

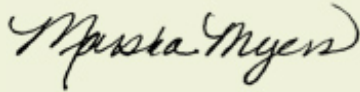
April 19, 2010

Our Annual Conference Is Just Around The Corner!

"Teaming Up At Torrey Pines"

CalGeo is in a whirlwind making last minute preparations to ensure that our annual conference in La Jolla is a great success. We'll be "Teaming Up at Torrey Pines" at the Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, April 28-May 1, 2010. We hope that you have registered and will be there to experience our great speakers and events!

We hope that you enjoy this month's e.Geo and find it informative and useful. Thanks for reading!



Marsha Myers, *Executive Director*

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Call for Member News: Share Your Success!

Are you or your firm doing something worth noting? Did you win an award, get a promotion or finish a recognizable project? If you're making news, we want to hear about it. Send us your stories to mmyers@calgeo.org and we'll post them in this space in upcoming editions. Items should be 140 characters in length or less.

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Member News

Padre Associates has moved their Concord branch office. Their new address is 1485 Enea Court, Building 6, Suite 1480, Concord, CA 94520. Their phone number remains the same at (925) 625-9441.

Congratulations go to **Geofirm/Stoney-Miller Consultants, Inc.** The 2008 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Orange County Branch Project of the Year was awarded to Geofirm/Stoney-Miller Consultants, Inc. on February 19, 2009 for the Bluebird Canyon Landslide Remediation in Laguna Beach, CA.

The ASCE gives this prestigious award each year for exceptional professional engineering performance and engineering excellence.

Geofirm/Stoney-Miller Consultants, Inc. dedicate this award to the City of Laguna Beach in recognition of their support and leadership throughout the entire process. For additional information contact Hannes Richter, P.E. (949) 494-2122

Peter Craig, concrete floor specialist, has been a frequent presenter at CalGeo's seminars and workshops. If you'd like to easily access his articles about moisture-related flooring issues he now has a web-based article download center that can be accessed at www.FloorWorks3.com.

Board Secretary Todd Kamisky has opened his own office! **Mid Pacific Engineering, Inc.** is located at 5394 Main Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022. The office telephone is (530) 347-7100. If you'd like to reach Todd directly call him on his cell (530) 304-0995 or e-mail him at toddkamisky@midpacificeng.com.

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Legislative Update

Indemnification Reform Bill

Hopefully most of you have received the letter by our President John Hoobs that was sent via e-mail a couple of weeks ago regarding SB 972 (Wolk, D-Davis). This is a bill that is sponsored by ACEC that seeks to urge the California Supreme Court to review and hopefully de-publish the recent Appeals Court ruling in UDC-Universal Development vs. CH2M Hill, that requires CH2M Hill to defend UDC in a construction defect case, though CH2M Hill was found to be not guilty of negligence nor in breach of contract by a Jury. This ruling sets a dangerous precedent in regards to our professional services and in requiring engineering firms to have to defend their client at their cost (since duty to defend is not insurable) even if there is just an allegation of a claim. Please join us in supporting ACEC in their efforts and send letters to Senator Wolk (<http://dist05.casen.govoffice.com/>) and your state senators and assembly people supporting this important bill. At this time it has been delayed in committee, however, this gives us all time to get our letters of support in. We will let you know when we have an update.

[For a copy of CalGeo's letter written by our President, John Hoobs, click here](#)

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CalGeo's Annual Conference

Can We Count On You?

Our annual silent auction to raise money for our student outreach fund will be held on the closing night of our Conference in La Jolla on May 1. We're looking for donations of gift baskets, interesting objects, gift items, certificates for goods or services, wine... anything that we can auction off! We know that times are tough but we'd really appreciate your generous donations. Funds go towards new and existing student chapters in various California colleges and we were able to sponsor 11 students this year to our conference from our fund! Every bit helps, so if you'd rather send a cash donation to the fund, we won't turn it down! If you have something to donate, or would like to get involved with student outreach, please contact our Student Outreach Committee chair, Hannes Richter at (949)-494-2122 or e-mail hrichter@geofirm.com. Our students thank you!

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Student News

UCLA Chapter's First Annual Geo-Expo

The UCLA CalGeo student chapter invites you to their first annual UCLA Geo-Expo on Friday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

During the event, student researchers will briefly present their ongoing work. The CalGeo student chapter at UCLA will also present its activities and events held during the two years since the group's inception as well as their plans for the future. Refreshments will be served. For complete information, [please download the flyer here](#).

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Safety First

A Safer Workplace Benefits Everyone

"Courtesy of the California State Compensation Insurance Fund"

Every day more than 16,000 employees experience an injury or illness in U.S. workplaces. The cost of these incidents extends from medical treatment and lost work time to the impact on business productivity and individual quality of life. But employers like you can make a difference. A dedicated focus on workplace safety is a proven way to reduce the number and severity of on-the-job injuries and illnesses.

No matter what kind of work you do or how big or small you are, a workplace safety and health program makes good business sense. When you and your employees understand and embrace your roles in promoting everyday safety, you will reap numerous valuable results, including:

- **Save costs.** Injury prevention results in lower claims costs, which has a positive effect on the rates and premium you pay for your workers' compensation insurance. These saved dollars can be directed toward other business initiatives and your bottom line.
- **Enhance productivity.** Safety goes hand in hand with efficiency. Preventing injuries enables your business to avoid disruptions in operations and employee continuity.
- **Improve morale and loyalty.** Safe workplaces support employee health and wellness. Your attention to your employees' safety shows you care about them and can allow them to have a better experience at work (and in their time away from work too).

State Fund: The Safety Experts

State Fund is widely recognized for our expertise in occupational safety and health. Our safety services, products, and programs are a model for the industry. Whether you are just starting out or need to breathe new life into your existing safety program, we want to help. Our experienced loss control staff offers inspections, consultations, accident investigation, training and seminars, safety materials and equipment, and specialized services in ergonomics and industrial hygiene.

Safety is important to all of us, so we encourage you to think of State Fund as an accessible resource. You can read more at www.scif.com/safety, or contact your State Fund loss control consultant or regional office.

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