

# MEMBER UPDATES

## Arizona Chapter and Arizona APWA Together Again

By Renee Hoekstra, CVS

The two Arizona Chapters teamed up again for the annual APWA conference in Phoenix for the third year in a row.

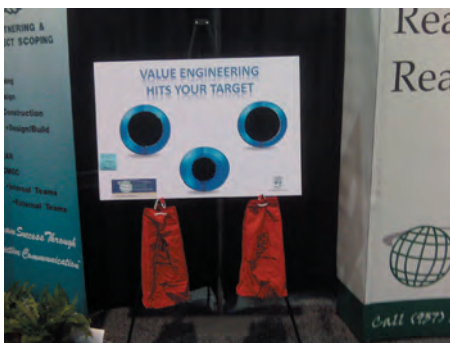
The SAVE booth this year was a great attraction. Renee Hoekstra, the Arizona Chapter president, designed a fun game for the participants to try their skill to shoot a flying disk through the target and win a SAVE/RHA bag. (We had bags left over from our SAVE conference so they were put to good use. They were the hit of the conference.) The booth was manned throughout the two days by various Arizona Chapter members, including some of our new AVS members who volunteered to come down to the conference. Other volunteers included



Jason Weber (USACE) and Renee Hoekstra (RH & Associates, Inc.)

Rod Curtis, PE, CVS-Life; Susanne Leckband, AVS; Denis Howe, AVS; Stephen Kirk, Ph.D., FAIA, CVS-Life, FSAVE, LEED AP; Pat Miller, AVS; Debbi Madigan, AVS; and Geza Kmetty, CVS. Thanks, everyone!

Once again, we had the opportunity to have three technical sessions sponsored by SAVE International. Stephen Kirk presented an introduction to life cycle costing; Jason Weber, CE, SE, AVS, discussed VE and the reason to have a VE program in an organization; and, Pat Miller and Renee Hoekstra did a presentation on using VE to develop better proposals. All three sessions were successful and we received very positive feedback.



Could you hit the target?

## Squires Participates in San Diego Chapter 'Game Plan'

By George Bartolomei, CVS-Life

The San Diego Chapter was pleased to host SAVE International President Craig Squires, CVS, at their 14 July 2011 San Diego Padres tailgate party and game against the league leading San Francisco Giants. Squires was in San Diego for his son's wedding and arranged his arrival a day early to join with 20 chapter members and guests at PetCo Park.

In between bites of succulent tri-tip steak sandwiches, chips with bean and avocado dips, and a variety of wine, beer and other refreshments, Squires was able to share some of his VE views and experiences from a 'national' perspective. Chapter members appreciated and enjoyed sharing a few thoughts, and a good time was had by all ... in spite of the fact that the Padres lost this game 2-6 in the final innings of what had been a "close encounter" of the fun kind!



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