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In January, the Board of Directors and most national level committees met in San Diego. A lot of hot society business went on in the cold San Diego weather. Some of the issues were further discussed at the Zone III meeting in Dallas last month. Here are some of the major topics that were discussed:

- **Institute Operating Procedures** - Transition from technical committees to institutes began in 1995 and is intended to make ASCE's technical activities stronger and financially self-sustaining. This major restructuring was done for several reasons. Two important ones are (1) Most members belong to ASCE for its services in technical areas - the 'hard core' of civil engineering-like structures, hydraulics, geotechnical, etc; (2) For many engineers, other organizations offer competing services in these areas. Structural engineers, for example, have multiple organizations that offer them similar programs. ASCE institutes attempt to unite these efforts. So far, there are seven institutes: the

Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI), the Construction Institute (CI), the Coast, Oceans, Ports & Rivers Institute (COPRI), the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI), the Geo-Institute (G-I), the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI), and the Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI). More information is available at ASCE's website at <http://www.asce.org/instfound/>. A brand new board committee was created by President Tom Jackson to investigate how institutes can productively work within sections and branches. At some point, section committees might profitably restructure to take advantage of what institutes offer.

- **Society Governance** - How ASCE does its business day-to-day and year-to-year may not be of pressing interest to most of our members, as long as ASCE remains responsible, ethical, and offers responsive and

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Illinois Members participate in ASCE Leadership Training in Government Relations



Top Left: Nick Jones, ASCE Central Illinois Section, ASCE National President-Elect Patricia Galloway, Don Wittmer, ASCE Illinois Section President Elect and Robert Gorski, ASCE Illinois Section at the Leadership Training in Government Relations in Washington DC on March 11.

ASCE members from across the country traveled to Capitol Hill to educate their members of congress about civil engineering, specifically ASCE's positions on reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the Clean Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 2003 (H.R. 2015, 170).



Bottom Left: Robert Gorski, ASCE Illinois Section, ASCE National President Thomas Jackson and Don Wittmer, ASCE Illinois Section President Elect

Continuing Education in Illinois

Beginning November 30, 2003, the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (DPR) will require that licensed professional engineers obtain thirty Continuing Education Hours within each bi-annual renewal period. The DPR is in the process of modifying the Illinois Professional Engineering Act to incorporate this requirement. A similar requirement was recently enacted for the structural engineers.



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As you might expect, this change to the status quo has sent a quiet murmur throughout the engineering ranks. The Younger Member Group had an evening meeting dedicated to this topic in late January. Those in attendance told me that there is a concern about the specific details of the requirement. I am not aware of any instructions, or a letter on this matter from the DPR, so there has been some conjecture on my part and I would assume many of my colleagues as well. This article is intended to sort out facts from fiction on some of the assumptions out there.

REALITY: Don't assume that a carryover policy will be in place. There isn't one for the structural engineers currently. Licensees need to identify the seminars and coursework that they will attend months in advance to ensure that they will be able to participate in classes that they can actually use. Waiting until the last minute is not advised. Additionally, it would be wise to have more continuing education hours than the 30 per bi-annum required in the event the DPR does not allow all of the credits claimed.

ASSUMPTION: "I'm in the process of getting my MBA; I won't need to enroll in additional seminars or lectures in order to meet the requirement." **REALITY:** Don't bet the house on that assumption. The DPR will be looking at how the CEH relates to the work you are doing during the day. As I mentioned above, the final rules are not yet in place. I would suggest a very conservative course of action - don't assume that management classes will be accepted for a research professional, etc.

The Illinois Section Board applauds the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation for developing the continuing education program. Those of us on the Board with a continuing education requirement in another state realize that continuing education provides a licensee with insights into technical practices and business techniques that might normally be overlooked. The engineering community and the public we serve should soon reap the benefits of the program.

I'd like you all to attend the Section's annual golf outing May 29th. The outing is normally held in August but has been moved up this year to be at the front-end of the many golf

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**Submission deadline for the May
Newsletter is April 10, 2003**

ASSUMPTION: "I'm required to get 30 CEU's every two years; at \$1,000 per CEU, this will cost me \$30,000." **REALITY:** The DPR will require the licensee to obtain 30 to 40 Continuing Education hours (CEH) NOT Continuing Education Units (CEU). Most other states and the NCEES refer to continuing education hours as Professional Development Hours (PDH). The rule of thumb should be that every two years a licensee will need to obtain 30 continuing education hours which is equal to 3.0 Continuing Education Units. Licensees should budget \$3,000 per renewal period.

