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From The President

Welcome back!

Spring is right around the corner! It sure is nice to see the weather making a change for the better, and the days are starting to get longer. It also means that our NW/SW regional conference is coming right around the bend! We have finally pinned down all our presenters and the timeframes for both Friday and Saturday. There will be more information included in this newsletter, so please check it out.

Our February program had to be pushed out to March due to lack of attendees. I hope we can get a good solid turnout this month. For our March program, we are excited to have the folks working and overseeing the Rall Wheel Replacement project for the Broadway Bridge in Portland.

As I have stated previously, the NW/SW Regional meeting will take the place of our normal April program meeting. The regional meeting will be held on April 13th and 14th at the Marriott on

the Waterfront. We would love to see a strong local showing at this event. The schedule for the meeting is shared in this newsletter.

In closing, like I mentioned last month, we have a **NEW VENUE** for our upcoming meetings. We will be holding our March 20th meetings at Kells Irish Pub in Portland. The address is 112 SW Second Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. We need confirmation if you are attending at least a week in advance. If you are planning on attending, please make sure to sign up as early as possible. It helps us in



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ASPE February Program

A "Rall" Big Project
The Replacing of the Broadway Bridge Rall-Wheels



We all heard the warnings on the news and some of us may have experienced the painful effects of the closing of the Broadway Bridge for repairs last year.

For our February presentation we will have Brett Schneider, from Schneider Consulting (the owner's project manager for Multnomah County) and Evan Stuart, from Hamilton Construction (project manager for the general contractor) coming to share with us their first hand experiences of the challenges they faced working over a river on a bridge that is over 100 years old.

When: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Social Time – 5:30 PM • Dinner & Program – 6:15 PM

This educational program qualifies for 1 CED hour for Oregon CCB license renewal

Where: NEW LOCATION Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub • 112 SW 2nd Ave, Portland

<http://www.kellsportland.com/> (for directions)

There is no designated parking. Plan on street parking or using a nearby lot.

Meeting Cost: \$35.00 with reservation & credit card payment

Reservation failure to show will result in donation to ASPE54 in \$35 (pre-paid) or \$60 (not pre-paid)

Ask about Special Student Rates

Register: <http://aspe54.org> or click on March Program Meeting on our site

Registration Closes: 12:00 PM, Friday, March 16

Questions or Special Circumstances: Email Carey Lee clee@sunsteellc.com



From The President continued

planning for food and layout of the space for the nights event. Please share this information to anyone you feel might be interested in attending.

Thank you all again for your support and time spent with our local chapter. I look forward to seeing all of you and your guests on the 20th of March at Kells.

Craig Welburn
ASPE Chapter 54 President

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Agenda for April Regional Meeting

Friday 4/13 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

USG SecuRock / USG Structural Solutions / Jennifer Link-Raschko

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Hoffman Blue Beam Estimating / Luke Brown

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Albina Co. / bending and shaping of steel / Brad Lund

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mass Timber Specialist / Erica Spiritos

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CityLift / Scott Brafford

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Group Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory

Saturday 4/14 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Boral Cultured Stone / Maddie Carde

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Vertex - Construction Litigation Claims / Pasha Ameli, PhD, PE

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Corebrace / Michael S. Linford

