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## SOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Steve Marvin, PE  
LaBelle Marvin

We build on the accomplishments of those that went before, our past leaders and most importantly, our members who have given so much to make the SoCal Chapter of APWA a vibrant, accomplished organization. I am truly honored to be the 2016 President of your

APWA Southern California Chapter.

Your SoCal Chapter continues to improve with age, rolling out new programs and opportunities to enrich your professional and personal life. We have established a UCI Student Chapter of APWA, laying the foundation for a CSULB Student Chapter, rolled out the Mentorship Program enabling growth of both the mentees and mentors, established new positions on the Board focused on Young Professionals (our future leaders), and established a Past President's Council with a position on the Board to keep our Past Presidents engaged in our future. We are fortunate to have talented individuals and exemplary projects such as a National Top Ten Leader recognition of Natalie Meeks of the City of Anaheim, National recognition of our Projects

of the Year such as the Anaheim ARTIC, National recognition of our Chapter and many more. A big thank you goes out to the 2016 Board, President Tom Herbel, our committees and our members for their tireless efforts.

Your SoCal APWA is ready, willing and properly funded to serve you and your needs. We are excited to start the New Year with energetic committees including:

**Programs** – providing monthly opportunities for an introduction to new concepts and procedures while accessing the talents and knowledge of your fellow members

**Complete Streets and Technology** – providing an annual one-day conference with multiple education sessions, lunchtime panels, and a variety of exhibitors providing information on the latest technologies

**Education** – providing opportunities for professional development through the Institute Program, utilizing a series of informative interactive sessions to enrich attendees developing management skills

**Annual Sponsorship** - created and rolled out under the tutelage of Past President Bonnie Teaford to fund our many activities including Student Scholarships, the Mentor Program, and underwriting of our meeting costs and award winning Insight Magazine

**Insight Magazine** – skillfully focusing on YOUR So Cal Chapter of APWA with Past President Lisa Rapp providing leadership to the committee, keeping us informed of the people and projects in our region which influence

and inspire

**Scholarships** – providing encouragement to our Students and improving the opportunities for our future APWA members and leaders to access higher learning

**Young Professionals** – providing the energy and new perspective on our responsibilities to our communities, to our profession and to ourselves

**Golf** – providing an annual opportunity for social interaction while sharing experiences and knowledge in the relaxed environment of the links (and raising funds for our many programs)

**Membership** – is a key element in our organization providing an avenue for new talent to enter our organization and keeping the pulse of our successes and lessons learned relative to serving our current membership

**GIS** – is remapping our world while providing opportunities for managing the mounting database relating to our infrastructure

**Greenbook** – is the Standard Specifications we all use as part of the Public Works world in Southern California. The publication is a living document, ever evolving to react to developing technologies, addressing the challenges of construction in our complex environment

**Installation Banquet** – annually provides an opportunity to recognize our leaders who have served and our leaders who are about to serve in a relaxed, entertaining and fun atmosphere

**Audit** – of our books is critical to ensure we are providing all the services we can within the means we have, while ensuring we will have complete and accurate documentation for reference by our future leaders and members

Certainly on that list, you have found your calling. **Volunteer** today and make YOUR APWA SoCAL CHAPTER a strong, vital and responsive organization. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



# UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



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# LAKE FOREST SPORTS PARK PROJECT

MARIE MARSTON PE | PRINCIPAL | CIVIL WORKS ENGINEERS, INC.

The newly constructed Lake Forest Sports Complex is now the largest sports park in Orange County. The 86-acre site includes both passive and active sporting facilities (57 acres) including a lighted baseball complex providing four little league fields and one softball field each detailed with batting cages and bull pens, two synthetic soccer fields with covered spectator concrete seating areas with one of the fields striped for lacrosse, a rugby field overlay of two soccer fields, and two lighted full-court basketball courts. The passive use park elements consist of two tot lots with a mix of engineered wood chips and resilient rubber surfaces and play equipment, two clubhouses containing restroom facilities, concession stands, and recreation staff offices, six picnic canopies, trail connections to Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, meandering walkways throughout the park incorporating five exercise stations, rest areas, conversation pods, animal silhouettes, and a nature overlook, nine picnic shelters with BBQs, free public wi-fi throughout the park, and parking for over 500 vehicles. The park is as spectacular at night as it is during the day.

