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## EWB-UAA Project Helps Community in Cameroon

### Students Prepare to Build Phase II

In August 2010, the UAA Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-UAA) sent three students and two professional mentors to Ombe, Cameroon, Africa to implement Phase I of the Rhema Grace Orphanage Project. EWB-UAA plans to travel back to the orphanage in August 2011 and would like to send as many students as possible to help with the implementation and construction of Phase II.

The Rhema Grace Orphanage is home to 54 orphans, 3 full time staff members, and 7 part time volunteer staff members. The quality of life for these orphans is far below what we, as Americans, can imagine. The facilities in which the orphans live, study, play, and eat are grossly overcrowded. The kitchen was an enclosed structure where they cooked on a three-rock fire until this summer when EWB-UAA's team of engineers aided the community with a ventilated wood burning stove. On average, 8 orphans fall ill daily from water borne illnesses because they do not have an adequate and reliable source of clean drinking water. EWB-UAA's second phase of the Rhema Grace Orphanage Project aims to solve the community's water dilemma by providing the community with a clean, reliable, affordable, and sustainable supply of clean water that can be used for cooking, drinking, and hand washing. This will allow the children and caretakers to live healthier lives.

Using the data that the team collected in August 2010, EWB-UAA will design and fundraise over the next few months to implement a



*UAA Students Brittany Barshire and Kris Homerding pose with a volunteer at the Rhema Grace Orphanage.*

water project in August 2011. This project will entail a rain water catchment system so the high volume of seasonal rain can be harvested, stored, and used for drinking and cooking. Also, EWB-UAA will be implementing a drainage system for flood control.

EWB-UAA will be fundraising diligently over the next few months to raise as much money as possible for the project. The biggest obstacle for sending students to help the Rhema Grace Orphanage is the high cost of travel. Airfare ranges anywhere from \$2000-\$3000 per student per plane ticket.

Naturally, the community of the Rhema Grace Orphanage will benefit tremendously from our water project but the students also benefit. By actually getting to travel to the site and implement the project that we worked hard on over the last year, the travelers will get to

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## Wienhenge

### Magazine Features Story Behind Fairbanks Sundial

A recent article in The American Surveyor explored the question, "How do you make a clock that has a four-foot dial, a seven-foot hour hand, no moving parts and is solar powered?"

The answer: "Wienhenge: The Weeks Field Sundial Project" in Fairbanks, executed by Martin Gutoksi, LS, senior platting officer for the Fairbanks North Star Borough and a member of ASPLS and ACSM.

The project began in 1992 with the question, "Will a sundial work near the Arctic Circle in the winter?" and it took until winter solstice 2010 to prove the affirmative.

Click the link below or check the APDC website to download a copy of the article and photos that chronicle the challenges of building this monument.

[http://www.amerisurv.com/PDF/TheAmericanSurveyor\\_Gutoksi-Wienhenge\\_Vol8No3.pdf](http://www.amerisurv.com/PDF/TheAmericanSurveyor_Gutoksi-Wienhenge_Vol8No3.pdf) ❖

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## Draft Agenda for BRAELS Meeting May 5-6

The State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors (BRAELS) will meet May 5 – 6 in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 1760 in Anchorage. The tentative agenda includes:

### Thursday, May 5

- 8:00 am – Call to Order/Roll Call
- 8:05 am – Review/Amend Agenda
- 8:10 am – Ethics Reporting
- 8:15 am – Review/Approve Minutes of February 3-4, 2011
- 8:30 am – Investigative Report
- 9:00 am – Expenditure Report
- 9:30 am – Board Correspondence Sent since February 2011
  - A) Email from Board Chair to Joe Paskvan, Cathy Giessel, Gary Stevens, Bob Miller, Steve Thompson, Scott Kawasaki re Board Travel
  - B) Email response Patty Marmola from Craig Fredeen re MOE
  - C) Email response to Rep Craig Johnson from Vern re FPE
- 10:00 am – Break
- 10:15 am – Correspondence Received since February 2011
  - A) Email from Scott Kawasaki re Board Travel
  - B) Query from Joe Paskvan re Board Travel
  - C) Letter from SME re MOE
  - D) Stamping of Water and Sewer Plans: Letter from Fosdick & Hilmer, Inc; Letter from ADEC of March 4, 2011; Email between Jones and ADEC; Email string between Patrick Mechanical and Eielson AFB; Letter from ADEC of March 21, 2011; Letter from EDC, Inc.

