

DBIA Western Pacific Region

Quarterly Newsletter — Q1 2026



Welcome to 2026 — A Year of Bold Ideas & Shared Purpose

Happy New Year, DBIA-WPR community!

As your 2026 President, I'm proud to share our first Quarterly Newsletter, providing members, partners, and chapters with a clear and strategic overview of the work underway across our region.

Our **Strategic Planning Summit** this past December provided momentum and clarity for the year ahead. The discussions were candid, the ideas inspiring, and the consensus strong: 2026 is a year to elevate our impact, sharpen our messaging, and strengthen our support for Owners and practitioners across all sectors.

This quarterly update marks the start of a coordinated year-long effort to advance Design-Build excellence throughout the Western Pacific Region.

2026 Mission & Focus Areas

Throughout Q1 and the year ahead, DBIA-WPR is committed to three core priorities:

1. Expand Design-Build Adoption Across All Sectors

We will champion DBIA Best Practices, support Owner education, improve RFQ/RFP alignment, and expand Progressive Design-Build leadership across vertical, horizontal, water, and infrastructure markets.

2. Foster a Multi-Sector Collaborative Community

We will broaden engagement across Owners, practitioners, advisors, trade partners, students, and young professionals, ensuring a stronger regional network.

3. Enhance Communication & Leverage Technology

We will modernize our communication tools, expand digital engagement, and elevate our educational programming through new delivery platforms.



President's Vision

A Special Thank You to Gloria Moore

This year, we acknowledge an important transition for our region.

Gloria Moore, who has served DBIA-WPR with dedication for over 15 years, has accepted an expanded role with DBIA National as the Western U.S. Field Representative.

Her leadership, vision, and continuous support strengthened DBIA-WPR and helped build one of the most engaged regions in the nation.

While we will miss her regular presence, we celebrate her expanded national influence and look forward to ongoing collaboration.

Thank you, Gloria, for your extraordinary contributions to DBIA-WPR.

Board Vision: The Future of DBIA-WPR

During the Strategic Planning Summit, our Board articulated a powerful, unified vision for where DBIA-WPR is headed:

- WPR will lead the nation in Progressive Design-Build (PDB) and Best Value execution.
- We will expand our influence across both public and private sectors, serving as a trusted resource for Owners.
- DBIA-WPR will help elevate RFQ/RFP structure and clarity, embedding true Best Practices across the region.
- We will advance technology integration — from BIM and digital twins to modular and AI-enabled workflows.
- Collaboration across regions and with DBIA National will continue to strengthen our collective voice.
- Owner education will remain a top priority, ensuring “PDB Done Right” becomes a regional standard.
- WPR will continue to act as a national catalyst for Design-Build innovation and leadership.

Our Vision Statement:

DBIA WPR is a regional thought leader and a national catalyst in advancing the Design-Build industry.

Introducing the 2026 WPR Executive Committee

Our Executive Committee provides strategic leadership, governance, and direction for the Western Pacific Region. This year's committee brings experience, industry diversity, and a deep commitment to DBIA's mission.

- Girish Kripalani, Arcadis — President

Guiding the strategic direction of the region and advancing WPR's mission of collaboration, education, and industry transformation.

- Steve Wilson, HMC Architects — Vice President

Supporting regional initiatives and helping align programs and committees with DBIA Best Practices.

- Alysén Weiland, Psomas — Secretary

Strengthening communication, governance, and the operational coordination of WPR activities.

- James Hawley, Arios Ventures — Treasurer

Overseeing financial stewardship, budgeting, and supporting regional programming sustainability.

- Brian Pratt, UC Irvine — Owners' Council

Championing Owner engagement, education, and helping grow Owner representation across all sectors.

- Simin Naaseh, Forell/Elsesser Engineers — Past President

Providing continuity, mentorship, and strategic insight to ensure successful implementation of long-term initiatives.

Together, this team is dedicated to ensuring DBIA-WPR remains a regional and national leader in advancing design-build excellence.

A Sincere Thank You to Our Chapter Chairs, Committee Chairs & Members

DBIA-WPR thrives because of the dedication of our chapter chairs, regional committee chairs, and the hundreds of volunteer leaders and members who give their time, expertise, and passion to our mission.

Thank you for your continued commitment — WPR's strength begins with you.

Q1 2026 Highlights & Activities

This first quarter sets the tone for the year focused on education, Owner engagement, and cross-sector learning.

February Events — DBIA-WPR Regional Calendar

(Verified from DBIA-WPR's official event listings [\[dbiawpr.org\]](https://dbiawpr.org))

- Feb 6, 2026 — Extended Certification Workshop, Day 1 (virtual)
- Feb 10, 2026 — Owners' Round Table (LA/OC)
- Feb 10, 2026 — Certification Workshop (virtual)
- Feb 13, 2026 — Extended Certification Workshop, Day 2 (virtual)
- Feb 17, 2026 — Webinar #1 (Owner Advisor Initiative)
- Feb 18, 2026 — Leadership Bootcamp (Phoenix, AZ)
- Feb 19, 2026 — VDC Planning for Design-Build (virtual)
- Feb 19, 2026 — Event #1 (Sacramento) — postponed to March 18
- Feb 20, 2026 — VDC Execution for Design-Build (virtual)
- Feb 20, 2026 — Extended Certification Workshop, Day 3 (virtual)
- Feb 23, 2026 — Certification Workshop (virtual)
- Feb 26, 2026 — Lunch #1 (San Diego)

These events represent a strong start to 2026, with broad offerings in Owner training, certification, VDC education, leadership development, and chapter-level engagement.

What's Coming Later in Q1

As the quarter progresses, you can expect updates on:

- Listening Tour Early Findings

Initial themes from interviews with Owners, practitioners, and chapter stakeholders.

- New volunteer and committee engagement opportunities

Including input sessions, working groups, and programming leadership roles.

- Q2 programming preview

Workshops, webinars, forums, and regional events gearing up for spring.

Thank You for Your Leadership & Engagement

Thank you for your dedication to our region, your commitment to Design-Build excellence, and your support as we launch a bold and ambitious 2026.

Here's to a strong first quarter and an even stronger year.




Warm regards,

Girish Kripalani

President, DBIA Western Pacific Region

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