ASSUMPTION: "I spend at least 25 hours a year as treasurer of my professional society; at least half of that will go to meet my requirement." **REALITY:** The final rules are not official yet, but each licensee will receive a 2-hour credit annually for administrative involvement in a professional society. This is consistent with other states. This rule does not apply if the licensee gives a lecture or prepares coursework in the name of the society.

ASSUMPTION: "I currently have a continuing education requirement in another state. I plan on carrying over some continuing education hours until I get on track on Illinois."

Not Just a Monthly Magazine

Every year the three incoming Directors to the Illinois Section Board are sent to the Zone III Leadership Conference. This year the conference was held in Dallas, TX on February 7-9. We spent the weekend learning about ASCE National and interacting with other ASCE members from Zone III. ASCE is made up of four zones. Zone III is comprised of Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Mexico, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Over the weekend, we talked about many aspects of ASCE. ASCE is made up of approximately 130,000 members worldwide. Like many of you, I pay my dues and am active in the Illinois Section. I knew that ASCE was large, but never realized how large and what a difference the organization makes in our lives. ASCE has people that live and work in Washington D.C. They keep in contact with legislators to make sure our

voice is heard when policies concerning civil engineers are made. They e-mail members who have signed up for the Key Contact Program to inform them about proposed legislation in Washington D.C. and at the state level.

We heard more about Policy 465. The essence of Policy 465 is "ASCE supports the concept of the Master's degree of Equivalent (MOE) as a prerequisite for licensure and the practice of civil engineering at a professional level." This policy has been revised to help answer some misinterpretation. It is now being discussed as "Bachelor's Plus Master's or 30 Credits." Policy 465 has caused a stir since introduced, but what about the other 464 policies. Actually, a presentation on using the National website and a follow up visit to the site revealed there have been 495 policies. However, 167 of them are current and can be viewed on the website. Recently Policy Statement (PS) 425 was changed to read

ASCE supports documented continuing professional development as a condition for maintaining status as a licensed Professional Engineer. Unfortunately, I can't tell you what it said before the change. I looked briefly at the list and found the most recent policy is PS 495 on Operations and Maintenance of Transportation Systems. (It was too long to print the whole policy here.)

Many of these policies are drafted by ASCE's Institutes. The Institutes are designed to complement ASCE's traditional civil engineering base and to attract new categories of members (non-civil engineer allied professionals) who seek to enhance their professional and technical development. ASCE currently has the Architectural Institute, the Construction Institute, the Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute, the Geo-Institute, the

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Introductory XP-SWMM Workshops

The Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group announces three courses for XP-SWMM



These introductory courses have been designed for those who want to know more about XP-SWMM and its applications for modeling stormwater or wastewater water quantity/quality. Through hands-on exploration, students will create their own models and simulate different management alternatives. All courses will be instructed by Robert (Bob) Carr, P.E., Sr. Water Resources Engineer for XP Software. Computers will not be provided during the course; it is highly recommended that students bring their own laptop computer to workshop #2. A full software package with a time limited license and training materials will be included as part of the course.

Workshop #1: April 14th (Half day session), An Introduction to XP-SWMM

An Introduction to XP-SWMM is a good class for engineers who have not yet experienced the power of XP-SWMM but would like to know more. Join us from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and learn more about the history of XP-SWMM, current applications and the future of the software. Cost: \$75.00

Workshop #2, April 15th - 16th (Two full day sessions), Modeling with XP-SWMM

Day 1: Stormwater Design & Analysis with XP-SWMM

Day 1 will concentrate on the application of XP-SWMM for storm water quantity/quality modeling. Users will advance their modeling skills by applying XP-SWMM on typical issues such as surface flooding and comparing multiple storm scenarios. Cost: \$400.00 for both days. 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Day 2: Sanitary System Design & Analysis with XP-SWMM

Day 2 will concentrate on sanitary system design and analysis. Students will model their own sanitary network and learn new tips and tricks to increase overall proficiency and productivity. Cost: \$400.00 for both days. 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

*Due to the hands-on nature of the workshop, one day attendance of workshop #2 is unavailable.

