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Want to be a TEAMS Coach?

Aloha Post,

TEAMS is a program the Post has supported for the past couple of years. It's a competition among high school teams who work together to solve engineering problems. It is coordinated by the University of Hawaii College of Engineering. The next TEAMS competition is scheduled for March 9, 2002.

We plan to support the two high schools we helped in the past: Maryknoll and Kailua. Our work is to help the teacher/advisor in coaching high school students in preparation for the competition. It's fun, it's helpful, and it's a challenge.

Scott Hartung is our coordinator this year. If you have an inkling to be a coach or otherwise help Scott, send him an email at Scott_Hartung@URSCorp.com or leave him a voice message at 593-1116. He'll be back from vacation on 7 January 2002.

Happy Holidays!

Paul Luersen, AICP, Honolulu Post VP for Sustaining Members.

KNOW YOUR ASCE HISTORY

by C.S. Papacostas

On December 7, 1941, the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" published three special editions of the newspaper, naturally dominated by the attack on Pearl Harbor. But, on page seven of the paper, appeared a drawing of three possible routes and tunnels connecting Honolulu with the windward side of O'ahu. The three alternative alignments, drawn in profile, showed tunnels across the Koolau Mountains via Kalihi, Nuuanu and Manoa Valleys.

The Kalihi profile started at 3.92 miles on the Honolulu side of the tunnel and approached at an average grade of +3.5%, followed by a 1.08-mile tunnel at a grade of -6.0%, and a 1.51-mile stretch on the windward side at an average grade of -4.7%. The Nuuanu route was shown to climb on the Honolulu approach at an average grade of +3.0% for 4.22 miles, to traverse a 0.68-mile tunnel at -7.0%, and to extend 0.9 miles at an average grade of -2.1% toward Kailua. The now forgotten Manoa alignment rose at an average grade of +2.1% for 3.3 miles to the portal of a 1.72-mile tunnel that had a +1.1% grade, and then descended for 3.1 miles at an average grade of 2.3% on the windward side.

The caption reads:

"THREE TUNNEL ROUTES: Here is a drawing of three possible routes for a vehicular tunnel connecting Honolulu with windward Oahu. They were prepared by Cols. John D. Kilpatrick and George K. Larrison, requested by the city-county to make a survey. Their recommendation was the Kalihi valley route, rather than via Nuuanu or Manoa valleys. Reasons were its proximity to military establishments in the light of national defense, and certain traffic factors. They suggest two 'tubes' of two traffic lanes each, although Joseph F. Kunesh, city-county chief engineer, feels that one 'tube,' costing about \$4,500,000 would suffice. The financing would be carried by the city-county, territory and federal government, according to Mr. Kunesh's recommendations, but the public works committee of the board of supervisors has disapproved this and holds that as the tunnel is now primarily a military need, the cost should be borne entirely by the federal government."

Others had different route preferences: In 1946, the Hawaiian Electric Company, in an advertising series, looked ahead to When Honolulu Really Goes Windward:

"Now the Koolau tunnel begins to look like a reality, and a not too distant one. Before long, surveyors should be at work. And before the tunnel is completed, today's blueprints will be translated into the avenues and parks, the homesites and shopping centers of 'Suburban

Honolulu."

Johnny Wilson, the builder of the original carriage-road over the Pali, was re-elected mayor in 1948 after a hiatus. One of his first pursuits was to request of the territorial legislature an increase in the gasoline tax to pay for a tunnel in Kalihi valley. Back in 1931, having again teamed with his old partner and subsequent competitor Louis Whitehouse, he had planned to finance a road in China by paying off bonds with tolls and gasoline taxes, but the plan was rejected by the banks. His 1949 gas tax proposal for the Kalihi tunnel was turned down by the Territory which favored the Pali route instead. In the same year, Governor Ingram M. Stainback set aside a city-county master plan in favor of an alignment designed by territorial highway engineer Robert M. Belt that eliminated the hazardous Morgan's Corner.

Wilson argued that the latter would merely be a private access road for Kailua residents, whereas the Kalihi alternative would serve the entire windward side. Rumors had it that his opposition to the Pali alignment was driven by a desire to protect the Elizabeth and A. Lester Marks estate from condemnation by the Territory and that, a year later (1950), he hired

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RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT DOBELLE

You are invited to join the College of Engineering and the Engineering Alumni Association in welcoming new University of Hawaii President Evan Dobelle at a reception on Thursday, February 28, 2002. This reception (rescheduled from November 29, 2001) will be held at the Honolulu Country Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes heavy pupus and no-host drinks. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact Carrie Matsuzaki at 956-2286 by February 14, 2002.



