Letter from the President

Happy Holidays!

It seems like every year the holidays come sooner and there is less time between them. I know that this is not actually the case, it is just that there is so much going on! In November we celebrated Thanksgiving. It was a time to gather as a family and loved ones. Some watched football games, the Thanksgiving Day Parade or braved the day after shopping spree. In a blink of an eye it is time for the December celebrations of Hanukah, Christmas and Kwanza. For some people this is a good time to give back to the community by participating in food drives and other fundraisers. We all have different traditions and maybe some don’t have family close by or do not celebrate.

Being thankful should not be reserved only for the month of November. Let’s try to begin each day in gratitude. I have found that it makes a big difference in the way I live my life. It isn’t hard to find things to be thankful for – a roof over my head, food to eat, a job I enjoy, family and friends. How about you?

Be sure to read this month’s Orange Speel newsletter for more information including upcoming educational programs. I hope to see you at the next meeting on January 13, 2016. Invite a co-worker or customer and help us get the word out on the benefits of ASPE membership.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership there is still time. Renewals processed before December 31, 2015 will not incur the late fee.

There are some exciting times ahead for our Chapter in the coming year! More about this next month.

Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends! Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Until next year,

Carri

“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

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The Fall Regional in Renton (Seattle), WA. Started on Thursday with a group dinner followed by a meet and greet. Valuable relationships, business and personal were built.

Friday kicked off with the focus on Building Information Modelling (BIM). “Empowering Contractors to Get the Most Out of BIM: Introduction to Federated BIM Modelling” by Mike Herzog, Chief Estimator and David deYarza, Virtual Construction Manager/BIM Manager at BNBuilders. “Federated BIM Modelling” was explained as well as 3D and 4D adds time/schedule. 5D adds cost information (a good double check to make sure you are looking at the “same” job) and 6D includes information on facilities management. A federated model is all together and is becoming the new benchmark in BIM Technology. The problem is missing components and there is no accounting for waste, connectors and miscellaneous extras. This will surely continue to evolve, becoming more useful in an estimating environment and that it is already a valuable tool for project management and as built information.

We discussed BlueBeam (the studio version is cloud enabled) noting that it is a lot of work but great for keeping drawings up to date and “augmented reality” where the camera of an IPad will triangulate and put you into a model. For more information on Level of Development (LOD) Specification there is a website at bimforum.org/od.

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Upcoming Programs in 2016:

January 13: Clark Construction - Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC)
February 10: Lend Lease – Mixed Use Projects
March 9: The Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project
April 13: Bluebeam Revu

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 $45 if RSVP before the deadline and $50 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.
Swinerton Builders won the recent award of the 9200 Wilshire Blvd. project in Beverly Hills, one of the most coveted residential development sites in the United States. In addition, the recently released ENR CA Regional Contractors rankings show that Swinerton continues to hold the title of #1 General Contractor in California for the second consecutive year!

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This massive project is in Downtown Los Angeles, directly across from Staples Center. The general contractor on the project is Lend Lease and the podium includes seven stories that will house parking for residents (1,444 spaces) on levels three through seven, with the first two floors occupied by a beautiful open-air mall. Crews have completed digging the hole for Oceanwide and construction will begin in December.

Clark Construction, the General Contractor completed the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) project. The project designed to be a world-class transportation center has received many awards including “Rail/Transit Project of the Year” and HOK was recently awarded World Architecture News’ 2015 Transport Award! It is always a proud moment when a project you have been involved with receives such recognition.

Please send information to cjmorones@gmail.com (including pictures if possible) of companies and projects to be showcased here.

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**ASPE National Website**

The new website has been on line since mid-June. Have you taken the time to log in and check it out? Not only is it a good resource it has other features such as “instant chatting” and email between members. The National calendar lists upcoming events and classes available. The online rosters are always up to date – that is if you have updated your personal information. One of the many benefits of ASPE membership is networking and sharing information. If you have not updated your profile it will not be possible for others to reach out to you. Several of our members have consulting businesses that depend on referrals for business, yet their contact information is not on line or it is not correct. Make this a priority. It only takes a few minutes.

**Projects & Contractors – In the News**

**November 11 Dinner meeting**

It was an entertaining and educating presentation. So sorry if you could not make it.

**January 13 Dinner meeting**

Dear ASPE, Chapter 3 Member & Guests:

We cordially invite you to attend the ASPE Orange County, Chapter 3 meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa, California.

Come learn more about the ARTIC project straight from the Contractor’s mouth!

