st deadline for open registration is fast approaching to attend the upcoming ASPE 2015 Annual Meeting and Estimator's Summit in San Diego. There have been some changes in the previous format and the presentations sound very interesting. The National website link includes the agenda, list of programs, information about the speakers and how to reserve your hotel room. Room blocks are set to expire May 30th. If you are a chapter member and are attending let me know as soon as possible. I will be getting delegate counts from SBO June 1 and we need respond back quickly with delegate and alternate information. You must be willing to commit to attending the ENTIRE business meeting to be considered as a delegate/alternate.

As many of you know the chapter has been able to hold our meeting attendance cost at $40 with an RSVP and $45 at the door for several years now. Due to an increase at the Ayres Hotel we will need to adjust these costs beginning at our September meeting. The new discounted price is $45 if you RSVP before the deadline (the Wednesday before the meeting) and $50 if you do not. We are working on an “on-line” payment option and hope it will be in place by then. Payments can still be made at the door in the meantime.

Be sure to read through the newsletter for important information on upcoming events and deadlines that might affect you.

Until next month,

Carri

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. 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.

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.
Over the years..

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

Robert Moore was the president for the 1988/1988 term before handing over to William J Simek for a double term before Samuel Bouland took over. Gus Files had a double term after him.

Raymond Hubbard became president in 1994 and he handed over to Gary Leper in 1995.

From 1996 the Chapter went dark before Colm O’Conner resuscitated it in 1999.

Planning for the New (ASPE) Year

Chapter elections took place in June, but the new ASPE year doesn’t start until August 1st. In an effort to make this transition as seamless as possible the current and incoming Boards have already started meeting together and interfacing with each other. We understand the importance of continuity and not having to “reinvent the wheel”. There is value in brainstorming, new ideas, shared experiences and resources. Over the summer months a Chapter Planning Meeting will be scheduled to start to put ideas in place for educational programs, appointing chairs to various committees and other important processes so that when we meet again in September we are ready to move forward with a well thought out plan for the future of Orange County Chapter 3. All chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend. A notice will be sent out once a date and location have been determined. In the meantime please email President Carri Morones at cjmorones@yahoo.com if you have any ideas or particular interests, if you would like to chair or sit on a committee or if you have any questions. Let’s all work together to make this next year the best ever!

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

Chapter Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for articles for the Orange Speel newsletter. These can be information 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 Will Beukman at wbeukman@cox.net.

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New Board of Directors
[2015/2016]:

President:
Carri Morones, CPE

1st Vice President:
Scott Porterfield, E

2nd Vice President:
Kevin Murphy CPE

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Steve Murow, E

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Andy Heffel E

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Asoka Sellahewa CPE

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Ron Svarc, LCPE

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Kevin Murphy CPE

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Ron Svarc, LCPE
Wil Beukman, CPE
Tom Smithson E

RICS, a global organization that upholds the standards of the real property, land and construction profession, held its 3rd annual Summit of the Americas on April 22 – 24 at the historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

The venue was an experience, just oozing with history.

The program was high quality with a lot of high powered executives sharing valuable knowledge and insights

The attendees were a worldwide audience with representation from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and Australasia.

The center pin was the launch of the RICS Futures report, "Our Changing World: Let's Be Ready".

Visit http://www.rics.org/us/ for more info

ESTIMATING TODAY

The official monthly new magazine of the American Society of Professional Estimators “Estimating Today” is available online. The May edition is an “Education Issue” with interesting articles and each month features a technical paper. This is an opportunity to learn more about estimating as well as understand more about what is required if you are interested in becoming a Certified Professional Estimator.
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).

Register Now!
ANNUAL MEETING AND ESTIMATORS SUMMIT!
JUNE 24 to 28, 2015

Annual Meeting [aka Convention] is in San Diego this year at the Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa.

Mark your calendars for June 24 – 28, 2015. Registration is open.

More information is now available on the National website

www.aspenational.org
You don’t want to miss this!

South West Region

“Save the Date” for a Joint Regional meeting (NW/SW) in the Portland-Seattle area from September 17 to19. The Pacific North West is spectacular in the fall!! Any member can be a Chapter delegate, it is not limited to Board members.

Member Mingle:

Scott Porterfield, LEED GA

This month the spotlight is on Scott Porterfield, the first vice president of the OC Chapter.

Scott began his career in 1987, where he worked as an estimator for Clayton Engineering, Inc. where he was responsible for bidding private and public works projects. He administered the project’s purchase orders, contract with sub-contractors, change orders, project schedules, the preparation of monthly invoicing and coordination efforts with the superintendent. In September 2000, he became Vice President for Contracting Engineers, Inc. where his duties ranged from contracts and change orders to supporting the financial, accounting and bonding processes for the company. In August 2005, Scott becoming the Director of Construction Management at The Moote Group. While there, he maintained and coordinated the company’s CM Standards of Practice Program and the company’s construction managers until he joined Murow|CM as an Executive Vice President to oversee the pro forma / budgeting services for land development projects and work on various forensic case work for DIRTONU.

Scott is a Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP), a Certified Erosion Sediment and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) | Green Associate