

CEAC Board of Directors **MEETING MINUTES**

November 22, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.



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130th CSAC Annual Meeting
Pasadena Convention Center
300 Green Street, Pasadena, CA
Ballroom C
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The meeting was called to order by Leamon at 10:08 AM

1. Approval of Minutes The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved (Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Kokkas)

2. Correspondence (Leamon) – None.

3. CLODS Report (Sadjadi) - The CLODS BBQ was a success, and congratulations were extended to the new President and Past President.

4. NACE Report (Dashiell) - The NACE Annual Conference will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois, the week of April 14th. Attendees were encouraged to make reservations promptly.

5. CSAC Report (Neuburger)

- Grant fund opportunities and learning opportunities are available.
- Ada Wheeler is working on insurance issues in California.
- The incoming Trump administration may impact organizations. CSAC to monitor.
- New employee will start in January to work on finance and general fund issues.
- Mark Neuburger will lead the broadband portfolio and be the sole HLT analyst.
- Merrin will be the Executive Director of CEAC.
- CSAC is hoping to engage more with Regional Directors.
- Subgroups will be identified to engage more directly.

6. Regional Directors Reports

- **Bay Area** (Gaglione) – update on various work in the region.
- **Northern California** (Bronkall) – Bronkall approved by region to continue to serve as regional director. Discussion for next year's bedroll at Tehama County site. No date set up yet. DeChellis requested to know the date. Bronkall responded that several dates have been sent to the campsite owner, with correspondence to follow once final date is set.
- **Sacramento Mother Lode** (Randall) - recent virtual meeting well attended. Got great pics from the counties for upcoming newsletter. Hoping to meet in person at least 1-2 times next year. Perhaps golf event similar to San Joaquin region. Butte County has moved into mother lode region from northern California. Move approved by both regions. DeChellis asked to verify website is updated to reflect change.
- **San Joaquin Valley** (Bray) - five meetings with five different counties. Bit lower meeting frequency than past years. Hoping to get 7 of 9 counties to participate in 2025. Sam Chrun from

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Stanislaus will be the new Regional Director, with Erin Haagenon from Fresno as Assistant Regional Director effective 1/1/2025.

- **Southern California** (Koutroulis) – Brief update.
- **Central Coast** (Rubalcava)- Group met on 11/8. Trying to meet quarterly. Focus to bring in younger staff to present to other groups. Trying to meet and collaborate more informally. Hoping to begin these efforts in early 2025.

7. Treasurer's Report (Johnson)- Discussion on increased dues for 2025. Request approved budget. Budget approved unanimously (Motion by Dashiell, 2nd by Pack)

8. Committee Reports

- **Administrative** (Pack) – Smaller attendance due to conflicting Infrastructure Committee. Discussed Capital Improvement Programs and "positive wins" in our organizations. Pack to step away from committee as chairperson after becoming Secretary. Pack to reach out to Leamon and Gerety with official resignation. Leamon to identify replacement for committee.
- **Flood Control and Water Resources** (Rubalcava) - Discussed regulatory changes and conflicting case law and its impacts on local agencies. Discussion on what keeps folks up at night.
- **Infrastructure and Development** (Randall): Discussed illegal dumping and unique drainage issues. Contra Costa has a special tax with funds supporting cleanup. Has not helped with illegal dumping.
- **Resource Recovery and Waste Management** (Koutroulis) - Discussed PFAS, SB54, and therapy session for SB 1383.
- **Surveyor** (Bronkall for Wilson) - Discussed monument preservation and subdivision map act time extension legislation issues.
- **Transportation** (Zarif) - Discussed legislative process, regional bikeway facilities, AI, and transportation funding. Pack highlighted attendance by multiple county supervisors and other CSAC attendees and that information was well-received.
- **Fellowship** (McNamee) - First noise complaint in hospitality suite came at 6:30 PM. DeLeon to take over fellowship committee with Blossom to assist. Thanks to Mike Leacox, Martin McIlroy, and Jason Jurens for their assistance all week. Discussion on "County Night" at future conferences with various activities. Used to be done by fellowship and rolled in CEAC. Leamon to ask Gerety to send out correspondence to principal members and affiliates to gauge interest. Sadjadi discussed that fall conference may conflict with supervisors' engagement.
- **Oversight** (Leamon) - No report.
- **Scholarship** (Winokur) - three winners for scholarships – five applicants. Many more applicants several years ago. Recommendations to target interns for potential future awards. Request to move from 3-\$2k scholarships to 2-\$3k scholarships due to limited applicants. Dashiell mentioned that current level has been in place for the last 10-15 years. Discussion on scholarship clearinghouse – questions on whether our scholarship is getting to students. Sadjadi – send notice to all public works directors. Leacox mentioned that they're seeing similar issues at APWA, with similar recommendation to reduce prizes and increase prize size. Motion made to adjust scholarship amounts and unanimously approved (Motion by Pack, 2nd by Bronkall). Discussion on revising website to reflect scholarship opportunities.

