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Coffman Engineers Announces New Shareholders and Officers

Jamisen Hirota and **Zachary Yarbrough** named shareholders
Board announces new **CFO**, **CIO**, and Los Angeles office **Vice President**

SEATTLE, Washington, April 14, 2020 -- Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman), a national multidiscipline engineering firm, announced today that [Jamisen \(Jami\) Hirota, PE](#) and [Zachary \(Zach\) Yarbrough, PE](#) have become shareholders. They were announced at Coffman's annual shareholder meeting which was held virtually on March 26th and 27th. Typically held in-person, the shareholder meeting was reorganized to accommodate "stay-at-home" orders for participants located across the country.

Jami has more than 20 years of experience as a civil engineer. She has been with Coffman for two years and manages the civil engineering group in Honolulu. Zach has more than 16 years of experience as an electrical engineer and joined Coffman in 2003. He shares leadership of the electrical engineering group with principal Kurt Niven in Spokane.

The board also announced new officers [Lilay Gebreigziabher, CPA](#), as Chief Financial Officer; [Wes Peper, MCP](#) as Chief Information Officer, Vice President; and [Jonathan Wirthlin, SE](#), as Vice President. Lilay was previously Coffman's comptroller for the past three years and assumes the role of CFO following Greg Rathvon, CPA. Wes has been with Coffman for 24 years leading the IT department. His leadership has been evidenced by the company's seamless recent transition to working remotely from home. Jonathan is the general manager of Coffman's LA and Orange County offices, following the transition from general manager, Paul Van Benschoten, SE, in 2019.

"We believe it is critical to continually strengthen the Coffman team with new ownership and leadership. We are very pleased to welcome Jami and Zach as new shareholders and Lilay, Wes, and Jon as officers. We look forward to their influence in the execution of our business. Together we are committed to navigating the right path forward for the company and our clients," said Will Veelman, Chair of the Board.

Complete bios for the new shareholders and leadership are linked and can be found at www.coffman.com.

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About Coffman Engineers

Coffman is committed to supporting our clients during this time. All Coffman offices are fully operational and continue to provide support to projects and clients without disruption. More details can be found at [Coffman's COVID-19 Response](#)

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