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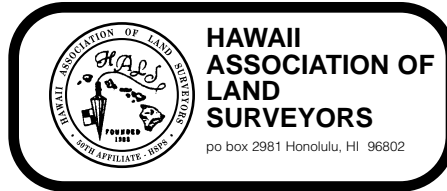
Each HCES Member Society is to submit their updated mailing list and the e-mail address of the person responsible for distribution of the Wiliki PDF files by December 31, 2001. Please notify your society membership chairperson if you prefer to receive your Wiliki via U.S. Postal Service or e-mail.

ENGINEERS' WEEK 2002

Engineers' Week is from February 17, 2002 to February 23, 2002. Please see the February 22, 2002 Banquet reservation form.

The committees for Engineers' Week 2002 are as follows:

1. Kick off Luncheon - SAME
2. Finance and Budget - IEEEE
3. Exhibits - SEAOH/SFPE/ITE



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4. Banquet - ASCE
5. Program - FALEA
6. Registration - ASME
7. Entertainment - AACE
8. Lifetime Achievement Award - HCES
9. Engineer & Young Engineer of the Year - HSPE
10. Student Engineer of the Year - UH
11. Publicity - EAH
12. Awards & Leis - HALS
13. Proclamation & Photo - LGSEA

HSPE HAWAII ENGINEER AND YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In conjunction with the activities for the Engineer Week 2002, the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE) will select the Hawaii Engineer of the Year and the Hawaii Young Engineer of the Year. HSPE will evaluate the nominees for both awards. The selected engineers will be announced at the Engineers Week Banquet on February 22, 2002.

Completed nomination forms must be either postmarked no later than January 23, 2002 or hand delivered to Manny Lanuevo, HSPE Representative, by the end of the business day on January 25, 2002. Details are available on the HCES website at <http://www.angelfire.com/linux/hces/>.



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STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE

A summary of the Strategic Planning Conference held on November 15, 2001 will be sent to LGSEA members when done.

COMING EVENTS

January 3, 2002, 12:00 p.m. HI Chapter LGSEA Board of Directors Meeting at Hawaii Pacific Steel Framing Alliance conference room.

The 2002 Installation Banquet has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2002. Larry Williams of the national LGSEA will be present. Call Les Nagata for details.

MEMBERSHIP IN LGSEA

LGSEA membership is open to engineers, architects, and trades people interested in light-gauge steel framing. \$50 per year. Call Ron Iwamoto at 533-2210 for membership forms.

ADVERTISING IN THE ENGINEERS WEEK BANQUET PROGRAM

Are you interested in advertising your company in the 2002 Engineers Week Banquet program? You will reach an audience of approximately 200 attendees - maybe even more. Please contact Juny P. La Putt, Program Chairman and FALEA Representative, via e-mail to junylaputt@yahoo.com by Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

HCES WEBSITE

Check it out! Our Hawaiian Webmaster, Juny P. La Putt, has generated new life into our HCES website. Go to <http://www.angelfire.com/linux/hces/> for back issues of the Wiliki O Hawaii, Engineer's Week information, Awards, Constitution, meeting information, and past officer information.

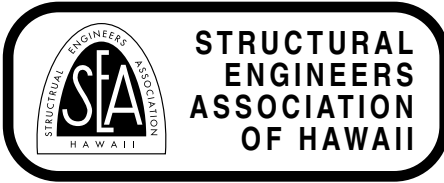
NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2001
 (subject to change)

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Place: Plaza Hotel Restaurant,
 3253 N. Nimitz Hwy.

RSVP (regrets and reports) to Ather Dar via hces@yahoogroups.com



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HIGHLIGHTS OF BOD MEETING

December 3, 2001

Reviewed and approved treasurer's report. Current general checking account balance: \$3,969.45. Current money market account balance: \$5,991.89. Current convention checking account balance: \$7,442.92. Craig Sakanashi reported that the 2000 tax returns have been filed.

2000 Treasurer's Audit: Craig Sakanashi will provide Beverly Ishii-Nakayama with the 2000 financial records for auditing.

Draft 2002 Budget: The Board discussed and review the draft budget for 2002.

