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Columbia Section Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Place: [Walla Walla Community College,](#)
[Rotunda Room in the Water Center](#)

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

Topic: Water Studies Center and Engineering Education

Speaker: Jerry Anhorn, Director of Water Studies Center
Jamie Clarke and Maury Fortney, Education Coordinators

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

RSVP to: Paul Smith, paul.smith@CH2M.com or 509-375-3444
by October 20, 2008.

President's Message:

Dear Members:

Well we've gotten off to a great start with last month's turnout for Mr. Scott Revell's presentation on the Kennewick Irrigation District's proposal to move its withdrawal point from the Yakima River to the McNary Pool. I always enjoy seeing faces that don't attend as often. Thank you all for coming and supporting the Columbia Section.

With the help of Maury Fortney of Walla Walla Community College, we are holding this month's meeting in Walla Walla to try and better serve our members in the areas outside of the Tri-Cities. As some of you may know, the Columbia Section of ASCE represents the counties of Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla and Columbia. In Oregon, we represent Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties. In recent years the Yakima Branch has been actively holding meetings to better serve that part of the state.

I hope to see you at this months' meeting. Thanks again to all of you for allowing me to represent you as Columbia Section president.

Sincerely,

Jay Marlow, P.E.
Columbia Section, President

Upcoming ASCE Seminar

“Prepare Now for the P.E. Exam”

This educational opportunity is a live interactive web based seminar provided by ASCE.

The Columbia Section Officers are seeking interested ASCE members and Non-ASCE members to participate in this upcoming P.E. Civil Exam Review for Spring 2009.

The cost for the course will be based on the number of participants. The total cost to establish a site would be \$1,995 which would be split between the enrolled participants.
(20 participants would make the cost \$99.75/each)

You can find out more information on the seminar by going to the following ASCE website:
<http://www.asce.org/conted/distancelearning/peexamreview.cfm>

Schedule from Website:

P.E. Civil Exam Review: Complete 12-part Series

ASCE's live P.E. Civil Exam Review Course on the web is a proven way to help you prepare for and pass the P.E. Civil Exam. Please review the pdf for Spring 2009 course details. All sessions will take place from 3pm - 5pm, ET. \$1,995 M/\$2,395 NM per seminar site for the series.

Spring 2009 schedule is as follows:

- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review I: Structural Analysis, Tuesday, Feb. 17
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review II: Strength of Materials, Thursday, Feb. 19
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review III: Concrete Design, Tuesday, Feb. 24
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review IV: Geometric Design, Thursday, Feb. 26
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review V: Soil Mechanics, Tuesday, March 3
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review VI: Foundation Engineering, Thursday, March 5
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review VII: Hydraulics , Tuesday, March 10
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review VIII: Hydrology, Thursday, March 12
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review IX: Steel Design , Tuesday, March 17
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review X: Water and Wastewater Treatment, Thur., March 19
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review XI: Construction Materials, Tuesday, March 24
- CIVIL P.E. Exam Review XII: Construction Management, Thursday, March 26

If you're interested in participating in the seminar,
please contact Jay Marlow at 509-942-7540 or jmarlow@ci.richland.wa.us

Meet Your Officers

Columbia Section President

Meet Jay Marlow, P.E.

Civil Engineer III, Capital Improvements Manager, City of Richland

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1. Tell us a little about yourself – how did you end up in this industry?

I became interested in Civil Engineering while working during the summer for the Corp of Engineers at McNary Dam in their grounds maintenance group. I always thought working on a project of that size would be incredibly challenging.

I went on to attend Blue Mountain Community College and Oregon Institute of Technology and received my B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology.

2. Tell us about your company?

I left the consulting world in 2000 to become a project engineer for the City of Richland. Since making the move I have really enjoyed being involved with the field observation and construction management side of our profession that I previously hadn't been exposed to.

The City has a design staff consisting of three professional engineers and three engineering technicians with a total of 24 people in Public Works Engineering.

3. Why did you join ASCE?

I joined ASCE due to the encouragement of local ASCE members who expressed the need for more local participation in the Columbia Section. I was already a member of APWA and AWWA, but I was not actively contributing anything. This opportunity pushed me to take a more active role promoting a career that I thoroughly enjoy.

4. What are the top challenges facing our industry?

Up to about two weeks ago I would have said it is hiring and retaining quality employees. Now it might have more to do with the current economic downturn and its potential affects on the local economy.

5. How should ASCE help address this issue?

Overall I think ASCE makes a significant effort in promoting our industry. Here locally, I know we give several grants to schools supporting math and science activities. I am hope in the future we can do a better job of reaching out to the local students at WSU – Tri-Cities and our local community colleges.

6. What else should other ASCE members know about you? Your business?

I would really like to make an extra effort to get more ASCE members plugged in to the Columbia Section. If any of you have ideas about what we could do or do better, your suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail me at jmarlow@ci.richland.wa.us. I am open to any suggestions you may have.