

CELSOC San Diego Chapter Repeats as 04-05 Winner of Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence!

The State Organization & Planning Committee has once again selected the San Diego Chapter as the winner of CELSOC's Chapter of the Year Award. Citing how the Committee was "very impressed with the many programs in which the San Diego Chapter is engaged and the broad extent to which your chapter has involved its membership its programs", Paul Meyer notified the Chapter of this great achievement.

Paul went further to state, "frankly there was strong competition for the Award this year", which made the win that much more satisfying.

Over the past two to three years our chapter has increased membership numbers and shown greater member participation. Our monthly programs have been of much greater interest to our members than ever before with a broader variety of speakers and topics. In addition, our social events have created greater friendships within the chapter. Some of the other achievements we are recognized for include issuance of a chapter newsletter and the development of our own dedicated chapter website.

As a further part of this recognition, San Diego members attending the annual conference receive a fifteen percent discount on registration fees. Our award will be officially presented at a special lunch ceremony at the annual conference. Congratulations and thank you to our membership who has made our chapter a standout organization.

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CELSOC Membership Continues to Grow

Once again this last year has brought new members to our chapter. We all want to welcome them into California's finest chapter! Please take the time to say hello when you see them at the next meeting.

Polaris Development Consultants – August 2005
Joel Waymire

DeC Consultants – November 2005
Eugene De Carlo

C&S Engineering – February 2006
Michael Hotaling

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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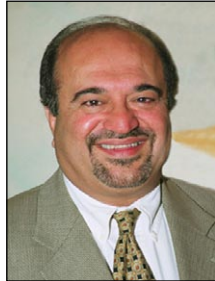
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As the sun sets on another extremely successful year for the San Diego Chapter, I can't help but reflect with pride on our collective accomplishments over the last 10 months. In composing this article I was faced with the enviable problem of being able to fit all these activities on a single page. Here is my attempt to recap our busy year:

We started the year in grand fashion – with another fun evening social. This event set the tone for the rest of the year, one in which we had much success and a lot of fun doing it. We added more quality firms into our local family, and our Chapter took over as the second largest chapter in the state.

Our monthly membership meetings continue to be one of the best networking opportunities in town for senior leaders from our member firms. We continued to have great and varied monthly programs. For example, we toured the underground trolley station at San Diego State, hosted our eventual Mayor, received an insider's view from the publisher of the Daily Transcript, heard from client representatives from the Port District, the Airport Authority, and the City of San Diego, received a first-hand report on the devastation in the Gulf states, and received pointers on employee retention.

The Chapter was very active on the legislative and political front and well represented at the annual Legislative Visit Day in Sacramento. Thirteen Chapter members made the pilgrimage, visiting the offices of all of our local legislators. We discussed items of local interest and informed them of CELSOC's stand on key issues facing our profession. At the culmination of that day, several of our member firms were recognized for their good work on several local projects at the CELSOC awards banquet. We also held a successful Chapter fundraiser to support the election of Jerry Sanders as the new Mayor of San Diego.

The Chapter and our members were also active on the local scene. We came to the aid of a local public engineer who had wrongfully come under media attack for his dealings with local consultants. We provided input to the City of San Diego on the revisions to their contracting out policy. Representing CELSOC, Bill Steen, our Honorary State Director, convinced the County of San Diego to cease their practice of using the term "certify" in an onerous manner.

Another member firm, Cavnac & Associates, donated some of the proceeds of a contracts training course to the Chapter, and our Chapter made a contribution to the hurricane Katrina relief efforts as well. We took part (and contributed to) the San Diego Highway Association's 75th anniversary celebration, contributed to the publication of the latest version of the Report Card on San Diego Infrastructure, as well as representing CELSOC at the annual gathering of local industry associations.

Our Chapter once again provided support to the future of the industry by awarding three scholarships to deserving local engineering students. I am pleased to announce that our Chapter has entered into an agreement with the City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department to combine our future scholarship programs. As part of this agreement, CELSOC will be the name sponsor for the Department's successful annual golf tournament, the proceeds of which will fund the scholarship program.

Several of the Chapter's committees were very active this year. The Transportation committee continued to be the bridge to bring together representatives from local agencies and the consulting community. The NAVFAC committee is once again in the process of hosting the biennial symposium in San Diego that gathers over 500 participants from the military and consulting industry to focus on issues of common interest.