- w/ response from ADEC
- E) Email from Stan Sears re Certificate presented by Board
- F) Email from Nick Rodes re Non-ABET degrees
- G) Email from Juliea Lent re Licensure Laws under Attach
- H) Email from Matt Arnold re IDP
- I) Misc. correspondence from NCARB
- J) Misc. correspondence from NCEES
- K) Misc. correspondence from CLARB
- L) Email from Neil Windsor re PNWER news release
- M) Email from the director re boards
  - 10:45 am – Old Business
    - A) Reduction in travel – supplemental appropriation
    - B) Masters or Equivalent
  - 11:30 am – Regulation Update
    - A) Regulations out for Public Notice ending 3/7/2011
      - a. 12 AAC 36.064/12 AAC 36/065 Eligibility for Surveyor Exams
    - B) Regulations for re-adoption
      - a. 12 AAC 36.180 Seals
      - b. 12 AAC 36.990 Definitions
      - c. 12 AAC 36.061 Architect Education Requirements
      - d. 12 AAC 36.185 Use of Seals
      - e. 12 AAC 36.400-450 Continuing Education Requirements for Land Surveyors
      - f. 12 AAC 36.500-550 Continuing Education Requirements for Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape

- Architects
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:15 pm – Public Comment
- 2:15 pm – Executive Session
- Friday, May 6**
- 8:00 am – Reconvene/Roll Call
- 8:05 am – Executive Session (Complete application review)
- 9:30 am – Meeting Reports
  - A) NCEES Presidents Assembly, Heieren, Jones
  - B) CLARB Spring Meeting, Leng
  - C) NCARB Regional Meeting, Hightower/Rearick
- 10 am – Special Committees: General Licensure; As-Builts/Record Drawings; Incidental Practice; Licensure Mobility; Mining Engineers/Geologists; Land Surveyor Education Committee. Standing committees: Investigative Advisory Committee; Guidance Manual; Legislative Liaison; Emeritus Status; Budget Committee; Continuing Education.
- 10:30 am – Break
- 10:45 am – New Business
  - A) Implementation Project for 12 AAC 36.990
  - B) Report from Lent re environmental engineering
  - C) Email from Baker re grandfathering
  - D) Email from Eriksen re grandfathering
  - E) Article on ethics
- 11:30 am – Licensing Examiner Report
- 11:40 am – Board Travel
  - A) NCEES Western Zone Meeting
  - B) NCARB National Meeting
- 12:00 am – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Board Tasks
- 1:30 pm – Read Applications into the Record
- 2:00 pm – Review Calendar of Events
- 2:15 pm – Board Member Comments
- 2:30 pm - Adjourn ❖

# ASCE Names Engineer of the Year

ASCE Anchorage Branch selected Coastal Engineer Harvey N. Smith as their 2010 Engineer of the Year.

Smith has worked in the coastal environment for over 45 years. His experience has included private sector, University research and teaching, and state government. As the State Coastal Engineer, he is the lead engineer over all aspects of coastal design for Alaska's state facilities including harbors, highways, and airports. Smith is the final technical authority for the department. He frequently advises public and private sector engineers. He is an internationally recognized expert in the field of Coastal Engineering, particularly with regard to water quality and circulation. Smith has consulted on most coastal projects past 25 years.



*Harvey N. Smith, PE*

Smith received his B.S. in Civil Engineering Coastal Engineering from the University of Washington in 1973. He also holds a Master of Science degree (MSCE) in Coastal Engineering from the University of Washington, and graduate studies in Arctic Engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Smith is also the head of his local homeowners' Architectural Committee. As an amateur photographer, he documents his projects, family events, and volunteered to shoot the Anchorage Waterways Council Rubber Duck Race in the summer of 2009. Additionally, he applies his training in naval architecture in designing and building recreational boats, including a 24-foot outrigger canoe. ❖



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***Congratulations:***  
***Celebrating 30 Years***

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## CRW Congratulates Hammerquist, Newest PE on Staff

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – CRW Engineering Group, LLC, congratulates Brad Hammerquist, PE, the company's newest registered engineer. Hammerquist became a certified professional civil engineer, bringing the company's total to 26 registered engineers.

Hammerquist specializes in design, drafting, cost estimating, conceptual planning and construction administration. He designs wastewater treatment, water, sewer, storm drain and road projects in Anchorage and rural Alaska.

Hammerquist is design engineer for the Corbin Creek/Robe River Water and Sewer Improvements in Valdez, the AWWU Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrades and Septage Receiving Station Improvements, Mekoryuk Water Source Improvements and the City of Seldovia Water and Sewer Improvements.

"Brad is very talented, diligent and hardworking," says Pete Bellezza, principal at CRW. "His clients love working with him."

CRW now has 25 registered civil engineers, one registered electrical engineer, three registered professional land surveyors and a total staff of 59. Celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2011, the consulting firm offers civil and electrical engineering, construction administration, permitting, planning, public involvement, and surveying and mapping services. *CENews* named CRW one of the national Best Firms To Work For from 2006 to 2010. Learn more at [www.crweng.com](http://www.crweng.com). ❖



## Hanson Alaska Adds Transportation Engineer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Thomas Moll, P.E., a civil engineer, recently joined Hanson Alaska LLC's Anchorage office. He currently is working on the Northern Rail Extension project near Fairbanks, Alaska, and the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension project outside of Wasilla, Alaska, for the Alaska Railroad Corp.