This state-of-the-art Sports Park, designed by RJM Design Group, includes a 25,600-square-foot recreation center designed by Robert Coffee & Associates, located in the center of the site. The building is sited on a plateau overlooking the "park commons" and includes recreation staff office space, a double gymnasium with a 2-over-1 basketball court configuration, activity and dance rooms, a teen center, a



computer and homework center, two meeting rooms as well as a teaching kitchen and restrooms. The park also has two 1,915-square foot clubhouse buildings that feature administrative offices and concession facilities and restrooms to provide for patrons and athletes utilizing the sports fields. The design began with a hands-on community participation design workshop to incorporate the desires of the local community.

The Craftsman-style architecture was incorporated for the recreation center building and was designed to capture the pastoral lineage of Lake Forest integrating heavy timber porches, plaster walls and stacked stone pillars. The building profile is defined by a broad sloping roof gesturing toward Saddleback Peak in the distance and uses the materials and forms found in many of the vernacular ranch buildings of the foothill area of the Saddleback Valley. All rooms are oriented to the distant views to the south and the west and have large porches leading out to the shaded activity areas surrounding the building.

Sustainable design elements have been woven into the sports park and include 2 acres of bio-retention grassy vegetated swales to collect and treat run-off before it is released into adjacent streams and detention basins to detain run-off for up to 48 hours. The BMPs reduce the peak flows by 26 cfs and have the capacity to detain 12.7 ac-ft of water. Recycled water is used for field irrigation as well as in the

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restroom buildings reducing the demand on potable water. The adjacent Glass Creek has been enhanced with a habitat mitigation area which provides for native plantings consistent with the streambed's indigenous character.

In addition to the site civil engineering, the notable aspects include 1.3 million yards of grading, the construction of a 2-acre mitigation area, relocating an IRWD 16" reclaimed water line which was in the middle of the site, and constructing a new IRWD 12" domestic water line along the perimeter. Initial development of the park started with acquisition of four separate parcels totaling 100 acres. A land swap with the County included developer property adjacent to Whiting Ranch being exchanged for a County parcel.

The landscape is inspired by the region's Mediterranean

climate and indigenous plant material. The planting palette was developed to echo the native plantings as well as minimize the water demands of the park. California sycamores, Coastal Live Oaks and Bay Laurels were planted throughout the site to provide the framework and backdrop for the overall park development. Sustainable grasses, coast rosemary, bougainvillea, aloe and rockrose were some of the shrub and groundcover materials.

The project was constructed by Park West Landscape for a total of \$85 million. No tax dollars were used. Developer fees were used for the land acquisition. Griffin Structures performed construction management. The City of Lake Forest received the Parks and Recreation Project of the Year Award 2015 from the Los Angeles Section of the ASCE. The City also received the APWA Project of the Year Award 2015.



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## 2016 INSTALLATION DINNER

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2015 Prez Tom Herbel & 2016 Prez Steve Marvin



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cal Activities Committee.

Steve is a member of Rotary and has served as President of the Coto De Caza/Trabuco Canyon and the Temecula Rotary Clubs. Steve is the proud father of two sons Brett and Griffin, with whom he works, has five grandchildren and has been married to the love of his life Carla since 1969.

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CSULA, UCI, and within the local community colleges.

Steve has served as President of the Orange County Engineers Club, the ASCE OC Branch, the ASCE LA Section, the California Society of Civil Engineers, serving on committees and at various capacities with the Board of SoCal APWA and is currently the President of the Southern California Chapter of the APWA. He has served on the organizing committee of the APWA Congress in Anaheim, two ASCE National Conferences in Southern California and served as the Chairman of the ASCE National Techni-



# 2016 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY



## MEET YOUR NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Steve Marvin, PE  
President, LaBelle Marvin

Steve Marvin began his career in 1968 with Contra Costa County, California. During his 48 year career, 40 years at LaBelle Marvin, Inc., Steve has evaluated over 25,000 lane miles of roadways. Design challenges have included unique pavements loading at air-fields, seaports, race tracks, dedicated Rubber Tired Transit facilities, Space Shuttle,

the LACMA 'rock', decommissioned generators from San Onofre and disassembled railroad engines transported along local roadways.

Steve shares his knowledge of pavement performance, speaking at seminars organized by the ASCE, American Public Works Association, League of California Cities, Asphalt Pavement Association, California Asphalt Pavement Association, Chip Seal and Slurry Seal Associations, AIA, and Property Management Associations. Steve has also taught classes in pavements at CSULB,

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## APWA SOCAL CHAPTER WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD



**HARRY C. LORICK,  
PE, PTOE, PWLF**

Mr. Harry C. Lorick, a Principal and Founder of LA Consulting, Inc., Manhattan Beach, CA and Debarry, FL, has 42

years of experience in management, engineering, computer applications and training. He is a registered civil engineer and traffic engineer with background from both the private and public sectors and a Public Works Leadership Fellow at APWA. Harry has worked for Public Works at the State, County and City levels and as an executive for several international engineering and management firms. He holds an MSCE, MBA and MPA. He is an author and frequent speaker at local, state and national APWA events, including APWA's Public Works Institute. He is active on the Engineering and Technology committee and was named SoCal's APWA Leader of the year in 2012.



