

PE ORANGE COUNTY SECTION



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT



Quarterly Report

March 2021

**OC SECTION
EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS
2021 - 2022**

Director.....Tran Dang
President.....Oscar Huerta
President-Elect.....Bryan Sorensen
VP File & Rank.....Anastasia King
VP Supervisory.....Joey Lee
VP At-Large.....Stacy Sor
Secretary.....Liliana Larios
Treasurer.....Arvin Cuevas

OC SECTION BOARD DELEGATES & COMMITTEES 2021 - 2022

Adil Mujtaba
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Barjesh K Sharma
Grace Pina-Garrett
Harris Huynh
Jared Lindo
Larry Ngo
Mohamad Heyari
Parisa Bozorgchami
Shawna Chambers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Anastasia King, Chair

STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jared Lindo, Chair
Parisa Bozorgchami, Co-Chair

EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mohamad Heyari, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Arvin Cuevas, Chair
Mohamad Heyari, Newsletter Editor

MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Oscar Huerta, Co-Chair
Barbara McGahey – Co-Chair

POLITICAL LIASON COMMITTEE

Tran Dang, Chair

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Santa Ana, CA 92705

PECG Orange County Section Monthly Meetings

We are continuing to hold our Section Monthly Board Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the OC Section has been holding virtual monthly meetings using WebEx.

PECG Orange County Section COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most staff continue to telework. OC Section members continue to meet through teleconferencing and have been given tools to work remotely such as the Remote Desktop System (RDS) and WebEx and Microsoft TEAMS software. WebEx and Microsoft TEAMS have provided the ability for members to attend and contribute in various meetings remotely and conveniently.

OC Section Committees

Among the many outstanding actions and efforts of the OC Section throughout the year, the most recognized is the establishment of several committees to involve and inform the membership as well as provide outreach to the community PECG serves. These committees include: Membership Recruitment, Event Planning, Communications, Student Outreach, among others.

Our Event Planning Committee is organizing both an upcoming At-Large Luncheon and Supervisory Luncheon to provide news on various issues such as bargaining and teleworking. Raffle prizes will be available to show our appreciation to the members.

PECG Orange County Section's Membership Committee

After receiving feedback from PECG Corporate regarding effective recruitment methods and practices, the OC Section Recruitment Committee has incorporated the recommended practices to boost and retain our membership. These practices include the followings:

- *Personalizing recruitment presentations based on the work experience of new hires*
- *Scheduling focus meetings with all new hires to teach membership process*
- *Sending the PECG weekly update directly to new hires until they are added to the mailing list*

The OC Section has also implemented an incentive for new members, where the \$50 "recruitment bonus" awarded to recruiters is instead returned to the new member as a "welcome gift."

Since our last report, our OC Section Membership Chair, Anastasia King has reported that we have successfully recruited 5 new members at new employee orientations (NEOs) and had 4 existing members transfer their membership to our section. Our VP At-Large, Stacy Sor and Delegate, Shawna Chambers, have started to assist with organizing At-Large recruitment events.

To encourage retention and keep members informed, the OC Section will continue to provide the newsletter to all section members. The newsletter will include information about upcoming events, details on benefits within the MOU, PECG Corporate updates, and a welcome section for new members.

Annual OC Section Holiday Luncheon

The OC Section held its first in-person Holiday Induction Luncheon since the pandemic for its members on December 16, 2021 at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim which included guest speaker Jesse Rodriguez (Labor Relations Counsel from the PECG Pasadena Office) and organized by our Event Planning Committee Chair, Mohamad Heyari. Our Section President, Oscar Huerta, and Section Director, Tran Dang, addressed the members in attendance. The members enjoyed meeting each other again in person, hearing valuable information from our guest speaker, Jesse Rodriguez and having an opportunity to win one of the \$500 worth of raffle prizes that were available and procured by Delegate, Harris Huynh.

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Members enjoying the Holiday luncheon...



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Heard valuable information from our special guest speaker, Jesse Rodriquez...



Won raffle prizes...



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Holiday Luncheon (cont.)





Student Outreach Committee

ASCE CSULB Dreams Big event:

OC Section sponsored the “ASCE CSULB Dreams Big” event on December 4, 2021 in Long Beach, CA. The “Dreams Big” event is an outreach program to encourage middle and high school students to pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

“I saw so many kids wearing PECG and Caltrans swag throughout the day, so thank you so much [for supplying PECG swag]! I was able to speak on a panel of professionals to 4 elementary classes and describe the importance of engineering and education. I also got to let them know how Caltrans helps them in their daily lives.” said Jared Lindo (Student Outreach Chair).



(Above left) Jared Lindo (Student Outreach Chair) answering questions as a part of the professional panel



(Above Right) Students asking engaging questions professional panel

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WTS-OC Girl's Engineering Day:

The Section will also be sponsoring the "WTS-OC Engineering Girls Day" event to be held on February 22nd in Anaheim. It's an event that introduces middle school and high school girls to a variety of careers in the transportation industry. About 150 students are expected to attend. WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the global advancement of women. They provide professional programs, networking opportunities, and unparalleled access to industry and government leaders.



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Retiree Member Appreciation:

Section Director, Tran Dang presenting Gift Certificates to Viet Ngo and Ying Bian...



Viet Ngo (below left)



Ying Bian (below right)

