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Pacific Northwest Region newsletter

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FROM THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT



These are exciting times! David Edwards, our at-large board member from Saskatchewan, has just been elected International President for the 2011-2012 term, succeeding Don Gilmore of the Washington Chapter who will be taking the reins this fall. If that's not excitement enough we have a new Chapter. After many years of discussion and efforts on the part of John Eisen and his colleagues, Montana has become a Chapter in the Pacific Northwest Region. It is great to be part of a region that is so engaged in the mission of CEFPI! See articles below for more about these developments.

What is foremost in my mind, of course, is our upcoming conference in Alaska May 18-21. If you haven't taken a look at the conference website you should do it now. It is a fantastic educational opportunity and will undoubtedly be a memorable experience for all. Our program features Stephen Heppell as keynote, you may remember him from the 2008 San Diego conference, and 3 educational tracks; Sustainable Design, Educational Program/Delivery, and Specialized Technical Topics. And of course we have wonderful trade show participants, architectural exhibits, school tours and more but for me some of the most valuable time is often spent in offline discussions. Our regional conferences are ideal settings for informal learning due to their relatively small size and the quality of attendees. This year's list includes Rachel Gutter, USGBC's Green Schools Director, Dr. George Copa, CEFPI's 2006 Planner of the year, the always provocative Frank Locker and BrainSpaces Amy Yurko and Peter Brown just to name a few. So don't hesitate, sign up today, make your travel plans and meet us in the Last Frontier!

Michael Carlson



Su Valley School – the location of the Regional Conference Banquet Talkeetna Alaska Lodge – the site the 2010 PNR Conference

THE NEW MONTANA CHAPTER, PNW REGION, CEFPI

In serving for a number of years as the "Representative" for Montana at various functions and Governor's / Board meetings of the Pacific Northwest Region, it was becoming more and more apparent that it was simply the right thing to do; to form a Chapter to properly represent our State in the PNW Region of CEFPI.

We are a State that is over 600 miles wide with an impressively grand total of six CEFPI members! The geography in Montana is daunting. Our state of 145,552 square miles equates to about 24,258 square miles per CEFPI member. It's only a two to 8 hour drive between each member's towns. Having no air service is no big deal. Getting the six of us together for a series of meetings to discuss the details of forming a CEFPI chapter should be easy, right? So, rather naively, but with much enthusiasm, I set forth to get it done.

I have to give much credit to the unanimous support I received from our full membership in Montana and to the strong support given from the Board of Directors and Governors of the Pacific Northwest Region. Enthusiasm gave way to reality right away when it became more than obvious after a few false starts in trying to get a face-to-face meeting organized; we were going to learn all about telephone

conference calls and e-mail. Five other members (Corey A. Johnson, Corey T. Johnson, Karen Kelly, Nick Salmon, and I) (What are the odds of have two people named Corey Johnson in one six-member organization?) conducted a number of lengthy distance-meetings, exchanged much e-mail and eventually agreed that it was feasible to create a Chapter and with that organization it was realistic to expect a growth of CEFPI membership could follow.

I prepared a draft bylaw using a CEFPI template, copies of other Chapter bylaws, and some advice from other PNW Chapters. These were reviewed, revised, and approved by our members and officers were nominated and elected. All in all this turned out to be a pretty brief and efficient campaign process with a total electorate of six but it was a concentrated effort to make the agenda of an upcoming PNW mid year Board / Governors meeting. With our small initial membership we all had a specific role in making the formation of our new Chapter a success. I took our proposed bylaws to the PNW mid-year Board and Governors meeting which enthusiastically approved the formation of the Montana Chapter. Steve Olson, our Region's representative to CEFPI International, right then and there, e-mailed the bylaws to his fellow International Board members for their approval the following week at their next Board meeting.

Simple!

Now the hard part. Our number one goal is to grow our membership to 25 individuals comprised of architects, facility planners, school board members, educators, school facility staff, and most assuredly, vendors. We are an enthusiastic group out here in the wilds of Montana and we have a great project lined up for "School Building Week" potentially working with a local alternative high school, the Montana State University School of Architecture, the University of Montana School of Education, and of course, our core membership of six! Wish us well, keep your fingers crossed, and pass the word about a fantastic opportunity to be on the ground floor of a great new Chapter in Montana.

[John Eisen, REFP](#)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/6/10 Oregon/SW Washington Chapter Tour & Discussion Series
- 5/7/10 Washington Chapter Spring Bus Tour
- 5/19/10 2010 Pacific Northwest Regional Conference
- 6/2/10 Washington Chapter Conference
- 6/15/10 2010 CEFPI Annual World Conference & Expo Program Advertising Deadline
- 6/17/10 Washington Chapter Dinner Tour
- 7/1/10 2010 School Planning & Architectural Exhibition Annual Awards Entry Deadline
- 9/16/10 2010 Alberta Chapter Fall Conference
- 9/25/10 2010 CEFPI Annual World Conference & Expo

[Event Calendar](#)

NEW MEMBERS

Please take a moment to welcome the new member in your region. New members as of April 23, 2010:

Dallas Huard, Architect AODBT
Architecture Interior Design

Ron Blaj, Construction Manager
J.J. Henri Co., Inc.

David Pool, Principal
BLRB Architects p.s.

Jeanette Benton Landscape Architect
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REGION NEWS

An Advanced Certificate Program: Educational Facility Planning

Accepting applications now! Deadline Extended to May 31, 2010
Improving the Places Children Learn

Earn an Advanced Certificate in Educational Facility Planning collaboratively developed by The Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) and San Diego State University (SDSU).

Learn from the best and most experienced practitioners in the world how to plan, design, build, and maintain learner-centered educational environments, while interacting and networking with a select group of educational facility professionals around the globe. Connecting all stakeholders involved in the educational facility, this fully electronic program focuses on the student, beginning with a course on learner needs and styles and culminating in facility assessment. While each course addresses one phase of the capital project, the complete program emphasizes a collaborative process that authentically engages all stakeholders so that the facility serves the students, staff, and community while providing a healthy and safe environment for all.

And, you complete all your coursework online from wherever you are. To date, certificate program students represent twenty-eight states and four countries.

This 12-credit certificate program is comprised of six two-unit courses that earn graduate credit that can be applied to Master's degree. The certificate is issued by SDSU and fulfills the requirements for achieving the Recognized Educational Facility Professional (REFP) designation of CEFPI. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has approved

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the program for recertification credit.

The 2009 Advanced Certificate Program graduates say this about their experiences:

"The team dynamic of each course is challenging & rewarding."

"I would recommend this course to everyone. The learning is important to the future of what we are doing as educators, designers, and planners."

"You say you will explore the current research, but you don't. The accountability & rigor of the program pushes you to do it. It brings the joy back into planning."

"What I am learning helps us market our firm at a higher level."

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program and to reserve your seat in the 2009-10 class.

Space is limited to 25 enthusiastic professionals dedicated to improving the places children learn!

Regional Director/Assistant

As an effort to serve Regions more effectively, CEFPI staff members have been fully dedicated to providing support to the leaders and individual members of each region. Please contact [Carla Terian](#), Regional Director for article submissions and regional events and activities. [Edi Francesconi](#) provides administrative support.

