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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Max Lehman**

**Wallace Design Group**



As we head into another year, I'm grateful for the opportunity to reflect on where SEAC stands and where we are headed. The past year was a productive one for the organization, marked by strong member engagement, successful events, and meaningful progress toward advancing the technical and business practices of structural engineering in Colorado.

First, I want to thank the Board of Directors, committee chairs, and volunteers who dedicated their time and energy throughout the year. SEAC continues to thrive because of members who are willing to step up, lead initiatives, and support one another. Your efforts truly make a difference.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our Past President, Scott Hargrove, for his leadership and vision. Under Scott's guidance, SEAC implemented several impactful new initiatives, including the launch of the Summer Social and the very successful full-day Fall Seminar. These events expanded our programming, strengthened connections across the membership, and set a new standard for SEAC events moving forward. Scott's commitment to growth and innovation has left a lasting mark on the organization.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Jake Hohmann**  
KL&A

**Curtis Siegfried**  
JVA, Inc.

**Jack Summers**  
CDM Smith

**Martin Walkup**  
Higgins & Associates

**J.R. Whipple**  
Rivet Engineering Group

Thank you as well to outgoing Director McKenzie Glass for her service on the Board. McKenzie brought energy, thoughtfulness, and a willingness to take on whatever was needed. Her contributions helped move several initiatives forward, and we appreciate the time and dedication she gave to SEAC.

The Board kicked off the year with a full-day retreat, providing an opportunity to reflect on accomplishments and align around priorities ahead. We reviewed the Strategic Plan, discussed membership engagement and geographic outreach, evaluated committee structure and activity, and spent meaningful time reviewing SEAC's financial health. These conversations helped clarify where we are doing well and where we should focus additional attention.

From a programming standpoint, SEAC had a strong year. General meetings, committee events, and regional gatherings continued to deliver valuable technical content and opportunities for connection. Signature events such as the Gingerbread Bridge Competition, Project Tours, and the Annual Meeting reinforced the importance of community, mentorship, and recognition within our profession.

Looking ahead, our focus will remain on membership engagement, committee effectiveness, outreach, and long-term organizational sustainability. SEAC is strongest when members are involved, and I encourage anyone interested to attend meetings, join a committee, or reach out with ideas or feedback.

Thank you for your continued support of SEAC. I look forward to the year ahead and hope to see many of you at upcoming meetings and events.





# 2026 SEAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## *Meet your newly elected 2026 SEAC Board of Directors*

### **PRESIDENT**



**Max Lehman,  
P.E., S.E.**

Wallace Design  
Collective

### **VICE PRESIDENT**



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S.E.**

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### **SECRETARY**



**Kamryn Miller, P.E.**

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### **DIRECTOR**



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*The following will remain on the Board of Directors*

### **PAST PRESIDENT**



**Jordan Jarrett, Ph.D., P.E.**

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### **DIRECTOR**



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### **DIRECTOR**



**Evan Hammel, M.S., P.E.**

Structural Technologies



# SEAC NOCO JANUARY GENERAL MEETING



## NOCO

## Drilled Shaft Design & Construction - The Three C's That Bind Us

Presented By:

Paul Axtell, P.E., BC.GE - Dan Brown and Associates

*\*A joint meeting between SEAC and CAGE*

**January 15, 2026**

**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

**1.0 PDH**

**Front Range Community College | 4616 Shields Street - Room #207  
Student Success Center - Mount Antero Building - Fort Collins, CO 80526**

**SEAC Members: \$0**

**Non-Members: \$20**

**REGISTER NOW**

*Fee includes in-person presentation virtually broadcast from Denver and 1.0 PDH Certificate. **Registration Deadline: January 9.***

### ABOUT THE TOPIC

We have learned a lot in 30 years. Over that period, and especially in the last decade, substantial improvements have been made with respect to our understanding of design, construction, and testing of drilled shafts. It is said that necessity is the mother of invention and that is certainly the case for drilled shafts. Increased axial and lateral loading demands have promoted exponential increases in equipment capabilities. In turn, this evolution has required both material capabilities and foundation designs to improve to keep pace with foundation elements that have gotten much larger, both in terms of diameter and depth. This presentation will describe and discuss contemporary topics specific to large diameter drilled shafts that are pertinent to both structural and geotechnical engineers. The underlying theme is that design and construction are inseparably linked and must be considered as one throughout the entire project process. Among other things to be presented, the Three C's that bind geotechnical and structural professionals together include drilled shaft: 1) Cage 2) Concrete 3) Cracking  
To conclude the presentation, discussion on why "conservative design" is usually just the opposite and how non-destructive testing should be used in the overall context of acceptance will be addressed.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



**Paul Axtell, P.E., BC.GE (MT, IA, IL, KS, KY, MN, MO, NJ and WI)  
Office Location: Overland Park, KS**

Paul Axtell, P.E., BC.GE is a senior principal engineer for Dan Brown and Associates, where most of his career has been dedicated to design, construction and testing of deep foundations for major bridge structures across the nation. Paul has served as lead foundation designer for at least 15 major bridge projects, including several where extreme vessel collision and/or seismic demands were a primary driver of foundation design. Paul prioritizes reduction of foundation construction risks throughout the project lifespan, including by efficiently designing foundations for construction, reviewing foundation installation plans, and developing effective construction inspection and acceptance requirements. Paul served as Chairman for the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Drilled Shaft Committee from 2013 through 2023 and is a member of the DFI Board of Trustees. Paul has published more than 35 technical papers on the art and science of deep foundation design and construction, including serving as lead author of a state-of-the-art consensus document regarding the combination of side and base resistance in rock-socketed drilled shafts.





