January 2026 SEAOSD Newsletter

President's Report



A New Year, A New Code Cycle – Are You Ready?
With the start of 2026, California ushers in a new building code cycle, bringing important changes that structural engineers must understand and apply. SEAOSD is committed to helping our members stay ahead of these updates by offering high-quality training opportunities.

We are excited to announce an in-person seminar focused on ASCE 41-23, the industry standard for seismic evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings. This session will provide an in-depth overview of the latest edition, including:

- Key updates in ASCE 41-23
- Practical application of performance-based methodologies
- Strategies for improving building resilience

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn directly from the current chair of ASCE 41, Robert Pekelnicky, P.E., S.E.

About the Speaker:
Robert is a Senior Principal and Director of Technical Advancement at Degenkolb Engineers, widely recognized for his leadership in seismic and multi-hazard resilience. He specializes in performance-based earthquake engineering and risk mitigation for critical infrastructure, helping shape national standards and best practices. As chair of the ASCE 41 Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit Committee and an active member of ASCE 7 subcommittees, Robert plays a key role in advancing guidelines that improve building safety and resilience. His work bridges research and practical application, ensuring communities and businesses are better prepared for natural and man-made hazards.

Why Attend?

- Gain exclusive insights from the ASCE 41 committee chair
- Understand how updates impact your projects
- Network with peers and industry leaders
- Strengthen your expertise in seismic evaluation and retrofit

Don’t miss this chance to elevate your knowledge and prepare for the new code cycle! Register here ASAP, as space is limited.
Structural Engineers Association of San Diego - Meeting/Event Information

Jeremy T. Callister
SEAOSD President 2025-2026

P.S.
I hope that you all are able to join us in 2026, as we have many great events lined up:
January - SE Exam Prep Discussion
February - ASCE 41 in person training
March - Student Night
April - Golf Event
May - Trivia Night
June - SEE Awards

Welcome New Members

New Members December

Christopher Barsby - Member
Nicole Caudana – Affiliate

Future Meetings

SEAOSD Webinar: NCEES CBT SE Exam - What to Expect

January 20, 202612:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Webinar (Will be done online)
Links will be sent soon to registered attendees only

SEAOSD Younger Member Forum (YMF) x Hilti Hands-on Demo & Happy Hour

January 21, 20265:30 PM to 7:30 PM

SEAOSD Sustainable Design Committee - Ecocem ACT - Low Carbon Concrete

February 10, 2026

SEAOSD ASCE 41-23 Updates and Insights - FULL DAY IN PERSON SEMINAR

February 17, 2026
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Centerside Office Spaces
3131 Camino Del Rio N, Ste 850 Floor 8
San Diego, CA 92108

SEAOSD SLCxYMF Mid-Year Mentorship Event February 20,2026

February 20, 2026
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

SEAOSD Student Night March 3, 2026

March 03, 2026
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Stone Brewery Point Loma
2816 Historic Decatur Rd. #116
San Diego, CA 92106

SEAOSD Golf Tournament April 27, 2026

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Twin Oaks Golf Course
1425 North Twin Oaks Valley Road
San Marcos, CA 92069

In Memoriam

In Memoriam: H. John Price, SE (1948-2025), former Principal of CURRY PRICE COURT (CPC), former SEAOSD Director & President



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of H. John Price, SE, former Principal and Managing Director of Curry Price Court (now Curry Stenger Engineering).

John was born in Cape Town, South Africa. He was raised all over South Africa & Namibia, frequently moving with the family due to his father's work as a civil engineer building railroads. He was an excellent student & graduated university summa cum laude as a civil engineer. He went on to earn a master's degree in structural engineering with an emphasis on concrete design, as well as an MBA. He worked in London & Johannesburg, where he started his own engineering firm. John made the bold decision to emigrate with his young family, moving to beautiful San Diego. Becoming an American citizen, some years later was one of the highlights of his life.

