



**Western Chapter IECA
Membership Verification Sheet
June 2004 Board of Directors Election**

Please print or type your name in the space provided below and sign this sheet. This membership verification sheet will be separated from the ballot once your membership in the Western Chapter is verified and before the ballots are counted.

Name: _____
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Instructions: If received electronically, print out the **first and second pages**. Complete the membership verification page and the ballot (**first and second pages**). To complete the ballot write an 'X' in the space in front of the names of the candidates for whom you wish to vote. Vote for no more than three candidates. The three candidates with the greatest number of votes will fill the three available three-year board positions.

Fax or mail the first and second page only to Patricia Gomez in time to be received no later than June 30, 2004. Patricia Gomez, Office Manager at Pacific Coast Seeds, Inc. will direct two staff members to count the ballots independently. Ballots received without the membership verification page will not be counted. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

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**Western Chapter IECA
Ballot for Election to the Board of Directors
June 2004**

Vote for up to three (3) candidates from the list below. Write-in candidates must have been Western Chapter IECA members for at least one year. Candidate statements are on the pages following the ballot form.

Ballots must be received by June 30, 2004

Bruce Adams

Forrest Pharaoh

Laurie Barnes

Gene Steuben, CPESC, CPSWQ

Chris Marr

Eric R. Woodhouse

Joe Crea, CPESC, CPSWQ

Write-In:

Candidate Statements

Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams is the Geosynthetics Division Sales Manager for Reed & Graham, Inc., located in Sacramento, CA. He has been a member of the Western Chapter for two years since moving to California from Illinois and a member of the IECA since 1997. Bruce is a strong advocate of planned erosion control on all construction projects. He has been involved in and watched the chapters become established and grow. As these chapters develop, he believes that more authority and power should be transferred to the chapters to chart the direction of the association. The diversity of the erosion control industry, manufacturer, distributor, designer, academics, and most important the installer contractor and eventual owner, make the formulation of cohesive plans and programs difficult at the national level. Add to that the climate and the different construction methods used in various parts of the country make it important that the chapters have a strong voice at the national level. Having been involved in the erosion business in the east as a founding member of ACF Environmental, in the midwest as the Chief Operating Officer of Midwest Construction Products, and presently with Reed & Graham, Inc., Bruce has a unique perspective regarding the entire erosion control business.

Forrest Pharaoh

My name is Forrest Pharaoh, and I am a candidate for the IECA Western Chapter Board of Directors. Although I am a relatively recent addition to this industry (3 years), I feel I can bring a new and unbiased view on the problems and solutions the erosion control industry faces in today's construction market. As the Regional Manager for Triumph GeoSynthetics, Inc. of Anaheim, CA, I have a continual daily dialogue with manufacturers, distributors and end users of the erosion control products and techniques used in today's erosion control industry. Hands on experience is the only way to feel the pulse of an industry. I will bring this experience to the IECA Western Chapter Board of Directors.

Laurie Barnes

Laurie Barnes has been a member of IECA and WCIECA since 2002, and was a scholarship winner for the 2003 annual IECA conference in Las Vegas.

Laurie Barnes is a Project Coordinator for Salix Applied Earthcare and the Sacramento Watersheds Action Group (SWAG). She has over 2.5 years of direct experience in erosion control and watershed restoration. Before moving to the Redding area in 2000, Laurie worked on a backcountry trail crew for the USFS for 7 seasons, where she learned and applied the basic principles of erosion and sediment control. In 2002, Laurie joined Salix Applied Earthcare, where she has been writing techniques for Erosion Draw, BioDraw, and E-SenSS, Environmentally-Sensitive Streambank Stabilization. For SWAG, Laurie has played a critical role in implementing the Old 99 Road to Trail, the Hilltop Burn Dump Revegetation, and the Sulphur Creek Realignment projects.

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Laurie has completed the Heavy Equipment Operations Certificate at Shasta College, has taken 4 semesters of John McCullah's Watershed Restoration Class, and will also be pursuing her CPESC-In Training status.

I view a directorship as an excellent opportunity to give back to this wonderful organization. As a recent student, I have benefited greatly from the past educational efforts of IECA and WCIECA. I want to bring my unique perspective to WCIECA, and at the same time improve our credibility and professionalism. I am particularly interested in seeing the ECO-Tech Program come to fruition. I am currently working with David Franklin and Shasta College to create a partnership between the Shasta College Erosion Control Facility and the Eco-Tech Program. I want to continue to help the organization bring new knowledge and education about erosion control to our local communities. I have enjoyed participating in WCIECA activities and would like to take a more active role in the chapter. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Gene Steuben, CPESC, CPSWQ

Gene is part owner of Wetland & Erosion Technologies Inc. which specializes in Erosion/Sediment control Measures, with a Landscape Construction Division. W.E.T. provides Consulting, Design, Installation and Maintenance for compliance of NPDES, NOI & SWPPP permit requirements on projects ranging in size from 1 acre to over 600 acres in the Central Valley of California.

