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## Columbia Section Meeting

**Date:** April 27, 2011

**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:** Planning Efforts at the Port of Kennewick  
**Speaker:** Commissioner Skip Novakovich– Port of Kennewick

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

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### President's Remarks:

Over the past few months we have heard presentations on transportation projects, civil engineering related service work, and irrigation canal work. This month our presentation is on the planning side of civil engineering.

Skip Novakovich, the 2011 President for the Port of Kennewick's Board of Commissioners, will be presenting on the Port's work on and around Clover Island in historic downtown Kennewick. There has been significant focus on revitalizing Kennewick's historic downtown in the last decade. In 2002, Skip led the first Bridge to Bridge, River to Railroad master planning effort for Kennewick. The City is reviewing and updating that plan now.

The Port of Kennewick has worked on a number of projects on and around Clover Island that have been either completed, nearing completion or in the planning phase. These projects have incorporated economic development, sustainable development practices, and improved habitat for salmon, and have made Clover Island an attractive destination. I am excited to hear more details about the Port of Kennewick's work.

In section news, I would like to remind you that in two months we will be selecting new officers for next year. If you are interested in serving or know someone from your organization that is interested in serving please contact one of the current officers. Also, we are seeking officer representatives from varied areas of the engineering sector, and with Jay Marlow vacating the Past President position it would be especially nice to have a new officer representing the public sector. So this is a special call for a federal, state, city, county or irrigation district employees to step forward and represent the public sector. I look forward to seeing you all next week for what should be an interesting presentation.

**Paul Smith - ASCE Columbia Section President**

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**Update on House Bill 1900 – Continuing Education Requirements**

HB1900 passed the House in February. The first reading of the legislation in the Senate was held on March 1, 2011 and a public meeting was held on March 21, 2011. If passed, the legislation would be effective on July 2012.

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**Job Search in Arlington, VA**

Marcus Miller is a civil engineer at J-U-B Engineers in Kennewick. After getting married in July 2011, he will follow his wife to Arlington, Virginia where she will pursue her Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy at Marymount University. Marcus is looking for a position at a civil engineering firm in the Arlington area and would appreciate any help or leads that you are willing to provide.

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest is sponsoring CANstruction in October at the mall. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alan Meyer with ConAgra Foods. He can be reached at 509-736 2547 or [alan.meyer@conagrafoods.com](mailto:alan.meyer@conagrafoods.com). They are sponsoring a pre-builder meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8AM to get information on the competition. This would be a great opportunity to show off some of our capabilities. More information will be sent out in our next newsletter.