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for the October Newsletter  
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## The Evolving ADA Accessibility Requirements

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law July 26, 1990, and the extent of its broad intent is still being defined especially in the areas of design, construction, and operation of buildings and public facilities. This is due in part to the continuing additions and interim rules that have become a part of the ADA since its inception. Even now, the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) is considering recommendations to update ADA guidelines and clarify their intent. These circumstances have left engineers, architects, contractors, and building owners to iron out who is responsible for accessibility and, further, what accessibility requirements include.

One example of the design and building construction industry's confusion over ADA requirements and enforcement is seen in two recent court cases about similar issues that resulted in opposite rulings. Both cases focused on sight lines from wheelchair positions in sports arenas. The District of Columbia District Court determined that unless architects own, lease, or operate a public facility, they can only be held liable for ADA violations if they both designed and constructed the facility. However, a Florida District Court was concerned that if architects are not liable for ADA design deficiencies, then possibly no party would be held responsible if new commercial building construction is in violation of the ADA. So it held that architects can be

held liable for design of facilities that are not accessible.

Regardless of who is determined to be responsible for ensuring that ADA guidelines are followed in a specific situation, the consequences for not providing accessibility according to ADA requirements can be substantial. Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, reached an agreement with the U.S. Justice Department in 1995 to modify expansion plans to conform with ADA. The agreement provisions included widening doors, providing visual alarms, adding accessible drinking fountains, redesigning or reconfiguring lots to create sufficient accessible parking, and paying \$10,000 in civil penalties for failure to comply with the ADA in its original plans. The Justice Department discovered the project's noncompliance by a regular program of selected plan reviews; and the June 1997 issue of "Accommodating Disabilities" states that D.O.J. compliance reviews are becoming more frequent, and often include reviews of recently completed construction.

The varying interpretations of ADA requirements and enforcement responsibilities are understandable. The ADA consists of five different titles that have been issued in different stages of completion over the past seven years. A specific example is the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). The Access Board is required by ADA to issue

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## Partnering in Construction

*This "New Look at Resolving Disputes in Construction" is an excerpt from the Management Group's Presentation by Stanley P. Sklar, Esq., on March 20, 1997.*

Partnering has been defined as a cooperative approach to contract management that reduces costs, litigation and "stress." Clearly it is an effort to change perceptions as stated in a paper by David Johnson, Sr., Counsel for Contracting for the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: "Perceptions are reality until contradicted by actual interaction, and preconceived notions about the other party may establish a self-fulfilling prophecy."

It is the preconception that the construction process is incapable of solving problems in a non-adversarial manner which must be changed, and Partnering seems to be a method available to those who are bold enough to use it.

It has been defined as a formal structure based upon a mini contract, where all parties agree from the beginning to focus on creative cooperation, avoidance of adversarial confrontation, fostering of mutual respect, trust and honesty, and a recognition that adversarial relations

can deplete the efforts required to have a smoothly functioning construction project.

As in any relationship, it is based upon really listening to the other side's point of view and not merely giving lip service to the other side, or worse, ignoring them totally.

In order for it to work, it requires that the leaders and decision makers of those participating – owner, contractor or construction manager, subcontractor, or major supplier – commit to it; and this commitment be communicated downstream to those in the field, whose efforts will reflect the commitment or lack thereof. Unfortunately, the process can be doomed from the onset when owner and contractor contact each other and establish the group workshop concept and proceed to forget their key trades who may have been value engineering from the beginning. Thus it becomes vital to identify all of the key participants.

Once the key participants have been identified and contacted, it becomes necessary to establish a mission statement for the project in order to give Partnering on the project some structure, and define goals as to cost, time, safety, and the

guidelines necessary to accomplish those goals.

While Partnering is becoming an acceptable procedure in the public sector, the private sector is another case altogether. The "stand-offish" attitude of owners, who mistakenly believe that by pitting contractors and subcontractors and then encouraging adversarial relationships out of this crucible of mistrust and conflict, that this will somehow result in owner benefit with lower prices and better product. It is an Alice-in-Wonderland attitude, which must be changed since the real result is posturing and pandering to each party higher up in the chain, and ignoring realistic risk sharing with resulting delays, corner cutting, litigation, and arbitration.

The role of the contract in the Partnering concept should not be overlooked. Stripping away the legalese, a contract is nothing more than the rules of the road in order to arrive at a specific point. In construction, it is what the owner wants and what the contractor is willing to perform for a price, and a list of the risks which each is willing to accept to get to that point.

