



The Certified Environmental Professional

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President's Message

Happy Spring ABCEP Members! As we look around the corner and see spring approach we once again find ourselves at a crossroads that includes changes to the ABCEP Board of Trustees. This year, we had six open Board of Trustees positions and six nominees. As a result, a general election wasn't necessary.

We have four new board members this year. We haven't had this much new blood in a long time. We welcome Dr. Alan Ewart (Indiana), Robert Brenner (Washington), John Moynier (California), and Dr. Hilary Noskin (New Mexico) to the board as well as returning board members Irv Cohen and Liz Johnson.

Sadly we say goodbye to several valuable members of the Board: Gary Kelman, Brent Moore, Audrey Binder, and Connie Chitwood. All have contributed significantly to the efforts of the Board over the years and have served as committee chairs, past leadership and current leadership. They will be missed.

During the ABCEP Board meeting in April in Chicago, we took some time to re-examine the committee structure of the organization and opportunities to repurpose some of our committees to be more effective. Suggestions from the general membership are also welcome. What has worked for you? What hasn't? We also took time to discuss the strengths of the mentor program and discussed ways that the CEP-IT members can become involved in leading and working within the organization.

We are always looking for ABCEP members who are willing to assist the organization in serving the environmental community and those who work in it. Most committees don't take an overwhelming amount of time to commit to and the work can be very rewarding. Please take a minute to visit the website and look at the different committees and their purposes. As we revisit the goals and objectives of the committees, this would be a great time to jump in on the ground level, so to speak and get involved in new growth and a new trajectory.

ABCEP is here to serve you in all your endeavors and has the resources to help guide you in all your efforts to lead in the environmental field. Our doors are always open to suggestions and volunteers who want to help guide this process.

Please let us know what we can do better to serve you.



Mark F. Gerber
ABCEP President

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear CEPs:

I want to apologize to the other Board members as well as our CEP membership for the sporadic nature of the newsletter publication. It is a monthly challenge to pull together information worthy of sharing with our readers. In February we received input from **NINE** members on what topics you would like to see in the newsletter. The results of that survey are provided on page 6 .

In my opinion **NINE** responses is a very poor indicator of what you really want to read about, but it is what we have to work with. I implore those **NINE** of you that shared your thoughts to support the newsletter by providing articles or put us in touch with authors that have research or projects in those areas to get their information in print.

I am just like the rest of you - work gets in the way of life and vice versa - but we need to work together to support our professional passions and to build our network and CEP community. This newsletter is intended to help that along, but it needs your support and participation.

I'll continue to beat that same old drum - we can't have a newsletter without your participation.

Your support is appreciated!

Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP, ENV SP
Newsletter Editor



Thank you for your service!

The ABCEP Board of Trustees would like to extend our great appreciation to former Board Members:

Audrey Binder

Connie Chitwood

Gary Kelman

Brent Moore

Without your tireless dedication and thankless commitment to the organization, ABCEP would not be where it is today.

May our paths cross again soon.

Mark Gerber

Irv Cohen

Don Deis

Liz Johnson

Chris Thoemke

Corry Platt

Peyton Daub

Richard Burke

Shari Cannon-Mackey

William Eggers

Robert Brenner

John Moynier

Alan Ewert

Hilary Noskin

2016 Dr. Richard J. Kramer CEP Memorial Award for Environmental Excellence Recipient:

Jennifer Lundberg, Cypress, Texas

Jennifer Lundberg has more than 20 years of experience in the environmental field gained through work in Washington State, Oregon, and Alaska. Her current position includes NEPA compliance and permitting for mega transportation projects. She specializes in near shore permitting (docks and harbors), NEPA components - indirect and cumulative effects analysis, hazardous materials, and Section 106/Section 6(f) - for EISs, EAs, and CATEXs for transportation projects, and state environmental policy act (SEPA) compliance. Jennifer refined the curriculum for the Olympic College Environmental Studies program and teaches the ENVS 100 class. She is the past instructor of ENVS 493, the environmental impact assessment course required for completion by all Huxley College at Western Washington University graduates.



The ABCEP Board of Trustees congratulates Jennifer on this achievement!.

The Richard J. Kramer, CEP, Memorial Award for Environmental Excellence was established by the Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals (ABCEP) to recognize extraordinary achievements of individuals in the environmental profession.

Previous Kramer Award Winners:

2010 - Irving D. Cohen, CEP, FACFEI
2011 - Richard P. McGucken, CEP
2012 - Lori Cunniff, CEP
2013 - Connie Chitwood, CEP
2014 - Heidi Pruess, CEP
2015 - Gary F. Kelman, MS, CEP

WELCOME NEW ABCEP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Alan Ewert; Bloomington, Indiana

Dr. Ewert is currently the Chair of the Department of Environmental Health in the School of Public Health at Indiana University. He also holds the Patricia and Joel Meier Endowed Chairship at the University.