Gene has been involved in Erosion/Sediment Control and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Field for over 20 years as a Contract Consultant with FEMA, SBA & CALIFORNIA Office of Emergency Services, before entering the private sector field of Erosion/Sediment Control and Storm Water Pollution Prevention in 1997. Gene has been working with Regional Water Quality Control Board Representatives, County and City Representatives, with work shops and training seminars for the Construction Industry to advance the technology of BMP's on a construction site for SWPPP compliance.

Gene has been an IECA member since 1997 and is dedicated to advancing the Professional status of CPESC and CPSWQ certification and the goals of IECA. If elected to the Western Chapter IECA Board of Directors, he will continue to stress the importance of professionals in the field's of Erosion/Sediment Control and Storm Water Quality.

Chris Marr, CPESC

Sacramento Bag Mfg. Co., General Manager Erosion Division

I have been involved in the landscaping industry in various ways for over twenty-five years involving purchasing in retail, wholesale, and manufacturing which has given a broad background in the products available for the erosion industry. I have also have a degree in Zoology, and a minor in Botany and have done impact reports on estuary contamination of PCB' along the West Coast.

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I have also have trained state, county, and city agencies on basics of erosion control in several states including Canada which I feel bring other ideas of erosion control for the western chapter. I have developed over 10 new products for the erosion industry to help fight storm water pollution which has instilled in me an on going passion for the erosion industry. I have worked with the landscaping industry on tree and woody ornamental plants on erosion concerns as well as the construction industry on field training and demonstrations.

All of above I feel will help strengthen our western chapter in the up coming years to face the new challenges ahead.

Eric Woodhouse

I would like to be considered as a candidate for election to the board. I believe I would bring a unique viewpoint and new opinions to the leadership of the Western Chapter.

Part of the services my company provides are related to site stabilization and construction site compliance for the developer and home builder market. As President of the Earth Services Division, this is the only work focus I have done for the last twelve years. Our company engages dozens of projects and millions of square feet of stabilization each year. We consult, design, implement, inspect, and monitor for erosion control and SWPPP compliance, and perform emergency storm response for projects of all sizes, from one lot to thousands of acres. Our Erosion Control Division provided design and installation services for dozens of sites, stabilized millions of square feet of slope and disturbed areas, produced and placed millions sand/gravelbags, and implemented substantial quantities of other BMP's this past season. I attended Southern Utah State University in Accounting, I have a General Engineering "A" License, and I have been in the heavy construction and land development business for over twenty six years. Our company has three offices in Southern California. We perform Landscape Design and Construction, as well as, Erosion Control on projects from Santa Barbara to San Diego, California. I have attended many IECA functions and other trainings and I am currently preparing qualifications to be considered for the CPESC exam. I have been engaged in this industry full time for nearly twelve years.

I believe that I will bring a perspective to the board that is not currently well represented. I could be able to present valid opinion, direction, and experience related to the residential land development and construction arena. I would be able to discuss, with validity, the needs and ideals of the install contractor on every level. Many of the main concerns and methods of the large land developers would be represented in my presence on the board. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Joe Crea, CPESC, CPSWQ

I have been involved in the Erosion and Sediment Control Industry for exactly 10 years that has become a major part of my life and passion. Six out of those ten years, I served on the regulatory side back East in New Jersey and Pennsylvania where I received intense training related to site inspections, plan review, and hydrology/hydraulics. Other than working with the construction industry, I also had the opportunity to develop conservation plans for dairy farmers within the Chesapeake Bay watershed to help minimize erosion and sedimentation and nutrient loading. While residing back east, I was also an active member with the Middle Atlantic Chapter of the IECA. My educational background entails a B.S. Degree in Soil Science from Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania.

Since moving to California in 2000, I have been working as a consultant and currently work for AEI-CASC Engineering, which specializes in all aspects of the NPDES permitting system with clients ranging from Caltrans to major developers and various other state/local agencies and private entities. I am responsible for overseeing our Northern CA satellite operations based in Gold River (Rancho Cordova area) California and have been an active member of the Western Chapter of the IECA since 2000.

Although I possess a degree and hold two certifications, I see these credentials as marketing tools for my company. My education and experience within the erosion and sediment control industry comes from roughly 5500+ field visits and 2500+ plan reviews related to various construction sites on both sides of the coast. I am very fortunate to have conducted these site inspections and plan reviews because I now have an opportunity to share my technical experiences with others when conducting training courses and utilize this experience while serving as a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Manager for key developers. My main goal as a consultant is to keep my clients in compliance with the rules and regulations in a cost effective manner.

My time spent so far with the WCIECA has been an enjoyable experience as I have the opportunity to interact with erosion and sediment control professionals from various disciplines within this field. From a technical standpoint, I would like to “kick the intensity up a notch” and introduce some more challenging and hands on courses for our members that would entail some interactive (classroom and field) exercises and open forums. While attending our most recent conference in Phoenix, AZ, I attended our Chapter meeting and interacted with some of the current Board Members. It was at this meeting where I realized that other than my technical background, I also have a creative, team-based mindset that would be helpful in planning future Chapter events.

Thanks for your time and consideration in selecting me to keep our Western Chapter heading in a positive and proactive direction.