*Bob Camillone  
Management Group*

## The Evolving ADA Accessibility Requirements

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minimum guidelines for the Department of Justice and the Department of Transportation (two different enforcement agencies, depending on the type of project) to use in establishing standards under Titles II and III. The ADAAG was first published July 26, 1991, with the final rule of Title III. In June 1994, the Access Board issued updated ADAAG with the Title II interim final rule and, as noted above, they are currently considering further revisions.

The complications of multiple accessibility guidelines are not limited to ADA itself. According to the July 25, 1997 Building Industry Report of the Home Builders

Association of Greater Chicago, the designers and builders of Falls Gable Condominiums, a development near Baltimore, have agreed to pay \$75,000 to settle claims that they did not comply with the accessibility guidelines of the Fair Housing Act. Here in Illinois, the ADA requirements must also be balanced against the Illinois Accessibility Code, which became effective May 1, 1988, two years before ADA was signed into law. The Illinois Accessibility Code is being updated this summer. Given these examples, it is apparent that the governing accessibility requirements for a particular project may not always be clear and may depend on the type and location of work.

All parties involved in the construction industry, including engineers, builders, architects, and facility owners should regularly monitor the evolving ADA accessibility design requirements, construction responsibilities, and enforcement precedents. A seminar on these and other accessibility related topics will be held on Thursday, November 6, 1997.

The Urban Planning and Development Group invites all interested parties to attend. Please contact Mr. Andy Sikich at (847) 696-4060 for registration information.

*Submitted by  
Urban Planning and  
Development Group*

# PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Where did the summer go? We're already into fall and the football season. I hope that where you work there are a limited number of Packer fans; it seems that they have multiplied since the Super Bowl game.

Thanks to all of you that helped make the recent Illinois Section Golf Outing a success. The proceeds from the outing help the Illinois Section sponsor minority high school students at a summer engineering camp held annually at Notre Dame University. We hope to make next year's event bigger and better than ever.

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Please mark your calendars for the evening of October 22, 1997 and plan on attending the Illinois Section's 81st Annual Dinner Meeting. The meeting will once again be held at the Ramada Congress Hotel and will highlight the special achievements of civil engineers in northern Illinois. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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The ASCE National Board of Directors has recently taken the following actions that I think may be of interest to members of the Illinois Section:

- The Board voted not to increase national dues; similarly the Illinois Section is holding 1998 dues at the same level as 1997.
- Funding available to Sections under ASCE's State Public Affairs Grant Initiative was doubled to \$268,000. This past year the Illinois Section benefitted from the Grant program to the tune of \$3,300 to develop and maintain the Illinois Section Web Page. I am sure that the Section will find another worthy request for the 1998 Grant program.
- The National Board continued the Congressional Fellows program with full funding for next year. This action by ASCE is intended to increase the impact of civil engineers on national public policy



issues. In 1997 ASCE selected its first Congressional Fellow who will spend one year on the staff of a Congressional committee.

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Another way that ASCE seeks to increase engineering leadership in public policy is through its Key Contact Program. Over the past ten years the number of ASCE members participating in the program has grown to 12,000. The Key Contact Program not only keeps you up-to-date on critical issues affecting civil engineers, but also gives you the opportunity to get involved in congressional debates and to influence legislation.

Typically, Key Contacts receive up to six Key Alerts annually which contain timely information on important civil engineering issues. Each Key Alert provides background information on the specific topic, a legislative update and suggestions for writing letters to your representative members of Congress. Alerts are time sensitive, so when you receive one, you know that it is the best possible time to act. Examples of Key Alerts during the past few months include efforts to encourage legislation to remove the transportation trust funds from the unified federal budget and legislation to continue to exclude the value of employer-provided educational as-

sistance from an employee's taxable income.

I urge you to become a Key Contact; for more information, please contact Elizabeth Clarke, ASCE Manager, Legislative Affairs at (202) 789-2200.

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Lastly, congratulations to the DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns and the engineering team responsible for Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility. The project was recognized in the July 1997 issue of Civil Engineering magazine for its nomination for the 1997 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. The project received the outstanding project award from the Illinois Section at the last Annual Dinner Meeting.

*Allen Staron*

## Course on AASHTO Roadside Design Guide

The Transportation Group is co-sponsoring with IDOT a short course on the new *AASHTO Design Guide*. Here's your chance to get up-to-date on this critical element of safe roadway design, using AASHTO's new 1996 metric version of the manual. The two-day course will be held on October 29-30, 1997, at IDOT's District 1 in Schaumburg. The fee is \$295. Contact Michael Dever at (773) 399-0112 for further details. Please call early as class size is limited.

