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Geopros:

Much of this e.Geo provides a pictorial Conference Recap, but first we want to draw your attention to three quick items.

1. First, you know we know how to have fun at our events, so make sure you are [registered](#) for our Nor Cal Golf Tournament on June 6. The networking, food, and fun is going to be awesome, and all net proceeds benefit students pursuing careers in the geoprofessions!
2. CSAC Legislative Representative Chris Lee has let us know that CSAC's (California State Association of Counties) analysis of the Governor's budget is scheduled to be made available on their [bulletins page](#) sometime this week.
3. We also want you to be aware of our Memorandum of Understanding with GBA. You can read the press release on GBA's website [here](#). Scroll down to see a picture of us commemorating the partnership at CalGeo's Conference below.

(Yes, we also have some great pics on file now from our event at SoFi Stadium on Friday, May 6, featuring the project's lead geotech, Pirooz Kashighandi, PhD, GE, of Group Delta. With more than 140 people registered for that event, we had an incredible turnout for a fascinating presentation and tour that included on-field activities. However, so that they do not get overshadowed by the Conference pics, we will share those pics and an event recap in our June e.Geo!)

Conference Recap

April 20-22, 2022

Want to see more pics? Click these links to see professional pics from Conference's [Thursday Night Banquet](#) or the [Project Awards Luncheon](#), or click the following link to see some [Thursday Night Photo Booth](#) fun (password is calgeo).

Conference was held from April 20-22 in Lake Tahoe. Tahoe had been experiencing a mild weather period, which of course meant that two feet of snow dumped midway through our stay, making Conference more of an adventure than we could have imagined! Read on to get a pictorial play-by-play of the action:



Wednesday morning opened with a short course by lawyers Ji Shin and Terry Scanlan on contracts (pictured above) and a short course by Mike Holloway, PhD, PE, on engineering pile designs.



That afternoon, the weather was beautiful as we packed the bus for a field trip sponsored by [Keller](#) and featuring local geology expert Richard Schweickert, PhD, Emeritus Professor at UNR.



Above, Jack Liu helps hold up a geological map of the area as Richard explains some of Tahoe's unique features, including some surprising seismic hazards.



The tour also visited some of the particular design features used to address Tahoe area geology, including, of course, Lake Tahoe Dam.



The field trip ended just like it began, with beautiful blue skies. Characteristic of Tahoe, though, those skies deceptively promised moderate weather for the remainder of Conference.



Conference officially kicked off with Wednesday's Happy Hour Reception sponsored by [Earth Systems Pacific](#) and [WGI | Geopier](#). This picture, from the middle of the reception area, shows a handful of the more than 100 of our ~170 total Conference attendees who attended the reception. And...



...while there, outgoing and beloved Past President Martin McIlroy documented the moment against the picturesque background with a quick selfie of himself and incoming BOD member (approved at Thursday's GMM) Rob Sandquist.



Indeed, welcoming Rob to the board (pictured above with CalGeo's current officers) was one of the highlights of the Thursday morning General Membership Meeting [GMM]. After a breakfast sponsored by [Pavement Recycling Systems](#) and [Tensar](#), at Thursday's GMM, we remembered Don Shepardson, the membership approved the [Updated Bylaws](#), and the membership approved the recommended 2022-2023 slate of directors.



The GMM also outlined some other accomplishments from the past year including Dr. Norm Abrahamson now (between 2021 and 2022) having generated well over \$100K through teaching PSHA courses through CalGeo to contribute to programs at UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Quite importantly as well, Treasurer Mike Cazeneuve (above) spoke about CalGeo's recently developed Memorandum of Understanding with GBA, ceremonially signed at their conference in April. Donald Blackburn (back right) represented GBA during the presentation.



At all breaks, like our first break sponsored by [Graymont](#), students and recent grads (from left, Ryan Malloy and Angela Micheletti) networked with professionals like Noah Smith...



...and chatted with our many exhibitors...