CPB Visa/MasterCard Seminar Payments: Craig Sakanashi presented details for payment of seminars and meetings with Visa/MasterCard. Next year's Board will review the details.

2001 Convention Financial Summary: The Board received and reviewed a summary of income and expenses for the 2001 Convention from Glenn Miyasato. Craig Sakanashi will audit convention financial records.

Concrete Building Design Seminar (per 1997 UBC) – November 14, 2001 Summary: Tom Tanimura reported that about 70 people attended the seminar. SEAHO had no formal commitment. Dennis Hanatani suggested that future speakers distinguish between concrete building design and detailing requirements in Hawaii's different seismic zones.

New Member Applications:

The Board voted to accept **Adriano Bortolin** of the Sika Corporation and **Steve Duddles** of the Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc. as Affiliate Members and **Brian Board** of Englekirk Partners, Inc. as an Allied Member.

Old Business:

HHRF: Follow-up on position letter from Steve Baldrige. Tom Tanimura reported that Steve has not yet prepared a letter.

Light Gauge Steel Truss Booklet: Follow-up on contact with LGSEA. Darin Okuda reported that LGSEA is preparing guidelines for light gauge steel trusses. SEAHO will review the guidelines.

NCSEA: Update on mailing list for Structure Magazine subscription. Tom Tanimura reported that the mailing list has been updated.

Correspondence:

Received notice from George Nishimura that ASCE will be holding a Licensing Forum on February 15 and 16, 2002.

Received NCSEA request for high school career day structural engineer presentations.

Received report on results of 2001 Golf Tournament held on November 26, 2001 at Waikole Golf Course from Kathleen Higa. The results are as follows:

32 people participated in this year's tournament. Flight "A" is for handicap 20 and below. Flight "B" is for handicap 21 and above.

Flight "A" winners:

1st (\$50) – Leonard Oki (net 66)
2nd (\$35) – Paul Morimoto (net 68)
3rd (\$25) – Ken Hasegawa (net 69)

Greenies:

#5 hole – Craig Sakanashi
#8 hole – Craig Sakanashi
#11 hole – Dennis Sakamoto
#17 hole – Les Nagata

Flight "B" winners:

1st (\$50) – Deane Kadokawa (net 59)
2nd (\$35) – Jerry Taniyama (net 64)
3rd (\$25) – George Nishimura (net 66)

Greenies:

#5 hole – Ken Nagai
#8 hole – Kathleen Higa

Thanks to Jerry Taniyama of Hawaii National Bank for the complimentary tees and ball markers for all participants and Date Books to the 1st and 2nd place winners.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Update on membership list. Dennis Hanatani reported that the membership list has been updated and is posted on the website.

HCES: Wiliki Dues: Irving Hirata reported that the dues will probably increase since SEAHO has new members.

Budget: Irving reported that HCES does not have a budget, but he will request one at the next HCES meeting.

Updating mailing list: Irving reported that the mailing list will be updated by the end of 2001.

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ACI Concrete Field Technician Program – Grade 1 Certification

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The ACI Certification Program for Concrete Field Testing Technician—Grade 1. During Session I, the seminar portion, will include instruction and review of ASTM testing. Session II, the examination, each participant will be given a written and performance examination.

Session I Seminar: Saturday, January 26, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hawaiian Cement (Halawa Valley Plant) Halawa Valley Road, Aiea, Hawaii.

Session II Examination (Performance & Written): Saturday, February 23, 2002.

Time to be announced. Location will be Hawaiian Cement at Halawa Valley Plant.

Registration is \$200 per person and includes seminar, books and exam. One retesting session will be scheduled for examinees that do not pass written or practical test. Cost is \$100 per written or practical exam—\$175 to retake both. Class size is limited to 15 people. Registration deadline is January 25, 2002.

For additional information or to register, call CCPI at 833-1882

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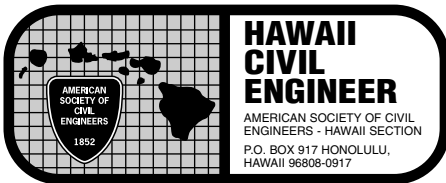
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JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Program:

- Honoring new Life Members for their dedicated years of service to ASCE and the civil engineering profession. This year's honorees are Mr. Clifford Arakawa, Dr. Edmond Cheng, Ms. Clare Copleman, Mr. Richard Fujii, Mr. Herbert Hayama, Mr. David Higa, Mr. Calvin Kim, Mr. Michael Kimura, Mr. Robert Lau, Mr. Donald Lee, Mr. Arthur Marutani, Mr. Stephen Wong, and Mr. Reginald Young.
- Presentation by ASCE National President Gerry Schwartz, "Ground Zero - ASCE's Role".
- Presentation by LCDR Steven L. Stancy, CINCPACFLT Diving and Salvage Officer, on the relocation and recovery of the Ehime Maru due to its collision with the USS Greeneville on February 9, 2001.