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You're invited to mentor a team of 7th- and 8th-grade students engineering cities of the future, in the sixth annual *National Engineers Week Future City Competition*. You'll help students and their teacher design a city using SimCity 2000 software, and then build a scale-model. You'll help your team's school win prizes and maybe even a trip to Washington, D.C. during National Engineers Week 1998, February 22 - 28. You and your employer will be recognized for your efforts.

Your *National Engineers Week Future City Competition* begins in October 1997 and runs through January 1998. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, please **contact your regional coordinator by September 19, 1997.**

Sponsored by the National Engineers Week Committee  
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#### 1998 National Engineers Week Future City Competition Chicago

- I am interested in becoming a volunteer
- I would like more information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information on the competition or  
just send this form by September 19, 1997 to:**

Don Wittmer  
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Chicago, IL 60606-7252  
Ph: 312-930-9119 • Fx: 312-930-9063  
[dwittmer@hntb.com](mailto:dwittmer@hntb.com)

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National Engineers Week 1998

Future City Competition™



## IEEE – ASCE Suburban Dinner Meeting

With the recent increase in airplane failures and investigations, the Management Group presents "Airplane Integrated Systems Reliability" by David Metsche of Northrop Grumman Corporation. This event is a joint program with the Reliability and seven affiliated Groups of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Chicago Section.

**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 1997

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Presentation

**Place:** Wyndham Garden Hotel  
1200 N. Mittel Blvd.

Wood Dale, Illinois

(north of Thorndale Road,  
and 2 miles east of I-355)

**Cost:** \$16.00 – (three menu  
choices)

**RSVP:** IEEE Message Desk at  
1-800-898-IEEE (898-4333)

## ASCE 1997 Convention & Exposition

Washington, D.C. – Is sustainability more than just a buzz word? According to the organizers of ASCE's 1997 Convention, which will take place in Minneapolis on October 5-8, it's literally the future of engineering. Not only is the engineering profession committed to the principles of sustainable development, but engineers will play a critical role in implementing sustainability.

With hot topic sessions on everything from NAFTA to China's Three Gorges Dam Project, this year's convention theme, "Innovative Civil Engineering for Sustainable Development," promises to be both intriguing and practical. According to Mark Killgore, a member of the local organizing committee, the program "will be loaded with ideas on how to package our services to meet the challenges that our clients face in building a sustainable future."

In addition to the sustainable development track, this year's convention will also feature four concurrent specialty conferences: Construction Congress V, The First Forensic Engineering Congress, In Situ Remediation of the Geo-environment, and Quality Assurance – A National Commitment.

As if this wasn't enough, the program will also feature an all-new Management Track specially designed to respond to the challenges and responsibilities of today's engineer. When you put it all together and factor in the location in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, this year's convention clearly offers tremendous value and unmatched educational and networking opportunities.

For a copy of the convention program or to register by phone, call 1-800-548-ASCE (548-2723).

## in operations and technology management

This graduate program, designed to advance the careers of experienced working engineers and other technical professionals, applies business and management concepts directly to the areas of operations, manufacturing, TQM, logistics, R&D, new product development, and MIS.

The curriculum is cross-functional — integrating the many areas necessary for effective management in technology-driven organizations. Small interactive classes emphasize strategy, people skills, economic analysis, team building, project management, initiating change, and an integrated approach to problem-solving.

The program consists of 12 courses offered on Saturdays, over an 18 month period, in Great Lakes, Illinois. Applications now being accepted for the next entering class.

### Courses offered include:

- *Integrated Management of Products, Processes, & Innovation*
- *Individual Effectiveness*
- *Leadership & the Management of Change*
- *Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship*
- *Human & Technology Resource Management*
- *Organizational Behavior & Design*
- *Economic Analysis & Business Planning*
- *Logistics & Supply Chain Management*
- *Modeling & Simulation for Business Decisions*
- *Managerial Accounting*
- *Probability & Statistics for Business Decisions*
- *Financial Management & Control*

For additional information, contact Professor Joel Goldfar, 312-906-6526.

