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ELECTION FOR 2017-2018 PECG CORPORATION OFFICERS



This *INFORMER* provides background information submitted by each candidate for PECG statewide office. The accompanying ballot must be used for the 2017 Corporation Election of Officers. The ballot contains complete instructions for voting. The candidates were nominated by PECG's Nominating Committee.

Unit 9 members will receive a different ballot than Supervisory members due to the separate offices of Vice President. Caltrans and members from other departments will also receive different ballots because only members from departments other than Caltrans can vote for Vice President, At Large. If you have received the wrong ballot, contact PECG Headquarters.

Ballot envelopes must be postmarked by **August 10, 2017**.

The 2017 President Elect, Sutida Bergquist, automatically becomes the 2018 PECG Corporation President. Robert Lumahan, this year's President, remains on the Board of Directors for 2018 as Past President.

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President Elect

CATHRINA BARROS

WORK EXPERIENCE: Senior Transportation Engineer working at Caltrans in Headquarters. Since 1987, I have worked at Caltrans in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Sacramento.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

2016 - 2017: Chair - PREP Committee
2015: Corporation Past President
2014: Corporation President
2013: Corporation President Elect
2010 - 2012: Corporate Officer - VP Supervisory
2008 to 2010: Supervisory Meet and Confer Team Member
2001 to 2008: Corporate Officer - VP Supervisory
1998 to Present: Supervisory Meet and Confer Team Member
1995 to 1998: Collective Bargaining Team Member

PECG Section Office Experience

1993 to 1997: Bay Area Section

Section Officer positions held: Secretary, President-Elect, President, Director, and VP-Rank & File

CLASSIFICATION: Senior Transportation Engineer (Supervisor)

DEPARTMENT: Caltrans

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Sacramento

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 30

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: We are fortunate to live in California where the economy is improving, programs are funded and new state jobs are being created. But, the country is in a time of conflict and people are divided about government and its employees. There are hiring freezes on the federal level and there are "right to work" laws in a majority of the states. Now, more than ever, the rights and benefits of state employees need to be protected. As an organization, we must remain unified, vigilant and strong. I successfully led our organization in the past. I look forward to being entrusted by you to do so again.

In the upcoming years, PECG will be dealing the challenges of contract negotiations with the Brown Administration, the ever present attack on our vested pensions and new federal policies. PECG will also have opportunities to grow as an organization and to influence state policy that affects all Unit 9 employees. Given these challenges and opportunities, PECG leadership needs to remain true to the core PECG goal to improve the pay, benefits and working conditions of our members and vigorously oppose efforts that would curtail them. Our decisions must be made for the overall good of the members.

As your PECG president elect, I will remain loyal to this goal and work with PECG members and leaders to ensure we benefit the whole organization. This means looking at our past to remember our successes and learn from mistakes. It also means looking at the future to strive for continued growth and to remain a strong proponent of future Unit 9 employees. And still keep our eye on the present, so we address the issues that can harm our rights today. These are the considerations that need to be evaluated in order to make the best decisions for our members.

Based on my involvement in PECG over the years, I will help lead the organization in a balanced way, as I have done in the past and I will continue to do so in all my future PECG endeavors. I am honored by your consideration to serve as your president elect.

I thank you for your support and your continued support of PECG.



W. KEITH MACK

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2016-Present: CT Design Senior
2012-2015: CT Oversight Engineer
2009-2011: CT Design Project Engineer
2006 - 2008: CT Design, Construction, & Surveys
2000-2006: USAFR 940th CE Squadron

PECG EXPERIENCE:

2016-Present: Corporate Treasurer
2015-2016: Corporate Secretary
2012-2015: Benefits Committee Chairman
2011-2012: Marysville Section Director
2010-2011: Marysville Section President
2009-2010: Marysville Section President-Elect

CLASSIFICATION: Senior Transportation Engineer (Supervisor)

DEPARTMENT: Caltrans (CT)

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Marysville

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 12

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I am grateful to be nominated as President-Elect. It would be my honor to serve PECG members for a 10th straight year. My PECG experience is bolstered by leadership roles taken to build up temporary bases in support of 2 foreign conflicts prior to joining the State. Please consider the contributions I have made to our great organization as well as the priorities listed below when casting your vote.