Robert Brenner; Federal Way, Washington

Robert is currently the District Environmental Manager for the Kiewit Bridge and Marine District, which is actively building work with contract values of approximately \$1.5 billion. In that capacity he helps ensure that projects in the district remain compliant with environmental rules and regulations, trains and mentors Project Environmental Coordinators, coordinates with Home Office staff, reviews job estimates for environmental issues prior to bidding, conducts environmental compliance audits of existing jobs, and serves as a member of the corporate Environmental Committee. He is an aquatic biologist by training, earning his BS and MS degrees in Biology from Stephen F Austin State University. He has been the designated dredging expert and Dredged Materials Program Manager for the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as well as a District Manager in DNR's Aquatics Region. Following his employment at DNR, he worked for the Port of Tacoma for many years as an Environmental Project Manager, permitting and managing environmental compliance for dredging projects, marginal wharf construction, a 30-acre habitat creation site, and a multitude of other projects. Prior to his current role with Kiewit, Robert was the environmental manager on the SR520 Floating Bridge and Landings Project, which is constructing a replacement of the world's longest floating bridge with a longer floating bridge. He is also a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control.

John Moynier; Rocklin, California

John has over 30 years of experience in the water infrastructure, environmental, emergency management and water resources planning fields, and has split his career between the public and private sectors. John is a Certified Environmental Professional (CEP), as well as a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), recognized expert in analyses conducted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). He is also considered a subject matter expert in the integration of infrastructure and water resource planning. He has worked on a variety of complex issues at the local, state, and Federal level, and has extensive experience in environmental compliance, floodplain management, hazard mitigation planning and utility operations.

Hilary Noskin; Los Ranchos, New Mexico

Hilary is a thirteenth generation New Mexican, from a family that has been and continues to be active in the arts, community and in business. She is a Latina with excellent professional and academic credentials in business and science and more than 10 years of supervisory and management experience. She believes in the integrity and moral foundations of the legal system. Her specialties include program and project management, intellectual property, lobbying and government affairs, business, science - especially environmental, and regulatory and administrative law. She is active in community boards and programs and currently serve on the board for After Math Education, an afterschool program that delivers math, science and reading curriculum and activities closely aligned with school, district and state standards. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as an environmental scientist for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory. She was also the corporate Director of Government Affairs for Giant Industries, Inc.

MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS

Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP, ENV SP

Part 1: What you want to see in the Newsletter

In February I fired 'a shot across the bow' as a challenge to our members to publish an article in this year's newsletter. We enlisted the use of an online survey to seek input into what topics our members have an interest. The following are the top categories **you** identified:

- ▶ **Sustainability**
- ▶ **Innovation - impact analysis tools/technology**
- ▶ **Regulatory Updates**
- ▶ **Climate Change**
- ▶ **CEP Areas of Practice - Transportation and Government**
- ▶ **Self-Improvement**

Part 2: How You Can Help

As we have stated time and time again, we as an organization are only as strong our membership makes us. It is just as important to mentor and educate, lead and implement, as it is to share your thoughts, research, and regulatory perspectives with your peers.

Those of you working with CEP-ITs - push them to submit an article for the newsletter - what a great way for them to network and get feedback on ways to further their career. The rest of you surely have something to share within the profession. I know many of you are 'published' in other places - share those insights in this forum too!

So here's the plan...

Newsletters for the rest of 2016 will be theme-based:

- ▶ **JUNE-JULY - Climate Change**
- ▶ **AUGUST - CEP Area of Practice (Transportation)**
- ▶ **SEPTEMBER - Regulatory Updates**
- ▶ **OCTOBER - Sustainability**
- ▶ **NOVEMBER - CEP Area of Practice (Government)**
- ▶ **DECEMBER - Innovation (impact analysis tools and technologies)**

Part 2: How You Can Help (continued)

You all should have articles to share on these topics, so please start sending them our way!

Article Submission:

- ◆ Articles Due to the Newsletter Editor no later than the 15th of the month in which they are to be published (for JUNE-JULY that would be July 15). Send to:
scannonmackey@burnsmcd.com
- ◆ Word Format; all figures/photos in jpg or tif format. Do not send PDFs. All exhibits/figures/photos must have sources documented and all permissions to use obtained by the author of the article.



