Upcoming SEAO Meetings and Events:

Wednesday, October 30, 2019: SEAO Chapter Breakfast Meeting
Topic: Mass Plywood Panel: Designing with the Newest Mass Timber Product
Speaker: Austin Basl, Freres Lumber Co.
Location: Portland City Grill, 111 SW Fifth Avenue, 30th Floor, Portland, OR
Time: 7:00 am check-in and breakfast; 7:30 am program
See page 3 for additional information.

Tuesday, November 12 to Friday, November 15, 2019: NCSEA Structural Engineering Summit
Events Include: Over 16 Hours of Continuing Education; Keynote Speakers; Timber-Strong Design Build Competition; SE3 National Symposium; the Largest Structural Engineering Focused Trade Show; and the NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards.
Location: Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA
See ncsea.com/meetings/annualconference for additional information.
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:
By: Steve Trautwein, P.E., S.E.

As we embark on the 2019-2020 SEAO Year, the first thing I’d like to do is thank the outgoing board members for their service to our organization. Norm did a nice writeup in the last newsletter, but I wanted to add my thanks to Seth Thomas as the outgoing Past-President, and to JoMarie Farrell as the outgoing Director. I’d like to welcome our new board members, Alex Stroud, our new Secretary, and James McPherson, our new Director. And thank you to the board members continuing their terms of services, Norm Faris as our Past-President, Dusty Andrews, past Secretary and new Vice-President, Mike Daily, our Treasurer, and CJ Marquardt, serving his second year as Director.

As I start my term of office, I’ve put a lot of thought into what I’d like to see our organization do in the coming year. Organizations like ours are powered by volunteers, and it seems like boards are forever looking for ways to get more people involved in volunteering. This year, I’m planning to focus efforts on reinvigorating our Younger Member Forum (YMF). I had lunch this last week with our two new co-chairs of the YMF, Sarah Johnson and Nisarg Mehta, as well as our outgoing chair, Deanna Kuhlman. There is a lot of energy in this new group, lots of ideas for activities we could pursue this year. These include a continuation of the monthly Younger Member Happy Hours, establishing a social media presence, setting up project site tours, a speed-mentoring event, and continuing education events targeted for younger members. That sounds like a lot, and if we’re prudent we won’t pursue them all, but I’m excited about the ideas that are flowing and looking forward to seeing what comes out of this group in the coming year. If you’re a younger member (and we’ll let you decide if you fit that description!), I encourage you to get involved in these activities and grow your involvement in SEAO. It’s a great way to network and expose yourself to new professional opportunities.

If you’re not a younger member but are still interested in volunteering, we have vacancies in a number of committees, including the Chair positions for our Monthly Meetings committee, Wind committee, and Legislative committee. If you’re not ready to take on a chair position, virtually every other committee we have would be more than willing to add another volunteer or two to their roster. You can find a list of committees and chairs on the website, or reach out to any board member if you have questions.

Speaking of the website, after over a year of work, we’re finally getting ready to roll out our new SEAO website. You’ll see lots of great new features, such as automatic tracking of your PDHs, easier registration for events, and more user-friendly update capabilities, which will allow us to keep the website current without the previous hassles of going through our web-provider. We’ll share a demo at our October breakfast meeting, and it will go live soon after that.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as President of SEAO this coming year. My job is to serve you the members and make sure that our organization is providing value to the Structural Engineering community. If there is anything you would like to see us do, please let me know. We have a lot planned this year and it should be a good one, I’m looking forward to it!
Topic: Mass Plywood Panels — Designing with the Newest Mass Timber Structural Product

Mass plywood panels (MPP), a veneer-based engineered wood product, are a recent addition to the mass timber line-up of product options. This presentation will introduce MPPs with an outline of the manufacturing technologies, testing, and certification that led to their development, followed by an in-depth look at the applications and requirements associated with their use. Topics will include methods of structural design, code compliance, product size options, and availability:

- What MPP is and how it is made
- The reliability and flexibility of MPP
- Designing with MPP
- MPP on sustainability

Speaker: Astin Basl, Freres Lumber Company

Freres Lumber Co. is an industry leader in the production of grade lumber, specialty veneer, plywood and, its latest offering, mass plywood panels (MPP). A family-owned and operated business since 1922, Freres also produces and sells a variety of wood by-products derived from its primary manufacturing processes, including small dimension lumber, wood chips, shavings, bark dust, and electricity. Throughout the company’s long life, it has focused on maintaining modern manufacturing facilities, providing high-quality wood products, and providing family-wage jobs in its local communities.