**Stuart School of Business  
Illinois Institute of Technology**

565 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661-3691

The ASCE Transportation Group and the Illinois Department of Transportation are co-sponsoring:  
"AASHTO Roadside Design Guide" short course



October 29-30, 1997

**Location:** Illinois Department of Transportation  
201 West Center Court (Classroom - Lower Level)  
Schaumburg, IL 60196

**Description:** This two-day course provides an overview of the 1996 AASHTO "Roadside Design Guide," a metric document which supersedes the 1988 "Roadside Design Guide." Particular emphasis is placed on the new and expanded material and its relationship to current highway agency policies and practices. **Each participant will receive a copy of the 1996 AASHTO "Roadside Design Guide" as the course text.** 1.2 Continuing Education Units will be granted to each participant. A calculator and a metric engineering scale should be brought to class.

**Registration and Fees:** The \$295.00 registration fee includes class text, lunches, and refreshments. Due to the anticipated high interest in the course, it is advised to respond promptly. Class size will be limited to 40 participants. Registration will not be confirmed until payment is received with a completed registration form. **Registration must be received by October 10, 1997.** Refunds will be given for cancellations received by October 15, 1997. For further information, contact: Mike Dever at (773) 399-0112.

**Instructors:** **Dennis Lee**, FHWA, Regional Safety and Geometric Design Engineer. Mr. Lee has been with the FHWA for 29 years. He currently provides technical and program assistance for FHWA. He has been an instructor of the "Roadside Design Guide" course since 1992.

**Nicholas Artimovich**, FHWA, Highway Engineer, Federal Aid and Design Division. Mr. Artimovich has been with FHWA for 22 years. His current emphasis is related to roadside safety and design, with a specialty in breakaway hardware such as sign supports, luminaire supports, and mailboxes. He has instructed this course since 1989.

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Registration Fee: \$295.00, Course Dates: October 29-30, 1997  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ASCE/Transportation Group

Please mail check and registration form to: Michael Dever  
Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer, & Assoc.  
ASCE-IDOT "AASHTO Roadside Design Guide" short course 8501 W. Higgins Rd., Ste. 280  
Chicago, IL 60631

# SECTION ACTIVITIES

## Transportation Group

### September Dinner Meeting

Mr. Thomas R. Walker, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, City of Chicago, will discuss the organization of the Department, its range of activities, significant current plans, anticipated programs, and the status of funding. His presentation will focus on the newsworthy Lakefront Transportation Study as part of the overall transportation planning process for the City of Chicago. The study's origin, justification, background, scope, features, and current project timetable will be addressed. We are very pleased and fortunate to have Commissioner Walker take time from his extremely busy schedule for this program. Please come to meet and greet the Commissioner at this first meeting of our fall session.

Another highlight of the program will be the presentation of the Group's student transportation scholarship to Ms. Brittany R. Odermann from Northwestern University. This is presented to an outstanding Civil Engineering student who has demonstrated exemplary academics, clear education and career objectives, and work experience and activities closely related to Civil Engineering. Please plan on attending this meeting to honor her achievements. Tables of eight are available.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Social (cash bar)  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Presentation

**Place:** Como Inn  
546 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60622  
(312) 421-5222

**Cost:** \$25 each (cash bar)

**RSVP:** Mr. Dean Kiesling (312)  
946-7121; FAX: (312) 946-7199

## Younger Member Group

### September Planning Meeting

It is once again time to plan for next year's meetings and activities. If you have had any thoughts about

getting involved with the Younger Member Group, now is the ideal time. We need to get everyone's input to help make next year's events just as successful as this year's. Please call Cliff Galitz by Sept. 10 if you can attend. If you can't attend but have ideas, please let him know.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 11, 1997  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
Pizza will be provided

**Place:** HNTB Corporation  
111 N. Canal Suite 880  
Chicago

**RSVP:** Cliff Galitz at (630)  
434-7060 Ext. 1251

## EE&WR Group

The EE&WR Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is:

**Date:** September 9, 1997  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Lobby Conference Room  
111 N. Canal St., Chicago

**Info:** David Moughton at (312)  
353-6400 x3115

Officers for 1998 will be elected at the meeting. Contact David Moughton for the slate of candidates.

## Volunteers Needed For Future City Competition

The Illinois Section of ASCE and Fluor Daniel are once again co-sponsors for the Future City Competition, which is being held in 14 cities nationally. This annual competition is held for 7th and 8th grade students to foster interest in engineering, math and science through hands-on computer modeling, essay writing, oral presentation and model building of the students' "Future City." Schools from the city and suburbs participate.

Volunteers are needed to help with the competition in January. Planners are needed to work with the schools, sign up volunteers, and help with mailings and press releases. Engineer mentors will work with the students in an advisory role. They will visit their school 4-6 times throughout the competition, answer questions and guide the students. Judges are needed for two Saturdays in January to score the students' work. Information sessions will be held to assist the engineer mentors and judges in their responsibilities and to answer questions.