Moll has served as an engineer for more than 20 years, previously working for the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT). Much of his work for the Alaska DOT involved urban and rural highway projects.

He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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### EWB-UAA Eyes Phase II

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experience first-hand what it is like to be an engineer. Engineering in an environment as foreign as this third world region of Africa will be entirely different than any project students could work on here in Alaska. As a club, we see engineering as an opportunity to help those less fortunate while doing something challenging and stimulating.

Please help support the UAA Engineers Without Borders Student Chapter in any way you can. If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website at [www.ewb-uaa.uaa.alaska.edu](http://www.ewb-uaa.uaa.alaska.edu) or contact President Kris Homerding at [khomerding@gmail.com](mailto:khomerding@gmail.com) for more information. ❖



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- Alaska Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE)
- Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS)
- American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, Alaska Section (ACSM)
- American Institute of Architects Alaska Chapter (AIA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers Alaska Section (ASCE)
- American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter (ASLA)
- American Council of Engineering Companies of Alaska (ACEC)
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## Alaska Professional Design Council Calendar

### Monday, May 2, 2011

ASPE Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark Hotel (1st Mon)

### Thursday, May 5, 2011

ASPE Anchorage Directors, 7 a.m., McDonald's, 800 W Northern Lights Blvd. (1st Thurs).

### Friday, May 6, 2011

PEPP, 11:45, BP Energy Center, Anchorage (1st Fri).

APDC, Noon, BBFM Engineers, 510 L St. Suite 200 (Peterson Tower), Anchorage (rescheduled from 1st Thurs).

### Wednesday, May 11, 2011

ASCE Juneau Branch and ASPE Juneau Chapter jointly hold membership meetings at Noon at the AEL&P 2nd Floor Conference Room (2nd Wed).

ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed).

### Thursday, May 12, 2011

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs).

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., Michael Baker Corporation, Anchorage (2nd Thurs).

### Tuesday, May 17, 2011

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose's Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues).

ASPLS Anchorage, Noon, Peanut Farm, (3rd Tues).

### Wednesday, May 18, 2011

ASCE Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed).

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed).



### Thursday, May 19, 2011

AIA Alaska Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, UMIAQ, 6700 Arctic Spur Rd.

### Friday, May 20, 2011

Deadline for the June issue of *Alaska Designs* (20th of each month, or Monday)

### Tuesday, May 24, 2011

ASPLS Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues)

### Wednesday, May 25, 2011

ASPLS Valley, 12 Noon, Windbreak, Wasilla (last Wed)

### Thursday, June 2, 2011

ASPE Anchorage Directors, 7 a.m., McDonald's, 800 W Northern Lights Blvd. (1st Thurs).



APDC, Noon, BBFM Engineers, 510 L St. Suite 200 (Peterson Tower), Anchorage (1st Thurs).

### Friday, June 3, 2011

PEPP, 11:45, BP Energy Center, Anchorage (1st Fri)

### Monday, June 6, 2011

ASPE Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark Hotel (1st Mon).

### Wednesday, June 8, 2011

ASCE Juneau Branch and ASPE Juneau Chapter jointly hold membership meetings at Noon at the AEL&P 2nd Floor Conference Room (2nd Wed).

ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed).

### Thursday, June 9, 2011

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., Michael Baker Corporation, Anchorage (2nd Thurs).

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs).

### Wednesday, June 15, 2011

ASCE Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed).

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed).

### Monday, June 20, 2011

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### Tuesday, June 21, 2011

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose's Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues).

ASPLS Anchorage, Noon, Peanut Farm, (3rd Tues).

### Tuesday, June 28, 2011

ASPLS Fairbanks, 12 Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues).

### Wednesday, June 29, 2011

ASPLS Valley, 12 Noon, Windbreak, Wasilla (last Wed).

### Thursday, June 30, 2011

AIA Alaska Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, UMIAQ, 6700 Arctic Spur Rd.

*Send calendar notices/updates by the 20th of each month to Vicky Sterling, sterlingtouch@gci.net, fax 345-1028, or call 644-9940.*

### When and Where



Always check locally to confirm meeting times and locations. Some organizations suspend or reschedule meetings in summer months. The newsletter publication calendar generally does not allow time to include holiday and last-minute schedule changes.

## Alaska Designs Welcomes Articles

Alaska Designs welcomes articles and letters on subjects of interest to design professionals. The deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month's issue. Items may be edited for length or content and will be published as space is available.

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