



SAN DIEGO SECTION Quarterly Report December 2014



Presented by **San Diego Section Officers 2014-2015**

Section Director	Mehrdad “Mo” Maher
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President Elect	Azar Habibafshar
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VP Rank & File	Manuel Rivas
VP At Large	Joseph Tang
Secretary	Cristina Nunez
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New Section Officers

On **August 22, 2014**, the Section installed its 2014/2015 Officers at the Annual Meeting. **Mo, John, Azar, Al-Jafri, and Diane** are past officers. **Manuel, Joseph and Cristina** are new officers. The Section would like to thank the past officers for their service to the Section membership:

Section Director	Robert Lumahan
Section President	Mehrdad “Mo” Maher
President Elect	John W. Williamson
VP Supervisory	Lawrence Emerson
VP Rank & File	Azar Habibafshar
VP At Large	Lilia Bowman
Secretary	Naser Ghaderi
Treasurer	Diane Vermeulen

The Section's 2014-2015 Officers are:



Mehrdad “Mo” Maher
Director



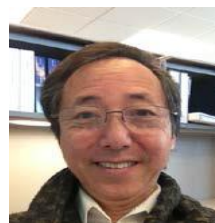
John Williamson
President



Azar Habibafshar
President Elect



Abu-Bakr Al-Jafri
VP Supervisory



Joseph Tang
VP At-Large



Manuel Rivas
VP Rank & File



Cristina Nunez
Secretary



Diane Vermeulen
Treasurer

The Annual Meeting was held at Ski Beach on August 22, 2014. PEGC-SD provided dinner and drinks. Members and their families relaxed while listening to music, playing volleyball and sailing. Special guests in attendance were Steve Lee, PEGC Corporate Past President and PEGC Labor Counsel, Jesse Rodriguez.



Mo graciously donated his time and rented a boat to take PEGC members and their families sailing on the bay.



The new officers were sworn in by PEGC Corporate Secretary/outgoing SD Section Director, Robert Lumahan.



PEGC-SD Scholarship NEWS

Last year's Board was able to budget for two \$500 scholarships. Officers Azar Habibafshar and Cristina Nunez presented one of the two \$500 scholarships to Molly Mann, daughter of Tim Mann, a landscape architect in Visual Analysis Planning.



Azar Habibafshar, Cristina Nunez & Molly Mann

Aaliyah Moradi, daughter of Zia Moradi, a transportation engineer in Construction Stormwater, was the other \$500 scholarship recipient. Zia accepted the scholarship on behalf of Aaliyah.

SD Section Annual Tradition of Helping Celebrate Diversity/Disability Day Continues

PEGC and the San Diego Section has been actively involved in the DAC and has participated every year in the annual Diversity/Disability Day by providing all of the drinks for over 200 participants each year.

This year was no exception. Once again, PEGC partnered with SEIU to provide drinks for this year's celebration on October 7th.

The DAC was implemented by the state to enhance employment opportunities and

address accessibility issues pertaining to state employees and applicants.



The Section has made a commitment to assist the DAC by volunteering and cosponsoring

disability related activities.

SD Section Lends a Hand at Local Charity Expo (California Cares - Employee Charity Drive) in CT District 11

As part of the newly named statewide Our Promise – California Employees Giving at Work Campaign, CT District 11 hosted a Local Charity Expo for employees to speak to and get acquainted with local charitable organizations.

On October 29, the Section partnered with SEIU to provide drinks to all in attendance.

2014 Political Activities

The Section participated in various political activities in September and October.

Juan Vargas Campaign

On September 15, PEGG was well represented at a fundraiser for San Diego Congressman Juan Vargas. Mr. Vargas is a familiar political figure in San Diego, and familiar in particular to Caltrans PEGG members as his brother Chi Vargas is a Transportation Engineer for District 11. The fundraiser was held at the La Jolla home of Sandra and Ruben Islas, both of whom are long time civic and cultural supporters in San Diego. PEGG officers Roy Flores, John W. Williamson and PEGG member Fred Abdipour were able to discuss border and transportation issues

with the congressman, and guests enjoyed drinks and appetizers around the pool for the sunset fundraiser.



Pictured from left to right are Roy Flores, Fred Abdipour, Juan Vargas, Fred's daughter Mahin Abdipour, and John Williamson

Section Quarterly Meeting

Come join us for our quarterly meeting. Lunch will be provided!

Date: Monday November 17

Time: 11:30-12:30

Place: Caltrans Campus

Garcia Room, Building 1, Floor 1

Our Guest Speaker will be **PEGG General Counsel, Gerald James**. Gerald will discuss PEGG's recent successes, results of recent state and national elections and PEGG's outlook moving forward.

Holiday Food Drive

The Section has various members coordinating with the **Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**, Holiday Food Drive at the Caltrans District 11 Offices. Collected items will be delivered to the **San Diego Food Bank**. You can deposit



canned and packaged (non-perishable) food items in the red barrels throughout the District Office, TMC and Kearny Mesa. At smaller CT offices, please look for the boxes with the food drive logo.

Members Retiring

We would like to recognize two retirees this month, Nick Kale and Javier Alonso. Both will be recognized by PECG-SD at their upcoming farewell celebrations.

PECG-SD would like to recognize every retiring member. So, if you are retiring or know of any member that is retiring from state service, please contact one of the officers listed on the first page.

Recruiting a New Member

Do you know of someone who is not yet a PECG member? Would you like to receive \$25 from PECG? Well, all you have to do is sign up that person as a new PECG member and you'll receive \$25 from PECG! Membership applications can be downloaded from the PECG website at <http://www.pecg.org/Benefits/Application.pdf> and can be submitted to PECG either by faxing them to **(916) 446-0489** or mailing them to:

PECG
455 Capitol Mall, Suite 501
Sacramento, CA 95814

Member Involvement

The Section is forming committees for the upcoming year. We are in need of volunteers to expand our activities and involvement.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Political Committee, Science & Engineering Fair Committee, Scholarship Committee, Retirement Committee,

Membership Committee, or Events Committee, please contact our President, **John Williamson** at:

Phone: (619) 688-6847

Email: john.williamsonr@dot.ca.gov

PECG Fed PAC Helping PECG Have a Voice in Washington, D.C.

The PECG **Fed PAC** (Federal Political Action Committee) was created two years ago to help PECG protect your interests in Washington, D.C.

By joining the PECG Fed PAC you will be helping PECG have a voice in securing federal funding for state transportation, water, energy, school, environmental and hospital programs; protecting your job from wasteful, overpriced outsourcing and providing competitive wages and benefits for public employees.

You can download the PECG Fed PAC application at:

<http://www.pecg.org/Benefits/FED-PAC.pdf>

Join today!

Upcoming Events

- 11/17 - Section's General Meeting
- 11/19 – Holiday Food Drive
- 11/20 – Employee Innovation Expo
- 12/2 - Executive Staff Holiday Party (Food Drive Opportunity Raffle)