Please call Don Wittmer at (312) 930-9119 for more information.

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## Structural Engineer

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# SECTION ACTIVITIES

## Geotechnical Group

Geotechnical Group meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month, September through May.

- Time:** 5:30 p.m. Social  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Presentations
- Place:** Como Inn  
546 N. Milwaukee, Chicago
- Cost:** \$25 with reservations;  
\$30 at the door;  
\$10 for students with reservations; and  
\$15 for faculty with reservations
- RSVP:** Ms. Pat Moser at (630) 717-4263 by noon on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

### September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 1997 at the Como Inn in Chicago. Due to some last minute problems, the speaker for this day is still being arranged. A flyer will be sent to the Geotechnical Group when the final plans are made. Please contact Howard Reeves at (847) 467-4105 or Steve Bucher at (630) 717-4263 if you have any questions.

## Management Group

For information on the Management Group and its activities, contact Jeff O'Connor at (312) 704-9300, or Karen Steingraber at (312) 467-0123.

### AdComm Meeting

The Administrative Committee Fall Kickoff meeting will take place immediately after the September Luncheon. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Management Express Luncheon

In keeping with the Sustainable Development theme of next month's ASCE National Convention, Management Group presents "Professional Responsibility and Ongoing Education" by Professor Donald Reynolds, P.E., J.D. of the John Marshall Law School Intellectual Property Department. Prof. Reynolds will discuss

how continuing education serves client and practitioner needs.

- Date:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. Social  
12:00 noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Speaker
- Place:** Chicago Bar Association  
321 S. Plymouth Ct.  
Chicago  
(Jackson and Dearborn)
- Cost:** \$15.00, pay in dining room.  
**RSVP:** Mark Schultz, (312) 782-8150

### Management Track at Convention

At next month's ASCE National Convention, members are invited to attend the Management-related Specialty Conference to check out the new Management Track, with sessions on Strategic Planning, Project Management, Negotiating Skills, Recruiting/Retention, Marketing, and Key Financial Operations.

## Structural Group

### September Dinner Meeting

"Michigan Avenue  
Viaduct Reconstruction"

The Michigan Avenue Viaduct is a two level roadway extending from Wacker Drive to Randolph Street in downtown Chicago. The structure's age created the need to replace the entire deck, superstructure, columns, and foundation pedestals. Portions of the structure extend to the faces of buildings on each side of the right of way. The need to maintain pedestrian building access and two open lanes on the upper roadway created extensive construction difficulties. Mr. Hossam Abou and Mr. Larry Bellisario of Alfred Benesch and Mr. Jeff Havel of Parsons Brinkhoff will discuss the planning, design, and construction of this interesting project. Please join us for the first Structural Group dinner meeting following the summer break.

- Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1997  
**Time:** 5:15 p.m. Social  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Program
- Place:** Como Inn

546 N. Milwaukee Ave,  
Chicago

- Cost:** \$25.00  
**RSVP:** Barb Pries at (312) 263-1606 by Friday, Sept. 19, 1997

### October Dinner Meeting

#### "High Strength Steel for Piling"

A joint dinner meeting with the Geotechnical Group is planned for October. Mr. Lucian Weber will be discussing the use of high strength steels in piling applications. See Geotechnical Group announcements for more details.

## UP&D Group

### Accessibility Seminar

If this month's feature article on accessibility requirements sparked your interest, or if you are in anyway involved in the funding, design, permitting or construction of residential, commercial/ industrial, or public works projects, you won't want to miss our upcoming Accessibility Seminar. Various experts will discuss the engineering and architectural requirements of ADA, Fair Housing and the Illinois Accessibility Code. A **must** for developers, architects and engineers alike! The seminar will be held on Thursday, November 6, 1997 at the Ambassador Banquet Hall in Elmhurst, IL For more details, contact Andy Sikich at (847) 606-4060, or look for the registration form in the October newsletter.

### Group Meetings

Concerned about the important issues confronting the civil engineering profession? Visit our next meeting to discuss these items with fellow civil engineers involved in government, private practice, construction, consulting, and other disciplines. Please contact Dan Lynch at (847) 823-0500.

Group meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. The back room at Denny's Restaurant has been reserved for the Group. Our next scheduled meeting is:

- Date:** September 18, 1997  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Denny's Restaurant  
Oakbrook Terrace

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