**MARIE  
MARSTON PE**

As Civil Works Engineers founding principal, Marie has more than 35 years of experience in civil engineering design

and project development for a wide range of public and private projects. As owner of Civil Works Engineers for 15+ years, she has brought her previous experience at Caltrans and private engineering consulting firms to provide personalized customer service to clients throughout Southern California. Besides numerous other professional affiliations, Marie is an active member of APWA, most recently serving on the Insight Newsletter committee. As an active member of her community, Marie currently serves as Vice Chair of the City of Newport Beach Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission. Marie graduated with her B.S. in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University, followed by an MBA from UC Irvine.



**REUBEN  
TOLENTINO,  
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As Principal and Vice President at Psomas, Reuben oversees their

Southern California Public Works Construction Management Team. Having successfully managed hundreds of Public Works Capital Improvement Projects throughout his career, Reuben brings nearly 20 years of experience in project management, construction management and inspection. Reuben holds a Bachelor of Architecture and is a Certified Construction Manager. Prior to joining Psomas, Reuben served as Capital Projects Coordinator for the City of Long Beach Public Works Department. Over the last ten years, Reuben has been an active member of the APWA SoCal Chapter having previously served on the Programs Committee and Education Committee, and took an active role in helping to facilitate Public Works Institute.

## BYRON TOBEY, MONIKA BOWDEN AND BRETT BARNETT JOIN PSOMAS



As Construction Management Team Leader and a member of Psomas' Chief Development Office, **Byron Tobey, PE, LEED AP, QSD** is responsible for

the Southern California Construction Management Transportation operation and assists with business development throughout the firm. A registered professional engineer, Byron has more than 30 years of experience in providing program, project and construction management services on some of the most significant public works projects in the Western states.



As Client Services Project Manager, **Monika Bowden** works with various construction management and survey teams to continue development of a strong business development and client-

facing practice. Through hands-on involvement and client support, she leverages her strategic, technical, sales, operations and analytical expertise to align staff talents and effort with organizational objectives. Monika has more than 20 years of experience in providing client development, contract management, and community outreach on public projects in California.



**Brett Barnett, PE, CCM, QSD** serves as Vice President and Senior Project Manager of the Psomas Southern California Construction Management Transportation team. With over 30

years of construction and design experience on transportation and bridge projects in Southern California, Brett has managed the construction of roadways, highway and railroad bridges, airport facilities, retaining and sound walls, and port facilities for a variety of clients. Brett has developed comprehensive training programs for municipalities and is a member on the Caltrans Dispute Resolution Board.



### RANCHO MIRAGE WELCOMES MARK SAMBITO AS NEW DPW

Mark Sambito has nearly three decades of experience in all aspects of land development services. He is well prepared for the position of Director of Public Works for the City of Rancho Mirage. Most recently, he was the Engineering Division Manager for the City of Moreno Valley. Prior to Moreno Valley, he spent over two decades working for J. F. Davidson and The Keith Companies, two major west coast engineering firms, as well as an engineering position with Forest Lawn. Mark has an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic State University at Pomona. Recently, Mark completed his graduate studies at California State University at Northridge, receiving a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is registered with the State of California as a Professional Civil Engineer.

Mark was born in Pensacola, Florida and grew up in military bases across the country. For over 20 years, Mark has volunteered for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, giving 20 hours a month to the County as a fully sworn Reserve Deputy. For the past two years, Mark has been the President of the Board of Directors for the Inland Empire Branch of the American Public Works Association, where he has spearheaded an ongoing effort to raise money for scholarships for regional students studying engineering at the university level.

Mark is married and has three college-age children. His wife, Maria, is Director of Engineering for the Eastern Municipal Water District headquartered in Perris, California. Mark and Maria are expert ballroom dancers, with international and national amateur awards for Ballroom and Latin dance competitions.

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### YAZ EMRANI JOINS CAROLLO ENGINEERS

Yaz Emrani has been named Vice President and Southern California Infrastructure Lead for Carollo Engineers, Inc. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from University of Maryland at College Park. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in California, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, and Louisiana.

