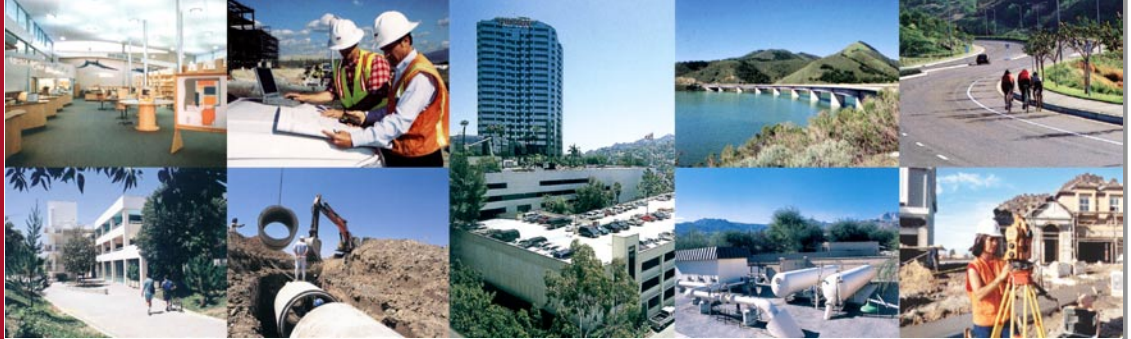


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We'd like to hear from you!

If you would like to submit an article or a Featured Firm Profile, please send e-mails to CELSOCNEWS@RBF.COM for consideration. The editor reserves the right to make final decisions on the content of the newsletter.

*We are pleased to present to you the first issue of CONTOURS!
Your feedback and comments are sincerely welcome.*

Future Leaders Program Ready to Kick Off

By now everyone should have received the brochure announcing the CELSOC Future Leaders Program that kicks off March 19 in Orange County. The objective of the program is to impart the understanding and implementation of the best personnel management practices. The program provides a valuable set of supervisory skills via interactive training courses. It will be taught in four full-day sessions. For further information, including registration forms, visit the CELSOC website.

FY 2004 Brought New Faces to CELSOC

Thanks largely to the outstanding efforts of our Membership Chair, Sunnie House, CELSOC's San Diego Chapter has seen many new firms become part of our organization. Below is a list of those who have joined us since last summer. We are glad to be able to welcome you to our Chapter and look forward to an even better 2005.

Members:

Guida Surveying, Inc.	February 2004
The Engineering Partners, Inc.	November 2003
SOTA Environmental Engineering, Inc.	October 2003
West Consultants, Inc.	October 2003
Parsons Corporation	October 2003
Haley and Aldrich, Inc.	September 2003

Affiliate Members:

Eilar Associates	February 2004
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the first local CELSOC Newsletter! Over the coming quarters, this will be one more way for you to keep informed on the issues of the business of engineering. Throughout each month, state offices of CELSOC regularly send out information on legislative actions, business issues, labor updates, training opportunities, professional development education and much more. This newsletter has been designed to incorporate much of that information with what is happening on the local level in a way that provides a convenient single source. In addition, each issue will feature a member company.

Your active membership in CELSOC provides you with so many opportunities not only to keep up on what is going on, but more importantly, to get involved in affecting what is going on. Getting involved is the perfect opportunity to make a difference and contribute a little more to the promotion of our profession. Whether you lead a committee in negotiating fairer contract language with a local agency or volunteer to speak at a school, you are providing a valuable difference.

Special thanks to Rick Rubin and his staff at RBF for putting this newsletter together.

Bill Dick, *President*

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STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Information provided by State Director Gordon Lutes

The third quarter State Board Meeting was held in Sacramento on February 3, 2004, in conjunction with the annual Legislative Visit Day. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- Roger Ball (San Diego) was elected as next year's State President. The newest member of the Executive Committee will be Rob Salaber who will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations, Roger!
- There was a moment of silence in memory of the recently deceased Bill Rick.
- The Board approved a "partnering agreement," which encourages CELSOC firms to team with other member firms.
- The name change to ACEC California did not receive the necessary 60% chapter approval. The final vote was 14 Aye and 10 Nay. There are no plans to reintroduce the measure in the near future.
- Chapter Officers / Committee Chairs' training will be in Millbrae on July 29, 2004.
- On February 2, 106 CELSOC members, including 7 from San Diego, visited 115 legislative offices out of approximately 120 offices, in connection with Legislative Visit Day.
- On February 3, Assemblywoman Shirley Horton (Assembly District 78) received the CELSOC "Legislator of the Year Award."

FEATURED FIRM PROFILE



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ProjectDesign Consultants (PDC) is a large multi-disciplinary consulting firm in downtown San Diego specializing in land surveying, right-of-way engineering, civil engineering, planning, urban design, environmental, landscape architecture and GIS. PDC shapes communities by designing the roadways on which people drive, the neighborhoods where they live, and the parks where they play.

