

Masters Series



Advancing Your Career: A Perspective from Leaders in Construction

Thursday, November 21, 2013 - 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

The Asian American Architects/Engineers Association (AAa/e) is proud to present our third Master Series event: ***Advancing Your Career: A Perspective from Leaders in Construction***.

The AAa/e established the Master Series specifically to meet the goals of our organization's Mission Statement, which is:

"The Asian American Architects and Engineers Association (AAa/e) is committed to providing a platform for empowering professionals working in the built environment in personal and professional growth, business development and networking, and leadership in our community."

We have assembled an exceptional panel of contractors and construction managers who will describe the opportunities and challenges they faced during the course of their careers and actions taken that enabled them to become current leaders in our industry. These inspirational role models will not only share their personal stories but will also provide discerning advice on career advancement, both as professional and community leaders.

You don't want to miss gaining valuable insight on career development from this outstanding panel. . . ***you don't want to miss this event!***

Confirmed Panelists:



Elmond K. Wan – President, KCS West

Elmond K. Wan has over 25 years of management experience in the construction industry using an array of project delivery methods. His corporate and management experience involves the full spectrum of projects including commercial, entertainment, industrial, institutional, education, hospitality, medical and pharmaceutical sectors. As President, Elmond is responsible for the overall operations, specifically overseeing business development and preconstruction. His knowledge of construction processes includes working with owners from conceptual ideas through development and ultimate construction. He is also highly experienced in meeting owner objectives, team building, project management, generating and maintaining schedules, and compliance with plans and specifications.



Keith Kajiya - Vice President, URS Corporation

Keith Kajiya manages the PM/CM Office for URS in the Los Angeles Basin. Over his 29-plus year career, Keith has successfully managed more than \$8 billion of capital projects through all phases of project implementation, from planning through commissioning. He has personally administered more than \$150 million of professional services contracts during the past 10 years, including most recently, four large multi-funded capital programs including a California OSHPD Hospital Facility, two K-12 School Districts and a Wastewater Capital Improvement Program. Keith's specialty lies in establishing integrated client teams; developing program management plans, funding strategies, and CM procedures; conducting special management studies; and analyzing construction claims.



Bill Esaki - Senior Construction Manager, PCL Construction

After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Civil Engineering, Bill embarked on his career as a field engineer before settling in Los Angeles in 1979. In 1984, Bill started at PCL Construction as project engineer on the 42-story Ernst & Young Tower and retail complex. He rose through the ranks as Sr. Project Manager then Sr. Construction Manager on major projects, including Staples Center, Hotel Conference Center and Regal Cinemas, and the UCLA Center for Health Sciences. As he moved up the ladder, Bill learned the ropes from seasoned site superintendents while absorbing the business side, from estimating to managing subcontractors and self perform work, scheduling, forecasting, procurement, purchasing, and project planning and execution.



Kelvin Okino - Vice President, Bernards

Over his 33-year career, Kelvin Okino has managed over \$1.4 billion in Program, Project, and Construction Management projects. Currently, he is personally overseeing \$450 million worth of projects, including PM/CM Services for the Beverly Hills Unified School District. A native of Los Angeles, Kelvin studied Architecture at Fullerton College and received his B.S. in Construction Management from Cal State Long Beach. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Construction Managers (ACCM), and is an active member of the CMAA, where he has served as Southern California Chapter Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Program Chair. Kelvin is also a 4th District Community Outreach Committee Member of the Orange County Animal Services.

Agenda:

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Registration and Refreshments

5:45 – 6:45 PM: Panelist Presentations

6:45 – 7:00 PM: Q&A

Light Appetizers and Non-Alcoholic Beverages will be Served
Free Parking

Free to AAa/e Members (must register)

Non-Member Price: \$45

(On-site Registration Fee for Members & Non-members: \$15)

Sponsor Opportunity: \$275.00 – includes 2 AAa/e Annual Memberships

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Corporate Membership: \$1,500.00

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Please Note: Registration for this event closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19. Cancellations will not be accepted after this time and requests for seating after this time cannot be guaranteed. Limited on-site registrations will be available on a first-come, first served basis, unless the event sells out. On-site registrations or changes to existing reservations made after close of registration will be charged a \$15 on-site fee. Changes from member to non-member attendance will require the additional non-member price of \$45.