Date: **Thursday, January 24, 2002, Note: Special Date.**

Location: Treetops at Paradise Park, Manoa Valley

Time: 5:30 p.m. - Social Time
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
7:30 p.m. - Program
9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

Menu: Multi-entree buffet

Cost: \$22.00 for Hawaii Section members
\$25.00 for non-section members and guests
\$11.00 for University of Hawaii at Manoa Student Chapter members

Make check payable to "ASCE-Hawaii Section." Mail to Walter Billingsley, ASCE Treasurer, Belt Collins Hawaii, Ltd., 680 Ala Moana Blvd., 1st Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813-5406 postmarked by Monday, January 21, 2002. Reservations to Walter Billingsley by Monday, January 21, 2002 by phone at 539-1432, fax at 538-7819 or email at wbillingsley@beltcollins.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 6, 2001

2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(subject to change)

February 17 to 23, 2002 - Engineer's Week.

February 22, 2002 - Engineer's Week Banquet at the Sheraton Waikiki.

March 2002 - Blaine Leonard, District 11

Director, Presentation on the 2002 Winter Olympics

April 2002 - Hosted by the Environmental Committee

May 2002 - Hosted by the Legislative Affairs Committee

June 2002 - Hosted by the Construction Committee

July 2002 - Hosted by the Geotechnical Committee

August 2002 - Hosted by the Structural Committee

PASSING OF AN ASCE MEMBER

The ASCE Hawaii Section was saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Felix Limtiaco. Felix was born and raised in Guam and earned his Civil Engineering degree from Stanford University. He was the Deputy Director of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Wastewater Management, 1993-1994 and the Director from 1994-1996. While at the City, he introduced microtunneling to the department; a procedure used on this year's OCEA award winner, the Nimitz Highway Reconstructed Sewer project. After leaving the City, he started his own firm, The Limtiaco Consulting Group. He was also an active supporter of the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Ruth and two children, Mathew and Kimberly. Our prayers go out to Felix's family and friends.

ASCE HAWAII SECTION WINS 2001 OUTSTANDING LARGE SECTION AWARD FOR ZONE IV

The ASCE Hawaii Section was awarded the 2001 Outstanding Large Section Award for Zone IV. This award is made annually to the most outstanding ASCE Sections and Branches each fiscal year. Zone IV consists of the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. The award will be presented to the Hawaii Section at the 2002 Zone IV Leadership Conferences to be held from March 1-3 in Reno, NV. Thanks to all the Hawaii Section volunteers for their hard work this past year to make this achievement possible.

ASCE NATIONAL PRESIDENT SCHWARTZ TO VISIT HAWAII

ASCE National President H. Gerard "Gerry" Schwartz, Jr. will be visiting the Hawaii Section in January. While in Hawaii, he will be doing a presentation on ASCE's role at Ground Zero at the Hawaii Section dinner meeting and will be promoting civil engineering and ASCE to local

businesses and government agencies. Please welcome President Schwartz to Hawaii at the January dinner meeting. Details of the meeting are listed above.

HAVE AN ENGINEERING POSITION TO FILL?

The ASCE Hawaii Section has developed a new web page that allows the posting of job openings for the civil engineering community. For a minimum monthly fee of \$40/month, you can advertise your job opening to over 1,000 ASCE Hawaii Section members. The ASCE Hawaii Section website is linked with other ASCE section and ASCE student chapter websites, expanding the number of civil engineers with access to your job listing to over 123,000 worldwide. Over the last two years, there have been over 6,000 visitors to the ASCE Hawaii Section website.

Your job listing can be designed to include your company or department logo and any information you require. Please visit our ASCE Hawaii Section website to view our current posted job openings at www.ascehawaii.org.

For further information, please contact ASCE Hawaii Section's webmaster, Joanna Seto at (808) 586-4329 or at jseto@eha.health.state.hi.us.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Can you use \$5,000? Members who recruit 150 new, paid members between April 1, 2001 and September 30, 2002 will receive \$5,000 from ASCE. Please contact our Membership Chair, Stacie Saito, at 449-9195 or Stacie.Saito@hickam.af.mil for more information.