Contributions:

As corporate Treasurer, I recently initiated changes to our accounts which should save PECG more than \$40,000/year. My service with PECG began at the section level, where I learned from my coworkers what was important to them. I reached out to at-large members from nearby offices and also helped establish a section scholarship for children of members. In addition, I was a vocal proponent for the creation of our current corporate scholarship program. I then became Chairman of our Benefits Committee where we secured consumer discounts and oversaw a 40% reduction in PECG sponsored life insurance rates for most members.

2017/2018 Priorities:

- Ensure next contract contains pay parity & Supervisors not left behind:
Public agency hiring and wages are now on the rise. I am committed to seeking fair compensation for all members and seeing that ongoing inequity for members such as Party Chiefs, Sr. Telecom Engineers and others is corrected.

- Protecting our pensions:

In 2012, we agreed to increase our personal pension contributions, among other sacrifices, in order to secure long term stability of CalPERS. While this was briefly lauded, the anti-pension drum beat continues to pound. Under my care, PECG will resist further cutbacks and help fight a State Supreme Court challenge on the issue later this year.

- Promote PECG over outsourcing:

Skilled members are retiring quicker than the state is hiring successors. The passage of SB-1 promises to boost infrastructure and transit investments. Yet, resistance to fill the 3,000 PECG positions lost over the last decade persists while calls are heard for increased outsourcing. A solely defensive strategy is a sure way to lose with heavily funded industries out there looking to profitize our public assets. In recent years we have greatly increased our effort to shine light on our members' positive contributions. PECG members not only provide vital services to the state, but they also volunteer at science and engineering fairs, bridge building competitions, the academic decathlon, etc. I will continue to volunteer my time and ensure PECG maximizes coverage of these activities.



Vice President - Collective Bargaining

JOYA GILSTER-NAVA



WORK EXPERIENCE: Since 2001 I have worked in Caltrans Design in San Bernardino. During my time in Design, I went on rotation where I worked in Construction and Planning. Currently I work in Utilities Engineering Workgroup.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-2003, 2016-2017, Inland Empire Section VP of Rank and File
- 2004-2005, 2014-2015, Inland Empire Section President
- 2005-2007, Inland Empire Section Director
- 2005-2007, Member of the Nominating Committee, and Member of the IE Section Scholarship Committee
- 2006-2007, Co-Chair, Board of Registration Liaison
- 2007-2010, Corporate Secretary
- 2003-Present, Member of the Collective Bargaining Team
- 2011-2012, Vice President of Collective Bargaining

CLASSIFICATION: Transportation Engineer

DEPARTMENT: California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans, District 8)

WORK LOCATION (CITY): San Bernardino

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 16+

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: As a proud employee of the State of California, we work with the motivation for public safety and commitment to the tax payer. It's what drives us to work above and beyond. That's something to be proud of.

The same mind-set has kept me involved with PECG for almost 15 years. I've enjoyed working with members that volunteer their time to be involved with PECG, and it's great to know that we are all on the same team, determined to do the right thing for the membership.

As Vice President of Collective Bargaining, I will continue to work hard to provide representation to the PECG membership and continue to be vigilant to continue pay parity for the membership, which has given us incremental raises. Another issue we will see in next contract is the increasing cost of medical premiums. In less than six months, the bargaining team and I will look at issues like retirement, raises, and health-care concerns. If there are ways to improve the MOU, we will keep track of your questions and concerns.

Over the past 15 years I have volunteered with PECG in a variety of officer positions. One of those positions is being on the Bargaining Team, which provides me with a unique perspective. I understand and appreciate the complex process that goes into having a great MOU.

I'd be honored to serve you this year, as Vice President of Collective Bargaining. Thank you for your time and consideration.

MATT HANSON



WORK EXPERIENCE: I have worked for Caltrans for 29 years in various areas including: Contract Awards, Maintenance, Construction, Hydraulics and Design. The last 20 years have been spent performing transportation research for Caltrans Division of Research and Innovation.