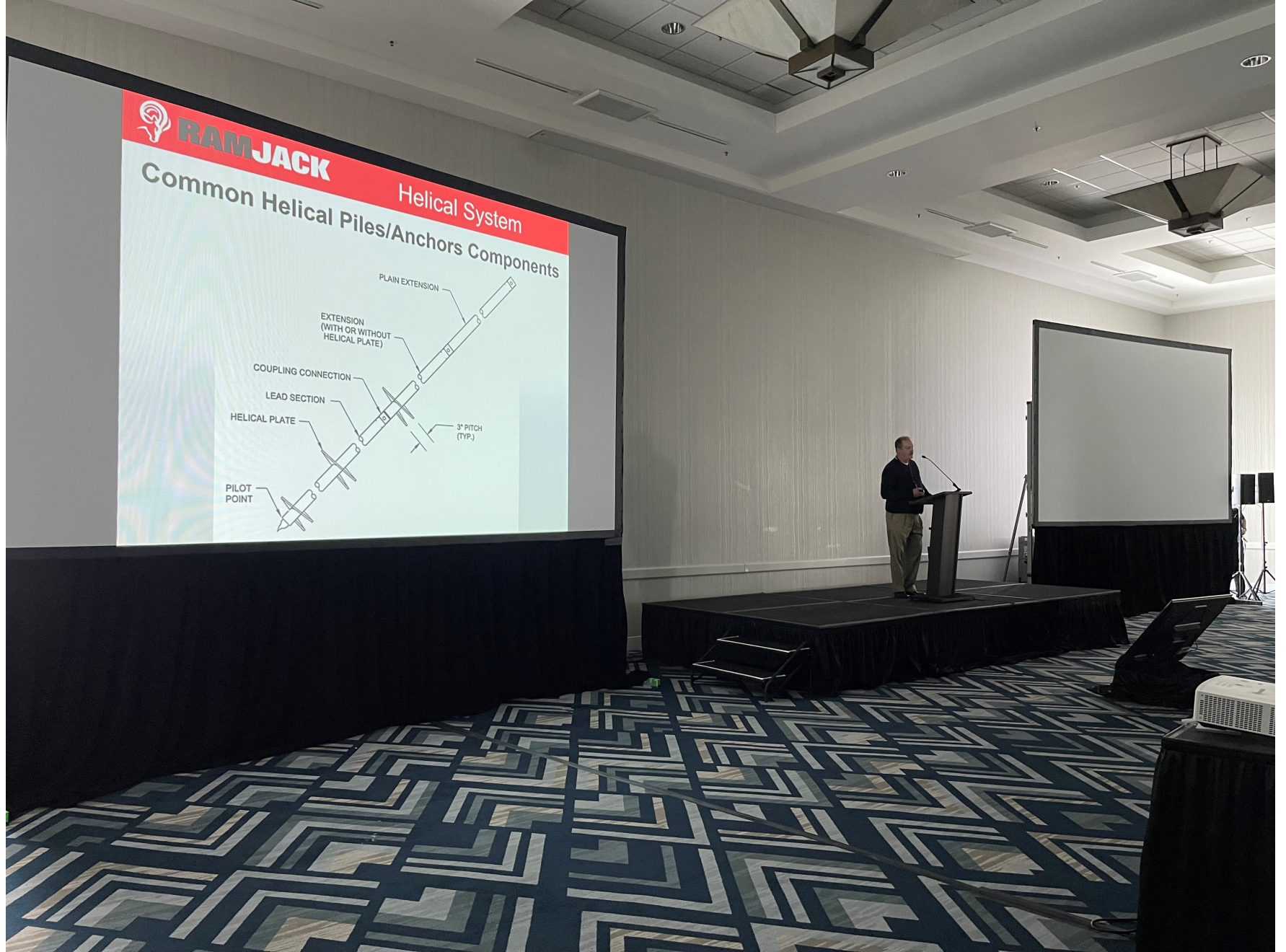
...not unlike their professional counterparts already well-established in the industry.