Austin Basl joined Freres Lumber Co. to bring his structural engineering background to help assist the development and sales of MPP. He graduated from Oregon State University with his Bachelors in Civil and Forest Engineering degree and a Masters in Structural Engineering. He has worked in a structural engineering firm designing residential and commercial buildings. He also has experience in designing and building his own home and working in the aerospace industry designing and testing composite structures.

Location: Portland City Grill, 111 SW Fifth Avenue, 30th Floor, Portland, OR

Parking information: 2.5 hours of validated parking is included for attendees in either of the two Unico garages. There are 200 spaces in the garage below the tower and 500-plus spaces in the parking structure between 5th and 4th Avenues.

Time: 7:00 am — Check-in and Breakfast
7:30 am — Program

Cost: $39 — Prepaid Members
$49 — Prepaid Non-Members
$25 — Prepaid YMF Members
Free — Students

Reservations: Pre-registration is required for all. You can register and pay online at www.seao.org before noon, Friday, October 25. You can also register with Jane Ellsworth via phone at (503)753-3075 or via Email: jane@seao.org. Note: No-shows will be billed.

PDH Credit: One PDH has been recommended for this program.
SEPTEMBER MEETING PRESENTATION RECAP
PROVIDENCE PARK STADIUM EXPANSION
Nathan Ingraffea, Principal, KPFF Consulting Engineers
Recap By: Anisha Agrawal

Providence Park Stadium in the Soccer city of Portland, Oregon reopened in 2019 with a new seating capacity of over 25,000, up by 4000 seats added to the east side. The total cost of the expansion came around $85 million. Our speaker Nathan from KPFF walked us through some of the interesting techniques used and the design and construction challenges faced during the project.

Considerations
- The stadium continued to host games throughout the project. In fact, most of the construction was achieved during 2018 games and the stadium reopened with new seating capacity in 2019.
- MAX line running on the east right next to the location of the project remained functional throughout the project.
- In order to exactly locate structural elements and ductwork, pipes etc.in the existing facility, ‘Point cloud scanning’ was used. Point cloud scanning uses a laser scanner which takes images of the site in the form of points. These images can then be transferred to software like Navisworks and Revit to create accurate 3D models. This saves a lot of time in field visits to figure out existing utilities and structure.
- An interesting consideration in design was an analysis of the structure during dynamic loads caused by crowd action. For this a British publication for Dynamic performance requirements for permanent grandstands subject to crowd action and SAP were used. People were treated as dynamic load generating elements in SAP.

The Structure
The superstructure consists of special reinforced concrete moment frames in both primary directions. The roof cantilevers in the E-W direction. The entire structure rests on micropiles with pile caps at the street level. The new structure is independent of existing structure and at some places it also supports the existing one.

The columns are 74 ft high and support a 20ft deep and 112ft long tapered cantilever steel roof truss. The truss was designed in RISA and the largest truss member is 10” in diameter. The raker beams supporting the seating area 30ft cantilevers from columns and take about 4000 lbs each. For slabs post-tensioned has been used.

Challenges Faced
- Due to the scale of the structure it became difficult to show dimensions on paper. KPFF went ahead with showing isometric views and member sizes in the drawings. When it went to the city for approval it was commented that the structure wasn’t buildable since it had no dimensions!
- Considering the scale and complexity of design, reinforcement was color coded in Sketchup to ease construction.
- Roof Truss Erection: This was one of the biggest construction challenges on the project. Each truss was fabricated in two pieces in Southern California and was driven to Portland. Each piece was then lifted up to about 100ft in the air and connected at proper locations. To achieve this, a cranes were stationed on the field and on SW and 18th Ave on the East. Connection between the truss pieces was then made in the air while the cranes still held and aligned them in position. Then the end was connected to columns below.

For providing a gutter to drain rainwater on the roof away from the field, aesthetics was a consideration. To do this a 310-ft long gutter was strategically placed on top of the cantilevering end of the roof. This main gutter carries water to a mid-gutter which drained it outside the primary structure.
The Young Member Forum is beginning to pick up steam again. Deanna Kuhlman, the previous Chair, is now working with two new co-Chairs: Sarah Johnson and Nisarg Mehta. This new team has already started up the monthly Happy Hours and are planning some new seminars, lunch get-togethers, and other outreach activities. Last month’s Happy Hour, on September 19, was quite a success, with around 25 young engineers meeting at Henry’s Tavern for drinks, appetizers, and some fun conversation. October’s Happy Hour occurred on Thursday, October 17 at Von Ebert Brewery at 5:30 pm. If you’re interested in attending Happy Hours, want further information about the YMF, or if you want to be added to the email list, simply contact Sarah Johnson at sjohnson@dcienceengineers.com. While the Young Member’s Forum is supposedly for engineers under 35, the real purpose is to help people who feel like they’re just breaking into the field to make new connections and build friendships. So, if that sounds like you, feel free to join the fun regardless of age or whether you have your official membership.

