

### Sacramento Section President's Letter

The current term began September 2015; it's already a year. It has been busy and not enough time to do everything what I would like to do as President of Sacramento Section. But all those experiences were enjoyable and valuable to me. I learned a lot about our great organization.

Our section election started in June and it will conclude September 9. We will have new officers and they will start from September. I wishes all section members participate in the election to support the section and the new officers next term.

2015-2016 officers worked hard for the Section since September 2015 and our section operated smoothly and accomplished a lot more than years before. I appreciate all our officers specially our Webmaster Cathy Kurtz who completely overhauled and updated more than 10 years of web information.

I thanks to all members especially who supported and advised me.

President-Elect Mahin Khakizadeh will be President and I will be Director of our section next term. I wish good luck to Mahin and all members of our section next term.

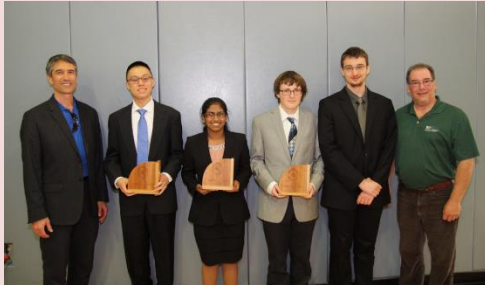
I thank all the speakers who shared their very valuable time with us at our section's quarterly meetings, Mr.

Malcolm Dougherty: Director, Department of Transportation, Mr. Gerald James: PECG Counsel, Mr. Ted Toppin: Political Director, Mr. Bruce Blanning: Executive Director, and other PECG staff. Our section owes a lot of thanks to all the speakers and helpers.

We had 3 quarterly meetings (November 18, 2015, March 1, 2016, and June 2, 2016) for all section members. We also had monthly officers meetings. All the meetings are on schedule and smoothly proceeded. Again, thank you to all officers and all section members.



**2016 Synopsys SAC STEM Fair** (Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair) was held April 1-2, 2016 at American River College in Sacramento, and PECG is a main sponsor of this event.



## AWARDS

**“Professional Engineers in California Government Excellence in Engineering”**  
Award Winners of 2016 was presented to  
**Peter Millam and Gerardo Inzunza.**

**Grand Prize Awards** Recipients:

**Third Place:** Dylan McLeod & Daniel Bolya  
Title: Using Artificial Intelligence Systems for Autonomous Visual Comprehension and Handwriting Generation

School: Folsom High School

**Second Place:** Teevyah Yuva Raju  
Title: Drought Impact on Soilborn Fungal Pathogen of Tomato

School: Mira Loma High School

**First Place:** Henry Low

Title: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder:  
Developing an Intuitive Mobil App for Assessing the Effectiveness of Psychotherapy Treatments  
School: Western Sierra Collegiate Academy

**2016 KSEA NMSC** (2016 Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association National Math and Science Competition) was held April 9, 2016 at the Rancho Cordova City Hall. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the competition in the Sacramento area and Jason Lee, PhD, a PECG member and Transportation Engineer in Caltrans was the chair of this event.



## 2016 KSEA-NMSC Winners of Sacramento Valley Area Competition

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wanqi Xie  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ayush Patel  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sarah Park  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Briana Le  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Camille Zhang  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yena Jang  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Michelle Chon  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jiwon Kim



### ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Academic Decathlon State Championship was held March 17-20, 2016, and award ceremony for winners was held March 20, 2016 at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.



### Sacramento Section Distributors' Meeting

Sacramento has a yearly appreciation lunch for section's distributors. This year's luncheon was held July 27, 2016, at the Fire House.

Distribution Chair Seiji Morimoto organized and presided this meeting.

At the luncheon, Mr. Mike Whiteside, presented a cube to Kris Kuhl. The cube is provided by PECG for retirees. Mr. Kris Kuhl has been a PECG member for more than 30 years.



### Supervisory and Managers Informational Dinner Meeting

2016 Supervisory and Manager Members meeting was held August 10, 2016, at the Blue House Korean BBQ Restaurant, Sacramento. Former PECG Corporation President Ms. Cathrina Barros and PECG Counsel Gerald James were guest speakers for this meeting and discussed Supervisory salaries, benefits, and others. The Blue House Korean BBQ Restaurant provided special Royal Cuisine Style dishes. All attendees enjoyed delicious and healthy Korean Royal Cuisine.

