

LOS ANGELES SECTION

PE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
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SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT

September 2020

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Section Events Overview

Los Angeles Section Elections 2020/2021

LA Section Elections were concluded on August 28. The results can be viewed at the Section website: LAPECG.net.

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President Elect: Sujaya Kalainesan

VP Rank & File: MD Bhuiyan

VP Supervisory: Refugio Dominguez

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Los Angeles Section Award Nominations

LA Section Executive Committee has nominated the following members for the annual PECG awards.

Member of the Year: Refugio Dominguez

Professional Achievement: Grish Biglarian

Outreach Award: MD Bhuiyan

LA Section Elections

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PECG Los Angeles Section - 2020/2021 Election Results

Director:	John Vassiliades
President Elect:	Sujaya Kalainesan
VP Rank & File:	MD Bhuiyan
VP Supervisory:	Refugio Dominguez
VP At Large:	David Koo
Treasurer:	Fouad Dagher
Secretary:	Siam Sadman

Delegates:

Schani Abeyesundere	Shafiqul Islam	Mercedes Merino
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Ohannes Anserlian	Enrique A. Jimenez	Khanh Q. Nguyen
Samir Bakar	Varoujan Jinbachian	Levi N. Onyiah
Saed Batarseh	Henry Jone	Iqbal Qazi
Wasif Bhuiyan	Peyman Kaviani	Scott Ratigan
Grish Biglarian	Hamid Khorram	Erwin Talag
Palani Chandrasekaran	Vijay Koppam	Akm Tareque
Michael Dipsia	Lohit Kotha	Mitra Vahid
Ben Ehsani	Richard Lagarnia	John Zaki
Mohamed Ghannoum	John K. Lee	
Nguyen Huua	Samuel Luk	



2020 PECG MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(Please return via e-mail to bcabrera@pecg.org by Monday, July 27, 2020)

NOMINEE'S NAME: **Refugio Dominguez**

PECG SECTION: **Los Angeles**

CLASSIFICATION/WORK ASSIGNMENT: **Senior Transportation Engineer / Design Manager**

AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT: **Caltrans**

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WHY SHOULD THIS PERSON BE SELECTED?

Refugio Dominguez earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. In 1993, Refugio Dominguez became licensed as a Professional Civil Engineer.

Refugio joined Caltrans in 1989 and has worked on various units such as Traffic Operations, Construction, Hydraulics, and Design. Refugio has worked the last 28 years in the Office of Design.

Most of his professional experience has been in the Office of Design preparing plans, specifications, and estimates for various types of construction projects such as freeway widenings, bridge replacements, seismic retrofits, soundwalls, water pollution devices, and retaining walls.

Refugio have been a PECG member since the beginning of state service in 1989 and have been part of the corporate Meet and Confer Team for the last 14 years and is currently serving as the Vice President Supervisory for the Los Angeles Section. Prior to that, Refugio has held various positions in the Los Angeles Section including Director, President, Vice President Supervisory for 3 years, and Treasurer for 3 years. He has also represented PECG at Legislative Day, fund raising events, and supported the election of PECG supported candidates through phone banking and distributing material to the communities. Refugio has also volunteered to judge at the LA County Science and Engineering Fair every year and attended State-sponsored events on behalf of the LA Section.

Refugio has committed his entire career as a public servant and serving the members of PECG with his leadership and experience. He is the chair of the LA Section New Members committee, coordinating the orientation of new employees to the benefits of being a member of PECG, which has resulted in an increase of the Section's membership to 1,847 members and 87% membership percentage of potential.

Refugio has always stepped up and volunteered for any area of need for the LA Section and has acted as Section President on my behalf when I was undergoing health issues this year. Refugio is well deserving of the award for Member of the Year. Thank you for your consideration.



John Lee

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2020 PECG PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please return via e-mail to bcabrera@pecg.org by Monday, July 27, 2020)

NOMINEE'S NAME: **Grish Biglarian**

CLASSIFICATION/WORK ASSIGNMENT: **Supervising Transportation Engineer, Office Chief of Traffic Design**

AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT: **Caltrans**

LOCATION: **Los Angeles**

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WHY SHOULD THIS PERSON BE SELECTED?