With all this activity, it is no wonder that our Chapter was recognized as the **CELSOC Chapter of the Year** for the second consecutive year! This is a great and rare honor. My heartfelt congratulations go to each of our members for your role in making this truly a great chapter. I would like to personally invite you to join me at the CELSOC annual conference in April as we accept this award.

Of course, none of these achievements would be possible without the hard work of your Board. I was fortunate to be surrounded by competent professionals that continually invest their time and efforts in making this an even better chapter. I would also like to thank Margy Ashby, our Executive Administrator, for her support to the Board.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the Board this year, and I am confident that we will continue to be a standard-bearer in the state for years to come.

I appreciate your trust and support.

John Moossazadeh, PE, *President*



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LEGISLATIVE VISIT DAY A BIG SUCCESS!

A group of thirteen members from the San Diego Chapter of CELSOC visited the State Capitol on January 30, 2006 to meet with the members of the California Legislature. Advanced appointments were scheduled with members of the Assembly and the Senate for all districts in the San Diego and Imperial County regions. Divided into groups of 3 to 4, the members discussed with the senators, assemblymen, or their senior staff, issues important to CELSOC and the engineering profession. They also presented copies of the latest Infra-

*Members of CELSOC San Diego attended the annual
Legislative Visit Day January 30, 2006*



structure Report Card for San Diego to the members of the legislature and discussed its contents. The importance of infrastructure funding for the region was emphasized in order to enhance and/or maintain the state of infrastructure in San Diego. The members in attendance included: Mark Ashley, Roger Ball, Rob Gehrke, Sunnie House, John Littrell, Gordon Lutes, John Moossazadeh, Kai Ramer, Rick Rubin, Jaime Taynor, Martin Teal, Joe Tognoli and Jerry Wilson. On behalf of the San Diego Chapter, we would like to thank all those in attendance. Your commitment to CELSOC and its mission is commended.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MAY

General elections for our Chapter Officers and Directors will be held at our May 16th General Membership meeting. If you are interested in being considered for a position, contact Margy Ashby at (619) 334-3083.

STATE REPORT

New Mission Statement Revealed

On October 21, 2005 the State Board approved a revised mission statement for CELSOC. Members are encouraged to go to the State Website (www.celsoc.org) to view the statement.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Provided by John Harris

The CELSOC San Diego Chapter is once again sponsoring its ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for junior- and senior-level college students majoring in engineering (electrical, civil, structural, geotechnical, environmental, and mechanical), land surveying and construction management. This year, the Chapter plans to award four (4) \$1,500 cash scholarships to students who demonstrate the greatest understanding of the consulting engineering/surveying profession and how the consulting engineer impacts our lives every day. Applicants will also be evaluated on their work experience and transcripts.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 5, 2006. The Chapter's Board of Directors will convene an evaluation committee to review all applications, and the winners will be announced at the Chapter's Annual Social to be held on Saturday, June 24th at the USD Kroc Center.

Chapter members are encouraged to spread the word to family members and currently employed interns. Again, the deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 5, 2006. Applications must be sent to John Harris, c/o Hirsch & Company, 4499 Ruffin Road, Suite 300, San Diego, CA 92123. For questions, contact John at (858) 565-4545.

SOCIAL REPORT

CELSOC San Diego Annual Social

Mark your calendars for this year's CELSOC San Diego Annual Social. This year the event is going to be held Saturday June 24 at the USD Kroc Center. This venue is rapidly becoming known as one of the finest in San Diego and we are fortunate to have been able to book our event there. The event will be full of activities including dinner, award of our scholarships, dancing to live music and many more surprises. It's also a great opportunity to spend an evening with friends and get to know your board for 2006-2007. We encourage companies to buy tables of 10 to make the event as successful as last year. More information will be forthcoming in future correspondence. See you all there!

San Diego Gears Up for Repeat Fashion Show at Annual Conference

Last year's wearing of the Chapter of the Year shirts showed some great chapter pride as we took home the award. As repeat winners, we all want to show our pride again by wearing our Chapter of the Year shirts at the conference during the Friday sessions.