West Point Bicentennial Engineering Design Contest

College tuitions are increasing every year!! Could your child use a \$15,000 scholarship? Enter the West Point Bicentennial Engineering Design Contest and your child, in grades K-12, could win a \$15,000 scholarship. For further information please visit ASCE's 150th Anniversary web site www.asce.org/150/programs.html.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF ASCE

ASCE is the nation's oldest national engineering society. ASCE has begun its yearlong 150th Anniversary celebration. The Hawaii Section is looking for volunteers to help out with ASCE's 150th Anniversary. Please contact Delwin Ching (dching@hgea.org) to find out more information and how you may assist in this effort.

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CIVIL ENGINEERING SEMINARS (CE 691)

Spring Semester 2002

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LOCATION: Holmes Hall 243, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Hawaii at Manoa

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

JAN 18: Greg Thorp, HIOSH. Will the worker go home today?

JAN 25: James Kobashigawa et al, State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Everything you wanted to know about the F.E. and P.E. exams!

Note: Only this seminar will be held at Marine Science Building 114.

FEB 1: Ardan Nikou, EarthTech. Rockfall mitigation.

FEB 8: Glen Miyasato, Miyasato Kuniyoshi. Forensic engineering.

FEB 15: Paul Luersen, CH2M Hill. Project delivery.

FEB 22: Troy Ogasawara, Geotech Solutions, Inc. The use of geotextiles in road stabilization.

MAR 1: Sam Frydman, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. Geotechnical problems in the Holyland, then and now.

MAR 8: Edmond Cheng, University of Hawaii Civil Engineering Dept. My research topic in wind engineering.

MAR 15: Edison Gica, University of Hawaii. Numerical simulation of storm surge generated by hurricanes in Hawaii.

MAR 22: Ian Robertson, University of Hawaii Civil Engineering Dept. The use of fiber reinforced polymers (FRP) in civil infrastructure.

MAR 29: No class, Good Friday and spring break.

APR 5: W.F. Chen, University of Hawaii College of Engineering. A new approach to structural steel design: An overview of the 2005 AISC Specification.

APR 12: Albert Kim, University of Hawaii. The cheap parallel computation in PC clusters.

APR 19: Si-Hwan Park, University of Hawaii. Absorbing boundary conditions: Methods for modeling infinite domains.

APR 26: Panos Prevedouros, University of Hawaii Civil Engineering Dept. Results from a politically motivated ramp closure.

MAY 3: Michelle Teng, University of Hawaii Civil Engineering Dept. Numerical and experimental study of the effect of beach roughness on ocean wave run-up.

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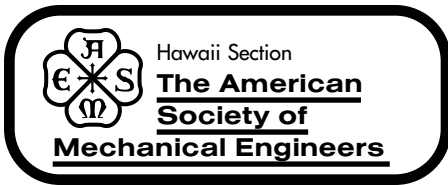
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The HI Section thanks Fred Kohloss, ASME Fellow, 1999 HCES Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, and past HI-ASME Section Chairman (1968,69), for his donation to the UH College of Engineering Fund in memory of Drs. Hi Chang Chai and Deane H. Kihara. His donation along with our Section donation was sent to the UH last month.

2002 MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

It is almost that time of the year and again volunteers are needed to help score and proctor the competitions. The MathCounts Oahu Chapter Competition will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2002, while the State Competition will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Both competitions will be held at the Kamehameha Schools Kalama Dining Hall. Proctors are asked to arrive by 7:30 a.m. and scorers by 8:30 a.m. Volunteering is fun and interesting. You cannot call this work since it is more entertaining than anything else. Please volunteer by calling Ed Chang at 543-4227 or by e-mailing him at echang@hei.com.

MathCounts is a nationwide math competition for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. It is sponsored by NSPE and sponsored locally by Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

HECO MICROTURBINE TOUR

On November 17, eleven members and guests inspected and witnessed the operation of HECO's microturbine at the Ward Avenue facilities. HECO Engineer, Dan Suehiro, reported that the Capstone microturbine cost about \$80,000 to procure and install. The microturbine is a small sized combustion turbine considered for distributed generation along with fuel cells, photovoltaic panels, and diesel engines. It runs at about 96,000 rpm at full load supplying about 30 kW running on diesel fuel. As an emergency generator, the microturbine takes about a minute to start up compared to seconds for a diesel generator. It was mentioned that it would be better to buy two diesels for the price of one microturbine. This microturbine demonstration project is a joint venture of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and 30 utilities. HECO uses this project to better inform its customers on available alternate energy systems. We thank Dan Suehiro for a very informative tour.