Workshop location: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Lower Conference Room 9575 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018.

For more information regarding the course and agenda, or to register, please contact Andrew Deitchman at adeitchman@eeiweb.com or (630)466-9350.

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affordable services to members. However, many of us closely involved with how ASCE works have strong opinions about what needs improvement. Our board structure is one of those areas that both of us feel strongly about. ASCE is governed by an archaic board structure and process. There are currently 28 members on the board. Past attempts to become an effective policy-making board have been helpful but not adequate. For the past two years plus, Nick has been serving on the Governance Committee, working to create a smaller, more focused board.

Nick's group is moving this along, listening and being as flexible as possible while keeping the objectives in mind: creating a smaller, more effective policy-based board and providing more opportunities to members for national and regional service and leadership development. While most members seem to have small interest in all this, many section and branch leaders have a deeper interest. Some actually do prefer keeping a big board, thinking there is more chance to be heard. (But in our humble opinion, less likelihood of effective action.)

The current draft proposal would reduce the number of directors to 17 — much more like a

business board than like a legislature. Regions could replace zones and districts with regional directors guiding the national director and serving on national committees. The committee is committed to keeping the change cost-neutral. They are open to feedback. More information is available on ASCE's website at www.asce.org/governance and by contacting Nick. His email address is below. If this goes forward successfully, the transition is likely to take up to five years.

• **Finances** - The board acted to rebalance the Fiscal 2003 budget. We faced a mini-budget-crisis. Like any other agency or business, ASCE depends on a variety of income sources to pay expenses. One major source is society investments. While this served as a trusty source for income for many years, the economy recently made a mess out of our portfolio. And, spending on important programs and services did not contract fast enough to match our lowered income. The dollars involved were significant. Fortunately, appropriate actions were quickly taken by our new Executive Director, Pat Natale, immediately following the board meeting. ASCE is currently financially healthy and will stay that way.

Tom participates on the board Program Committee, another relatively new committee organized to keep society programs strong and responsive. Their current charge is to rank certain society activities as to value to members and to the profession, as input to Fiscal 2004 budget creation.

• **National Security** - ASCE took the early lead on the technical response to infrastructure damage following the terrorism of 9/11. The society leads three related initiatives: the Critical Security Response Initiative (CIRI), The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP), and the Infrastructure Security Professional Advisory Network (I-SPAN). Here is an oversimplified description of each. CIRI will assess vulnerability of infrastructure to terroristic attack and recommend mitigation techniques and new standards. TISP involves 160 organizational members and over 2 million individuals in the effort. I-SPAN is building networked partnerships at state and local levels to bring the response down to the 'grassroots' level. Reports are now available for both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; they describe the damage and suggest future actions. For

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2003 GEOTECHNICAL LECTURE SERIES

MAY 2, 2003 GEOTECHNICAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- The lecture series will be held on Friday, May 2, 2003 at the UIC Engineering Research Facility (ERF) Building, Room 1043, 842 West Taylor Street, Chicago.
- Registration begins at 7:30 am.
- The registration fee is \$150 if sent before April 15, 2003 and includes a copy of the proceedings on CD-ROM.
- Coffee and boxed Lunch will be provided.
- Course will provide 0.7 CEU credit hours.

SPEAKERS

Instrumentation of Potential California Liquefaction Sites
T. Leslie Youd, Professor, Brigham Young Univ., Provo, Utah

Design, Construction and Performance of Foundations on MSW Landfill
Dr. Hari Sharma, Principal, Geosyntec Cons., Walnut Creek, CA

Geotechnical Monitoring of World Trade Center "Bathtub" Stabilization
Joel Volterra, Sup. Geot. Eng., Mueser Rutledge Cons. Eng., NYC

Immediate and Long-Term Ground Movements and Pore Pressures around Tunnels in Chicago Clay
Dr. Edward J. Cording, Prof Emeritus, UIUC

Structural Design Issues for Drilled Shafts,
Dr. Michael W. O'Neill, Cullen Distinguished Professor and Director
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President Elect / Student Awards Dinner

Hosted by the Illinois Section Board

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant
111 W. Grand Ave, Chicago

Cocktails 5:30 pm – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Presentations 6:30 pm

Please join us to meet and listen to the next National ASCE
President, Patricia Galloway,
on her views and ideas for the society in
the upcoming year.

