



Tacoma/Olympia Section  
**Civil Engineer**  
**THE NEWSLETTER**

MAY 2007

## *Last Meeting Until September*

**TUESDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The Vault Restaurant**  
1025 Pacific AV  
Tacoma, WA

**Cost: \$25\*** cash or check

\*students \$13

**Welcome:** 11:30am  
**Lunch:** noon  
**Program:** 12:30pm

### **Menu:**

#### **Hot Pasta Buffet**

*assorted pastas served  
with house marinara or  
four cheese alfredo sauce*

**Traditional Caesar Salad**  
**Fresh Baked Bread**

Please RSVP by noon,  
Friday, May. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Kay Hoke at  
[khoke@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:khoke@cityoftacoma.org)  
or 253.591.5760

*Please note the section does  
not have the ability to accept  
credit cards. **Cash or Checks,**  
please.*

## **Engineering Practice in Washington**

How Could Current Initiatives Impact You?

PLUS: Incidental Surveying and International Mobility

Speaker: **George Twiss, PLS;** Executive Director, Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

## *Speaker*

**George Twiss, PLS;** Executive Director Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Mr. Twiss was first employed by the board in 1986 to be the first full-time investigator of complaints against engineers and land surveyors. In 1997 he was appointed to serve as Executive Director.

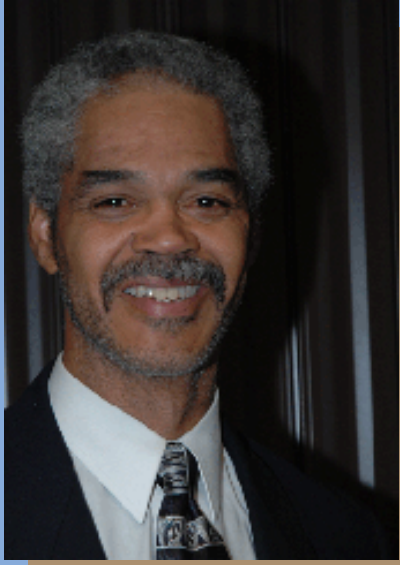
In addition to his duties as Executive Director, Mr. Twiss has been an associate member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES) since 1987. During that time he has served as a member to the Committees on Law Enforcement (LE), Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UP&LG) and Constitution and Bylaws. He also held the position of committee chair to the LE and UP&LG committees. Presently Mr. Twiss is the Secretary-Treasurer to the Western Zone of NCEES.

Due in part to his contributions and technical practices related to investigations of both state and national boards, Mr. Twiss was recognized as a recipient of the NCEES Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement.

As the board's Executive Officer, Mr. Twiss is responsible for overall management of all board activities including budget management; administrative rule development; legislative coordination; stakeholder outreach; and board journal layout. He was appointed authority to preside on behalf of the board in administrative hearings. Most recently he was instrumental in developing administrative rules to implement continuing education for professional land surveyors in Washington state. ■

“Engineers Make the *Difference*...  
They Provide the *Quality* of Life!”

## President's Corner with Michael Hale



*Michael Hale P.E.* has worked for the City of Tacoma Public Works Department for the past 12 years. He is Assistant Division Manager of the Construction Division.

Our section meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, May 8th, will be our last section meeting until fall (September.) We have had some very interesting programs this

pass year presented by some great speakers. I cannot thank them enough for the time and effort they put into preparing their presentations and for taking the time to come to our section meetings. I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You", again.

The months of May and June will present the opportunity for many young graduating students to enter into the great world of Engineering. We who are practicing and working as engineers know it has been difficult to find good engineers who will find the solutions. Although these new engineering graduates may not at this moment possess the experience that might be desired, they do provide the resources that we need to meet the demands of the engineering world, both present and future. It is an exciting time for these graduates. They are full of dreams and enthusiasm. So, hopefully, the public and private entities, that employ engineers, will give these graduates the opportunities to come and work as engineers. Once they are hired, it will be the responsibility of each of us, as experienced

engineers, to provide teaching, training, guidance, experiences, excitement, etc., to help them become good engineers who will find with solutions that will meet and help with the needs of our society for the coming generations.

### Elections

The month of May also brings the time of the year when we vote for our Section Officers and Directors for the next ASCE Board. In this month's newsletter is the Ballot of Nominees for the 2007-2008 Tacoma/Olympia Board Officers. The positions open are: President Elect; Treasurer; Secretary; Director. Please take the time to vote and return the ballots. I also want to take this time, to say "Thank You" to those individuals who were willing to accept the nomination for new Board Section officers.