Yaz has over 28 years of experience working on a variety of civil and environmental engineering projects. These include planning, design, and construction management of infrastructure improvements for various public and private clients. In addition to infrastructure planning and design, Yaz is also skilled in GIS and asset management applications. He started his career as a design engineer for a consulting engineering firm in Maryland and since then has been both client and consultant, serving as Public Works Director as well as founder and CEO of his own infrastructure consulting firm.

Yaz has been an active member of professional organizations such as ASCE, advocating for the continued need for investment in our public infrastructure. He has been a leader in the preparation of ASCE California Infrastructure Report Cards that shined a needed spotlight on the condition of our public infrastructure here in California, and the tremendous need for continued infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement efforts. Yaz was recently selected as ASCE California's Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector.

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## STEVE BADUM AND BILL STRACKER JOIN ANDERSON PENNA PARTNERS



STEVE BADUM, PE  
Vice President of Engineering  
and Municipal Services

With more than 35 years of experience in the field of municipal management and engineering, Steve has joined APP in the role of Program Manager. He recently retired as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Newport Beach

working with all city departments to improve and streamline city services. His recent accomplishments include the management of the \$140M Civic Center and Park project including a 16-acre park/wetland/dog park, a 17,000 SF library expansion, the 100,000 SF City Hall building with one-stop permitting center and a 450 space parking structure.

WILLIAM STRACKER, PE, TE  
Program Manager



Bill has more than 30 years of professional engineering and management experience in municipal and private sector administration and infrastructure project development and implementation. Bill has served as city engineer and traffic engineer, transportation manager, regional manager and department director for several cities. Bill has a diverse background in transportation, water, wastewater, drainage, highways, aviation, municipal engineering, and structures. He is a respected manager and leader with the ability to mentor staff and direct successful project teams and combined with proven analytical, written, and communication skills.

## SOCAL APWA MENTORING PROGRAM NOW OPEN

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The Southern California APWA Board is looking for participants as we launch our first mentoring program in 2016.

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When asked about mentoring relationships, past mentees responded:

*"At the time first heard, a mentor's advice & suggestions don't necessarily make sense, especially because we engineers tend to think we know it all - at a young age! As time goes by and you encounter certain situations, you will find yourself suddenly realizing that what your mentor said many years before makes sense - he was right! I still draw on my mentor's word and wisdom some 25 years later and con-*

*sider myself lucky to have had a good one." - Tim D'Zmura, Principal, Annealta Group - Vice President, So Cal APWA 2016*

*"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." ~ John C. Crosby*

*"I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing it better." - Elon Musk*

*"Mentoring has allowed me the opportunity to build relationships, which has helped guide me through my entire career and also has had a positive influence in all aspects of my life both professionally and personally." - Tom Herbel - Past President So Cal APWA*

*"Early in my career, mentors helped me figure out how to look beyond day-to-day issues and develop more strategic approaches. Unlike bosses, mentors offered safe non-judgmental places to air concerns and ideas in ways that really helped me grow, personally and professionally." - Bonnie Teaford - Past President So Cal APWA*

*"I have had a number of Mentors in my career who have challenged me to find my way and look for the unconventional solution to the problem." - Robert Newman, Public Works Director, Santa Clarita - President-Elect SoCal APWA*

*"From a mentor's perspective, I have had terrific experiences in working with students and young professionals. Besides helping them to grow professionally, I have also learned from them and developed very meaningful friendships." - Lisa Rapp, Public Works Director, Lakewood - Past President, SoCal APWA*

If you are interested in participating in this year's program, please submit a completed **Mentee or Mentor Application Form available on the So Cal APWA Website by Monday May 30, 2016.**

Once submitted, the Mentoring Committee will match participants and follow up with any questions. Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Newman via email at [newman@santa-clarita.com](mailto:newman@santa-clarita.com).

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## IN MEMORIAM Dean Allison

Dean Allison, San Rafael Public Works Director, passed away on Friday, February 26, 2016. "It is with great sadness that we announce today the passing of Dean Allison — we will miss him greatly," San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz said in a statement. "He embodied everything a Public Works Director should be — he was a technical expert with an exceptional ability to collaborate; he could relate to absolutely everyone and each individual would walk away feeling heard and understood and impressed with Dean."

Southern California APWA members will remember Dean as the Director of Public Works for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. He began his tenure with RPV in May 1993 as an Associate Engineer. He was promoted to DPW in March 1999, and served until

he left in October 2005, when he assumed the DPW position in Pinole, a city of about 19,000 residents in Contra Costa County.

