

PE ORANGE COUNTY SECTION



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT



Quarterly Report

September 2022

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
Barbara McGahey
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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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, most staff continue to telework, but the majority have started to report to the district office about 1- 3 days per week as directed by their supervisors. 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

The OC Section through its several committees continue to involve and inform the membership as well as provide outreach to the community PECCG serves. These committees include: Membership Recruitment, Event Planning, Communications, Student Outreach, among others.

Our Event Planning Committee is organizing an Induction luncheon to be held in-person on September 28th to swear in the new Section officers. One of our proposed guest speakers includes Jesse Rodriguez to help answer questions regarding the MOU.

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 3 new rank & file members at new employee orientations (NEOs), 1 new supervisor and recruited 1 existing members to our section by having them transfer their membership. We plan on recruiting 6 additional, new employees, who we've sent invitation to. 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.

Student Outreach Committee

We were very pleased to be informed that 3 dependents of PECG members in the Orange County Section were selected to receive 2022 PECG Scholarships.

The winners from our Section included:

- 1. Ian Daniel Lim, dependent of PECG member Emelinda Lim*
- 2. Ryan Huy Nguyen, dependent of PECG member Son Nguyen*
- 3. Mahdi Afshar Arjman, dependent of PECG member Mona Shahidi*

Our Section board plans to invite all of them and further recognized them at our Induction luncheon.

Annual OC Section Supervisory Luncheon

The OC Section held its annual Supervisory Luncheon in-person on June 30, 2022 at Maggiano's in South Coast Plaza located in the city of Costa Mesa. The guest speakers that attended included guest speaker Jesse Rodriquez (Labor Relations Counsel from the PECG Pasadena Office) and Corporate VP Supervisory, Stefan Cajin. The event was organized by our Section VP Supervisory, Joey Lee and Event Planning Committee Chair, Mohamad Heyari. Our previous Director and supervisor, Grace Pina-Garrett also addressed the members in attendance. The members enjoyed meeting each other and hearing valuable information from our guest speakers.

Section By-laws committee

Our By-laws committee chair, Bryan Sorenson, made 2 motions to update our Section By-laws which were unanimously approved. The first amendment (under Article IX, Section 4 (d), will add electronic voting as an option to our Section members during Section Elections. This change will bring our By-laws in alignment with what the Corporate By-laws are now. Doing so will make voting easier, quicker and more inclusive for the members. Also, it will reduce the cost of mailing and printing paper ballots. The second amendment (under Article V, Section 8 (d), adds email and web conferencing as options to vote on motions made by the Section board. This allows for motions to be voted on after a monthly Section Board meeting in cases that did not have the required quorum due to some officers having scheduling conflict and not available to attend.

Tri-Section Picnic Event

The Orange County, Los Angeles and Inland Empire Sections held a joint Picnic event on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 11am to 4pm at the Oak Canyon Private Park in Orange County. Our Event Planning Committee Chair, Mohamad Heyari, along with Los Angeles Section, Shabbir Ahmed, and Inland Empire Section, Reyna Baeza-Oregel, coordinated together to have a successful event. Food items included roasted BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Hawaiian rolls, and a Hot Dog bar. The many fun activities included: Ferris Wheel, Kiddie Rides, Bounce House, Boating, Mini Golf, Picnic Sports, Face Painters, Balloon Artist, Games and Contests.

2022 Tri-Section Picnic Event Photos



O.C. Section Director, Tran Dang (2nd from the right) with section members

2022 Tri-Section Picnic Event Photos (continued)



PECG Section members gathering for some tasty food at the lunch buffet

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2022 Tri-Section Picnic Event Photos (continued)



Section Delegate and former President/Director, Grace Pina-Garrett (pictured left), one of the lucky winners at the raffle



PECG Section members at some of the many fun activities that were available

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2022 Tri-Section Picnic Event Photos (continued)



Former Section President/Director, Lee Haber, enjoying the picnic with the section members (and family members).