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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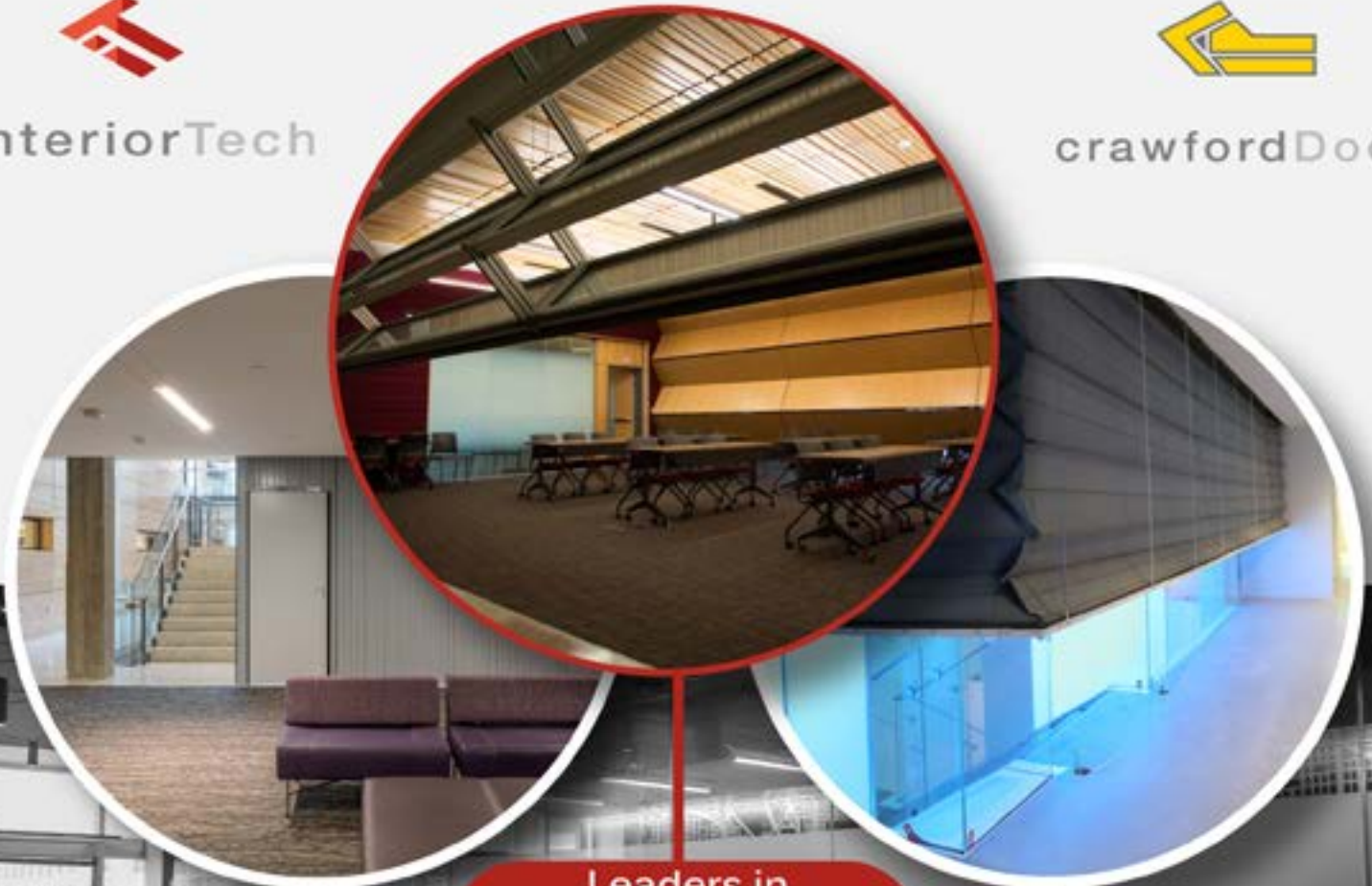




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Changes to the Certification Program

From Joe Fleming, FCPE, Chairman of the Certification Committee

This year is exciting for the Certification program. Tests are being updated, new Discipline Specific Tests (DSTs) have been added, and, most importantly, the certification cycles have moved to an Open Cycle.

For the past several years, Certification candidates were provided only 2 opportunities per year to register for the program. They were restrictions on when a candidate could begin different portions and hard deadlines for completion. ASPE will now implement an Open Cycle program.

Candidates may register at any time, select a paper topic from a list, and immediately start their paper and schedule their exams. Earn your CPE in 60 days? It's possible!


When a candidate registers, they will still have the option to submit their 3 technical paper topic choices. The Certification Committee will respond in approximately one month with a selection. There is also a list of topics and abstracts compiled by the Certification and Standards Committees from which a topic can be immediately selected. The candidate no longer must wait to take the tests until

after their paper is written. Tests may be scheduled at any time following registration.

Speaking of tests, the Committee and Staff are working on solutions with testing agencies so a candidate will no longer need to identify a CPE and coordinate times to take the tests. This will open the program to more MALs and international members. Mostly, these changes make the program more flexible and open to more people.

We are excited to share this news with Members.

Please direct your questions to certification@aspenational.org.



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