Dean began with San Rafael on Sept. 28, 2015. He graduated from the University of California at Irvine with an MBA in business administration. He also held two bachelor's degrees, one from University of Buffalo in civil engineering and the other from the State University of New York, College at Oneonta in physics. According to Jim Schutz, Dean loved baseball and was a loyal New York Mets fan. He will be missed by all who knew him.



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**APWA NATIONAL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT GRAYSON AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



After an extensive nationwide recruitment, the Executive Committee along with the entire APWA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Scott Grayson has accepted the offer of Executive Director for the American Public Works Association. Scott will begin his new position with APWA effective April 14th.

Currently, Scott is the Associate Managing Director for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) located in

Washington, DC. He is responsible for programs related to employment, career and professional development, licensing, and accreditation and supports the IEEE-USA Board of Directors. Scott has worked in the areas of communications, public relations, chapter relations, membership development, conference management, fundraising, research, and most recently has been working with student and young professional member engagement. He has been with IEEE-USA since 1990 and has been responsible for grassroots, state and federal legislative programs including being a staff liaison to numerous scientific engineering and legal organizations to build coalitions.

Scott holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin and a master's in Latin American & Caribbean Studies, specializing in international relations and economic development from New York University. He is also active in the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), Association for Talent Development (ATD) and the Council for Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE).

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## DPW JIM BIERY RETIRES FROM BUENA PARK



Jim Biery retired at the end of February 2016 after serving 13 years as Buena Park's Public Works Director and City Engineer. Jim obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from USC prior to joining the Flood Control District. He began working in Public Works in 1973

at Los Angeles County Flood Control District for three years, serving as an Assistant Civil Engineer, and then worked for local cities for the remainder of his 42-year Public Works career. His longest tenures were at South Gate, Signal Hill and Buena Park. He was Public Works Director at these cities for a total of over 30 years. He was able to obtain over \$200 million in grant funding for these agencies and master planned and built all types of public works facilities. Jim was very active in the League of California Cities Public Works Officers and the American Public Works Association, Southern California Chapter. He was President of both of these groups and remained very active throughout his career. He is also a registered Civil and Traffic Engineer. Some of his statewide efforts have resulted in legislation helping Public Works funding of transportation. Over the years, Jim was often a speaker and moderator at conferences of these organizations and a frequent author of articles in Western City on Public Works issues. He also earned Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering and Public Administration from CSULB. Finally, Jim taught for 8 years at Santiago College and CSULB.

## THE ROAD TO DIVERSITY

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When I drive northbound along the major thoroughfare in Los Angeles, Crenshaw Boulevard, I cannot help but appreciate the service that Public Works professionals render to our communities.

Like many major street arteries, Crenshaw Boulevard provides a path of travel through many diverse communities. These communities have citizens from all socioeconomic, religious and educational backgrounds and share a common need, quality of life.

As Public Works professionals, we work to improve quality of life for all. We serve proud communities that value an array of things. Whether it is maintaining a historical asset, building a bridge or re-lamping streetlights, we have impact and play an important role in the daily lives of everyone.

As such, we should be eager to mimic Crenshaw Boulevard and continue to create a path within our organizations that travels the road of diversity and inclusion. By embracing uniqueness, we will invite valuable insight that fosters enlightenment and causes us to think beyond our distinctiveness.

We serve diverse communities and with their well-being in mind, so let us serve ourselves and build upon our uniqueness.



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April 20, 2016	Complete Streets and Technology Conference - <i>Carson Community Center</i>
May 12, 2016	21st Annual Golf Tournament - <i>Coyote Hills Golf Course, Fullerton, CA</i>
May 16-20, 2016	National Public Works Week
May 24-26, 2016	Public Works Institute - <i>Rio Hondo Events Center, Downey, CA</i>
May 26, 2016	Chapter Luncheon at PWI - <i>Rio Hondo Events Center, Downey, CA</i>
June 23, 2016	Chapter Luncheon - <i>Field Trip, Venue TBD</i>
July 28, 2016	Annual Scholarship Luncheon - <i>TBD</i>
August 28-31, 2016	PWX (Formerly APWA Congress and EXPO) - <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>
September 22, 2016	Chapter Luncheon - <i>TBD</i>
October 25-27, 2016	Public Works Institute - <i>Rio Hondo Events Center, Downey, CA</i>
October 27, 2016	Chapter Luncheon at PWI - <i>Rio Hondo Events Center, Downey, CA</i>
November 3, 2016	Greenbook Seminar - <i>TBD</i>
November 18, 2016	Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting— <i>TBD</i>
December 6, 2016	17th Annual BEST Awards Luncheon - <i>The Centre, Lakewood, CA</i>

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