



## Online Voting for 2015 Officers & Directors

Voting is underway for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors by Constant Contact email invitation and survey. Voting members are defined in the SEAOSC Bylaws Article II Membership and include the categories of "Member SE" and "Member". Other membership categories are not eligible to vote in association elections.

Electronic ballots must be received by **5 pm, Friday, May 29, 2015**. Election results will be announced at the June 3, 2015 dinner meeting. The newly elected directors will take office July 1, 2015 for a two-year term.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Senior Past President Joe LaBrie, S.E., announced the following slate of nominations for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors:

- Treasurer: **Robert Lyons, S.E.**
- Member SE Orange County: **Todd Brown, S.E.**
- Member SE Tri-County: **Jeffrey Haight, S.E.**
- Member SE: **Victoria Wigle, S.E.**
- Member PE: **Lorena Arce, P.E.**

Officers for 2014-2015, according to succession procedure, will be Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E.,

President, and, Jeff Ellis, S.E., President-Elect. Kevin O'Connell, S.E. will continue to serve on the board of directors as the Immediate Past President.

Also continuing on the board of directors will be Colin Kumabe, S.E., Edgar Plazola, S.E., Joseph Valancius, S.E., and Paul Van Benschoten, S.E.

Additional nominations for the office of President-Elect, Treasurer or Director were called for in March, in accordance with procedures outlined in the SEAOSC Bylaws Article VI, Section 2. No additional nominations were received from the membership.

Thank you to the following members of the Nominations Committee who selected nominees in accordance with procedures outlined in the Bylaws Article VI, Section 1: Michelle Kam-Biron, S.E., Jeff Ellis, S.E., Janah Risha, S.E., Tim Kaucher, P.E., Francisco Garcia, P.E., Nils Fox (Industry), Doug Thompson, S.E. (Alternate/Observer), Joe LaBrie, S.E. (Chair).

Please direct any questions regarding the upcoming election to the SEAOSC office at [seaosc@seaosc.org](mailto:seaosc@seaosc.org).

### MAY

**28** Progressive Collapse Webinar, GoToWebinar

**29** Board of Directors Election Deadline

### JUNE

**3** Annual Past Presidents' Night, Excellence In Engineering Awards & Installation of new Officers Luminarias, Monterey Park

### AUGUST

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By Kevin O'Connell, S.E.

As my term as President of SEAOSC comes to an end, I would like to start my final Presidents Message the same way I started my first, by thanking the SEAOSC Presidents that have come before me. [Doug Thompson](#), [Joe La Brie](#), [Janah Risha](#), [Jeff Crosier](#), [Michael Cochran](#), and many others, thank you very much for showing me how to lead this Association, thank you for your guidance and assistance when I have called on you, and thank you for your friendship.

I would like to reflect back a bit about my involvement with this great Association, summarize my early years with SEAOSC, my development within the Association from an engineer right out of school to Board Member to President, and hopefully inspire a new group of leaders to emerge.

When I first joined SEAOSC after graduate school, I attended dinner meetings, and that was about it. I was pretty quiet and didn't know many people. Like many of our young engineers today, I was impressed and a bit intimidated by the "big names" in structural engineering that SEAOSC brought together. Truly a group of "who's who" in the structural engineering community. Why would they want to talk with me? What would we have in common? I quickly found out that not only did these big names want to talk to me and welcomed the opportunity, what we had in common was a love of structural engineering, the love of seeing something get worked out in your head, numbers crunched, details drafted, and reality achieved in concrete, wood, and steel. I encourage all of our young members to seek out a veteran member and start a conversation, you'll be glad you did.

Years later, when I was asked to join the SEAOSC Board of Directors, I was comfortable with SEAOSC, knew many of the leaders and "big names", but was still a little apprehensive. I had become fairly active with SEAOSC, attending a majority of the dinner meetings, many of the education seminars, and was involved with the golf tournaments and conventions, but I wasn't sure I was ready for a leadership position. After some thoughtful consideration, I accepted the nomination and got more involved. I got to know some great people and experienced firsthand the hard work that goes into leading SEAOSC. It was a great experi-

ence, both personally and professionally, and I encourage all of our members to get more involved. It has been said before, and I must say it again, but when you give back to the profession, you get way more than you give.

After a year away from SEAOSC leadership, I was honored to be asked to come back to the Board on the executive track. After a bit less thought this time, I jumped at the opportunity. SEAOSC is an outstanding association that has a long tradition of leading the way in structural engineering. Whether that is developing code language, assisting with ordinance language, educating our membership, working on new ways to communicate seismic risk to the public, or hosting events to promote member comradery, SEAOSC is there. SEAOSC is dedicated to improving and supporting our members and the profession, and for that we should all be thankful. I encourage all of you to support SEAOSC. Attend the diner meetings, participate in the education programs and events, and have fun with your fellow members.