PECG EXPERIENCE: I became a member of the Bay Area Section of PECG (formerly the San Francisco Section) within a couple months of starting at Caltrans in 1987. I served as President, President Elect and Treasurer of the section. I have held positions in both the Sacramento and Capitol Section's executive committees and have twice had the honor to serve PECG members as PECG's Corporate President. I currently chair the Bargaining Team as the Corporate Vice President Collective Bargaining.

CLASSIFICATION: Transportation Engineer, Range D

DEPARTMENT: Caltrans

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Sacramento

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 29

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I would be honored to serve again as PECG's Vice President Collective Bargaining. If reelected, I will continue to work with the Bargaining Team, Staff and the Corporate Board to implement and defend our current MOU.

Our current contract runs through June 30, 2018 and while we are not actively bargaining, the Bargaining Team does meet periodically to meet with CalHR or individual departments when issues arise to ensure that our members and fee-payers are represented.

We will be starting the bargaining process in less than 6 months. At the end of 2017, we will develop and send out the Bargaining Survey to the PECG membership. The results of the survey will be used to set our bargaining priorities for 2018.

Some odds and ends: The State economy and the budget continues its steady growth; Most of the other bargaining Units opted for an MOU term that goes into the next Administration - there will only be three other BUs Bargaining in 2018. Next year is Governor Brown's last year in office; The Governor still appears to be "frugal!" 😞

One area where we have not seen much change is in our annual salary survey comparing the salaries of PECG members to their counterparts in local agencies. The results of salary surveys performed the last couple of years are only showing marginal increases.

As they have always done, PECG leadership and staff continue to excel by consistently and persistently bringing our issues forward and positioning the organization so that when opportunities come up, we can take advantage of them. This was the case in 2003 when we entered into the MOU that gave us the pay parity raises and two years ago in 2015 when we executed our current MOU.

And whatever the outcome of the upcoming corporate elections, as a member of the Bargaining Team and as PECG volunteer, I will continue to work hard to represent PECG's membership.

Warmest Regards,
Matt Hanson

Vice President - Supervisory

STEVE LEE

WORK EXPERIENCE: 26+ years with Caltrans Division of Engineering Services

2005-Present: Branch Chief, Office of Project Delivery

2002-2005: Branch Chief, Office of Project Management

1996-2002: Deputy Contract Manager, Structure Contract Management

1990-1996: Design/Project Engineer, Structure Design and Construction



PECG EXPERIENCE:

2017 PECG Corporation Vice President Supervisory

2014 PECG Corporation Past President

2013 PECG Corporation President

2012 PECG Corporation President-Elect

2009-2011 PECG Corporation Treasurer

2008 Sacramento Section Director

2007 Sacramento Section President

2006 Sacramento Section President-Elect

2015-2016 Legislative Committee Chair

2008-2009 Outreach Committee

2007-2009 Science & Engineering Fair Committee

2000-2006 Sacramento Section Webmaster

CLASSIFICATION: Senior Transportation Engineer (Supervisory)

DEPARTMENT: Caltrans

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Sacramento

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 26+

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Dear Fellow PECG Member,

I am truly honored to be nominated to run for Corporation Vice President (VP Supervisory). Thank you for taking the time to read my qualifications and candidate statement. I bring valuable experience, solid leadership, and fiscal responsibility to the PECG Corporation Board. I was President 2013 and Treasurer for two terms 2009-2011.

As a long-time resident of California and a graduate of UC Davis, I have seen Californians as pioneers in science, technology, and other important concerns to humankind. That holds true for PECG. We have been leaders against outsourcing and wasteful contracting out while retaining the good benefits and fighting against furloughs and pay cuts.

I have been a supervisor for about 15 years. And as with many of you, I had my share of work issues. But I overcame those difficulties with the help of some good people. I trusted those people and in turn, they have believed in me to execute and do the right thing. We also had our supervisor pay issue. And we all suffered through that but PECG resolved our pay issue for most of us. This would not be possible without the constant vigilance from you and the good people at PECG.

I believe in PECG, even as a supervisor. However, less than half of us are members. Let's do our best to increase our PECG membership because we need to stand together. Only together, we can strive towards getting the best possible pay and benefits for us.

PECG has been a leader in support for SB1 which brings over \$5 billion for transportation funding each year in CA. This will bring much needed funding to improve our transportation infrastructure.