# SEAC & SEI COLORADO FALL SEMINAR

***SEAC hosted its first full day seminar in 2025 and here is what people are saying:***

“Attending SEAC’s first-ever full-day structural engineering seminar was an incredible experience! The event featured multiple presentation tracks, blending technical topics with valuable soft skills sessions. The exhibition hall was buzzing with a wide range of sponsors, and the breaks provided the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. The quality and variety of presentations made the day truly worthwhile, and I’m already looking forward to next year’s seminar!”

- Chad Mitchell (Senior Structural Engineer at SmithGroup, Denver)



“I’ve been to a lot of SEA seminars across the country and Colorado’s SEA is the most energetic, fun and educational of any I have attended. The committee puts forth a lot of effort, and it shows in the quality of speakers and the number of attendees.”

- Stan Stoll (CEO & Principal Engineer at Knott Laboratory, Grand Junction)

“Our Western Slope team truly enjoyed the full-day conference and evening event! We appreciated the chance to engage with talented peers from across the state and beyond. We’re already looking forward to returning next year. Thank you to everyone at SEAC and SEI for making it such a worthwhile event!”

- Sara Mickus (Principal at Evolve Structural Design, Carbondale)







# SEAC & SEI COLORADO FALL SEMINAR



"I was very impressed and excited to see the large number of sessions that were provided at this year's fall seminar. I enjoyed the various types of sessions offered from the technical options to the mental health focused topics. I appreciate the efforts the planning committee made to be so diverse in the session types. I am looking forward to seeing what will be offered next year."

– Eric Richards (Associate Structural Engineer at Clark & Enersen, Fort Collins)

"I was grateful for the diversity of educational material offered by the Colorado SEA Fall Seminar. Topics covered different material types, different phases of construction, and different engineering focus areas. Presentations were well-organized and, most importantly, engaging. I look forward to attending future seminars put on by the organization!"

– Austin Friday (Director of Engineering at Knott Laboratory, Denver)



*Thanks to everyone on the Fall Seminar Committee for all the hard work that created such a great event! Planning has already begun for the 2026 Fall Seminar, and we look forward to seeing everyone there!*







# 2026 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## *Call for Abstracts for the SEAC & SEI Colorado 2026 Fall Seminar*



Thank you for participating and helping to make SEAC & SEI Colorado 2025 Fall Seminar a fantastic inaugural event. SEAC Fall Seminar Planning Committee is pleased to announce a Call for Abstracts for the SEAC & SEI Colorado 2026 Fall Seminar. The one-day event will be held in the fall and we are asking for your input to help make this event a success.



We invite engineers, researchers, educators, and industry professionals to submit abstracts for consideration that showcase innovation, lessons learned, technical developments, code updates and revisions, design challenges, and exemplary projects.



SEAC & SEI Colorado invites all prospective speakers to submit a one-page maximum length summary abstract and a few sentences on their bio and experience to the Planning Committee for consideration.

Please email a PDF of the abstract and any inquiries about the abstract submission process, Mere Hall at [merebhall@gmail.com](mailto:merebhall@gmail.com).

**Due date for the summary abstract – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Response date for selected abstract – April 30<sup>th</sup>**







# *A Tribute to Scott Beck*

June 23, 1950 – August 27, 2025

Structural engineer and long-time SEAC member, Scott Beck passed away on August 27, 2025 after a short battle with ALS. Scott was born on June 23, 1950 and grew up in Casper, Wyoming. He attended the University of Wyoming where he received a BS in Structural Engineering in 1973. Following graduation he worked for Prestressed Concrete of Colorado in Denver until 1977; he then joined Anderson & Hastings Consulting Engineers in Lakewood, becoming a partner in 1997 and retiring in 2019 after 42 years with the firm. Scott is survived by Betty, his wife of 47 years, their children Megan, Charles and Allison, and six grandchildren.