Grish earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and his Master of Science in Structural Engineering from University of Wyoming. After graduating with Honors in 1981, Grish moved to Los Angeles, CA and began working at Ralph M. Parsons Company as an Associate Engineer. In 1983, Grish became licensed as a Professional Civil Engineer, after which he became a Partner and Responsible Managing Officer at CALBEC, where he handled all aspects of structural engineering and construction from preliminary design to completion.

Before joining Caltrans, Grish worked as a Federal Project Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. He was responsible for preparing and reviewing post-disaster public assistance Damage Survey Reports and giving engineering evaluations and assessments of Architectural & Engineering reports.

Grish joined Caltrans District 7 as a Project Engineer with the Office of Design in 1999. As a Project Engineer for nine years, Grish delivered over \$200 million of COS projects, such as the award-winning Long-Life Pavement Reconstruction Project along Route 710. In addition, he was recognized for his work in completing the PS&E package for the LA-5 Tunnel Repair Project within ten days of the date of notification, for which he received a Superior Accomplishment Gold Award.

For the last ten years, Grish has served as a Senior Transportation Engineer with the Office of Traffic Design. During this time, Grish has directed and supervised staff in delivering all the assigned projects on-schedule and within budget. In 2011, under the Office Chief's initiative, Grish developed the Workload Estimating Norm (WEN) to estimate office resource needs for several types of projects, for which he received another Superior Accomplishment Gold Award. On many occasions during his tenure as a Senior Transportation Engineer, Grish has been Acting Chief, Office of Traffic Design in the Division of Traffic Operations during the Office Chief's absence.

Grish has been the Chief of the Office of Traffic Design in Caltrans, District 7 since January 2018.

On the personal side, Grish has been married for 35 years. Grish and his wife have three daughters: (1) Michelle is a Deputy Attorney for Caltrans in the Los Angeles Legal Office, (2) Stephanie is an Anesthesiology Resident at LAC+USC

Medical Center, and (3) Katherine is a Commercial Product Analyst with Farmers Insurance. In his free time, Grish likes to hike, garden, and travel.

Grish has been a member of PEGC for over 20 years. He has held various positions in the LA Section, including Director, President, and Vice President Supervisory. He has also been a corporate committee member in the Health and Safety Committee and the Science and Engineering Fair Committee. He has also represented PEGC at Legislative Day, fund raising events, and supported the election of PEGC supported candidates through phone banking and distributing material to the communities. Grish has also volunteered to judge at the LA County Science and Engineering Fair every year and attended State-sponsored events on behalf of the LA Section.

Grish has committed his entire career as a public servant and to advance the field of civil engineering as well as serving the members of PEGC with his experience and professionalism. Gish is well deserving of the award for Professional Achievement. Thank you for your consideration.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John K. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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2020 PECG OUTREACH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please return via e-mail to bcabrera@pecg.org by Monday, July 27, 2020)

NOMINEE'S NAME: MD ROHUL AMIN BHUIYAN

PECG SECTION: LOS ANGELES

CLASSIFICATION/WORK ASSIGNMENT: TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER

AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT: CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

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MD Bhuiyan made a tremendous effort by recruiting 14 members from November 2019 to July 2020.

Mr. Bhuiyan also contributes in outreach as he represents PECG in political events for candidates supported by PECG.

His involvements includes participation in other events such as retirement, quarterly lunches, and the LA Section Fair.

Mr. Bhuiyan's mind-set has kept him involved with PECG for almost 14 years. The members that volunteer their time to be involved with PECG are team players; caring and determined to do the right thing for the entire membership. Their goal is to keep state employees' wages and benefits protected. Playing an essential role in PECG, Mr. Bhuiyan enjoys working with all these people, and it had been truly valuable to have him as the Vice President Rank & File in this section of PECG for term 2019-2020.

I am very pleased to recommend MD Rohul Amin Bhuiyan, District Area Engineer in the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and also currently PECG –Los Section Vice President Rank & File for 2020 PECG Outreach Award.







NOMINATED BY: Jalil Khan

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