As supervisors and managers, we are leaders and experts in our fields. We are in a position to shape our state's infrastructure towards the future. Together, we can solve our water and energy needs, address our infrastructure issues, and improve the standard of living for Californians. They depend on us for clean air and water, safe roads and bridges, and reliable and clean energy sources.

Alone, we can go faster, but together we can go far. Thank you for your vote.

JOE MELLO

WORK EXPERIENCE: Twenty-nine years experience, including seventeen years as a Senior Engineering Geologist with the Water Boards

PECG EXPERIENCE: Meet & Confer Team 2004 – Current

River City Officer: Director 2014-Current; President 2013-2014; VP Supervisory 2003-2008



CLASSIFICATION: Senior Engineering Geologist

DEPARTMENT: Central Valley Water Quality Control Board

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Sacramento

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 18

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

My name is Joe Mello and I am honored to have been nominated for PECG's Vice President-Supervisory office.

As the longest continuously serving member of your Meet & Confer team (thirteen years), I have been involved in negotiations for you with three administrations: Governors Davis, Schwarzenegger (how I hate writing that name!), and Brown. While we all consider the one administration to be by far the worst, some of us have been around long enough to know that our pay was much less in comparison to other public sector engineers in California during the Davis administration. When I first became a supervisor during the Davis administration, there was a year when I was making less than I would have been making had I remained a staff person. Thankfully, those days are over due to the hard work of your Meet & Confer team and PECG staff.

During my early years as a member of your Meet & Confer team, we had a lag greater than 30% in comparison to our peers in local government. Even after our rank and file were able to negotiate salary equity raises, we were not assured that even the first salary equity raises would be granted to supervisors, as was later demonstrated that they could be avoided. For my part, I solicited letters from former State supervisors who left State service for much higher paying local government jobs. We used these letters in our negotiations with the Davis administration and I believe these letters, along with our other documentation that State supervisors were leaving State service for better paying jobs, led to our initial salary equity adjustments.

During my service to you as a Meet & Confer team member, I have been involved both personally and with the Meet and Confer team initially to secure our deserved salary increases and more recently to maintain our salary equity and secure salary equity for those supervisors who did not receive it in 2014. Over the years this has included:

- Providing testimony at the CalHR (then known as the Department of Personnel Administration) salary grievance hearings regarding the split classification Senior Engineering Geologist
- Every year for more than a decade, meeting with State legislators along with PECG staff and other constituents to discuss PECG issues with the lawmakers
- Meeting with CalHR at least twice annually for the last thirteen years to discuss our pay raises and other supervisory issues
- Writing a SuperInformer in 2011 that addressed supervisory members concerns about the lack of pay equity

Most of us are integral parts of world-class agencies and we must do our part to keep the organizations that way. It is why I have been proud to be a public servant for nearly two decades while representing you in our interactions with CalHR during the majority of that time. It is why I would like to continue to represent you as your VP-Supervisory.

Thank you and I appreciate your vote,

Joe

Vice President At-Large

KRISTI SHELTON

WORK EXPERIENCE: Eleven years in private consulting and ten years at the Water Board.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

Corporate Vice President At Large, 2017
Collective Bargaining Team Member
River City Section President (2 years)
Section Secretary (2 years)

CLASSIFICATION: Water Resources Control Engineer, Range D

DEPARTMENT: Central Valley Water Board

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Rancho Cordova

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 10

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Hello fellow PECG members –

It has been an honor to serve as your PECG Vice President At Large this past year. I am equally honored to have been nominated for the opportunity to continue to serve as your representative. This position represents the non-CalTrans employees in PECG, which consists of more than 40% of PECG's membership.

PECG represents about 180 classifications at 46 different agencies. The VP At Large represents over 160 of these classifications at 45 agencies. This is an important job and I am committed to representing this diverse group to the best of my ability.

At Large members are responsible for improving air and water quality; ensuring safe work environments for all Californians; inspecting our hospitals and schools; and managing our valuable state resources. These are important goals and this past year I have had the pleasure of speaking with numerous At Large members about their distinct challenges.