IN THE NEWS

Annual Conference Set to Begin in Hollywood

This year's annual conference is being held April 5 – 8. There is still time to attend if you haven't already registered. The programs promise to be informative and interesting. One of the truly great speakers, former UCLA Basketball Coach John Wooden is the keynote speaker at the Thursday morning session and that promises to be an event you won't want to miss. There are also a number of great tours and activities. Visit the CELSOC website for more information. See you there!

CELSOC Continues to Work on Indemnity Language

CELSOC is supporting AB 573 which would provide that public agency contracts would hold design professionals liable when the design professional (or an employee of) is negligent and/or caused the harm, and not for the actions of others beyond their control. Changing unfair indemnity language will give the public entities a wider selection of better qualified firms, while at the same time giving the public clients real promises that match what the consultants' insurance covers – not illusory promises that, if invoked, could bankrupt the consultant without gaining the public entity any real protection. Look for more on this subject in the coming months.

NAVFAC Symposium

Once again it is almost time for the biennial symposium. This year's symposium is scheduled for Thursday June 22, 2006 and the theme is The Evolving NAVFAC Transformation. While this is a State Committee, members of the San Diego Chapter do most of the legwork. Historically this event attracts 500 people and this year's symposium is expected to keep that tradition alive. With guest speakers from the Navy and the construction industry, as well as exhibitors, the event promises to be educational and a great networking opportunity. Proceeds go to CELSOC. Flyers have been sent out so keep your eyes open for them. For more information contact CELSOC Sacramento directly.

Padre Tickets Going Fast

Tickets for this year's Padre game outing are going fast. The game is Tuesday August 22, 2006 against the Dodgers. Tickets are in the right field lower loge and are \$16 each. For information about the game, please leave a message for Margy Ashby at 619.334.3083.



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Our dedicated San Diego CELSOC website is a big hit! With information on events, members, photos and much, much more, you can stay connected. Visit the website at www.celsoc-sd.org



HUMOR

One morning the digital clock shows readout #1, which is odd, since it is well before noon. Nearly two hours later, the clock shows readout #2. Can you guess what is causing the incorrect displays?

#1 

#2 

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

2006 Events Calendar

April 4, 2006

San Diego Chapter Board Meeting
Doubletree, Mission Valley

April 5-8, 2006

Annual CELSOC Conference
Renaissance Hollywood Hotel

May 4, 2006

San Diego Chapter Board Meeting
Doubletree, Mission Valley

May 16, 2006

San Diego General Membership Mtg.
Holiday Inn, Murphy Canyon

June 1, 2006

San Diego Chapter Board Meeting
Doubletree, Mission Valley

June 22, 2006

NAVFAC Symposium
San Diego Convention Center

June 24, 2006

CELSOC San Diego Annual Social
USD Kroc Center

Monthly Programs Deliver Value to Membership



This last fiscal year continued our tradition of scheduling great programs and speakers for our monthly General Membership Meetings. Events included a wide variety of topics and even took us out of the office and into the field. For a quick recap, here is a summary of our speakers and topics for this last year.

July 2005		<i>Padre Game on the Western Metal Building</i>
August 2005	<i>Steve Haggerty, MTDB</i>	<i>New Mission Valley East LRT Line</i>
September 2005	<i>Jerry Sanders</i>	<i>Mayoral Candidate, Jerry Sanders</i>
October 2005	<i>Dr. Ron Tannenbaum</i>	<i>Hurricane Katrina Aftermath</i>
November 2005	<i>Reo Carr, Daily Transcript</i>	<i>Review of Election Results</i>
December 2005	<i>Karen Weymann, Tony Heindrichs, Port of S.D.</i>	<i>Expansion of Cruise Ship Terminal</i>
January 2006	<i>Thella Bowens, Airport Authority</i>	<i>Airport Site Selection</i>
February 2006	<i>Darin Anderson</i>	<i>Employee Retention</i>
March 2006	<i>Richard Hass, Jr., City of San Diego</i>	<i>Changes in Consultant Contracting</i>
April 2006	<i>No meeting due to Annual Conference</i>	
May 2006	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Chapter Officer Elections</i>
June 24, 2006		<i>Annual Social</i>

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Universal Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Answers can be found on the web version of this Spring 2006 Edition Newsletter at www.celsoc-sd.org