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**Columbia Section Meeting**

**Date: November 2, 2011**

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

**Meal:** Buffet (Chef's choice) - \$15 for Members and Non Members.  
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting

**Topic: Meet and Greet – City Engineer (Pasco)**

**Speaker:** Mike Pawlak

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at Noon. RSVP to: Paul Knutzen, PE 509-735-1589  
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**President's Remarks:**

This month's meeting was moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, and we will also be having our November meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. As our new year is upon us we are looking for interesting topics and projects to present to our members, so if you have some ideas or good projects you feel you would like to present on please feel free to contact myself at [cells@jub.com](mailto:cells@jub.com).

The October meeting (on November 2<sup>nd</sup>) will be a little different than most, we have the great privilege of having a "Meet and Greet" with the new City Engineer for the City of Pasco, Mike Pawlak. He will be there to tell you a little bit about himself as well as give us all a chance to introduce ourselves to him.

I hope you will all attend our lunch meeting and help us give a warm welcome to Mike Pawlak.

Thank you  
Chris Ells, PE  
**ASCE Columbia Section President**

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**Teresa Peterson – Treasurer/Secretary**

**Where is your hometown (where did you grow up)**

I was born and raised in University Place (suburb of Tacoma), WA. I graduated from Curtis High School in 2004.



**What university did you attend and year graduated?**

I attended Washington State University and graduated in 2009. – Go Cougs!

**Tell us about your current job/position**

Currently, I am a Water/Wastewater EIT for HDR Engineering, Inc. in Pasco, WA.

**What is the most exciting/challenging/rewarding project that you have worked on in your career, why?**

The most challenging exciting project I have worked on so far in my career at HDR would have to be the City of Walla Walla’s Water Treatment Plant Upgrades. At this time we have completed the preliminary design report, which I had the opportunity to work on. Discussing all the technologies available was rewarding since I was able to apply my knowledge from WSU and learn about many of the water treatments that are used.

**What are your goals/objectives for the coming year for the ASCE Columbia Section?**

My goals and objectives for the coming year for ASCE Columbia Section are to work on gaining more members for the group that are in college or new graduates of engineering. My hope is to support the group to the best of my abilities as the Secretary/Treasurer.

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If you have some ideas of interest or news for the Section or would like to write an article please let me know. Send an email to [tszymoniak@bendnet.com](mailto:tszymoniak@bendnet.com)

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