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# Columbia Section

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### Columbia Section Meeting

**Date:** June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Place:** Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

**Meal:** Buffet (Chef's choice) \$15 per person.  
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting.

**Topic:** "Bringing Irrigation Water to Red Mountain"

**Speaker:** Dr. Bill Kinsel, Director of the Kennewick Irrigation District (Elected Official) and Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at 12:00.

**RSVP:** Paul Harmsen, [pharmsen@mackaysposito.com](mailto:pharmsen@mackaysposito.com) or 509-374-4248 by June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

This month will be the final section meeting before the summer break. We will resume regular monthly meetings again in September. At the September meeting we will change officers, and the section will be in need of at least one officer. If you are interested please contact one of the current officers.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Bill Kinsel, Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) Director and professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Tri-City branch of Washington State University. Dr. Kinsel will be presenting on the effect that urbanization has on the Kennewick Irrigation District system. Additionally he will touch on various pump station projects within the district. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this month's Columbia Section lunch meeting.

Hope to see you this month!

Sincerely,

Paul Harmsen  
ASCE Columbia Section President

**TOPIC:**  
**“Bringing Irrigation Water to Red Mountain”**

Urbanization and its’ effects on the Kennewick Irrigation District’s system. And a discussion on various pump station projects within the district.

**SPEAKER:**  
**William C. (Bill) Kinsel**

Director of the Kennewick Irrigation District (Elected Official)

Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering  
Washington State University – TriCities

Life Member: ASCE

2002 TriCities Engineer of the Year

**Civil Engineering Technology Symposium  
Walla Walla Community College**

On May 23, 2007 Walla Walla Community College hosted an Engineering Symposium on Careers in Engineering. The purpose of this annual event is to generate interest in the field of engineering by increasing awareness of the profession. The Symposium served to enlighten students concerning the challenges that will face future engineers and what career opportunities will be available to future engineers. High school students from the Walla Walla area attended the all day event.



Speakers at the event included the Washington State Department of Transportation, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Walla Walla, Walla Walla College, Washington State University, and the Columbia Section of ASCE.

Participants in the symposium had the opportunity to learn about Civil Engineering Technology programs at Walla Walla Community College and Engineering programs at several four-year universities.

Speakers from public agencies and private consulting firms shared information about the career opportunities in Civil and other types of Engineering.

The Columbia Section of ASCE was represented at the symposium and concluded the day with a presentation about ASCE, the impact that Civil Engineering has had throughout history, characteristics of a Civil Engineer and type of work that Civil Engineers are involved with, and some famous Civil Engineering achievements.

This event was a successful introduction of engineering and gave the students some insight into the importance and value of engineering in their everyday lives.