I have been a member and officer of the River City Section since I joined state service. The River City Section consists of entirely non-CalTrans members and is spread between numerous offices in a wide geographic area (Sacramento Region, Santa Rosa, and South Lake Tahoe). I understand the challenges associated with reaching members in various locations. I believe communication is the best way to be successful. During my tenure as VP At Large, I have strived to increase communications with the At Large membership in the various Sections and would appreciate the opportunity to continue this effort.

At Large members have unique challenges. I have worked this past year with the Bargaining and Meet & Confer team representatives along with PECG leadership to protect your pay and benefits. The River City Section has several members that did not receive the pay equity raises, including some Section officers. I understand these concerns and promise to continue to support the Bargaining, Meet & Confer, and PECG Leadership Teams on the many issues important to you.

If elected VP At Large, I promise to act as your voice on the Corporate Board. I will share your concerns and champion your accomplishments. As your representative, I will work closely with the PECG leadership team to share your concerns and issues. I believe in the work that PECG does and would be honored to represent the non-CalTrans members on the PECG Board.

Thanks for your consideration and support. I look forward to the opportunity to again serve you in the capacity of VP At Large.



HAFIZUR CHOWDHURY, P.E.

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1999-Present: Air Resources Engineer, California Air Resources Board
1997-1999: Mechanical Design Engineer, Robbins & Myers Energy Systems
1993-1997: Project Engineer, Manga-Flux Corporation
1992-1993: Petroleum Engineer, Pal-Mix International
1991-1992: Laboratory Analyst, Southern Petroleum Laboratory
1990-1992: Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant

PECG EXPERIENCE:

2009 to Present: Specialty Engineering Classifications Committee
2015-2016: Board of Registration Liaison Committee
2009-2010: Global Climate Change Committee
2007-2008: Director, Fort Sutter Section
2006-2007: President, Fort Sutter Section
2005-2006: President-Elect, Fort Sutter Section

CLASSIFICATION: Air Resources Engineer, Range D

DEPARTMENT: Air Resources Board/Cal EPA

WORK LOCATION (CITY): Sacramento

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 18

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I am really honored and overjoyed to be nominated as a VP At-Large and wanted to thank the PECG nominating committee for providing me such an opportunity to serve the PECG At-Large members in California.

Besides professional work experiences, I have held several offices in different nonprofit organizations over the years including my own community and the Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG). As a team player of the Specialty Engineering Classification Committee (SECC), I have the opportunity to work with SECC on PECG sponsored AB 320 which would create a Title Act for Environmental Engineers. Many employees are working on growing environmental issues; therefore, the Environmental Title Act should create a pathway for them to be licensed professional engineers in their field of advancement. I will continue to strive in working on this and other classifications issues with different agencies because more work needs to be done. In the past, I was fully involved in the PECG sponsored Global Climate Change Committee assisting the team in developing *The Next Frontier: Engineering the Golden Age of Green* – an award winning documentary! This extraordinary video generated a huge positive impact across the nation and other parts of the world addressing the ongoing global climate change concerns. I am proud to be a part of it!

My core objective as a VP At-Large is to provide guidance and counsel our PECG President, the Board of Directors, Committees, and PECG Staff on issues encompassing members pay and benefits, health and safety, retirements, classifications, outsourcing, and many other topics. As you know the At-Large members represents 42% of employees in PECG and the membership in this area is consistently growing. This is quite an impressive and important task; and I want to take the opportunity to improve and mitigate issues to bring positive momentum to all PECG members.



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Secretary

JANE PHAM

WORK EXPERIENCE: As a California Registered Civil Engineer with 19 years of Caltrans experience, I have worked as a Transportation Engineer in various Divisions including Hydraulics, Design, CADD Support, and I am currently working in Traffic Operations.

PECG EXPERIENCE:

2016-present: Corporate Secretary
2015-2016: Member, Corporate PREP Committee
2014-2015: Director, Inland Empire Section
2013-2014: President, Inland Empire Section
2012-2013: President-Elect, Inland Empire Section
2010-2012: Vice President Rank and File, Inland Empire Section
2009-2010: Secretary, Inland Empire Section
2008-2009: Treasurer, Inland Empire Section
I also served on various committees in our Section, such as Scholarships, BYCWD, Science Fair, and Academic Decathlon, Innovation Fair in the Inland Empire section and I also attended the mentoring program for PREP in Sacramento.