Upon moving to San Diego in 1987, John joined Travis, Verdugo, Curry & Associates (TVCA) establishing himself in the local structural engineering community. He became a Shareholder and Managing Director in 1996, and the firm was renamed Curry Price Court (CPC). In 2015, after 28 years with the firm, John retired but continued to leverage his decades of expertise as a consultant and expert witness.

John was a brilliant engineer who loved his profession. He was a respected and active member of the Structural Engineers Association (SEAOC and SEAOSD), serving as SEAOSD President from 1997-1998, SEAOSD Director from 1994-1999 and SEAOC Director from 1997-2001. As a Former Chair of the Existing Buildings Committee, he contributed to code change proposals and standards including ASCE 41 and the International Existing Building Code (IEBC).

John was also active with the Applied Technology Council (ATC), where he served a term on the ATC Board from 2004-2011, and was ATC President from 2009-2010. During his tenure with ATC, John volunteered with groups of engineers to assess earthquake damage in Chile, Italy, & Fukushima, Japan. As Bernadette Hadnagy (ATC Director, Operations) shared - *"When John joined the Board, he immediately volunteered his services on the ATC Endowment Committee and an Ad-Hoc Committee to formulate Project Status Reports. He joined the Executive Committee in 2005 as an At-Large member. While he never served as Treasurer, he had a keen interest in accounting and investments and was considerably involved in the Finance Committee. It really was an honor to have worked with John during his time on the Board. One of the engineering greats we will truly miss!"*

His former South African business partner, Don Midgley – *"his brilliance as an engineer was matched only by his willingness to teach, support & inspire those around him."*

Jim Stenger, John's former business partner with Curry Price Court shared – *"He always impressed me with his practical approach to engineering, always able to see the true problem and approach it in a way that made sense. John was a mentor and a friend to so many and was always generous with his time to others."*

John enjoyed mentoring young engineers, several of whom went on to lead their own successful practices. He led with integrity, kindness, generosity & was known for his well-researched advice. Ian Mellor of Mellor Engineering was one of young engineers he took under his wing - "*I learned from John that you must know the engineering for yourself and not rely solely on others for a good engineering solution. John saw something in me that, at the time, I did not see in myself and would not realize until years later. I can say with 100-percent certainty that I would not be where I am today, had I not worked with John Price."*

