



INLAND EMPIRE SECTION



Quarterly Section Report December 2013

2013-2014 PECG Officers

Section 2013-2014

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IE Officers at the PECG Annual Meeting



MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2013

TIM SHARP

Cathrina Barros, the Corporate President gave the award to our own Tim Sharp at this years PECG Annual meeting.

Cathrina Barros - Corporate President; Tim Sharp - Benefit Committee Representative, Member of the Year 2013.



PECG ANNUAL MEETING 2013

This years PECG annual meeting was held in Santa Barbara, during the first weekend of October. As shown above, we are very happy to announce that Tim Sharp was awarded the Member of the year. We feel that it is an honor well deserved for his work with our Section.

(L-R) Joya Gilster-Nava, Ferdinand de la Cruz, Aaron Brady, Jane Pham, Ramin Ghodsi, Scott Hongkham, Tim Sharp



President's Message



Thank you Inland Empire Section for your vote of confidence in me to be your representative as Section President for Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) this 2013-2014 year. As your Section President, I look forward to working with PECG Corporate Officers and staff in addressing our member's needs and interest.

I will continue to work hard and support the following interests of our members this year:

- Supervisory and Manager Pay Parity
- Status of Outsourcing
- High Speed Rail
- Implementation of the new design-build bill (AB 401)
- Regulations implementing federal transportation funding legislation

As a professional organization of State employees, it is critical for our members to recognize the importance of staying actively involved in PECG sponsored activities. Our participation helps convey a positive image in the community and brings recognition to our ever dedicated and much needed public service employees. I would like to extend my encouragement for our members to get involved at the local level, to reinforce our commitment and support the activities that PECG helps to coordinate.

My goal this year, October 2013-October 2014, is to effectively work with PECG and provide the support needed at the local level. I would also like to increase the Inland Empire Section's outreach activities to promote our organization's presence in the community. I will need everyone's support and participation and look forward to carrying out my duties as Inland Empire Section President.

Sincerely,

Jane Pham



2013-2014 Officers Taking the Oath



(L-R) Bill Wasser (VP Supervisory), Joya Gilster-Nava (President-Elect), Nassim U Gani (VP Rank and File), Sybille Phillips (Secretary), Jane Pham (President), Omar Perez (Treasurer)

The Section held its 'Installation of Officers Meeting' on October 17th at our monthly Officers Meeting in San Bernardino. The Oath of Office for the newly elected officers and Executive Committee was administered by Aaron Brady, our Section Director.



Ratification Meeting September 19, 2013



Gerald James - Blanning & Baker and Joya Gilster-Nava, Bargaining Team Committee Member



John Roberts—Bargaining Team Committee Member



Inland Empire Members at the San Bernardino Public Library

On September 19, 2013 a Ratification meeting for the new MOU was held at the Norman F. Feldheim Public Library. We were delighted to have PECG General Counsel, Gerald James as guest speaker to clarify and address any concerns that members had with the proposed MOU. Joya Gilster-Nava and John Roberts from the Corporate Bargaining Committee Team also contributed their insights to member's concerns and helped answer any questions regarding the contract language.

As a result, the Section accounted nearly 200 Ratification ballots from our members to help the statewide vote count reach 50% of membership votes, as required for the votes to be counted and the new MOU to be ratified. With this milestone reach, PECG negotiated a 2-year contract that included: a pay raise, cash out vacation and annual leave, license fee structure improvements, continuation of current Health-care costs, increased meals/lodging reimbursement and no furloughs during this contract term.



2013 Picnic at Fairmont Park



Our Member's Picnic at Fairmont Park was a welcomed success, as members and their families turned out to show their support and enjoyed a beautiful day outdoors with games, entertainment and great food. We were delighted to have Steve Lee, PECG Corporate President, attend and participate in many of the fun activities our Section organized, including chess, golf and volleyball. Section members teamed up to provide live music and entertainment for the kids with a jumper, water guns, balloons and "goodie" bags.



Community Outreach

Youth Education Mentoring Program



YEMP is designed to have successful professionals and business persons talk to the junior high school students about the skills they earned, how they earned it and what they do at work. It gives a chance to the students to learn about different skills to choose from and also gives them a heads up to learn the skill of their choice. It gives our youths a guiding pathway to life experiences that they need to prepare for.

Professional Engineers in California Government, Inland Empire Section, took up this program as a mission. It takes the share of social responsibility and builds connection with the communities. PECG recently suffered manifold media frenzy by vested quarters to manipulate the actual terms and benefit of its members. Without building bridge with the public, it's very hard to overcome that propaganda.

The PECG sub-committee co-chairs, Nasim Gani and Sybille Phillips, along with volunteers Wale Alofe, James Camarillo, Ramakrishna Tadi and many others worked with the YEMP program coordinator to make it a success.

Speakers are needed for:

Fri, December 6 – Norco -
2711 Temescal Ave, **Norco**, CA 92860

Thurs, December 12 – Ramirez - 6905 Harrison Avenue, **Eastvale**, CA 92880

Tue, December 17 – Gage - 6400 Lincoln Avenue, **Riverside**, CA 92506

Thurs, December 19 – River Heights - 7227 Scholar Way, **Eastvale**, CA 92880



Upcoming Events



December 2013 Inland Empire Section Meeting



Guest Speakers:

Matt Austin

Matt Austin is the Chief Financial Officer and a Director for Blanning & Baker. He will discuss our life insurance and disability policy and will also answer any questions concerning Retirement.



Roy Flores

**PECG Corporate
President-Elect**

When:
Thursday
December 12th, 2013

Time:
11:30 AM

Where:
Norman Feldheym
Public Library
555 W. 6th Street
San Bernardino

**Lunch will be
provided**

FREE Pizza Lunch. Your choice of Combo, Chicken or Veggie.
Get your Ticket by **Monday, Dec 9th from:**

Denise Craig	12th floor	(909) 383-4068
Aaron Brady	11th floor	(909) 388-7304
Reyna Baeza	8th floor	(909) 383-4307
Jane Pham	7th floor	(909) 388-7135
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