CLASSIFICATION: Transportation Engineer, Range D
DEPARTMENT: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
WORK LOCATION (CITY): San Bernardino
YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 19

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I am honored to be nominated again as your Corporate Secretary. It has been a privilege to serve as Secretary this past year and it would be my pleasure to continue to serve PECG members in this Office.

If I am re-elected as Corporate Secretary, I will continue to maintain updated minutes and notes at the Corporate Board Meeting. I will continue to forward PECG members concerns and issues to Corporate and make sure that our members will be well informed. Also, I would like to continue to carry our message to the public, the media, and to the lawmakers to ensure the best results for PECG members.

In addition, I will continue to work with our fellow PECG leaders on legislative issues, such as opposing staff reductions and ensuring that the professional services of our members will not be sidelined. I will support transportation funding bills which keep State projects in-house and eliminate outsourcing, which have been proven inefficient and wasteful to the taxpayers. I will continue to defend the pension plans, to maintain the retirement benefit program and to tackle the issues regarding Public Private Partnership (P3) as well.

As a PECG member for 19 years, I have been impressed and motivated by the accomplishments of PECG for their hard work in protecting our members' interest. I am proud to be a part of this organization and it is critical for our members to recognize the importance of staying active in PECG. Our participation helps convey and build a positive image in the community and brings recognition to our dedicated, and public servants.

I would greatly appreciate your support and I am fully committed to continue to serve PECG as Corporate Secretary. Through teamwork, we can continue to preserve the vested interest of our Organization and I am looking forward to providing the quality representation which PECG members are entitled to.



SARABJIT KAUR CHEEMA

WORK EXPERIENCE: Currently work as a Project Engineer in the office of Advance Planning for 8 years. Also worked in Local Assistance for 9 months, Structure Construction 5 years, District Construction 1 year, Traffic Forecasting and Modeling 6 months, and in Design 2+ years. Other experience- part-time Math instructor at community college. High School Math/ Sci teacher in India for 7 years before migrating to US in 1991

PECG EXPERIENCE: 9 years. Currently Bay Area Section Secretary and a member of Political Liaison Committee. Enjoyed serving members as a Section Director, President, President-elect, and Vice President Membership. Enthusiastically participated in numerous corporate quarterly meetings, PECG legislative days and Democrat State Party conventions. I am a Presidential level Fed-Pac member, and continuously promote Fed-Pac, because I understand that the new Transportation infrastructure funding mechanism needs Federal level advocacy.

CLASSIFICATION: Transportation Engineer, Range C
DEPARTMENT: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
WORK LOCATION (CITY): Oakland
YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 18+

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I am privileged to be nominated to run for the office of Corporate Secretary. I pledge to the duties of this job of proudly participating in board decision making processes and maintaining accurate record of meetings.

I bring the experience of working directly with our local, state and national level leadership. Besides representing PECG on various political fronts and in advocacy efforts, I also serve as an elected School Board member locally for the past 7 years. While raising my three sons, I volunteered a lot in their schools. I expressed my thoughts independently to improve our schools and our student's excellence in education. In 2010, I was encouraged by my PTA friends to run for the school board. I did not have any formal government making exposure, education or aspiration, and I had no sense of what I was getting into. It turned out a great roller coaster ride of my life time. In 2012, motivated by our furloughs and educational funding cuts of dire years, I stepped up to run for the CA Assembly to have a true voice of our own in the legislature.

Besides politics, I enjoy cooking, bike riding, traveling and spending some quality time with my sons. Whenever I get a chance, I and my husband Pritam go for a long nature walk. We cherish reflecting on our lives of 30 years together.

We, the PECG members, are one of the most skilled work force of California and are very fortunate to have such a specialized representation through PECG including our staff. Previous leaderships have done an excellent job and it is now our responsibility to be involved in our union to keep this organization great for us and for our future members. Regardless if you are a state engineer, architect, land surveyor, engineering geologist, a sanitary engineer, or other specialty engineer, we are together in this endeavor to advance the interests of our members as well as of all Californians. I am counting on your vote with an opportunity to organize even better, fight hard to maintain our jobs, our quality of lives, work and family life balances.