**ASPE National Website**

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 Will Beukman at

**Reminders:**

- Verify your information is correct on the National website.
- CPE Proctors are needed for testing. Contact: Ron Svarc at kickerron@gmail.com
- January 10 is the last day to submit application for consideration in the upcoming CPE cycle.
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Proving and Pricing Subcontractor Change Orders

Thursday, January 21, 2016 Anaheim, CA Doubletree Suites by Hilton Anaheim Resort Convention Center 2085 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, CA. 9280

Check flyers for more information.

Recap – NWSW Regional Joint Fall Meeting 2015—continued

“BIM Technology as a Basis for Bid – A Case Study Project” with Adreian Siverson Project Manager/Estimator and Don Kenny President of R&D Masonry followed. They explained how they used BIM to convince the owner to use block wall in lieu of the poured in place that was specified. It made for a better installation, eliminated many of the challenges the project faced in access and scheduling and the use of the information provided to the field a detailed installation instruction that increased their productivity and made ordering much easier.

In the afternoon there was a brief overview of the “CPE” Certification process for those who are interested but may not know the benefits. Some of the hospitals in California along with the Army Corp., US Navy and some federal entities are asking for or requiring a CPE on staff. Certification brochures and other information are available at the National website www.aspenational.org.

My favorite presentation “Emerging Technologies” by Dr. Carrie Dossick, Professor University of Washington CM Dept. discussed the utilization of 3-D scanning (Lidar)/GPS and drones for developing quantities. She explained that more of the design work is being done by people in different locations (sometimes different countries), different time zones and different disciplines. There is a move away from cooperation into collaboration and interdisciplinary learning. In a virtual environment teams are able to exchange knowledge, synthesize knowledge and jointly problem solve. By allowing the participants a place where they can brainstorm through a design together, marking up drawings displayed in the virtual room (a concept she calls “messy talk”) there has been unexpected discoveries. This is all a part of IPD or Integrated Project Delivery – team building. I am looking forward t learning more about this.

The final presentation of the first day was “Ethics in Estimating” with John Ahlers, Partner Ahlers & Cressman LLP. It seems no matter how many times we talk about ethics there are still many challenges that we face. He discussed “bid chopping, chopping and peddling”. There are grounds to substitute subcontractors: if the sub refuses to sign the contract; if there is bankruptcy/insolvency; if they are unable to perform; can’t obtain a bond. There are instances where changes can be made, but best to be sure there is no legal ramifications.

On Saturday the topics discussed centered around ASPE on all levels – nationally, regionally and chapter. There are some changes coming soon in the different Chapter Awards categories. Look for webcasts in the future as well. We voted to continue to hold Regional Joint NWSW meetings 2 times a year (spring and fall) with the next one in April in Albuquerque. We were encouraged to utilize the new National website and its features including the creating of an email group for the Chapter and to use Facebook and Twitter to let people know about the benefit of ASPE membership and Chapter activities.
National Partnerships

RICS

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).

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. Sixteen women working in the construction industry founded it in 1953. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction. Today, NAWIC provides its members with opportunities for professional development, education, networking, leadership training, public service and more.

The Orange County Chapter #91 meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Frontera in Anaheim. For more information visit the website at www.nawicoc.org

South West Region

Spring Regional Meeting in Albuquerque, NM [jointly with NW]

WATCH THIS SPACE: The Spring meeting will take place in April. Any member can attend.

Member Mingle: Andy Heffel

This month the spotlight is on Andy Heffel, the secretary of the OC Chapter.

Andy Heffel began his construction career in 1984, when he co-started a small Southern California company specializing in landfill gas collection systems. After seven years Andy joined Pacific Energy, a company that specialized in alternate energy projects. Andy estimated and managed landfill gas construction projects for the Biogas Division of Pacific Energy that operated 14 landfill gas to energy systems. After 3 years Andy moved to SCS Engineers, a national engineering and construction company specializing in landfill related projects. Andy has been estimating and writing proposals at SCS Engineers for landfill gas collection systems for the last 20 years, and is currently the senior estimator and manager of the estimating department of the Construction Division at SCS. An interesting project Andy estimated and won was a 3.5 million dollar public works landfill gas project on the island of Maui, where logistics and understanding local regulations were critical. Andy’s favorite type of project is design build, where he works closely with SCS design engineers to come up with a cost efficient design and a winning proposal.

Andy lives in Lake Forest, CA with his wife and son. Andy enjoys photography, riding bicycles, and days at the beach with his wife and son.