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As we enter into another holiday season, this is a time when we often take an introspective look at both our personal and professional lives, to see not only where we are, but where we have been and where we are going. Roughly halfway through my year as President of CalGeo's Board of Directors, I look back at the many years involved with this wonderful association and the fantastic people I have had the pleasure of working with. Over the years a lot of hard work has gone into making CalGeo more relevant, and a lot of that work has been done by a very dedicated group of people who appreciate how important our profession is.

As we begin this new year, I ask that CalGeo members look around at your community, and that includes the geoprofessional community, and find a way to get involved. There are so many ways to contribute, not just to our association, but also to the many organizations that need assistance. When you make the effort to contribute your time, your energy and your enthusiasm, the rewards will astound you. And if you really feel like you don't have the time to contribute, then just be supportive, be active, and participate the best way you can.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Loss Prevention Seminars and Regional Dinner Meetings and we hope you will all join us at this year's Annual Conference in Newport Beach in May, 2014. Details for all our events can always be found in our eGeo's and on our website at www.calgeo.org.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and our sincere thanks for your loyalty and goodwill throughout the year.



Danny Cohen/CalGeo President

Time to Register for the Loss Prevention Seminar

Coming in January & February 2014

Registration packets are now available on our website for CalGeo's Loss Prevention Seminar. Based on attendee feedback, CalGeo has again shortened the Loss Prevention Seminar to a four-hour morning session.

Southern California

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Embassy Suites in Santa Ana

7:30 am to 12 pm

[Registration and more information »](#)

Northern California

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott in Fairfield

7:30 am to 12 pm

[Registration and more information »](#)

Cost for the seminar is \$110 for members (with multi-attendee discounts) and \$135 for non-members, and includes all seminar materials, breakfast, break refreshments, and a Certificate of Attendance for each attendee with CEU or PDH credits.

Programs at each site vary, so please be sure to read the registration documents to learn about the site you want to attend.

The deadline for registering and returning these forms for **both** the Southern and Northern California seminars is **Friday, January 3, 2014**, so don't be late!

We hope to see you here!

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Outstanding Project Awards

Call For Entries



Board Member, Larry Taylor, presents 2012 Medium Project Award to Janet Kan of ENGEO Inc.

CalGeo will again be recognizing firms for their outstanding geotechnical projects at our next Annual Conference in May. Entries will be judged on innovation, difficulty of the investigation (difficulty of construction for design-build projects), quality of reports, success of interaction between the design team, and social impact of the project.

Please consider spotlighting your company's technical achievements by submitting a project by **February 14, 2014**. [Click here](#) to download the rules and application package.

Award winners will be highlighted May 3 at the Outstanding Project Awards luncheon during the Annual Conference in Newport Beach.

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Waves of Opportunity, Oceans of Success

CalGeo's Annual Conference-Newport Beach

We are so excited about our lineup of speakers and events at our Annual Conference in Newport Beach, May 1-3, 2014! Look for conference registration packets coming your way in January. [Click here](#) for online registration.

Our January e.Geo will have full coverage of the events and speakers. We have lined up some special optional events for guests to have some more fun at too!

Member News

Don't Miss Out On Savings! Sign Up For Our Member Benefits Program

If you haven't signed up yet for Business AdvantEdge you're missing out on a great member benefit. To learn more about these programs and to sign up for CalGeo member benefits, please visit the [CalGeo MarketPlace](#). Note: On your first visit to the MarketPlace, please register as a "New Member" to set up your user name and password.



For a Quick Overview and expedited enrollment, please visit [Program Enrollment](#).

Job Board

Visit our [website](#) for the latest information on current positions available throughout the industry, including:

- ◆ Senior Soils Technician with LGC Geotechnical, Inc.
- ◆ Sr. Project Engineer-Civil/Tunnel/Geotechnical with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc.
- ◆ Staff Civil Engineer with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc.

If you're LOOKING for help throughout the year, we also have a number of resumes on our website at <http://www.calgeo.org/job-board/current-resumes.php>.

Safety First

Icy Conditions!



We've had such cold and icy weather up here in at the CalGeo office in Placerville. I thought a few reminders about driving on ice would be helpful.

Be Careful and Be Safe!

If your rear wheels skid...

1. Take your foot off the accelerator.
2. Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.
3. If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.

4. If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
5. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.

If your front wheels skid...

1. Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
2. As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

If you get stuck...

1. Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
2. Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
3. Use a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out.
4. Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
5. Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.
6. Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first - it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you're in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

Sources: National Safety Council, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Washington State Government Information & Services

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