

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Service. That's a cornerstone of ASCE. As stated in the constitution, "The objective of the Society shall be the advancement of the science and profession of engineering to enhance the welfare of mankind." Most members of the Society consider that the primary benefit they gain from membership derives from the continuing education and professional development afforded them by the technical publications, conferences and related activities. There is little doubt that this is an important activity of the Society, if not the most important one. Yet, how many of us pause to reflect that, in large measure, these are the result of efforts expended on behalf of the Society by many of its members.

Opportunities for participation in the activities of the Society exist at both the national and section level. Membership on technical committees and councils at the national level is best accomplished by contacting the current chairman of the committee or council and volunteering to serve, generally as a corresponding member

initially. For professional committees, most vacancies are filled from nominations made by the local section, and based on a distribution of membership from the several zones and districts into which the Society is organized. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, express your interest to the Section's officers. Each year, a committee of the Section reviews candidates and prepares a slate of nominees to be approved by the Section's Board of Directors for forwarding to national headquarters.

A range of opportunities for participation also exists at the Section level. There are five technical divisions: Environmental Engineering and Water Resources, Geotechnical, Structural, Transportation, and Urban Planning and Development. The Management Committee is endeavoring to attain division status in the near future. The Associate Member Forum affords a vehicle for participation for younger members irrespective of their areas of technical interest. Participation in these groups is achieved simply by showing up at their meetings. Besides these, the Section has a number of committees that assist the Section's Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities to the Society, its members, and the general public. They include Awards, Annual Meeting, Program, Minorities, Student Affairs, and Nominating, as well as others. Volunteers for service on these committees are always welcomed.

The Illinois Section has an excellent reputation nationally for the diversity and quality of technical and professional activities it offers to its members. Yet there is always room for improvement. A long-standing concern of many officers of the Section has been the need to improve our outreach to members located outside the Chicago metropolitan area. Suggestions from you of ways that the Section can address this need or otherwise better serve its members are strongly encouraged, especially if they are accompanied by expressions of willingness to pitch in and help implement the suggestion.

Bob Gemmell

Newsbriefs

The Illinois Chapter of the American Concrete Institute is very pleased to announce the upcoming Chicago Concrete Conference on State-of-the-Art in Concrete Construction, to be held on May 10, 1993. This is the fourth Chicago Concrete Conference, and it will be held at the Drake Hotel on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago.

The format of next year's conference will be expanded to include two concurrent full-day educational sessions on a wide variety of topics. As always, vendors of all types will be present with displays of their products and services to complement the educational sessions.

Nationally prominent speakers will be making presentations on the latest developments in two basic areas: high performance concrete, and restoration of existing concrete structures. Specific topics include admixtures; the debate over epoxy coated reinforcing steel; highway pavement design; high strength concrete; concrete bridge rehabilitation; hot weather concreting practices; specialty concretes; the new IDOT QA/QC program; high-rise concrete facade and balcony repair; cathodic protection; shotcrete; nondestructive testing techniques for evaluation of concrete structures; and more.

Further information on this conference can be obtained by contacting Tim Rewerts (312/627-0900), Paul Gaudette (312/372-0555), Joe Tomes (312/644-7330) or Bob Joyce (312/659-4240).

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Education Fund, Inc. (CEFI) has awarded seven scholarships for the 1992-93 academic year.

Recipients of the \$2,500 Cameron Graduate Awards are: Mark J. Gawry, University of Kentucky; Salvatore A. Lucido, University of California-Davis; Scott W. McConnell, Clarkson University; Tommy Kirk Morrow, North Carolina University; Henry C. Purdy, Stanford University; and James S. Sczupaj, University of Illinois-Urbana.

Donald J. Hammond, a senior majoring in civil engineering at Kansas State University, was awarded a \$2,500 undergraduate scholarship.

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