Also, area college students will be presented Student of the
Year awards for all three local universities, and the Section
technical groups will be presenting their annual college
scholarships to their award winners.

Cost is \$45 per person / \$20 for students

RSVP to Barb Pries by April 18 at (312) 263-1606 or
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Environmental Lead

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. is seeking an Illinois Department of Transportation qualified Environmental Lead to supplement the company's already high IDOT qualifications.

The qualified applicant must have a detailed understanding of the NEPA process and also be capable of being qualified or is currently qualified to complete Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statements, as defined by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Additional responsibilities include the ability to complete wetland assessments and permitting following the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers required methods. The qualified applicant should have at least 4 years of professional environmental work experience.

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To receive additional information regarding this program or to schedule an appointment, contact the Program Director, Professor Raymond J. Krizek, at 847-491-4040 or rjkrizek@northwestern.edu or visit our WWW site at <http://mpm.northwestern.edu/>

Illinois Section News & Secretary Report

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In an effort to inform Illinois Section members of the discussions at the monthly Board meetings, the Section Secretary contributes this monthly article to the newsletter. Any questions or comments on the Board activities is welcome and can be sent to the Section office at the address shown on Page 2.

■ Treasurer's Report

▲ The February General Ledger Trial Balance, Income Statement and Aged Receivables was discussed and approved.

The ASCE State Public Affairs Committee (SPAG) sent an award letter informing President Zimmermann that the Illinois Section has been awarded State Public Affairs Conventional and/or Merit grant in the amount of \$4,783.

■ Group Reports

Each Section Group reported on their past month's activities and future group meetings as noted in the Section Activities portion of the newsletter. Highlights of the Groups' activities are as follows:

▲ The Geotechnical Group's February meeting was on "Non-destructive Testing". The March meeting will be on "Development of Waterloo Impermeable Sheetpile Wall System and Case Histories". The 2003 Lecture Series is scheduled for May at UIC Campus and the topic will be "Geotechnical Performance Monitoring". The Lecture Series brochure /information will be in the newsletter.

▲ The Structural Group's February meeting was on the "Foundations for Renovated Soldier Field". The Biennial Lecture Series (four sessions) are scheduled for March 4, 18, April 1 and 15, 2003 at Harold Washington Library. The group is taking the nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

▲ The Environmental Engineering and Water Resources Group's meeting was held in February and scheduled for March and April at Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. The group will host an XP-SWMM hydrologic & hydraulic modeling course scheduled for April 14 through 16, 2003. The group is going to award a \$2000 scholarship to an undergraduate and a graduate student.

▲ The Urban Planning & Development Group's meeting was held in February and the discussion topics were Structural Work Act legislation, continuing education requirements for engineers in Illinois, and possibilities for a Spring Seminar. The group is scheduled to meet in March at Denny's Restaurant, Oakbrook Terrace.

▲ The Transportation Group's February meeting was held at URS Corporation and a luncheon program was at Chicago Athletic Association. The speaker for March luncheon program will be John Koss, District Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, District 1. The potential speakers for the future programs will be Jack Hartman, Executive Director, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and Luann Hamilton, Director of Transportation Planning (CDOT). The speaker for the September luncheon program will be Timothy Martin, Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation. The group is offering \$1500 scholarship each to an undergraduate and a graduate student.

▲ The Younger Member Group's February meeting was on "Labor-Management Union Issues" and the speaker was Ms. Rachel Cowen, Attorney at Law from Connelly, Sheehan, Moran. The YMG had 7 volunteers to assist at the DuPage Engineer's Week Open House at IIT Rice Campus. The March meeting will be on the Lake Shore Drive Project. Director Harbert also talked about participating in the WTTW Channel 11 Telethon on March 5 at WTTW Channel 11 Studios.

