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Pacific Northwest Region newsletter

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FROM THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the CEFPI Pacific Northwest Region,



Welcome to the first edition of the Pacific Northwest Region Newsletter. We have started this communication as alternate way to let all of our members in our region know what is going on in the chapter level, regional level, and the international level.

We are very busy here in our region preparing for the joint International/Regional Conference in Portland, October 3rd thru the 6th of 2014. *Blazing Trails: A Journey of Learning* is our theme. We have been working very hard to make it more engaging and relative than any other conference CEFPI has hosted. We are very excited how the program is coming together. Please see www.cefpi2014.org for further info. Be sure to register and make your travel arrangements soon. October is a wonderful time to visit Portland. The night before the conference starts, please join us for a Regional Social Event in Portland. It will be held at "The Cleaners" in Downtown Portland, the evening of October 2nd. Appetizers, beverages and a reconnection with all your regional friends are in order. Look for more info to come.

I would like to remind all members of all chapters to reach out to our public sector/school districts contacts and show them the value of the CEFPI organization. Let them know of the drastically reduced membership fee schedule CEFPI is offering them until December 31st, 2014.

The 2014 CEFPI Pacific Northwest Regional School of the Future competition completed in May. The First Place Winner will be at the International Finals of the School of the Future Competition at the Conference in Portland. The results of our deliberations are:

- **First Place Winner:** The team from iTech Preparatory in Vancouver, Washington, USA is this year's winner. Their concept of a boarding school, "Tennant School", located outside of Edinburgh, Scotland was original and creative from location, concept and learning objectives. A passion for learning, "outside the box", was their inspiration for an out-of-country location for their school and was exhibited in all scoring categories. The enthusiasm of this team for their concept was clear in their narrative and presentation.
- **Second Place Winner:** The team from Blessed Cardinal Newman School in Calgary, Alberta, Canada was a very strong second place. Their school had a very well developed building design and was extremely well researched, especially with respect to learning styles. Their site was well thought out and worked very well for their concept as a school of service learning. Of the many creative ideas put forward, we especially enjoyed the school gardens which would provide fruit for the pies to be delivered to the nearby Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations for a great "School of the Future" – The Gardner School of Service Learning is a fabulous idea! It was great to see so many parents in attendance at the presentation as well.
- **Third Place Winner:** Mill Creek Middle School from Kent, Washington, USA. This group of talented students had a well thought out design for their building and had obviously given serious consideration to the physical environment. It was good to see their planning process develop into a comprehensive school design. Their decision to locate their school close to the businesses and companies of their area that could provide valuable learning opportunities, and internships, was exceptional.

Here is to a wonderful summer! See you all in Portland!

Renee Alexander
President, CEFPI Pacific Northwest Region



2014 CEFPI Annual Conference and Exposition

October 3-6, 2014

Blazing Trails: A Journey of Learning

Portland, Oregon

As we all are aware and extremely enthusiastic, the Pacific Northwest Region is hosting the 2014 International Conference this October. In an effort to support our region, we hope that you will be able to utilize your resources to sponsor the event! A number of attendees will be coming from our region and this will be a tremendous opportunity for all of us. Feel free to forward this information to businesses and colleagues who may not be members but would benefit from this extraordinary opportunity.

Sponsorship

The excitement is mounting for an extraordinary annual conference in Portland, Blazing Trails: A Journey of Learning, October 3-6, 2014. We hope that you will assume an active leadership role regarding school planning, design and construction in the K-12 community through your support as a sponsoring partner. Your commitment and generosity help to ensure that CEFPI conferences will offer best practices and educational opportunities of the highest caliber, in order to provide innovative, healthy, sustainable 21st Century learning environments that will inspire critical thinking and problem solving skills, creativity, collaboration and effective communication for all types of learners. Your generosity helps to ensure that children everywhere have an opportunity to learn and grow in safe, healthy and nurturing environments.

Complete details can be found here, or contact [Barbara Worth](#) at 480.285.9002.

Golf

As a wonderful reason to celebrate the end of the International Conference, please do not forget to register for our golf outing on Monday, October 6th, and further enjoy time with our guests from around the world. Please sponsor the event if you are able. Feel free to contact [Jason Beam](#) at 503.319.2208.

Regional Reception

Save time for a special PNW Region Reception on Thursday, October 2nd. This event is reserved for members of our PNW Region and a wonderful kick-off to the Conference. The event will be held at [The Ace Hotel Portland – The Cleaners](#) and will be open for drop-in/out from 4:30pm-7:30pm. See you there!