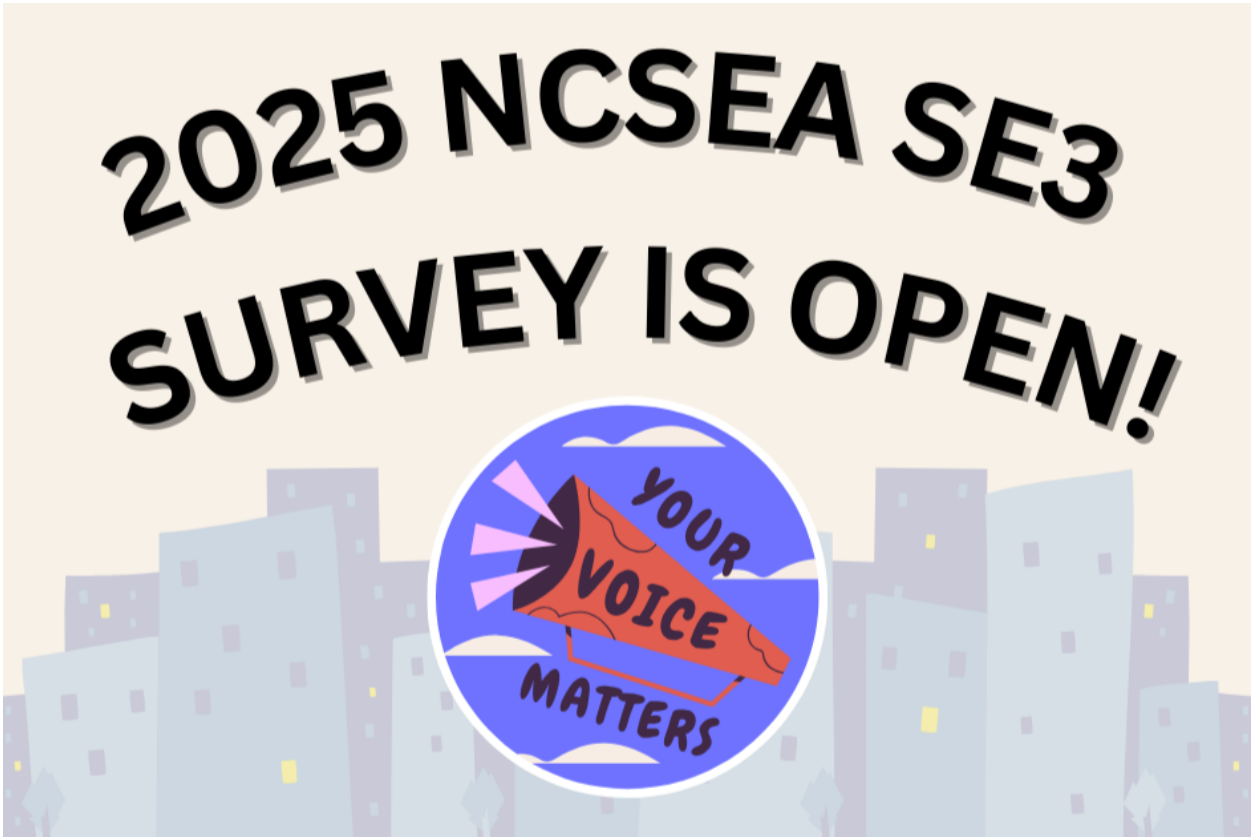
Those of us who worked with John over the years share the same sentiments - We feel lucky and blessed to have had the opportunity to work alongside him. He taught us that kindness costs you nothing. He fostered an environment that strengthened relationships, creating a culture where everyone felt valued and motivated to do their best. His work can be seen throughout San Diego & the world. John will be deeply missed.

John passed away at home on December 23, 2025, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandy, their children, Natalie & Matthew, son-in-law, Ric, his grandsons, Ben and Leo, his brothers, Owen & Brian, & friends & family all over the world who will miss him dearly.

His family is planning a celebration of his life in mid-January.

Those interested in attending his Celebration of Life service can reach out to Lynn Garcia via email for details. lgarcia@cs-structural.com

Committee Updates



Make your opinion count! The 2025 edition of the SE3 survey is officially LIVE!

Join the conversation and participate in the 2025 SE3 survey--the link is available here: survey link and on NCSEA's website: https://www.ncsea.com/se3-structural-engineering-engagement-equity-survey/.

This is the NCSEA SE3 Committee's fourth nationwide survey targeted at structural engineers. The responses collected are valuable in understanding trends in our profession. If you are interested in learning more about NCSEA SE3's previous surveys, past publications are available here: https://www.se3committee.com/surveydevelopment.

SE3's mission is to attract and retain the best and brightest into our profession; and to ensure ALL structural engineers have a clear pathway to success. The SE3 survey is an ongoing effort to identify trends, understand the underlying factors, and initiate industry-wide conversations. Findings from past iterations of this survey included insight into why engineers leave the profession, the importance of mentorship, and the existence of a nuanced gender pay gap.

Responses are anonymous and confidential, and data collected will not be linked to you or your employer/firm. Dynamic Benchmarking, a leading technology provider serving associations nationwide, collects, anonymizes, and analyzes all survey data. This means that neither your personal information nor your firm's details will be linked to the data, ensuring full anonymity and privacy.

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- In addition, the advertisement will be posted at www.seaosd.org under "Job Forum" for 3 months.
- Please limit ads to 100 words.
- Advertisements may be renewed or extended for $50 ($75 for non-members) per each additional month.

Classified Job Listing

Project Engineer – Remote, Part-Time

Reindel Engineering Inc.
Job Posting
Dec. 2, 2025

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Degenkolb
Job Posting
Dec. 2, 2025

Sr. Structural Engineer

Buehler Engineering Inc.

Job Posting

Oct. 15, 2025

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