## 2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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# 2026 SEAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEAC NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

March Issue - February 23, 2026

May Issue - April 27, 2026

July Issue - June 22, 2026

September Issue - August 24, 2026

November Issue - October 26, 2026

## SEAC E-NEWS DEADLINES

February Issue - January 26, 2026

April Issue - March 23, 2026

June Issue - May 25, 2026

August Issue - July 27, 2026

October Issue - September 21, 2026

December Issue - November 23, 2026

## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN COMMITTEE | 12:00 PM

Wednesday January 21, 2026 | Virtual

Wednesday March 4, 2026 | Virtual

Wednesday April 22, 2026 | Martin/Martin

Wednesday June 3, 2026 | Virtual

Wednesday September 30, 2026 | Virtual

Wednesday November 11, 2026 | Virtual

## GENERAL MEETINGS | 7:30 AM

January 15, 2026 PPA Event Center

March 19, 2026 PPA Event Center

May 21, 2026 PPA Event Center

July 16, 2026 PPA Event Center

September 17 PPA Event Center

Fall Seminar TBA

Annual Meeting TBA

## BOD MEETINGS | 8:30 AM

Thursday January 8, 2026

Thursday February 5, 2026

Thursday March 5, 2026

Thursday April 2, 2026

Thursday May 14, 2026

Thursday June 4, 2026

Thursday July 9, 2026

Thursday July 30, 2026

Thursday September 3, 2026

Thursday October 1, 2026

Thursday November 5, 3036



NOCO COMMITTEE   7:30 - 9:00 AM	
Thursday	January 15, 2026   FRCC
Tuesday	February 10, 2026   FRCC
Thursday	March 19, 2026   FRCC
Tuesday	April 14, 2026   FRCC
Thursday	May 21, 2026   FRCC
Tuesday	June 9, 2026   FRCC
Thursday	July 16, 2026   FRCC
Tuesday	August 11, 2026   FRCC
Thursday	September 11, 2026   FRCC
Tuesday	October 13, 2026   FRCC

EDUCATION COMMITTEE   8:00 AM	
Friday	January 9, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	February 13, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	March 13, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	April 10, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	May 8, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	June 12, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	July 10, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	August 14, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	September 11, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	October 9, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	November 13, 2026 Teams Meeting
Friday	December 11, 2026 Teams Meeting

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Contact Dawn Miller at [administrator@seacolorado.org](mailto:administrator@seacolorado.org)

## EMPLOYMENT ADS

- Full Page Employment Ad** Members: \$250 Non Members: \$300
- 1/2 Page Employment Ad** Members: \$150 Non Members: \$180
- 1/4 Page Employment Ad** Members: \$100 Non Members: \$120

## PROMOTIONAL AD

- Full Page Promotional Ad: \$350
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- Quarter Page Promotional Ad: \$200





# SEAC COMMITTEES

## Active Committees

*Click on a committee name to visit that committee's homepage on SEAC's website or  
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Committee	Chairperson	Contact Email
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Committee	Chairperson	Contact Email
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<b>Western Slope</b> Board Liaison: Ron Manske	Sara Mickus	<a href="mailto:sara@evolvestruct.com">sara@evolvestruct.com</a>
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Committee	Chairperson	Contact Email
<b>BIM Committee</b> Board Liaison: Max Lehman	Open	
<b>Building Department</b> Board Liaison: Max Lehman	Open	
<b>Legislative and Ethics Committee</b> Board Liaison: Peter Marxhausen	Peter Marxhausen	<a href="mailto:peter.marxhausen@gmail.com">peter.marxhausen@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Structural Engineering Practice</b> Board Liaison: Max Lehman	Ben Cook	<a href="mailto:ben.cook@jrharrisandco.com">ben.cook@jrharrisandco.com</a>





# SEAC WIND COMMITTEE STUDY



## Wind Committee

fundraising

The SEAC Wind Committee is working on a revised Colorado wind speed study which would correctly define and fully cover the Front Range Special Wind Region (SWR). We have recently received great news regarding this project, our application for the FEMA BRIC grant has been APPROVED covering 75% of the project costs!

SEAC needs to cover the remaining 25% of the project. To date, we have received commitments for  $\approx 90\%$  of the remaining funds we need. Huge thank you to our SEAC community members that have already donated!

We will continue fundraising in 2026, we are determined to meet our goal. There is still time to be involved in this crucial study. Any sponsors at Bronze Level or higher will receive recognition for their contributions online through SEAC. Any funds raised beyond the minimum required will fund additional studies.

**[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO THE STUDY](#)**



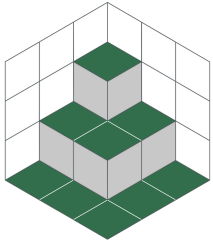




# 2025 GINGERBREAD BRIDGE COMPETITION

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# 2026 PROJECT PRESENTATION TOURS

## CALL FOR 2026 SEAC PROJECT PRESENTATION AND TOUR IDEAS



The SEAC Education Committee is looking to showcase and tour your great construction projects that are going up around Colorado and have been designed by our SEAC engineers. Please contact us at [education@seacolorado.org](mailto:education@seacolorado.org) if you are interested in presenting your unique project to the SEAC Committee.



# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Donations are greatly appreciated, and we now have a Zelle option!

If you would like to pledge to the 2026 SEAC Scholarship Program, open your Zelle account and scan the QR code



**[OR CLICK HERE FOR PLEDGE FORM](#)**

*If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, you must include your full name, physical address, and email address in the memo of the Zelle donation. If that information is not included with the donation, the donation will be classified as anonymous, and SEAC cannot retroactively collect receipt information.*