Back to that first President's Message, I closed with "We have one heck of a ride in front of us" and as it turns out, I had no idea how bumpy that ride would be. Full of challenges, but more importantly full of accomplishments. SEAOSC has had a tremendous year.

We have continued with the implementation of our Realignment Plan. We have seen our member participation increase tremendously as evidenced by the large turnout at our monthly meetings and events throughout the year. We had our most successful BAR Summit ever, including our largest participation by non-engineers. We have worked with the City of Los Angeles to develop recommended seismic retrofit ordinances to strengthen our most vulnerable buildings. We have continued to provide our input on building rating systems for both the SEAONC EPRS and the US Resiliency Council. Our committees have been active, making progress on their charges. Structural engineers and structural engineering in general have been on television, on the radio, and in the newspaper more than any time since the Northridge Earthquake. Now, people at cocktail parties want to learn more when you say are a structural engineer. Thanks SEAOSC!



By Kevin O'Connell, S.E.

Despite everything we have accomplished this year, there is still much to do. I have complete confidence in our incoming President [Michelle Kam-Biron](#). Michelle will be SEAOSC's first female President, something that is long overdue, and something that should be celebrated. Michelle is hard working, smart, and full of new ideas. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Michelle going back many years to when we were first on the Board together, and I know SEAOSC is in good hands.

In my year as President, and in my years serving SEAOSC, I have been fortunate enough to meet and get to know so many smart and dedicated members. Whether it is at one of our Los Angeles events or one of our Tri-Counties or Orange County meetings, I have realized that our membership is amazing. Thank you members.

Working with the Board of Directors this year has been a wonderful and inspiring experience. It is amazing to see this hard working and dedicated Board volunteer so many hours and work so well together. Their effort could not be possible without the support and understanding of their companies who have allowed their time away from the office.

I would like to thank all of the Board members and their companies. Thank you [Doug Thompson](#) (STB Structural Engineers), [Michelle Kam-Biron](#) (American

Wood Council), [Jeff Ellis](#) (Simpson Strong-Tie), [Ken O'Dell](#) (MHP Structural Engineers), [James Parker](#) (Simpson Gumpertz & Heger), [Kelsey Parolini](#) (Smith Structural Group), [Ryan Smith](#) (SidePlate Systems), [Colin Kumabe](#) (Los Angeles DBS), [Edgar Plazola](#) (Insight Structural Engineers), [Joe Valancius](#) (Karagozian & Case), and [Paul Van Benschoten](#) (Coffman Engineers).

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues at Structural Focus for understanding my time with SEAOSC over the years as well as my new colleagues at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger for understanding my continued commitment to the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California.

As your President, I have always done my best. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity.

Respectfully,

Kevin O'Connell, S.E.

SEAOSC President

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# In Memoriam

## Fred Schott

SEAOSC Member since 1969  
Honorary Member since 2012  
SEAOC Fellow in 2014

Fred Schott passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 13 about 10:30 a.m. at home. The family is still finalizing service details but the date has been set for **Saturday, May 30** at the Veterans Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo. More information will be shared with SEAOSC members as it becomes available.

Fred touched many lives within SEAOSC and he will be greatly missed. A full In Memoriam article will follow in the July/August issue of *SEAOSC News*.



*Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schott (left) at Fred's induction to the College of Fellows, October 2014.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

April 2015

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California State University, Northridge  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA



# Past Presidents', Awards & Spouses' Night

## Plus Installation of 2015 Officers



**Los Angeles Dinner Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

***Come meet and show your support for  
your Association's hard-working volunteers!  
See the winners of the Excellence In Engineering Awards!***



**Luminarias Restaurant**, 3500 Ramona Dr., Monterey Park

**5:30 pm - Networking Time**

**6:30 pm - Dinner**

**7:30 pm - Program**

**\$35**; Full-Time Students - \$25; Table of 8 - \$245; Walk-ins - \$45

Make advance reservations before Friday, May 29 at

[www.seaosc.org](http://www.seaosc.org), by fax (562-692-3425), or by email ([seaosc@seaosc.org](mailto:seaosc@seaosc.org)).

Prepay by providing your credit card number and expiration date to avoid waiting at the door.

SEAOSC is charged for "no-shows", so please notify office by deadline if you must cancel.

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Reservations Due Before May 29, 2015

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

General: \_\_\_\_ @ \$35 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Past Presidents: FREE! Thank you!

TOTAL: =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Zipcode of Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV (Last 3-4 digits on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **2015 SEAOSC GOLF TOURNAMENT**



### **FRIENDLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

**8500 South Villaverde Drive  
Whittier, California 90605  
(562) 698-0331**

# **MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2015**

**GOLF AWARDS and PRIZES  
ON COURSE CHALLENGES  
PUTTING CONTEST  
RAFFLE  
LUNCH and DINNER**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A DAY OF GREAT FUN! SIGN UP COMING SOON!**

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Experience in the selection of structural materials and systems;  
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July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

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