Also, here are some pictures from our Happy Hour in September:
This year’s golf tournament was a huge success. It was held at The Reserve Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon on July 17, 2019. It was a festive day of golf and finished with a delicious dinner, awards for winners, and a raffle. The winners include the following:

1st Place  2nd Place  3rd Place
Jamie Anderson  Korey Shimojima  Eric Vermillion
Jeff Kron    Doug Wolf       Doug Gillmer
Tim Cofstad  Scott Martin    John Jones  
Dave Young    

LONG DRIVE
#18 – Dave Denham
# 6 - Jeff Kron – Brundage Bone

KP
#3 – Brad Montgomery – Knife River
#11 – Stephen Stenberg - VLMK

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS
Power Washer – Pat Merriman – Mason Supply
Wheel Barrow – Ray Miller – Miller Consulting Engineers
Bose Headset – Sean Owens – ABC Fibers
Black Fishing Backpack – Sean Owens – ABC Fibers
Mariner Tickets – Gordy Jarman - Knife River
Drone – Pat Merriman – Mason Supply
Bose Sound Bar – Brent Haberly – Evans Distribution
Fishing Tote – Dave Butler – Mechanical Agents
Stoler Wine – Pete Lucarelli – CalPortland
Yeti Cooler – Jed Barnes
Kegerator – Ron Morris – Lyons Manufacturing
Cigars – Casey Walker – Whitaker Ellis
Salmon Fishing Trip – Sul Banwal – Hilti
Garmin Golf Watch – Dave Raleigh
Fly Fishing Trip – Sean Owens – ABC Fibers
Bluetooth Speaker – Brandon Sirosis – Whitaker Ellis
TV – Tim Urben – Pence Kelly
Weber Grill – Randy Baker – Schuepbach Custom Bldrs
Traeger Grill – Troy Gustafson – Encon NW

On October 12, sixteen aspiring Professional Engineers attended the SEAO PE/SE Practice Exam co-hosted by Jacobs Engineering. Five of the test takers were SEAO members (Barry Maslen, Rajeev Naik, Damian Andreani, Nana Ochiai, and Huzaifa Ghori), and twelve were Jacobs employees. Barry was the only one preparing for the SE this time around; most were preparing for the Civil/Structural PE.

There were also people practicing for the Mechanical PE, Electrical PE, Geotechnical PE, and one was preparing for their FE.

Feedback was good, people appreciated the opportunity to spend a day in a simulated testing environment to get themselves ready for the exam.

In addition to the test taking experience, people got a chance to meet some of their peers during lunch and the Happy Hour at Suki’s afterwards.

If you’re planning to take an exam in the spring, we’ll do this again in March. Good luck to those taking the exam!
NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Members!

Anisha Agrawal — MacKenzie
Mukul Bindal — WHPacific, Inc.
Scott Donart — Scott Donart
Kevin Friskel — SSOE Group
Patrick Leonard — PACE Engineers, Inc.
Rajeev Ranasoth Naik — Bittner-Shen Consulting Eng.
Akshay Pawar — Lewis & Van Vleet
Katie Ritenour — KPFF Consulting Engineers
Rock Shetler — Blazer Industries, Inc.
Kelly Sheeran — James G. Pierson, Inc.
John Siler — Jacobs Engineering Group

ASK A QUESTION, GET AN ANSWER

Do you have a code question you would like to ask the Wind Committee or Snow Committee? SEAO is pleased to announce a simple way for Q&A’s with technical committees. Email questions to jane@seao.org, and SEAO will direct your question to the appropriate committee chair for a response. Questions and their answers will be made anonymous and available to the membership on the website www.seao.org.

Committees include: Seismic, Wind, Snow, Code, Vintage Building, and Special Inspections.

WELCOME TO SEAO!

WEB SITE UPDATE

The SEAO Board has been working with the web designer on the new SEAO website. The primary objective is to make the website more user-friendly and up-to-date. A sample of what is being developed will be presented at the October breakfast meeting.

One new feature will be each member’s ability to track their PDHs and upload PDH certificates to their personal profiles (even for non-SEAO PDHs).

If you have any ideas or comments on the existing website that you would like to see improved, please contact Seth Thomas (seth.thomas@kpff.com).

VENDOR ADVERTISING

SEAO is accepting vendor advertising!