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APRIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY

Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP, ENV SP

In conjunction with the NAEP National Conference in April, the ABCEP Board of Trustees met in-person in Chicago. The Board discussed a number of items including:

- ▶ Strategic Plan - how best to go about updating and obtaining membership input
- ▶ Committee Structure and Responsibilities -
 - Effectiveness of existing committee structure and ability to achieve state goals
 - Committees versus Task Forces - when to use them
 - How to engage members including CEP-ITs
- ▶ CEP-ITs - how to engage them in Board and membership activities
- ▶ CEP Mentoring Program (see next page)
- ▶ ABCEP Outreach - involvement with other groups, presentations, and ways to increase membership

The ABCEP Board of Trustees meets on a monthly basis. They also conduct two meetings per year in-person; with one of those meetings held in conjunction with the NAEP National Conference. The Board plans to meet again in-person in October.

If you have an interest in serving on a standing committee or are interested in lending your talents to a Task Force, please contact Mark Gerber at mgerber@whitebarkra.com.

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

JANUARY

- 2 CEP-IT applications
- 2 CEP by Eminence applications
- 19 CEP applications

FEBRUARY

- 6 CEP-IT applications
- 1 CEP by Eminence applications
- 18 CEP applications

MARCH

- 7 CEP-IT applications
- 4 CEP by Eminence applications
- 13 CEP applications

APRIL

- 15 CEP-IT applications
- 2 CEP by Eminence applications
- 8 CEP applications

Approvals - 6 CEP-ITs, 1 CEP by Eminence, 3 CEPs

1 CEP denied

ABCEP Mentoring 101

Courtesy of Liz Johnson, CEP and Tina Richards, CEP-IT

ABCEP has a mentoring rate of 100%! Mentors provide a point of contact for CEP and CEP-IT applicants during their application process. And it is no small feat to match-up mentors with mentees. As the program currently stands, there are 35 mentors assigned to 72 mentees.

So how does a mentee get assigned to a mentor? The Mentoring Committee follows the following process to assign and track mentors and mentees:

CEP-IT is approved, a mentee requests a mentor, or the Mentoring Committee Executive Administrator decides the applicant needs a mentor; notifies Mentoring Committee

Mentoring Committee works internally to identify mentor match - based on mentor availability

Mentoring Committee reaches out to mentor to make the assignment; mentor contacts the mentee.

Once the mentor and mentee agree to work together, the Mentoring Committee Executive Administrator links the two in the CEP-Express Mentor/Mentee Report

Mentor and Mentee work to advance the Mentee's application for review and approval.

**Mentor's
Corner**

Role of the Mentor:

- ▶ Commit at least one year to the mentoring program
- ▶ Commit at least one hour of support/interaction with the mentee per month (via email, phone, or face-to-face)
- ▶ Inspire, encourage, and support the mentee
- ▶ Contribute to the mentee's professional development

For additional information on the Mentoring Program or to sign-up to be a mentor, please reach out to Andrea Bower at office@abcep.org or Liz Johnson at liz.johnson@ocfl.net.

Call for Articles!

Interesting projects, exciting research, new study applications – our community wants to hear about what our CEPs and CEP-ITs are doing. The Communications Committee is seeking articles about your interesting projects for upcoming issues. This newsletter is a fabulous forum to share your insights and opinions.

***Our newsletter is only as strong
as our members can make it.***

***So don't be afraid and
GET INVOLVED!***

Newsletter Policy

In the interest of presenting material on which our members can formulate their own views regarding environmental matters, we present articles representing a variety of viewpoints. Whereas there may be limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we take the position that it is through continual and fearless sifting and winnowing of information from various sources can the truth be found.

Should you take issue with an article appearing in this Newsletter, you are encouraged to submit an article with your viewpoint which will be published in a future issue.

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The ABCEP Newsletter is published monthly and is intended to be a:

- ♦ Communication vehicle for the Board of Trustees and ABCEP Committees to inform and engage with CEPs and CEP-ITs on current activities within ABCEP and its future direction.
- ♦ Forum to report on current and emerging environmental issues, regulation and policy changes, and professional trends.
- ♦ Forum to provide professional guidance and advice to expand the professional growth and knowledge of members.
- ♦ Means for members to communicate with one another on current accomplishments, interesting projects, or lessons learned on the job with new approaches and successful problem solving solutions.
- ♦ Platform to acknowledge, highlight, and welcome active CEPs and CEP-ITs.

All members are encouraged to be active in their profession and affiliated professional organization.

If you have a topic of interest that you would like presented in *The Certified Environmental Professional* newsletter please submit your topic request or completed article to Andrea Bower at office@abcep.org or Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP ENV SP, at scannonmackey@burnsmcd.com.

Thank you,

Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP, ENV SP
Editor