CEFPI INTERNATIONAL

CEFPI Announces 2014 James D. MacConnell Award Finalists

Washington, DC – CEFPI is pleased to announce the selection of the 2014 MacConnell Award finalists. The MacConnell Award recognizes outstanding facility planning and is considered CEFPI's most prestigious award. This year's submissions reflected the truly amazing school planning and design work that is shaping education around the world. The contemporary understanding of pedagogical relationships with the built environment is setting the foundation for learning and teaching in new and wonderful ways. Congratulations are well deserved for all who competed for the MacConnell Award. As Renee Alexander, BBT Architects and jury chair commented, "Overall the judges had an extremely difficult task, for all of the entries were outstanding projects. It got down to splitting hairs. We followed the criteria to the â€œtee€œ, and did not allow our personal biases or location to have any influence in our judgment. At the end we wished we could have given all the projects an award."

Hats off to the 2014 MacConnell Award finalists:

Marine Science Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut
LEARN Regional Educational Cooperative
JCJ Architecture

Marine Science Magnet High School provides a great solution to a unique program focusing on marine studies. The collaborative planning and design process worked symbiotically to create a wonderful facility and a new type of thinking about education in the whole region.

Wilkes Elementary School

Bainbridge Island School District
Mahlum Architects

The jurors agreed that Wilkes Elementary is a beautiful project that clearly addresses the needs of the whole child, generating excitement and discovery both in the building and on the site. A clear community vision manifested itself in a sensitive school facility on a very challenging site.

Trillium Creek Primary School

West Linn-Wilsonville School District
Dull Olson Weekes-IBI Group

Trillium Creek demonstrates a strong integrated design response to the site and the curriculum. The project truly reflects what can happen when people, including students, come together and think beyond traditional boundaries. If you visited the school today, the students would most likely tell you that they are excited to come to a school that is designed for them!

Vashon Island High School

Vashon Island School District
Integrus Architecture

Vashon Island High School is a stellar project, demonstrating that the process really dug deep into how the spaces would be used by everyone for both learning and socialization. It is clear that the diverse stakeholder engagement brought forth positive community changes in understanding the connections between education and environment.

The MacConnell award finalist projects will be showcased at the CEFPI Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 3-6, 2014 with the winning project recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

CEFPI Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces: A Certificate Program in Educational Facility Planning

Washington, DC – The Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) recently announced the launch of The Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces: A certificate program in educational facility planning. This intense, high quality course of study consists of six 6-week online courses created by industry experts and delivered through San Diego State University's Interwork Institute Center for Distance Learning (IL-CDL). CEFPI has assumed responsibility of the program, formerly known as The Advanced Certificate in Educational Facility Planning and managed by San Diego State University. The comprehensive program, grounded in the key knowledge and skills central to the sound planning, building and maintaining of learner-centered school facilities, has been updated and revised. [Read more >](#)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/9/14 CEFPI Webinar: The Paradigm – Technology vs. Faculty, Can the Student Win?
- 7/17/14 CEFPI Webinar: Creating Adaptable 21st Learning Environments with Prefabricated Interior Walls
- 7/21/14 Alaska Chapter Application for Complimentary 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition Attendance Deadline
- 7/24/14 CEFPI Webinar: Understanding the Volatile Construction Market, and Using Cost Management to Control and Improve Project Performance
- 8/5/14 CEFPI Webinar: Designing STEM from the Ground Up
- 8/12/14 CEFPI Webinar: Cubicles to Classrooms
- 8/20/14 CEFPI Webinar: Making Green Buildings Greener: Key Attributes of Sustainable Building Products
- 9/11/14 CEFPI Webinar: Developing

REGION NEWS

Alaska Chapter

A group of dedicated Alaska Chapter CEFPI members, being led by Craig Fredeen and Dale Smythe, are analyzing state school facility funding regulations in an effort to "get more bang for the buck." Current regulations require that calculations for funding be based on the exterior dimensions of the school building. Since the exterior wall thickness is directly tied to the building's effectiveness in energy efficiency, the current regulations create a dis-incentive for creating high quality thermal envelopes. This, in turn, leads to higher energy costs that are funded through ever-challenging District operating budgets. The appeal from CEFPI is to modify the regulations to calculate from the inside walls of buildings, thereby encouraging high performance design of schools and freeing up operating funds to be used on instruction. The recommendations are scheduled to be submitted to the state Department of Education and Early Development by the end of the year.