Cost of a full page ad running for one month:
  $250 - Members
  $350 - Non Members

For more information, contact Jane Ellsworth at jane@seao.org.
This year’s SEA NW conference was hosted by SEAO at Salishan Resort at the Oregon Coast. This was my last chance to represent SEAO as delegate as I am handing the reins over to Amit Kumar (and Steve Trautwein as alternate). The SEAO team did an excellent job putting on this conference and while not everything went according to plan – the resort lost power for ~12hrs on Friday - the conference was a great success enjoyed by participants from all the SEA NW chapters.

The conference started out on Thursday morning with a delegate meeting. In the meeting we discussed several topics. We heard about the great things going on in other SEAs while also finding out other SEAs struggle with the same issues we do. One of the major topics of the meetings was growing the NW conference. Each year one of the eight SEA chapters puts in a tremendous amount of work to put on a great conference – unfortunately attendance is not always what we would like to see. We discussed a number of different reasons why we thought we did not get more attendees and what we could do to improve that in future years. That being said we would love to hear from each of you as SEAO members – what was the reason you did not choose to attend. The reason doesn’t need to be long (i.e. too expensive, already booked those dates) – a simple one sentence email to myself (seth.thomas@Kpff.com) will be great.

The conference officially kicked off with lunch with the vendors on Thursday and was followed by three technical presentations. These included an update on the ASCE 41-17 provisions, an update on the ASCE 7-16 wind provisions, and a presentation on tall wood building design given by some excellent presenters. Thursday night was highlighted by a dinner and entertainment (an illusionist). The show was quite impressive; you will have to ask someone who was there. It was fun to see a room full of engineers trying to figure out how they were just tricked by a single guy doing a trick right in front of them.

The conference continued Friday with a full day of technical presentations. This is where it got interesting. The power went out at the resort and the surrounding area in the early hours of Friday. This meant no PowerPoint slides. The first presentation up was a presentation on structural glass design, which as you can imagine could be a difficult one give without slides. The presenter stepped up and gave an amazing presentation while the attendees followed along on printed slides. He was followed by a presentation on the new PCI handbook and a presentation on the new masonry code updates.

Friday’s lunch included the raffle where a bunch of great items and gift cards were won. The committee did a great job of getting a lot of really cool prizes and a ton of gift cards donated. The technical portion of the conference concluded with three afternoon presentations. First a presentation on updates in the cold-formed steel industry and then a great presentation on the updated seismic provisions in ASCE 7-16 by the chair of the committee. Just before the last presentation, the power came back on and the conference concluded with a presentation on the new tsunami provisions in ASCE 7-16.

This year’s NW conference concluded with a dinner on Friday night. In effort to make this a family-friendly conference, activities for kids were hosted by volunteers throughout the conference. Next year’s conference is being hosted by the SEAW-Seattle chapter. They are looking at hosting the conference in Downtown Seattle in September 2020. Look for a “save the date” in the next month or two. We hope that you can attend the conference next year as there are always a bunch of great presentations and are a lot of fun to attend.

I want to thank the SEAO board and members for entrusting me to be their delegate the last few years. It has been an honor and a lot of fun to represent SEAO. Lastly a big shout out to Kevin McCormick and his team for a fantastic job done planning and running the conference. If you see him or anyone on his committee complement them on a job well done!

Seth

2019 SEA NW CONFERENCE – DELEGATE REPORT

By: Seth Thomas

ONLINE DINNER MEETING IN JANUARY?

By: Steve Trautwein

Most of SEAO’s members and virtually all of our events are located in the greater Portland metropolitan region. Unfortunately, we don’t always do a great job of making our offerings readily available for those who can’t easily make the trip to Portland. This year, the board would like to try something new—provide online access to one of our dinner meetings. We’re proposing to do this for our January 29th dinner meeting, the Rainier Square presentation by Ron Klemencic on “Steel Plate Reinforced Concrete”.

To make this successful, we are looking to our membership for two things: 1) confirmation from members located outside of the Portland area that this is a service they are interested in, and would be willing to participate in; and; 2) a tech-savvy volunteer to take charge of making the magic happen to enable this remote dinner meeting. If you are a remote member interested in viewing this event via internet, please email jane@seao.org. If you are a tech-savvy volunteer, please contact steve.trautwein@jacobs.com. If we get interest, we will make it happen!
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Washington or Oregon

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Northwest location permitting residence in Washington or Oregon. To express interest, submit a cover letter and resume to admin07@nwcma.org. Position Requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree in civil/structural engineering.
- Minimum 3-5 years experience in commercial building design. A professional license is preferred.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work independently.
- Outgoing personality with the ability to provide design guidance and engage design professionals in discussions regarding building material selection. Existing contacts within the regional A/E/C community preferred.
- Some travel away from home with overnight stays.

For additional information please visit www.nwcma.org/careers.

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- PE license in OR and/or WA preferred but not required.
- Must live within a one-hour drive of downtown Portland.