PDC was founded in 1976 with a vision, business plan and five staff members in a small downtown San Diego office. Today, ProjectDesign Consultants is a nationally-recognized firm with offices located in San Diego, Temecula, and Bakersfield, California, as well as a regional office in Phoenix, Arizona. PDC's client list includes many of the nation's largest private developers and public agencies.

PDC's 200+ talented professionals have the opportunity to work on exciting projects throughout Southern California. These projects include large-scale master planned communities, urban design and redevelopment, recreational facilities, and public works infrastructure/utilities improvements. Some of PDC's most notable projects include Petco Park, SeaWorld Master Plan, Mission Bay Park Boundary Survey, San Elijo Hills Master Planned Community, University City North/South Transportation Corridor, Southwest Division As-Needed Surveying and Engineering, Hyatt Hotel, Coors Amphitheater and Santa Fe Depot.



Each quarterly newsletter will include a feature article on one or more of our member firms.

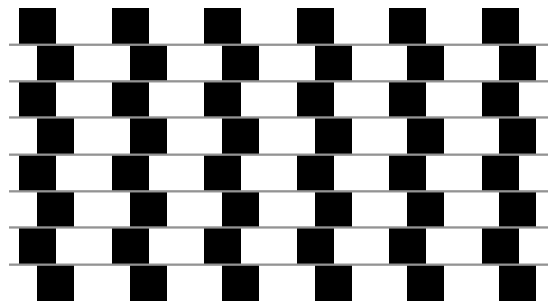
The objective is to become more familiar with the types of work that our colleague firms perform as part of our goal to increase partnering with other CELSOC firms. This issue features ProjectDesign Consultants, which also happens to be the firm from which our Chapter President, Bill Dick, hails.

BRAIN TEASER

Can you complete the following grid? Each row and each column adds up to 290.

61	78	63	25	63
80	??	??	??	26
60	??	??	??	56
36	??	??	??	90
53	31	53	98	55

Are the gray lines really parallel?





FUTURE EVENTS

SDSU Basketball Coach to Speak at May Monthly Meeting

Coach Steve Fisher of the San Diego State University Aztecs Men's Basketball program has been confirmed as the guest speaker for our meeting on May 18. Coach Fisher is a highly sought-after guest due to his enthusiasm and great speaking ability as well as the high interest in his subject matter. As many of our members are SDSU Alumni, this should prove to be a great program to close out our 2004 fiscal year programs.

Guest Speakers Keep Us In the Know on Local Issues

There are a number of issues that face us each day, both as engineers and surveyors and as citizens in general. Our monthly speaker programs help to keep us informed on these issues and gives us a chance to satisfy our curiosity by getting answers to questions we may have.

Our January guest speaker, Mr. Erik Bruvold, Vice-President of Public Policy and Infrastructure Issues for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, provided us with some valuable information. Regarding TransNet, we can expect to see a proposal for re-authorization of the ½-cent sales tax sometime before 2008 to continue to generate funds for roads and mass transit. BRAC 2005 could have an impact on San Diego with potential focus on SPAWAR, the Naval Air Depot, North Island and MCAS Miramar. More information will become available on these topics in the coming year.

City Councilmember Jim Madaffer (District 7) was our guest speaker in February and he provided us a lively presentation on issues that face us in San Diego. Councilman Madaffer's perspective on ballot propositions, property tax and airports were just a few of the issues that indicated his support of our organization's efforts.

March Speaker

Our guest speaker for the March 16 meeting is Mr. Don Bullock, Manager of Capital Projects and Construction for the North County Transit District. Plan on attending and learning more about the Coaster, the Breeze and the Sprinter.

San Diego Chapter Website Up and Running

After months of coordination and effort by a host of individuals, our San Diego Chapter website is now up and running. The entire membership roster is on the site along with links to photographs and e-mails. As the site develops further, events, news items and other important information will be posted. Check in on the website periodically (www.celsoc.org and then to Member Area and Chapter Websites) to see how it takes shape. Special thanks to Margy Ashby (our Chapter Administrator), Diane Elias (RBF Consulting) and Dan Biggs (Designed Internet Solutions) for making this a reality!

Events Calendar

March 16, 2004	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Murphy Canyon
March 19, 2004	First Session Future Leaders	Orange County
April 1, 2004	San Diego Chapter Board Meeting	Doubletree, Mission Valley
April 20-25, 2004	CELSOC Annual Conference	Disneyland
May 6, 2004	San Diego Chapter Board Meeting	Doubletree, Mission Valley
May 18, 2004	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Murphy Canyon
June 3, 2004	San Diego Chapter Board Meeting	Doubletree, Mission Valley
June 19, 2004	San Diego Chapter Annual Social	Location TBD