



**California/Nevada Section
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* **Section Meeting & Speaker**

The February 14, 2007 meeting announcement and details will be posted on the web site and mailed to everyone by next week. The California Secretary of Agriculture, A. G. Kawamura, currently plans to attend the meeting as well as ASABE President Charles Sukup. We are honored to have them both join us. Our featured speaker is yet to be determined but we hope to announce it soon and hope very much that you can join us for this Section Meeting during our Society's Centennial year.

* **2006 Sponsor Thank Yous**

Our Annual Section Meetings would not be possible without the tremendous support we receive from our sponsors. We would like to once again thank last year's sponsors for helping us subsidize student dinners, student poster awards, and dinner refreshments. Thank you to: Ag Industrial Manufacturing (AIM) - Lodi, CA (Paul Burkner and Claude Brown); Bently Agrowdynamics - Minden, NV (Donald E. Bently, Jim Usher); Hydratec - Delano, CA (Fred Hamisch); Irrigation Design & Construction - Patterson, CA (Michael Conrad); Rain for Rent - San Joaquin Valley, CA (Mike Grundvig); Roberts Irrigation Products - San Marcos, CA (Paul McFadden).

* **Section Engineer of the Year**

The nomination form can be downloaded from www.asabecanv.org. Nomination submissions must be postmarked by January 15, 2007. To request a hard copy of the form or for any Award related questions, please contact Richard Cavaletto at rcavalet@calpoly.edu, 805-756-2383.

* **Berry Combine**

The world's first self-propelled combine built by George Berry in California has been submitted as a potential ASABE Historic Landmark. Status may be awarded just prior to the upcoming Section Meeting. The nomination was led by Bill Chancellor and Grahame Quick, in conjunction with people at and associated with the Tulare County Museum in Visalia, California. The Section leadership approved the nomination, as is required by the ASABE M-170 Historical Commemoration Committee. We are not certain if the plaque ceremony will occur during the World Ag Expo or in April during the Antique Equipment Show (held on World Ag Expo grounds). If there are any further developments in the next week or so, information will be included in the Section Meeting RSVP mailing. If you would like more information on the Berry Combine or ASABE Historic Landmarks, please contact Victor Duraj (vduraj@ucdavis.edu , 530-754-9888).

* **Minutes from last annual meeting**

The draft minutes from last year's meeting have been posted at www.asabecanv.org. Although there will be copies available at the meeting, please review them ahead of time and submit any questions or comments

before the meeting. If you would like a hardcopy prior to the meeting, please indicate so on your meeting RSVP and we will mail you a copy. Please correspond with Sec/Treas Stuart Styles (sstyles@calpoly.edu) or Victor Duraj.

*** Nominating Committee & Open Positions**

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact current Past Chair and Nominating Chair, Jim Usher, at jim.usher@bpb-co.com. We have a couple of committee chair positions open. If you are interested in participating in Section leadership, please read the Section By-Laws on the web site to get a sense of what duties are available and consider one of the open positions.

*** San Diego High School Engineering Academy Speaker(s)**

Patrick Henry High School has an Engineering Academy. As part of their program, they invite engineers to speak for 30-55 minutes (props optional) about their engineering discipline. A couple of years earlier the school was very pleased with the Agricultural Engineer that visited them. They have requested, once again, for an ASABE member to share their enthusiasm about the discipline with their students. If you are interested in speaking, please email Carolyn Jones. For general information about the school, please visit www.henry.sandi.net or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Henry_High_School_\(San_Diego,_California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Henry_High_School_(San_Diego,_California)) .

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