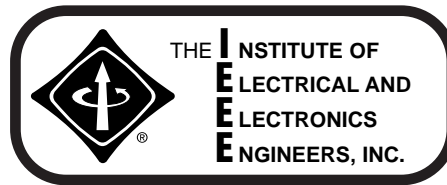
UH DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

On December 1 eight members of Industry Advisory Board (IAB) met with the professors of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (DME) to review the curriculum and programs, inspect the lab facilities, and for a question/answer session. The IAB is a requirement of ABET for having constituent involvement to assess how well the DME Mission is accomplished. The constituents are com-

posed of students, alumni, employers, and the IAB. The IAB was organized to provide input to improve program objectives and program implementation, to participate in program outcome assessments, to provide feedback on the performance of the graduates in their respective organizations, and to provide input for program improvement to better meet the needs of the industry. The IAB are composed of 13 graduate mechanical engineers from the local industry. The IAB will meet with the DME each semester or annually to provide input/feedback through assessment forms. The IAB includes ASME-HI members Ed Chang, Sam Gillie, Fred Kohloss, Tom Kurashima, and Guy Pasco.

JANUARY 2002 KAHE POWER PLANT TOUR PLANNED

As part of our Power Technical Chapter activities, a tour of HECO's Kahe Power Plant is being planned for Saturday, January 19, 2002, starting at 10:00 a.m. The interesting aspect of the tour will be looking inside one of the boilers opened up for the overhaul to see how huge it is inside. Most people pass by the power plants and only see the plain outsides. They will be surprised to see what makes up a boiler and power plant. Those interested should contact Ed Chang at 543-4227 or e-mail him at echang@hei.com before January 15, 2002.

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JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

Date: January 15, 2001 (Tuesday)
Time: 11:00 am check-in, 11:30 am lunch
Place: Ala Moana Hotel
Cost: \$10

Speaker: L. Thomas Vest, Jr.; Senior Network Operations Manager, Asia Pacific; America Online, Inc.

Topic: An overview of AOL's Internet plans for the Asia Pacific region

RSVP: Call Oscar Libed at 441-8567 and leave a voice mail message BEFORE 1/10/01. Since the hotel will charged us by the headcount reservations, you are obligated for the lunch rate if you fail to show up. Reservations after 1/10/02 will NOT be accepted. This is a joint meeting with HTCA and AITP.

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2002 Installation Banquet: Wes Segawa reported that planning for next year's installation banquet is proceeding. He has received a menu and secured a speaker.

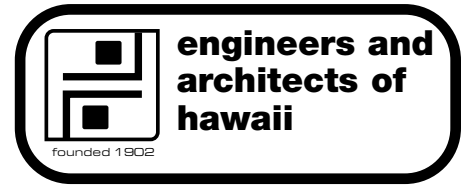
2002 Annual Convention in Japan: Glenn Miyasato reported that the committee has completed initial planning for the Convention. The Convention Committee is planning to send a flyer to the membership in early 2002.

2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next BOD meeting: Monday, January 7, 2002, 11:45 am.

2002 SEAOH Installation Banquet: Friday, January 25, 2002, Hale Koa Hotel.

2002 SEAOH Convention in Japan: November 9 - 14, 2002.



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JANUARY MEETINGS

Jan 4th- "The Community College in the UH System" by Ramsey Pedersen, Provost, Honolulu Community College. Recently appointed to the position of Provost for Honolulu Community College, Ramsey Pedersen will discuss his vision for HCC, one of the best kept secrets of the University of Hawaii. He will describe the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training which is housed at HCC and utilizes resources at all community colleges. Initiatives for a Pacific Aerospace Center in partnership with UH Manoa, airlines and aircraft manufacturers will also be discussed.

Jan 11th- "Highway Initiatives of the DOT" by Jadine Urasaki, Deputy Director, Dept. of Transportation. Limited funds have caused the State Department of Transportation to seek ways to create more carrying capacity through the congested central portion of the H-1 Freeway. Using simulation studies, a selective combination of spot improvements can substantially decrease travel times on the freeway. Other current issues facing the Department will be addressed by Jadine Urasaki.

