



San Diego Section Special Election Newsletter August 2011



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Meet San Diego Section Nominee for the Corporate Office



Roy Flores for Corporate Treasurer

Work Experience:

1990 - B.S. Civil Engineering - Texas A&M University, 1991 to 1998 - San Bernardino Caltrans - Various Departments
1998 to Present - San Diego Caltrans - Advance Planning

PECG Experience:

2004-2005, Section Outreach Cmte, Chair
2005-2006, Section Secretary
2006-2008, Section Pres-Elect, President
2008-2009, Director
2009- Present, PECG Membership Cmte
PECG & Section Outreach Cmte,
Section Elections Cmte, Chair
Section PAC Cmte, Member

District's Disability Advisory Cmte PECG Rep & Chair

Classification: Transportation (Civil) Engineer
Range D, Caltrans Range D, San Diego
Years of State Service: 20

Candidate Statement:

The Treasurer is one of eight Corporate Officers and one of 25 votes on the Board of Directors. The office holder is responsible for overseeing PECG finances and making sure everything is in order. But being Treasurer is much more. As a member of the Board, it also involves developing PECG's platform and ensuring that our goals and objectives are met. Experience, relationships with the general membership and knowledge of local and statewide issues are essential. This provides for valuable insight in the decision making process.

When I started out my professional career, it was the reputation of various state departments and their excellence that brought me to California. I learned of increased safety requirements being pushed by Cal OSHA, the development of improved building codes by the BSC, the successful efforts by CARB to reduce air pollution and the recognition of Caltrans as the best DOT in the country. These agencies and others set the bar for the rest of the world and improved the lives of not just Californians but of all Americans.

But something has happened in the last few years. State workers, the ones responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of life, are now being demonized by politicians and the media. We are now a tool that various organizations use to achieve their specific agenda. This cloud over state government has affected us to the point where

Many doubt our usefulness. Attacks on State workers make it more difficult to do our jobs and they severely impact moral. We need to realize the importance of what we do. Every state employee has a purpose and is a vital piece in this entity known as civilization. This comes through acknowledging the purpose of why you were hired and through educating others of what we do and how it impacts their lives. One of PECG's goals is "to promote the highest standards of professional practice". I also believe each of us can contribute much more to better our image as state workers and of our respective professions. This comes through mentoring students at all levels, getting Involved in the political process, and obtaining and distributing reliable information related to our professions. It is never too early to set the stage for the next round of Bargaining. We are professionals determined to get the job done.

Thank you for reading my statement and I would appreciate your vote for Corporate Treasurer.

Meet Nominees for the San Diego Section Officer

Pedro Aguilar for Director
 Transportation Engineer Caltrans
 PECG Member Since 1991



I have been with PECG all of my career and served as Section officer for 3 years, currently as the Section President. Also, I have formed and served on many committees such as the Science Fair, Finance Committee. I am asking for your vote for the office of the Director to continue

making improvements to our San Diego Section. I will be committed to the Section and with my direction will have a new vision.

Robert Lumahan for President Elect
 Transportation Engineer (Civil) – Caltrans I-805 Corridor
 PECG Member Since 1993



Current PECG San Diego Section Vice President Rank & File (Collective Bargaining)

PECG San Diego Section Newsletter Co-Editor & Writer.

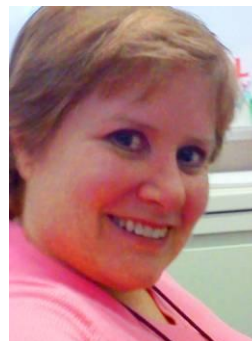
PECG Committees – Retirement Honors (Chair); Membership (Chair); Political Action; Professional Development; Science Fair; Operations; At Work Goodwill; Bring Your Child to Work Day; Nominations; Health and Safety; Legislative Day

I'm running because I'm concerned about what has happened to us, State employees, during these tough economic/political times.

We do noble work and deserve to be treated equally and fairly. I'll work hard to have all your issues heard and resolved whether you're a supervisor waiting for pay parity; a rank & file member concerned with the upcoming MOU negotiations or an At-Large member looking for stronger advocacy.

President Elect Robert Lumahan for our jobs, our families and our livelihood.

Heidi Martin for President Elect
 Licensed Landscape Architect Caltrans – Program Project Management
 PECG member since 1990



Current PECG San Diego Secretary
 Past Officer – Secretary
 PECG Committees – Membership, Outreach, and Science Fair Judge

Hello! I have been with both Caltrans and PECG for 21 years. I am a Project Manager/Assistant Project Manager. This is my 2nd year as Section Secretary. I have learned a lot about the Section and PECG and how it runs. A vote for me is a vote for improvement, for the squeaky wheel. If you would like to see continued change for the better, vote for me and let me keep working on that change for you! Thank you!

**Jay Gittin for VP Rank & File
(Collective Bargaining)**
Caltrans – Structures Construction
PECG member since 2001



When my children grow up and ask what I did to make the world a better place, I can say I tried to raise awareness of

issues in our community and helped motivate PECG members to become more active members in their community. This participation will not only help the community, it will raise the community's awareness of PECG and show the work PECG members contribute as State employees and as members of the community, in a positive light.

