

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone has survived the winter and is doing well. For this month's newsletter, I asked for help from some of the CAGE Officers and Board of Directors. The intent is to provide more specific information to the membership in regard to the Officer or Director activities. So here we go.

Mark Vessely – Treasurer's Report

The CAGE financial position is stable with a reserve to cover several months of expenses if necessary. In 2009, CAGE was able to continue building a reserve account that can be utilized to cover minor liabilities, planning for annual seminars, and scholarship. Regarding liabilities, lunches tend to be breakeven or a slight loss on a monthly basis. One remedy to this is for our membership to RSVP before the deadline and also **to honor their RSVP**. In 2009, we subsidized approximately \$2,000 for lunches for the year. This is because we are required to provide an estimate of lunch attendance prior to the meeting so any last minute absences are a liability to CAGE. Conversely, the recent L-Pile class and golf and sporting clay tournaments generated a positive cash flow to offset this loss. In this year CAGE will not renew our ASFE Regional Organization status which will be a savings of \$5,000. Additionally, we plan to continue building the reserve balance in 2010 by continuing the annual seminar and tournaments, generating income from the website, and reducing the uncertainty associated with lunch meeting attendance. At the summer Board meeting, we will discuss our financial strategy among the current and past board members to ensure that our funds meet the goal of advancing the local geotechnical practice.



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Andy Garner – QBS Report

CAGE continues to support QBS Colorado. For those who don't know, QBS Colorado is a 9-person group made up of members of AIA-CO, ACEC-CO, NSPE-CO, and CAGE formed to support and promote the use of Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) for design professionals. CAGE Director, Andy Garner is our representative on the QBS Colorado board. Andy has taken on "Outreach" as his focus area for the group. Part of this included setting up the semi-annual QBS Breakfast Forum in October 2009. Approximately 50 attendees from public agencies and private firms listened to Public Works officials describe their success stories using QBS and give ideas about how to implement QBS for procurement of engineering and architectural services. Other outreach activities include a recent presentation for a group of geotechnical engineers in northern Colorado (they've dubbed themselves NOCOGEO), upcoming presentations to students at UC-Denver, UC-Boulder, and CSU, a booth at the NPSE E-week conference, and a QBS break-out session at the APWA management conference. Andy also produced the QBS Colorado Winter newsletter where you can find all the latest on these and other activities, such as their help for "Using QBS for Small Projects" or their RFP "Watchdog" activities. The newsletter and other support materials can be found on the QBS Colorado web site at www.acec-co.org/qbs. Feel free to talk to Andy about QBS and those agencies who may be either doing a great job following the QBS process, or those that make selections based solely on price.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Tonya Hart – Membership Report

There are currently 109 paid CAGE members, down 24 from last year. If you are a CAGE member who has not yet paid your 2010 dues, please send your check and renewal form to CAGE at PO Box 460311 Denver, CO 80246 with your \$75.00 payment. We have applications from 15 prospective new members, but have not yet received the required references. We will be sending reminder notices to encourage participation. Finally, we will focus on bringing new members to CAGE this year, especially students.

Other items

In the near future, the CAGE Guideline for Asphalt Pavement design in Colorado will be distributed to the CAGE membership for review and comments.

LRFD (Load and Resistance Factor Design) for Geotechnical engineering will be the topic for the 2010 CAGE Technical seminar. The date and other pertinent information regarding the technical seminar will be forthcoming.

The proposed **FINAL** *CAGE Position Statement on the Use of Post-tensioned Slab-on-Ground Foundations for Support of Residential and Light Commercial Buildings in the Colorado Front Range* was distributed to membership via email February 19, 2010. At the March 10, 2010 luncheon, we will ask members to confirm their approval or disapproval of the position statement by a show of hands.

Finally, keep in mind “March Madness” is quickly approaching! Be sure to fill out your brackets and cheer the West Virginia Mountaineers to victory!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

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CAGE is looking for volunteers to serve on its Communication Committee. Members of the Committee will assist with developing relevant material for this newsletter and the CAGE website. The goal is to provide technical information and professional support to the CAGE membership. If you are interested, please contact Becky Roland at admin@cagecolorado.org.

MARCH LUNCHEON**WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010**

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Lakewood Country Club**6800 W. 10th Avenue, Lakewood*****Luncheon Cover: \$25.00 for CAGE members, \$30.00 for non-members, \$15.00 for students******“Keeping Out of Legal Trouble”***

Philip Cardi, Esq. – Jackson Kelly PLLC

Our speaker for March is Philip Cardi, Esq. Phil is an attorney with Jackson Kelly PLLC, and is a non-professional member of CAGE. He has specialized in representing engineers and architects in malpractice claims and contract negotiations for almost 30 years. Phil will talk about some of the things that commonly get geotechnical engineers in trouble, and some of the things that can get engineers out of trouble.

Please FAX or email your reservations **before noon, Friday, March 5, 2010** to:

Becky Roland, CAGE

Fax: (720) 230-4846, admin@cagecolorado.org

You can RSVP online at www.cagecolorado.org. Just click on the March 10 event!

Walk-ins may not be guaranteed a meal, so please RSVP by March 5!

CAGE meets the second Wednesday of every month from September through May. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for lunch.