

LOS ANGELES SECTION

PE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
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SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT

December 2022

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Section Events Overview

Los Angeles Section Officers, delegates, and members would like to welcome all Corporate, Section leaders, Committee Chairs, and members to the December 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.

Approaching the new year, and as the largest section of this great organization, we are constantly challenging ourselves to more effectively conduct our affairs and serve the vast and diverse Caltrans and At-large PECG membership. The LA Section Executive Committee (EC), which is 40 strong, represents 1740 members. Among numerous awards we received this year, the most notable was recognition for the highest percentage of Rank and File PECG members among all PECG sections. We won this award because, over the years the LA Section has been involved in recruiting and retaining its members sponsored outreach and fund-raising events, as we partnered with State Departments and external entities, Science and Engineering Fairs, Goodwill efforts, etc. To serve our membership holistically, the officers and delegates hold to higher ethical standards. As a team we embrace accountability and transparency about how our Section functions and conducts its business. And we are always looking to recruit new EC members who will represent a diverse cross-section of our membership to encourage participation from a new generation. We need that diversity to bring forward issues and new ideas as we transition to their cohort's time as Section and Corporate leaders.

PECG 2021-2022 Corporate Professional Achievement Award – Sheik Moinuddin

We thank the PECG Corporate Board for recognizing the extraordinary efforts by Sheik Moinuddin, and welcomed him at our recent LA Section meeting this past November. He is a very humble man & gave praise to the section & to our membership for all the support he has received over the years. (See attachment for the full write up.)

Installation of LA Section Executive Committee Members & Officers:

The newly elected Section Officers and Delegates were administered the Oath of Office virtually via Zoom by our Corporate Secretary Ferdinand de la Cruz, at our monthly Executive meeting held on October 20, 2022. Thank you, Ferdinand, for honoring our section with this momentous milestone. The Executive Committee Eight (8) elected Section Officers comprise the Executive Committee: President, President-Elect, 3 'VP's, Director, Treasurer, Secretary, as well as 26 Section Delegates who oversee and vote on all section matters.

Upcoming Section Meetings (Annual, Monthly EC, At-Large, Supervisory & Fed-PAC):

The LA Section Officers hold monthly EC meetings with all its delegates. The Section decided to forgo an Annual meeting this month due to time constraints, however, they are looking for ways to reward our members. The section will hold the three (3) meetings following quarterly Section meetings with all its members. The officers also plan to hold a special luncheon for all Fed-PAC members sometime early in the new year. Our section is very diverse, with multiple At-Large Departments. To be inclusive of all the leadership will continue to At-large member involvement through Section-wide meetings and any other Department-specific meeting opportunities. . Recently we held a meeting among one of them, DGS-DSA and it turned out very well, using both in-person & virtual options. We also plan to hold Supervisory-specific meetings over the year. Stay tuned to all the exciting Section Activities planned for 2023!

Approval of Annual Budget:

The new Section officers are currently going over the annual budget and will present it to the EC at the January 2023 monthly meeting. The Section officers have already conferred a couple of times over the course of the past month or so to discuss Section activities and budget matters. The officers recognize that the Section budget is for the benefit of the members and in supporting various activities that benefit and provide well-deserved exposure of this organization. We will strive to make contributions for Section activities that effectively highlight the mission and vision of PECG. The officers may also consider giving back to the membership to encourage their participation in the form of gift-cards and/or section merchandise to display their PECG pride.

Caltrans Career Fair November 9, 2022 (District 07 – Los Angeles):

The LA Section provided support and volunteered its officers and members at this successful daylong Caltrans Career Fair. In addition to the Career fair attendees, D07 Executive Staff and Caltrans Human Resources (HR) staff also stopped by at our PECG Corporate sponsored booth. We appreciate PECG Corporate for sponsoring giveaway swag, snacks, and water and providing posters at this event.



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Caltrans Career Fair attendees – Left to Right, Grish Biglarian, Hamid Khorram, Jalil Khan, Sam Luk, Khanh Nguyen and Ed Jackson



DGS Senior Architect and PECG Member, Sam Luk greeting one of many who stopped by.

Special thanks to the Section officers/delegates for volunteering – John Zaki, Jalil Khan, Sam Luk, Grish Biglarian, Khanh Nguyen, Lisa Peng (not in photo), and Hamid Khorram! Thank you all for your time, effort, and the stellar representation of our organization and professions.

Diversity Day – October 25, 2022

PECG LA Section has supported Diversity Day for years, and once again in 2022 , several members attended the mid-day event. A special thanks to some of our EC members who joined, Zebunessa Tareque, MD Bhuiyan & Jalil Khan, to name a few.



New Employee Orientation (NEO) and Save Opportunity:

Section officers have actively been involved with Caltrans scheduled New Employee Orientation (NEO) meetings and Save opportunities, which are chances to speak with members who may be inclined to drop their PECG membership. Because the LA Section is so large, diverse and geographically spread out, it takes a lot of energy and dedication to perform this extremely important work. Kudos to all the volunteering officers (John V, Henry Jones, Refugio Dominguez, Ed Jackson, Sam Luk, MD Bhuiyan & Varoujan Jinbachian) who have stepped up to this challenging task!

Section By-Laws and Policy File Updates:

Very often Sections tend to neglect to periodically update their By-Laws and Policy files. Over time how we conduct Section business needs to be questioned, improved, and updated. This year, Zebunessa Tareque, Section Secretary and MD Bhuiyan, Chair of this committee and Ed Jackson, Section President, with the help of PECG Staff and Legal Counsel are revising the Section By-Laws and Policy Files with oversight and approval of the EC. The changes have been categorized in three tiers – non-controversial, requiring discussion, and controversial.

Section Committee Appointments and Active Delegate Participation:

Being a Section Officer or a Delegate without active participation does not serve our membership adequately. A namesake title may sound impressive but does not hold any value unless it's put into action. This year we will continue to make strides in getting the EC more actively involved in Section Committees and activities. As the year progresses along, we may add on more Ad-Hoc committees as needed. Here is a list of the committees proposed for 2023 and the Chairs assigned to them.

- Policy and Bylaws – MD Bhuiyan
- Outreach, Awards, Events coordinator – Vacant
- Information Technology (website, quarterly reports, etc.) coordinator – Shabbir Ahmed
- Nominating and Elections – Vacant
- Membership Committee –
 - i. Rank & File (Caltrans) – MD Bhuyian
 - ii. Rank & File (At-Large) – Samuel Luk
 - iii. Supervisors (Caltrans) – Jalil Khan
 - iv. Supervisors (At-Large) – Henry Jones
- Corporate PECG PAC Trustee/ Science and Engineering Fair – Jalil Khan

Informational Technology:

Recently we had several members contacted by an outside vendor, who was looking for information on our retirement. The vendor gained our contact information from our website. We plan to implement a higher level of security without compromising the ability of our members to reach out to us.

Teleworking and conducting meetings online, at some degree, have become a new way to conduct business across the board for all our represented agencies. We embrace change and welcome new ideas to make things easier for our members. We will also update our section website, so be on the lookout for that!

From our families to yours – The LA Section wishes you all a very safe and Happy Holiday Season!!