**Tony Karam for VP Rank & File
(Collective Bargaining)**
Transportation Engineer (Caltrans - Construction)
PECG member since 2000



My candidacy is part of a good team of candidates who have shown willingness and ability to work together.

We will bring Rank and File together and defend you like a member of our immediate families.

Our team will work hard to have PECG establish a legal office with a full time attorney in San Diego.

We will make sure all PECG's legal resources are afforded to you in a timely and effective manner. Thank you for your trust. Tony

Al-Jafri for VP Supervisory
Senior Transportation Engineer - Caltrans Design
PECG member since 1993



With an improving economy, a union friendly administration, and the DPA Director stating "the lack of a pay increase for **Unit 9** supervisors and managers is unfair and is no way to treat members": it is time to correct the injustice and

restore morale, I will work hard with local and corporate PECG officers to correct this, update PECG members on current issues and challenges that PECG is facing, and provide suggestions and solutions. I sincerely appreciate your consideration for my candidacy for this respected position.

Lilia G. Bowman for VP At Large Officer Position
Associate Safety Engineer for the Department of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA)
PECG member since 2005



As a PECG member since 2005 and an Associate Safety Engineer for the Department of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) my priority is to help improve communications between the officers and our members.

There is so much negative information being disseminated about the State employees, we need to change this image. My pledge to you is to do my best to represent you as your VP at Large.

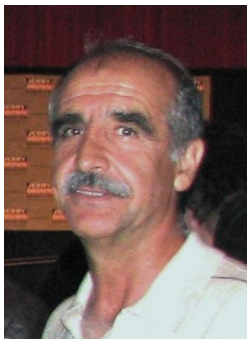
Mehrdad (Mo) Maher for VP At Large Officer Position
District Structural Engineer
PECG member since 1996



With your support, I will take our message to Union, State Officials to bring back promised compensations. We are strong having taken steps to restore our compensation. State finance is improving. We must push for our salaries

and benefits. I want to strengthen our sections and hold officials responsible to deliver on the demands of my colleagues in Water resources, Transportation, State Architect and other agencies.

Javad Rhezaei for Secretary
Transportation Engineer Caltrans
PECG member since 2007



I've been a member of PECG for about 4 years. I have solicited new members to join PECG over the years and I was active for the election of the present governor, Mr. J. Brown. In my opinion, I like to see PECG to be more involved with matters regarding PERS. PERS influences our

Health Care and retirement money. PECG should influence PERS so we have more than Kaiser and Blue-Shield as our health care providers

John Williamson for Secretary
Transportation Engineer Caltrans
PECG member since 2005



I would be honored to serve as the Secretary to the San Diego Section of PECG. Unions and public employees are under attack across our country. I will work diligently with other officers to provide the

highest quality representation for all of our members.

Julie Volby for Secretary
Transportation Engineer Caltrans – Design
PECG member since 1999



As PECG Secretary I will help set up meetings, keep detailed meeting minutes, and make organizational suggestions and improvements, and any other support I can provide to the PECG officers.

As a PECG officer, I will listen to your concerns and do what I can to bring the necessary changes that will improve the quality of your overall work experience. I will ensure your voice is heard and help get the responses you need and deserve. Thank you for your support.

Ben Guerrero Jr. for Treasurer
Transportation Engineer
PECG member since 2006



My mission is to strengthen our local PECG chapter by bringing a greater sense of accountability and reliability not only to this position but also to our local section. In this position I will work for you by bringing together my experience as a project engineer and knowledge as PECG's current General Liaison Committee Chair. My organizational and communication skills will bring clarity and renewed focus to our local chapter.

Khaled Mohamed Nour for Treasurer
Transportation Engineer Caltrans
PECG member since 1998



My goal is to promote financial transparency and conservative spending. Your money should not be taken lightly and should be spent wisely. I will handle your funds and treat every penny with special care and only allocate it when authorized by the members. Along with

that, I will be fighting for your rights in all areas of the MOU and equal treatment of each member.

Azar Habibafshar, PhD, PE for Treasurer
Transportation Engineer – Caltrans (20 years)
PECG member for 20 years and treasurer for San Diego PECG from 2002 through 2004.



I believe in **financial transparency**. I would come up with ideas promoting PECG, and collectively be proactive in having our voices heard by the legislature.

I will work on public outreach and awareness services so that the public knows PECG is working for them and is responsible for designing/inspecting California's infrastructure, improving air/ water quality, and developing clean energy/green technology.

Member Involvement

We are always in need of volunteers to expand our activities and involvement. If interested, or if you have any comments/suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact our President, **Pedro Aguilar** at:

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PECG ISSUES

If you have any questions or comments about bargaining, job related issues, benefits, etc please contact one of the officers listed on the first page or you can also browse through the PECG website at: pecg.org or the Section's website at: sandiegopecg.org