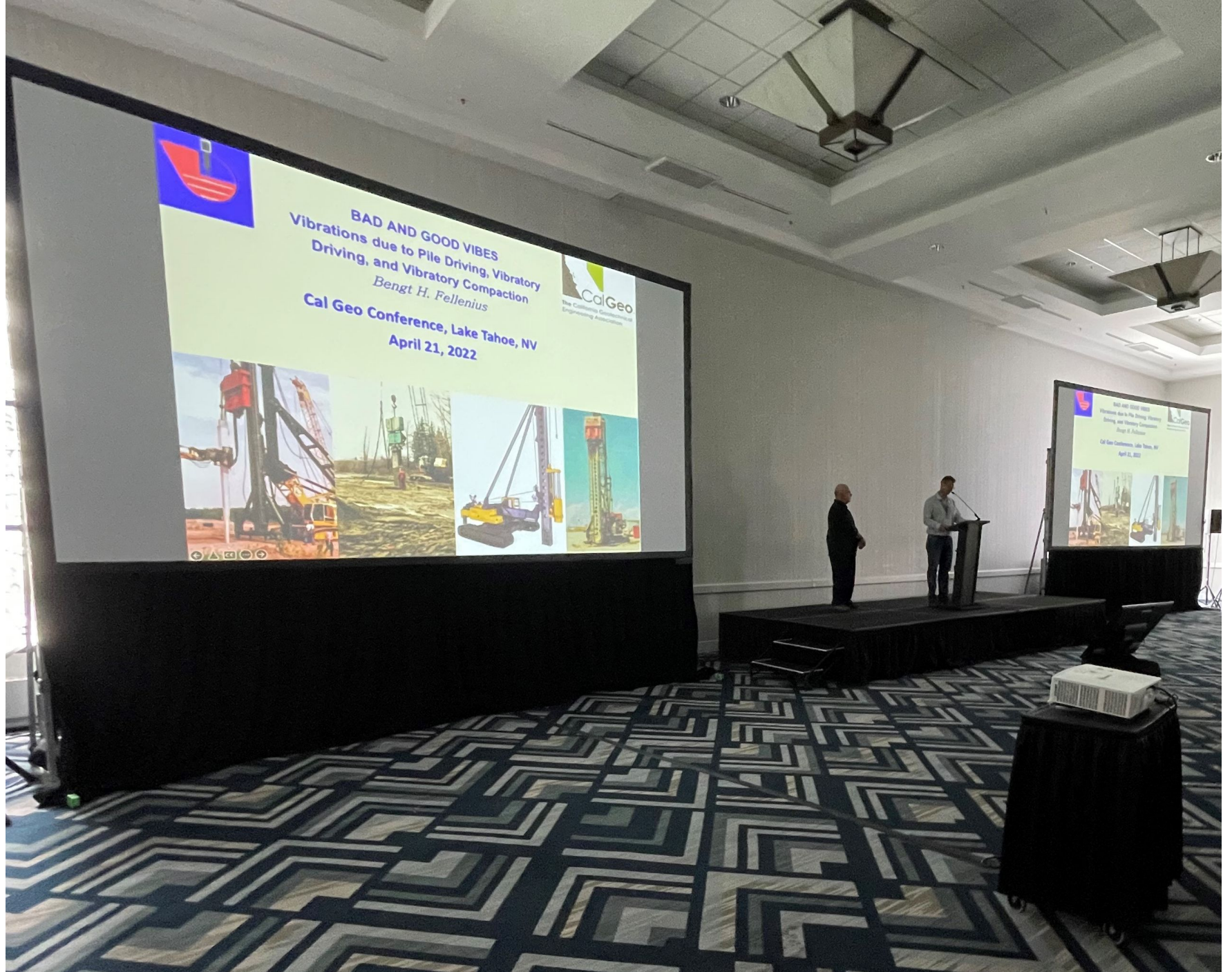
But as we headed into our next session, a storm had been assailing the property for several hours just outside the door!



So, if you heard that Ben Turner, PhD, GE, of Dan Brown and Associates gave a "lights out" presentation on lateral spreading, that was correct in two ways. It was top notch, and right as he finished his presentation, the hotel lost power due to the belated winter storm.



Enough auxiliary power was restored to enjoy a lunch and presentation by [Ram Jack Pacific](#) on [Helical Piles](#).



Braving the limited power as well, Dr. Mike Holloway (being introduced here) provided a talk on behalf of Dr. Bengt Fellenius on Bad and Good Vibes: Vibrations Due to Pile Driving, Vibratory Driving, and Vibratory Compaction.



...and Dr. Richard Schweickert came back to crown the afternoon with a host of surprising insights about little known seismic and tsunami hazards that the Tahoe area has faced and may indeed encounter again.



Finally, we all got masked up, in the old-fashioned way...



...for a banquet and murder mystery masquerade sponsored by [Middle Earth Geo Testing!](#)



Still, our photographer also got a lot of great candids without the masks, like this one of Simon Gudina of GEO-Instruments. See more of them [here](#).



A Chris Farleyesque character was the star of the murder mystery cast.



A definite highlight of the evening was celebrating Martin McIlroy for his service on the CalGeo Board since 2011. Characteristically, he also came with one of the most impressive masks, and he was a suspect in the murder mystery (attendees now know to call him "Morty"). Here, Ron Skaggs gives him a good-humored toast... and roast!