Alaska Chapter Application for Complimentary 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition Attendance

Starting in 2006, the Alaska Chapter began to offer a complimentary conference registration and

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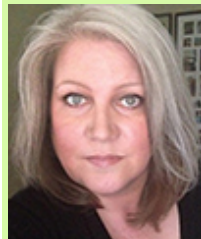
	Architectural and Engineering Standards and Guidelines for your Organization
9/16/14	CEFPi Webinar: Health Safety and Welfare: when it comes to indoor sports surfaces
9/20/14	James D. MacConnell Symposium Series – Creating a Culture of School Sustainability: A Design Challenge, Booker T. Washington STEM Academy, Champaign, IL
10/3/14	CEFPi Annual Conference and Exposition, Portland, OR
10/16/14	CEFPi Webinar: Can Children's School Sites Make Them Fat? Challenges and Opportunities of Schools Siting

PNW INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Congratulations!

Elections are complete for our Regional Director to the International Board. Kendall Jessiman and Kelley Tanner were our two candidates. By a small margin, Kelley Tanner will be our next International Board Member representing our region. Kelley will serve a three year term.

Congratulations, Kelley. We look forward to the next three years having you represent us at the international level.



Ms. Kelley Tanner
Independent Educational Planner and Researcher

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MEMBER TO MEMBER RECRUITMENT

CEFPi's annual membership recruitment program, September through August of each calendar year, promotes member growth at the chapter level. The campaign includes activities for individuals, chapters and regions to compete for financial incentives and recognition based on new membership gains. [Read more >](#)

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travel expenses (not to exceed a total of \$2,500) to a an Alaska Chapter member working in the profession of school facilities planning and design in the state of Alaska, thereby expanding the mission of CEFPI by making this important conference available to persons who might otherwise not be able to attend. For more information for this years' scholarship: www.cefpi.org.

Deadline: July 21, 2014

[Application Form](#)

Oregon/Southwest Washington Chapter

We continue to see exciting growth in the Oregon/SW Washington Chapter, thanks in large part to the anticipation of the International Conference in October. We continue to host gatherings at least quarterly. One of these recent gatherings involved an informative presentation event on Managing Projects in the Digital Age, led by our new Chapter President, Karina Ruiz. This was yet another event that gained tremendous participation. We now look forward to hosting one or two gatherings leading up to October, furthering our efforts to promote the Conference to our membership. In conjunction with CEFPI Headquarters, we have several members leading the local organization and we look forward to a great deal of our colleagues in the PNW Region to make the trip to Portland in October.

Saskatchewan Chapter

- The Chapter has received 41 applications for student scholarships this year and we are planning to award five for \$2,000 each. This follows on last year's decision to award 5 scholarships to deserving students that year. We are very pleased to support the educational aspirations of these students as they progress with their post-secondary studies and career planning.
- We have also decided to support Chapter executive members that are interested in developing their industry knowledge and leadership abilities by funding up to five applicants who wish to attend the Portland Regional/International CEFPI Conference in October 2014. This will allow deserving candidates an opportunity to engage with, and learn from, the best in the educational facility field.
- The P3 (Private Public Partnership) process for 9 new joint-use elementary school projects (18 schools in total) in the fastest-growing parts of this Province – Saskatoon, Regina, Warman and Martensville – is well underway. Phases 1 (standard school design development) and 2 (site - specific development and design refinement) are complete, and Phase 3 (RFQ's/RFP's re. procurement) is pending Provincial Government approval. It is expected that these new schools could be ready for staff and students as early as September 2017. Much work has been undertaken to date,

including broad-based stakeholder consultation and engagement during Phases 1 and 2, and there are high expectations that this "made in Saskatchewan" approach will be a successful alternative to the traditional procurement process.

- We are in the early stages of planning our 2015 Chapter Conference and AGM, to be held in Saskatoon on January 21-23, 2015. The theme of the Conference is "Challenges and Opportunities in a Growing Province", and there are some great ideas for sessions, speakers and school tours. We will be updating the Conference website with more information in September 2014.

Regional Director/Assistant

As an effort to serve the Pacific Northwest Region more effectively, CEFPI staff members have been dedicated to providing support to the leaders and individual members of each region and chapter. Please contact [Donna Robinson](#), Regional Director for regional & chapter events and activities, questions on membership or general CEFPI activities.