Jan 18th- "Aerospace Initiatives in Hawaii" by Vassillis Syrmos, PhD, UH Department of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Syrmos will describe the aerospace initiatives in the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii. Following meetings with Boeing, he is developing three projects for the Integrated Vehicle Management Systems concept. In addition to Boeing and FAA, the work will include utilizing data available from the "black boxes" on interisland aircraft. The results of the effort should be of substantial benefit to Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines as well as others in the commercial aviation industry.

Jan 25th- "US Marine Corps Year Out Program" by James S. Teeple, Major, US Marine Corps. Major Teeple was selected for the USMC Year Out Program which places officers with corporate sponsors for one year. He will describe his work at the Pacific Basin Development Council to gain insights of organizational structures and business process applications outside the defense establishment. PBDC is a non-profit, public organization with members from American Samoa, the Northern Marianas and Guam and articulates and addresses economic and social development concerns of the Pacific Islands.

Program Chair: Owen Miyamoto

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Program Notes for November 16th

SPEAKER: Alan Hee - Director HECO Forecasts Division, "HECO After 9-11, Its Impact on Electricity Sales"

Alan's job is to forecast electrical sales at Hawaiian Electric. To do that his group at HECO needs to track Hawaii's economy. They track all the economic data, but they listen of course to experts like Paul Brewbaker, Carl Bonham at the University of Hawaii, who's whole attention is focused on how the economy is doing. To predict what HECO's sales will be, they put together the forecasts on the economy and information they gather from HECO's customer base. Alan showed a graph of the growth of HECO sales for the last 30 years. Sales increased well in the 80's, but were slower or flat in the 90's, but started to pick up in year 2000. So HECO was also looking for an increase in 2001.

Alan's next slide showed an index of Hawaii's non-agricultural jobs compared with HECO's sales. In 1991 there was negative growth. Non-agricultural jobs tracked very well with HECO's growth until 1994. In 1994, non-agricultural jobs stopped tracking HECO's growth. In 1994 in Hawaii there was a structural change in the economy. This was the year of Costco and K-Mart, big box retailers and changes in the Hotels. What happened was that non-agricultural job productivity increased. There were not as many employees for retail and not as many employees for Hotels, but the same or more electricity was used. So the two lines diverged. But by 1997 the lines started to run parallel again, so the relationship has been re-established. So this indicates that there is a relationship between HECO sales and the economy.

There is also a relationship, between how the tourist arrivals are doing and HECO's sales. The next slide had shown three years of negative growth starting in 1993 and these three years coincide when both domestic and foreign arrivals were decreasing. This also happened in 1997 and 1998.

Prior to September 11, the economic outlook was already dropping a bit. A business confidence survey from 1998 to the second quarter of 2000, showed that people were feeling that things were going to be getting worst. People were thinking at the beginning of 2001 that the economy was getting slower.

After September 11, everyone knows what has happened to visitor arrivals. Alan's graph of tourist arrivals for 2001 show that arrives were steady. But in September there was a big hit of -34% on the visitor's arrivals. The percentage of domestic arrives as compared to the year before has recovered to about 90% of what it was. But the percentage of international visitors, mostly Japanese, have only recovered to 43% or less than half the previous year. The combination of domestic and international arrivals is only at 74% of last years passenger volumes and it looks like it has stabilized at this point. Prior to September the arrivals were at about 100% of the last year. Most of the effect of the attack will be felt by Oahu, because 50% of Oahu's arrivals are international. The neighbor islands have only about 20% from Japan

and places West.

Hotel occupancy also dropped. It dropped to about 55% in September compared to about 75% last year. So there was about a 20% drop in occupancy. This is where HECO will see an impact on sales, because when occupancy goes down fewer lights are used, less air conditioning is needed. Also hotel restaurants and retail stores are also affected. But hotel occupancy rates don't tell the full story. A visitor coming to Hawaii and staying at a hotel will show up in the occupancy indicator but it doesn't tell how the visitor spends money outside the hotel. A lot of visitors are staying at hotels and doing things in a hotel, but are not spending outside around the hotel, i.e. some of the jewelry kiosks, small restaurants have a greater decrease in business than the hotels. Job growth was dropping before September 11. Alan expects the non-ag job growth to really take a hit in the last quarter of 2001.