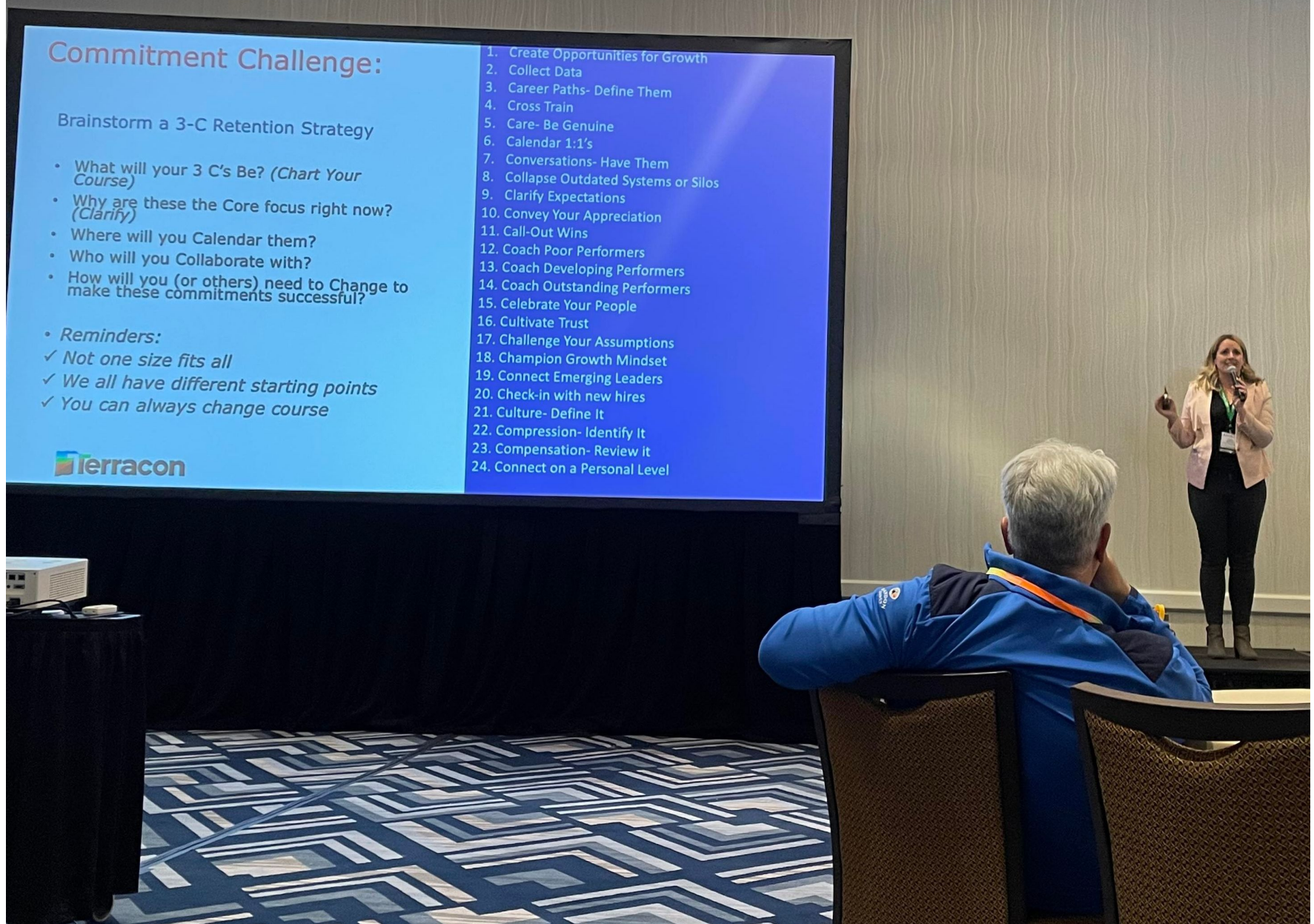
Sponsors Bobby and Amanda Hancock (middle) of [Middle Earth Geo Testing](#) showcased the fun of the photo booth, flanked by Past President Dave Hamilton and Treasurer Mike Cazeneuve. You can see all photo booth pics [here](#) (password: calgeo).



Awards for the evening from the skit company ranged from the totally humorous, like Tightest Ears for Carley Burford...



...to Detective of the Night honors for the team boasting a few members from NV5.



Primed with a breakfast again sponsored by [Pavement Recycling Systems](#), this time alongside of [Cell-Crete Corporation](#), attendees settled in on Friday morning for a highly rated talk on retention by Sarah Gilliland of Terracon. Actually, this picture provides a great cheat sheet if you want some of her tips for retention success.



DFI Traveling Lecturer Tom Richards, Jr., PE, DGE, spoke on working platform calculations, and he has agreed to provide us talks virtually as well in June and August!



Meanwhile, always a conference highlight, [Farrell Design-Build](#), represented here by Tom Farrell, Kyle Wallace, and Sam Warren, sponsored our Project Awards Luncheon.



Djan Chandra presented on behalf of Leighton for its win in the Private-Medium Category: Reinforced Mat for Settlement Mitigation - Irvine.



