



Structural Engineers Association of Washington Southwest Chapter

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Southwest Chapter SEAW members:

Over the past few years it has come to the attention of the SEAW Southwest (SW) and State leadership that the SW chapter has been experiencing a diminished level of involvement from the chapter members. Several theories for this reduction in chapter engagement have been discussed at the State Board level. Ultimately the State Board has prioritized efforts to help determine if the SW chapter has the tools necessary to sustain an active chapter in SEAW.

To this end, the State Board has called upon the Past Presidents of the SW chapter and formed a steering committee to reflect upon the successes of the SW chapter during their tenure, aid in generating strategies and solutions to re-energize the SW chapter and focus on the needs of the chapter as it adapts to the changing focus and goals of the next generation of leaders within structural engineering.

The Past Presidents Committee met several times from May to November of 2018. Many ideas and comments were investigated prior to settling on the final recommendations. Ultimately, a three-point strategy was agreed upon to improve the health of the chapter. The strategic initiatives consist of 1) a focus inward on the strength and unique qualities of the SW chapter's structural engineers, 2) to promote SEAW and the SW chapter from within the senior leadership of the engineering community in the South Sound, and 3) to strengthen the SW chapter officers and board leadership.

As senior members of SEAW and leaders of your respective companies, we would like you to be involved in the growth of the Chapter from here onward. We call upon you to promote the value of SEAW membership within your companies, encourage young professionals within your network to become involved, and to champion the importance of the structural engineering profession through continuing education, outreach, and service to our profession and our communities.

We, the undersigned believe that the engineering community in the South Sound will benefit from a strong and engaged chapter of the Structural Engineers Association of Washington. Please join us in our efforts to reinvigorate the Southwest chapter.

Regards,



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