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EUREKA SECTION

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT

President's Message

Greetings

Thank you all for your support and PECG membership!

This is the first Eureka Section Newsletter since I became President of the Section and I am really excited to share with you some of the updates we have on our plans for the upcoming year as well as introducing you to the current section officers.

Within this newsletter, there are details on events that are planned for our members, but there are also short articles summarizing some of the activities that are planned for the year. As you'll see, several of our completed and planned activities are intended to promote PECG as an organization in our community, to highlight the service our members provide to the public, and to encourage future generations to pursue careers in our profession.

To the right, is a list of our section's officers. While many of the names are probably familiar to you as long-time employees and PECG volunteers, others may not be as familiar as they are newer employees and first-time section officers. With regard to the freshman leaders, I really want to thank them for stepping in to both assist and learn the ropes. I

hope they find being an officer as rewarding and educational as I have found it to be.

I hope you find the newsletter helpful and informative.

Thank you again,



Desiree Edgar
Eureka Section, President

2023/24 Officers:

- Lucas Price
Director
- Desiree Edgar
President
- Katie Everett
President-Elect
- Brian Simon
Vice President Supervisory
- Haley Isaacson
Vice President Rank & File
- Sherry Constancio
Vice President at Large
- Ruth Burris
Secretary
- Anastasiia Beebe
Treasurer



Membership Meeting

On January 31, 2024, we held our first, in-person member meeting since the start of the COVID pandemic! The meeting was well attended and it was good to see everyone in person again.

To commemorate the return to some semblance of normalcy, Section President Desiree Edgar invited Matt Austin from PECG HQ to come speak to our members about the many of the PECG related topics and questions that are on our minds. It was great to have Mr. Austin back at the Eureka Section as he well-versed in the subject matter and ever so eloquently presented the information.

President Edgar also provided the audience with updates on her goals and objectives for the upcoming year as well as any recent news that was shared at the Corporate Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting held in Sacramento the month before.

Our next Section Meeting will be held in the next months and President Edgar is already making arrangements. If there are any guest speakers or specific topics you'd like to suggest, please reach out to Desiree or any of the other Section Officers.



H. Mattson Austin
PECG HQ
Labor Relations, Principal



Right: Eureka Section members attending the in-person PECG meeting on 1/31/2024



Lunches at the Construction Offices

Recognizing that we have members that are headquartered outside of the District Office and they can't always make the trip to the District Office for our Quarterly Section Meetings, Section Officers began bringing the meetings to these satellite offices.



This new outreach initiative started last year and is continuing this year with our first offsite in 2024 at the Crescent City Office and then moving on to the Redwood Valley Office soon afterwards.

The response from the employees at these offices has been very positive and they have been very appreciative as these remote locations can sometimes feel like islands isolated from the rest of the Section.



Left: Boyd Road Construction office employees enjoy some tasty sandwiches while listening to Section updates from President Lucas Price (2023)



Right: Spruce Point Construction office employees gathering in the breakroom for lunch during a PECG Eureka Section offsite meeting (2023)

Member Activities

2024 Humboldt County Science Fair

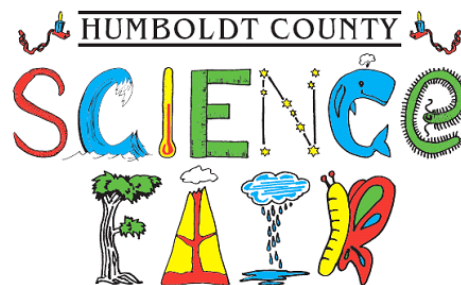
The 2024 Humboldt County Science Fair is fast approaching and will be held March 14-16, 2024 at the Sequoia Conference Center in Eureka.

For many years, PECG's Eureka Section has supported the fair and this year the section will once again be assisting the fair by asking our members to help with judging the projects and the Section will be providing a small donation to assist in the overhead costs of facilitating such an important event.

However, this year the Eureka Section will be more involved because our Science and Engineering Committee will be recognizing and awarding at least three of the projects that best represent a solution to an engineering problem.

If you are interested in becoming a judge at the fair, please contact one of the Eureka Section's Officers or by visiting the following website

<https://hcoe.org/science-fair/>



In advance, thank you for helping support this year's fair

Eureka Section's Science and Engineering Committee

Chairpersons: Katie Everett and Ansel Ortiz

Members: Matthew Socha and Brian Simon



Left: Current Section President Elect, Katie Everett, at the 2023 Humboldt Science Fair donating a much appreciated monetary donation to the event.

News & Announcements

2024 Eureka Section Scholarship



The 2023/24 PECG Eureka Section scholarship has been awarded!

The Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) represents 14,000 state-employed engineers and related professionals responsible for designing and inspecting California's highways and bridges, ensuring that schools and hospitals are safe during earthquakes, and protecting our air, water, and beaches. PECG continually strives to provide quality benefits to our members.



Therefore, the PECG Eureka Section is proud to have awarded one (1) \$1000 scholarship as a member-only benefit for PECG Eureka Section members and their dependents who are currently enrolled in a college or university.

This scholarship is distinct from the PECG Corporate scholarships.

This year's winner is Transportation Engineer, Kinwai Tai, who currently works in Traffic Safety. Congratulations Kinwai!

For questions or more information, please contact Eureka Section Scholarship Committee Chair Katie Everett.

Coming Up

Events

- Eureka Section Member Meeting
June 2024
- Exam Prep Study Session
June 2024
- Humboldt Crabs Baseball Game
July 2024
- Eureka Section Member Event
Fall 2024



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