What are the initial economic impacts? Clearly, a drop in visitor arrivals, reductions in flights by Japan Airlines, NA, and United Airlines, three Outrigger hotels closed temporarily, though a couple were in the plan to be closed; American Classic Voyages went bankrupt. There was a \$500 million project at Kapolei called the Seaside Kapolei that was postponed; the increase in unemployment claims; the initial unemployment claims went up by 3 to 4 times the rate of the year before.

What is on the brighter side? There are a few things that cause Alan's group to look on the positive side. Thirty year home loan rates are at 40 year lows. So now is the time to refinance or to do long term borrowing. Since mortgage rates and interest rates are going down, it may cause some of our companies to reinvest in capital, which will help the economy. Oahu building permits have increased over the past year. Other than the Kapolei project, Alan's not aware of any other postponements of other projects. The Lewers Street Outrigger Master Plan is still moving forward, so they are paying for the engineers and architects and the permits. Alan hasn't heard if the K-mart on Ke'eaumoku has been postponed. There is a big project in Ko Olina call the Ko Olina Beach Club, which is still being constructed. So as one developer has postponed another developer has decided it looks profitable.

Another sign is that fuel-oil prices are dropping. So the price of electricity has been dropping. Since September fuel oil price have been dropping. Why would they drop even if there is Military activity going on in the Middle east. The reason is that the global economic demand for oil is lower than before and that is the reason why gas prices are dropping. OPEC has tried to re-establish its economic power in oil, but it is not able to because some of its members are cheating, by over producing. They have tried to get non-Opec producers to join, but were unable to get all of them to join. So prices are still dropping. One of the reasons Alan is optimistic is that the US economy is expected to recover very quickly. Paul Bluebaker said that the outlook for the economy is that there will be a faster recover from a deeper than expected slow down. So if the US mainland is doing well, some of that will come over to Hawaii. The reason for the fast rebound is there is a lot of stimulus, on both the fiscal and monetary sides of the economy. The Federal Reserve has decreased interests for the 10th time and are expected to decrease one more time before the end of the year. Congress has put a lot of money into the economy, \$40 billion for re-building New York City,

\$15 billion for airline bailout, and thinking of nearly another \$100 billion of stimulus if the Senate passes their version of the Bill. So there is some light at the end of the tunnel for the US economy.

The Japanese economy is something else entirely. Their problem is that they have deflation going on. So prices are dropping, so people are waiting until prices get lower. So people are not spending money, they are saving money waiting for the prices to get lower. So the economy is not being stimulated by consumer spending. And there are the other structural problems with the Banks and their bad loans. So they will remain in recession for the next year, 2002, which is not good for Hawaii. One of the reasons international arrivals have not returned is because the US now has a Branding Problem. For the first time they are looking at the US as a dangerous place to go to. So the US is a place the Japanese want to avoid. Japanese are still traveling, but not to the US and mostly close to their region. So we will have to wait for the Japanese to change their minds about the safety of the US. So Hawaii's economy depends on how well and how long the Anti-terrorist campaign lasts.

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lawyer Walter Trask to represent the people of Honolulu in preventing the condemnation. Eventually, the territory prevailed and the Honolulu-bound tunnels on Pali Highway were opened on May 11, 1957 with what the "Honolulu Advertiser" described as a "festive event."

According to an ad taken out in a special section of the May 10, 1957 issue of the Star-Bulletin:

"We Are Proud... The J. M. Tanaka organization held the construction contract for the biggest and most costly projects ever undertaken by the Territorial Highway Department - the \$2,000,000 Nuuanu Pali Highway tunnels for Honolulu-bound traffic. We finished a week ahead of our construction deadline.

This firm was also the contractor for the \$700,000, half-mile link of bridge and road construction joining the tunnel route to Hairpin Turn.

The new tunnel route ... will benefit the economy of all Oahu..."

HC&D Ready-Mix Concrete declared: "Concrete progress on the Pali. HC&D is proud to have furnished all the Ready-Mix Concrete for the Pali projects..." The special section of the newspaper carried dozens of other ads commemorating the impending opening. These ranged from restaurants ("After you drive through the tunnel Stop at DORIS' FOUNTAIN..."), to real estate sales ("...MINUTES FROM HONOLULU..."), to automobile sales ("Newer Highways Call for New or NEWER Cars..."), and many more.

In a related story, Yoshio Kunimoto, city engineer, was quoted to say that the City-County was proceeding with the construction of the Wilson Tunnel through Kalihi Valley; the Territory would handle the approach roads as a federal-aid project.

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