Travis Chatters represented ENGEO Incorporated on the only project that received a standalone Honorable Mention for any category. ENGEO took Honorable Mention in the Public-Medium Category: Riverside Elementary - Lateral Spreading Restraint Element Design - San Pablo.



Meanwhile, Jeremy Zorne of Geocon represented the winning project in the Public-Medium Category: SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity - Sacramento.



Blair Rushing of Keller North America spoke on the winning project in the Geo-Contractor Category: Alameda Marina Ground Improvements & Shoreline Stabilization - Alameda. Because of their commendable involvement with the project, Rockridge Geotechnical received an Honorable Mention as the lead geotechnical firm on the project.



Next, Travis Chatters made a second appearance for ENGEO Incorporated to present and accept the award for the firm's win in the Private-Large Category: 1450 Bayhill Drive (YouTube) Shoring - San Pablo.



Moi Arzamendi and WSP provided the finale presentation by winners. They took home the award for Private-Large Category: Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project - San Diego. Kleinfelder is also being recognized with an Honorable Mention for this project because of their outstanding contributions to it.



The luncheon also featured the awarding of five scholarships to winners from CalGeo Student Chapters, each in the amount of \$3,000. Here, Scholarships Chair Lindsey Angell stands next to the four winners who were able to attend Conference: Radhavi Samarakoon (UCSD), Kayla Salazar (CSUS), Aristeo Flores (CSUS), and Manaal Chowdhury (CSUS). Mahta Movasat of UCSD received an award as well.



Conference was capped by CSAC's Chris Lee's update on relevant legislative issues. And, as mentioned at the outset, please look for their analysis on the Governor's budget and how it affects our industry sometime this week at this [bulletins page](#).



All of us left Conference with a pretty, if cold, souvenir...



...and some of our members took the opportunity to stay and ski in the freshly laden snow, showing here on the slopes just past the edge of the resort's backyard.



Whether you loved the extra adventure or could have done without it, we look forward to seeing you in warmer digs in Santa Barbara for Conference 2023 the week of April 10!

Northern California Golf Tournament

Monday, June 6

Don't forget to register for our next in-person event , our golf fundraiser for students pursuing careers in the geoprofessions. All net proceeds benefit students. Register to join us for the fun and generosity by [clicking here](#). The full flyer is [here](#).

Looking to sponsor? [Sponsorship opportunities](#) close May 20.



The California Geotechnical
Engineering Association



ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB

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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

Orinda Country Club
315 Camino Sobrante
Orinda, CA 94563

REGISTER

Welcome, New Members!
Recognizing New Members from April

Organizational New Members



[Haro, Kasunich and Associates](#)



[McMillen Jacobs Associates](#)

Affiliate New Member

[Seismous - Alba Proyecto Estructural SC](#)

Individual New Members

- Alireza Mirdamandi of [Flatiron Construction](#)
- Keith Mobley of [Northern Geotechnical Engineering / Terra Firm Testing](#)
- Aristeo Othon of [Piteau Associates](#)



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FEATURED Geotechnical Engineering Project Manager

Posted: Apr 28, 2022

Cornerstone Earth Group - Sunnyvale, CA
Full-time

Application Deadline: N/A

FEATURED Entry to Mid-Level Geotechnical Staff Engineer

Posted: Apr 28, 2022

Cornerstone Earth Group - Sunnyvale, CA

Application Deadline: N/A



Full-time



FEATURED Entry Level Geotechnical Engineer or Geologist

Cleary Consultants, Inc. - Campbell, CA
Full-time

Posted: Apr 20, 2022

Salary: null Hourly
Application Deadline: N/A



AGS

FEATURED Project Geologist

AGS - San Francisco, CA

Posted: Apr 20, 2022

Application Deadline: N/A



GEOCON

FEATURED Senior Level Geologist/Environmental Engineer/Environmental Scientist

Geocon - San Diego, CA
Full-time

Posted: Apr 11, 2022

Application
Deadline: N/A

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Salary Survey

It's that time of year when we gather data from our member firms for our annual salary survey. The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 13. Participating firms will receive the 2021 Salary Survey Report for free! If you need the email resent to you, please reach out to us at info@calgeo.org.

Upcoming CalGeo Events at a Glance

May 13: The Annual Salary Survey submission deadline has been extended to this Friday, May 13. If you are a member firm and need the form, please write to info@calgeo.org. Participation means you receive the salary survey results free (\$500 value).

May 3, 10, 17, 24: Write Right Seminar with John P. Bachner [REGISTER NOW](#) | [DOWNLOAD FLYER](#) - Yes, you can still join now and catch up!

June 6: Northern California Golf Tournament at Orinda Country Club [REGISTER NOW](#) | [DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)

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