Sincerely,
Sarabjit



Treasurer

RYAN M. ATENCIO

WORK EXPERIENCE: Hazardous Substances Scientist (DTSC): 2001-2010
Senior / Supervisory Hazardous Substances Scientist (DTSC): 2011-2012
Air Resources Engineer (ARB): 2012-current

PECG EXPERIENCE: PECG Fed-Pac Member since 2012
LA Section Delegate: 2013
LA Section Vice President: 2014
PECG Bargaining Team since: 2015

CLASSIFICATION: Air Resources Engineer, Range C
DEPARTMENT: Air Resources Board
WORK LOCATION (CITY): El Monte
YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 16

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: As a member of the Bargaining Team, and a past Vice President of the LA Section, I have worked hard to engage with members, hear their concerns, and help solve problems. While each member is unique, I believe we all desire the best results for our organization, and I have volunteered tirelessly to deliver results including: our recent salary increases and other protections as outlined in our current MOU. However, advocacy comes in many forms.

Working with PECG leaders and meeting with different sections over the last couple of years has given me insight into membership concerns across many state agencies. While Caltrans makes up the majority of our membership, I believe a fresh perspective at the corporate officer level from an at-large agency candidate, would be valuable for our organization as a whole.

As Treasurer, I would continue to work hard to provide the energy and accountability PECG members deserve through diligent and accurate financial reporting. Enthusiasm, transparency, and advancement for all PECG sections and members will be the goals of my tenure. I hold a master's degree in environmental engineering, and was born and raised in the LA area. I have been employed by the State of CA for 16 years. I would be honored to serve you this year as Treasurer.

Thank you for your consideration.



AARON P. HENKEL

WORK EXPERIENCE: 22 years

PECG EXPERIENCE: SLO Section President Elect, SLO Section President, SLO Section Director, Corp. Bylaws Committee, Corp. Nominating Committee, and Corp. Outreach Committee.

CLASSIFICATION: Senior Transportation Engineer
DEPARTMENT: Caltrans
WORK LOCATION (CITY): San Luis Obispo
YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 18

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I have been a PECG member for just over 18 years. During this time I have been active with my section for approximately 15 years. With the section I helped to set up our section scholarship program. I also reached out to our sections at large members to try to bring more members into the activities of the section. During my many times going through the section leadership roles I was able to be part of the team that was able to support our section members and insure the section was fiscally responsible. My first run as SLO Section President our section was very low on funds. I was able to create a budget with the help of our section leadership that still allowed the section to do activities and create a rainyday fund for the section.

As my children have all gone off to college I feel this is a good time to try and take the next step with my involvement as a PECG member. I feel that being the Corporate Treasurer would give me more insight as to the running of PECG at the Corporate level and see the differing needs for all of the sections of PECG. For the last three years I have been a Project Manager. In this role I have been responsible for many project budgets. I believe this will help me do the responsibilities of the PECG Corporate Treasurer.

I would appreciate everyone's support in what I hope to be my next endeavor.

Thank you
Aaron Henkel



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I also served as a Chairman for the Bay Area Society of Petroleum Engineers while I was working with Robbins & Myers Energy Systems. I joined ARB's CARB-Orators Toastmasters Club in 2001 and served as a President for 2000 and 2001, as an Area 44 Governor (2003-2004), and as a Division D Governor (2004-2005) and achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster award in District 39 Toastmasters International. In addition, I served as Chairperson (2009) and Vice-Chairperson (2007-2008) for Equal Opportunity & Disability Advisory Committee at the Air Resources Board under the Executive Office. During my involvement with these organizations my objective was to maintain high standards through teamwork and proper communications, delegations, and management to achieve individual and organizational goals.

Fellow members, it takes a village to make a change! If elected with your support, my humble request to all the At-Large members to reach me via email with your concerns and I will continuously work with you, all Section Leaders, Bargaining Team, Meet & Confer Team, PEGC Staff, Board of Directors, and Legislators as a liaison to safeguard members pay and benefits to voice your concerns to ensure that I resolve your issues! I will continue to be a team player on forefront and work diligently using my unique skill sets to represent all the PEGC At-Large members. With this in mind, I am sincerely asking for your vote and consideration to represent you. Together we can make a difference!

With Warmest Regards,
Hafizur Chowdhury