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Columbia Section Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010

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

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

Topic: Columbia River Crossing Study – Assessing Existing and Future Traffic Patterns in the Tri Cities

Speaker: Spencer Montgomery and Rick Door – JUB Engineers

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

RSVP to: Paul Smith, Psmith@mackaysposito.com or 509-374-4248 by June 14th, 2010.

President's Remarks:

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Dear Members:

We are down to our last lunch meeting for 2009/2010 and I hope everyone can attend as elections are held and the new officer's are announced. I appreciate the opportunity that you have given me the last four years as I moved up through the ranks of the Columbia Section. This time has passed quickly and I have gained valuable experience and personal growth that I will use in all aspects of life. As Dr. William Kinsel leaves his position as past-president, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his efforts and ideas over the past few years. I relied on heavily on him to find speakers and topics when I had holes to fill in the schedule and he always came through for me.

The Board of Directors is discussing surveying our members to gain some insight into what kind of benefits that would be meaningful and how we can increase participation in the Columbia Section. We have over 270 members listed in the Columbia Section. Please watch for this in the next month so that we can use this information to plan for next year.

I hope to see you all next week.

Sincerely,

Jay Marlow, P.E.
Columbia Section, President

Washington Department of Licensing – Gathering Information on Need for Continuing Education

The Department of Licensing has been asked by the Legislature to gather information on whether there is a need for Continuing Education for Professional Engineers. To develop a better understanding of how this proposal should be considered in the future, the Legislature wanted to hear from those who are interested in this topic. To gather data, the Board is looking for responses and opinions on the continuing education by seeking if professional engineers support this requirement. Responses can be sent to BORPELS@do.wa.gov. Take some time to reply and weigh in on this matter.

If you have other announcements or important information please feel free to contact me at tszymoniak@whpacific.com or 509-946-9843.

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