9. Unfinished Business (Leamon) – Changes to bylaws were approved by the organization during general meeting. No other unfinished business.

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10. New Business (Leamon) - discussion on CEAC forum and allowing affiliates access to CEAC forum. Johnson suggested limiting forum for platinum members. DeChellis and Kokkas agreed, with discussions that having access for platinum sponsors may generate interest in other sponsors to upgrade their sponsorship to platinum status. Motion to approve CEAC forum access for platinum sponsors passed unanimously (Motion by DeChellis, 2nd by Kokkas)

11. Life Membership (Leamon) - No life memberships were discussed.

12. Announcements and Scheduled Conferences (Leamon)

- 2025 CEAC Spring Conference: March 18-21, 2025, Universal City, Los Angeles County
- 2025 NACE Annual Conference: April 15-17, 2025, Schaumburg, Illinois
- 20th CEAC Policy Conference: August 21-22, 2025, Sacramento
- CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference: December 1-5, 2025, San Jose
- Brief discussion on annual report. Thanks, Gerety, for the pictures – they contribute greatly to the report.
- Invoices to come out shortly. Reflect dues increases.
- Gerety mentioned that preliminary schedules are available for March conference for those trying to prepare for trip.
- Pack reported that a firm approached him with interest in affiliate membership. Pack to connect information with Gerety.
- Sadjadi discussed having information to share regarding affiliate membership at future conference. This approach was common in the past. Discussion regarding having cards or flyers with QR code to direct to affiliate membership.
- DeChellis reported that he had retired from La Canada Fruitridge two months ago. Congratulations from group on his retirement.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Dutifully submitted – Joshua Pack (11/23/2024)

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Meeting Roster Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors (NP – Not Present)

Officer	Office	County/Organization
David Leamon	President	Stanislaus
Johannes Hoevertsz	Vice President	Sonoma
Joshua Pack	Secretary	Butte
Panos Kokkas	Immediate Past President	Trinity
George Johnson	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Howard Dashiell	NACE Representative	Mendocino
Dave Gravenkamp(NP)	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)

Regional-Directors	Region	County
Rosemarie Gaglione	Bay Area	Marin
Walter Rubalcava	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Bob Bronkall	Northern California	Humboldt
Matt Randall	Sacramento Mother Lode	Placer
Nathan Bray	San Joaquin Valley	Merced
Tom Koutroulis	Southern California	Orange

Non-Voting Members: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff

Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Joshua Pack	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Walter Rubalcava (<i>interim</i>)	Flood Control/Water Resources	Santa Barbara
Matt Randall	Infrastructure and Development	Placer
David Leamon	Oversight	Stanislaus
Tom Koutroulis	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Orange
Alicia Winokur	Scholarship	Mendocino
Ian Wilson (NP)	Surveyor	Alameda
Najee Zarif	Transportation	San Joaquin

CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Catherine Freeman (NP)	Senior Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Mark Neuburger	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Ada Waelder (NP)	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Amber Garcia Rossow (NP)	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Executive Director	CSAC/CEAC

Non-Voting Members: Other Attendees

Brian Balbas – Unico Engineering

Scott DeLeon – Lake County (Retired) / NCE

Michael Leacox – NCE

Jim Porter – CSG Consultants

Blossom Scott-Heim – Tuolumne County

Denise Zitnik – Tuolumne County

Fritz Buchman – San Joaquin County

Jason Jurrens – Consor

Martin McIlroy – MGE Engineering

Matt Machado – Santa Cruz County