### Programs

The Board is currently working on a schedule of programs for the coming year. We have some interesting possible topics that are being considered. Should you have any suggestions or be willing to give a presentation, let any board member know as soon as possible. We would appreciate your time and efforts immensely.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting on May 8th.

I wish you all have an enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued commitment to the ASCE.

Thank You

Michael Hale  
2006-2007 Tac/Oly Section President



*At the last meeting* these longtime members were recognized with the ASCE Life Member Award.

Pictured L to R: Karl Anderson; Kris Kauffman; and Leon Wilhelm receive their award

# SECTION CALENDAR and ENGINEERING RESOURCES

## Section

## Calendar



### Tacoma/Olympia ASCE Section Meetings

September Joint meeting w/ SEAW;  
details TBA

#### Upcoming Events

**MESA Honors Banquet;** May 10th  
6:00pm, Pacific Lutheran University  
**ASCE Region 8 Board of Governors  
& Assembly Fall Meeting**  
Sept. 26-29th , Boise ID

**Section Meetings** are open and held once a month, September through May. Meetings are generally held on the **second Tuesday** of the month. Locations alternate between Tacoma and Lacey, and times vary between lunch and dinner meetings.

**\*DATE/TIMES/LOCATIONS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED/VERIFIED**

#### Tacoma/Olympia ASCE Board Meetings:

**\*Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
5:30pm , Red Lobster off I-5 @72<sup>nd</sup>

Local Board Meetings are open and generally held the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm. Locations vary. Please check the WEB site, this calendar, or contact the president for confirmation.

call **253.591.5766 (Michael Hale)** for location and time

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<http://sections.asce.org/tacoly/tacoly.htm>

## TRANSPEED Courses

For a complete list of courses, visit the website at <http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/Transpeed/index.html> for specific course descriptions and dates. Click on the specific course link to view the course outline. or contact:

**Julie Smith**  
Engineering Professional Programs  
Phone: 206-543-5539  
Toll-Free: 1-866-791-1275

## 2007 Professional Development Short Courses

For a complete description of the course and registration information visit our website <http://www.engr.washington.edu> or call us at: Engineering Professional Programs, University of Washington, phone: 206.543.5539 (fax) 206-543-2352 or (toll free) 1.866.791.1275

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## Continuing Ed

For scheduled seminars in your geographic area are available on **ASCE's website** at [www.asce.org/conted/seminars](http://www.asce.org/conted/seminars).

These in-depth, practice-oriented programs are produced by ASCE's Continuing Education Department and may be of interest to many ASCE members in your Sections and Branches. We would greatly appreciate if you would consider posting information on these seminars in your newsletters and on your websites.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:

**Kelly Jarvis**, Continuing Education Registrar at [kjarvis@asce.org](mailto:kjarvis@asce.org) or

**Michael Cook** at [mcook@asce.org](mailto:mcook@asce.org).

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## Tacoma/Olympia Section Board 2007 - 2008

<http://sections.asce.org/tacoly/html/board.htm>

#### President

**Michael Hale...253.591.5766**  
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#### President-Elect

**Bernie Hargrave**  
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#### Secretary

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#### Treasurer

**Morris J. "Gus" Fant...253.922.2332**  
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#### Director

**Vince McClure...(360) 438-4323**  
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#### Director (2-year)

**Mustafa Mohamedali...360.705.7589**  
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#### Region 8 Governor \* new

**Larry Bennett...**

#### Younger Member Chair

**Ben Laurie...253.474.9449**  
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## We're on the web!

<http://sections.asce.org/tacoly/tacoly.htm>

For address changes/corrections, notify the Editor or the WEBmaster.

# ASCE BALLOT 2007-2008

To vote by email: Copy and paste this email into a new email addressed to [wesjones@sitts-hill-engineers.com](mailto:wesjones@sitts-hill-engineers.com) enter your choices and send.

Or. .print this ballot, mark your choices and mail to:

[Wes Jones](#); [Sitts & Hill Engineers](#), 2901 So. 40th St. Tacoma, WA 98409

**Please vote for one person in each category or write in person**

Ballots must be received by **May 31<sup>st</sup>** to be counted.

## Board Positions 2007-2008

PRESIDENT ELECT:  Jason Moline, City of Tacoma  
or Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECRETARY:  Don Davis, Sitts & Hill Engineers  
or Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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TREASURER:  Gus Fant, Robinson Engineers  
or Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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DIRECTOR (POSITION I)  Bruce McDonald, Port of Tacoma  
or Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Younger Member Chair:  Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 officers:

**Pick 4 from the list below.** The chair of the committee is the Past President. Copy and paste your choices, then send.

Sue Coffman

Connie Linden

Kathy Hargrave

Mustafa Muhammedali

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_