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Location:

Governor Hotel Billiard Room
614 SW 11th Ave, Portland OR

Time:

Check in: 11:30 AM, Program: Noon

NOTE THIS IS A LUNCH MEETING

Cost:

Lunch & Program

\$32.00 Pre-paid Member
\$40.00 Pre-paid Non Member
\$18.00 Students

RESERVATIONS:

Call or email Jane Ellsworth before 5:00 PM, Friday, March 12, Ph (503) 753-3075,
Email: jane@seao.org.

PDH CREDIT:

One PDH has been recommended for this program

You can now register and pay online at www.seao.org

About the Program: Ron Kernan and Josh Richards with KPFF will share their experiences with ASCE-31 and ATC-20 evaluations in Haiti from February 15th through 27th. They were able to see three cities on the north side of the island, Cap-Haitien, Ft. Liberte, and Milot which were essentially undamaged as well as Port au Prince and Leogane, near the epicenter, which both sustained significant damage.

About the Speakers: Ron Kernan joined KPFF in 1983. He has a BS from Oregon State University and is a licensed Structural Engineer in Washington and Oregon. He is past president of SEAO and is ATC 20 Certified.

Josh Richards joined KPFF in 2003. He has a BS from Ohio University and is a licensed Structural Engineer in California and Oregon. He is a member of AISC and is ATC 20 Certified.

BRIEFING...

By: Jennifer Carlson

Originally, with spring break there was no SEAO program planned for March and consequently no newsletter planned for March. Then our program chair, Julie Hayes, brought the opportunity for this presentation about our members' experience in Haiti to our attention. We scrambled and set up a lunch meeting for what promises to be a very interesting program. Next we hurriedly put together this announcement in lieu of a newsletter. I hope to see many of you on the 17th.

A big thank you goes out to all the vendors who participated in the annual Trade Show on February 25th. We had great member attendance at the show and the mini-seminars in the afternoon. Generous vendors and sponsors provided wonderful raffle gifts. The final accounting is not complete yet, but overall, the event will give a big boost to our scholarship fund.

I have a personal mea culpa to clear up. Last month in my message, I stated that Dominic Webber is a member of the snow committee when I meant to state Dmitri Wright is a member. These senior moments seem to be coming more often since I got that blasted AARP membership card in the mail. My apologies for the confusion and thank you both for the time and effort you give this organization.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

We have identified some specific tasks for three of our committees that are discussed below. We need volunteers to join these committees and actively participate in performing these tasks.

Wind and Seismic Committees

ASCE 7 will be publishing a new edition in 2010, which will be adopted in the 2012 IBC. We understand ASCE 7-10 will make major changes in the approach to seismic and wind load derivation. SEAO wishes to task our Seismic and Wind committees with reviewing the ASCE 7-10 document to evaluate the respective wind and seismic section revisions

and new approaches. The committees will then make recommendations for state specific changes to the Oregon Building Codes Division on behalf of SEAO for the revised OSSC which will accompany the adoption of the 2012 IBC by the State of Oregon.

After many years of faithful service, Dominic Webber is stepping down from the chairmanship of the Seismic committee. We greatly appreciate Dominic's past contributions to the committee. Chad Kilian has already volunteered to join the Seismic committee. Welcome Chad! Jim Riemenschneider is the current chairman of the Wind Committee. I would like to recruit another 4 or 5 members of varying experience levels to serve on each of these committees and undertake this task.

Newsletter

Another committee that we want to inject new life into is our Newsletter Committee. I'm sure there are members out there with latent or budding literary talents. All members are encouraged to submit technical articles. We also need volunteers to organize, strategize, coordinate, and expedite newsletter articles. If anyone is familiar with publishing software and can spend a little time each month laying out the newsletter content, we can use your help.

Please contact me (jenny.carlson@worleyparsons.com) or Vice-President Trent Nagele (trent@vlmk.com) for further details on seismic, wind or newsletter committee opportunities.

Committee Meeting Schedule

The Board and committee chairs are planning to use the upcoming April 28th dinner meeting as an opportunity for many of our committees to meet at one time and place. All the committees for whom this approach makes sense will gather at tables at the Governor for meetings before the dinner meeting starts. We hope all members will use this opportunity to visit with the committees they are interested in and bring their own ideas for committee activities.

Mark Your Calendars...

March 17

Lunch Meeting — *Member Experiences in Haiti*
Governor Hotel

April 28

4:00 PM—Committee Meetings, Governor Hotel
5:30 pm—Social Hour
6:30 pm—Dinner Meeting— *Port of Portland speaking on recent projects*
Governor Hotel

May 26

Lunch Meeting—*Sustainability*
Governor Hotel

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