■ Committee Reports

▲ Communications Committee Chair Gorski's report was outlining the newsletter and website. The District Director will be contributing for the feature article and Director Harbert will coordinate. The Younger Member Group will contribute for the secondary article. The April newsletter deadline is March 10. Chair Gorski is assisting Director Harbert, who will be responsible for the website. The website design and format will be discussed with Director Harbert and he will present it to the board in April. Also, Chair Gorski coordinates advertising billings with Treasurer Burke.

■ Old Business

▲ Committee Chair Vincent updated regarding the completion of the 150th Anniversary Book. Chair Vincent introduced Ken Keifer, editor/publisher, Aerodine Magazine. Ken is helping to edit and assemble the Book Project. As per Chair Vincent and Ken there will be 28 chapters and 19 chapters have been completed with 80% of prototype. A sample of the preliminary article was presented to the board. Also, they requested for 'Photos needed' for the project and engineer chapters that are not yet completed. President Zimmermann requested the board members to help and find the pictures, etc., and send the information to Ken to finish the Book. The board members and others have volunteered to help. President-Elect Wittmer also coordinates this project and said that the book would be donated to several libraries including school libraries in Illinois and promoted through ASCE Magazine, etc. The cost of the book will be approximately \$30.

▲ President-Elect Wittmer and Director Harbert talked about the Engineer's week and the Chicagoland Engineering Awards Benefit dinner that was held in February, and was a successful event. The 2003 Washington Award recipient was Capt. (ret.) Eugene Cernan, former astronaut.

▲ President-Elect Wittmer talked about the President-Elect/Student Awards Dinner scheduled on Wednesday, April 23 at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Chicago. The next National ASCE President, Ms. Patricia Galloway, will be the speaker. Also, area college students will be presented Student of the Year awards and the Section's technical groups will be presenting their annual college scholarships to the award winners. President-Elect Wittmer distributed a flier for the Dinner.

▲ The committee Chair, Director Olson presented a written report with the revised Illinois Section Awards Scoring System and revised forms prepared by the committee. The board discussed the revised points system and approved unanimously. President Zimmermann and the board appreciated Director Olson's and the Committee's efforts.

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more and better information, here are two related websites: <http://www.asce.org/professional/diversity/> and www.tisp.org.

• **The Task Committee on Academic Prerequisites for Professional Practice (TCAP3)** - This group's work may be the most important as well as the most controversial issue that ASCE is grappling with: the concern about finding the best way to prepare future civil engineers for the world ahead. Civil engineering has become more complex and more demanding over the past decades. At the same time, graduation requirements have, in general, lessened. Fewer credits are now required for a bachelors degree in civil engineering than in the past; the trend is downward. In dealing with this, a national committee chaired by Jeff Russell from Wisconsin plans to identify the necessary "Body of Knowledge" that will be needed and then determine the kind of training and experience that a practicing engineer would need to be competent. Right now, the committee is thinking that a masters degree or 30 additional credits beyond a bachelors degree will be needed in the future. They are suggesting that this extra training may appropriately include a practitioner's bias in addition to the more traditional research-focused graduate work. Their target year is 2025. This is a very forward looking initiative. They are very

interested in hearing from any member with an opinion. More information is available at <http://www.asce.org/professional/educ/tcap3ppt.cfm>

• **Diversity** - ASCE has made credible progress over the past several years in effectively utilizing the capability of an increasingly wide make-up of members. Diverse members bring more varied skills and experience -and therefore more value- to our work. Globalization will only increase our exposure to different cultures. An expected push is for the board and national committees to keep diversity in mind along with all the other important and relevant criteria as they seek new members.

In responding to all this as District 8 directors, both of us try to keep in mind the four basic ASCE goals: (1) Developing leadership, (2) Advancing technology, (3) Advocating lifelong learning, and (4) Promoting the profession — and how our sections and branches feel about matters. If you have questions or comments about any of this or on anything else ASCE may or not be doing, please contact either of us, Nick at nick.textor@cte-eng.com and Tom at tje110@aol.com.

—By Nick Textor and Tom Eggum, District 8 Directors

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▲ President Zimmermann talked about the 2006 Convention/2004 Management Conference. Director Dickson, Director Harbert and Director Olson attended the recent Management Conference in Dallas, Texas. The speaker, ASCE National President-Elect Patricia Galloway impressed them and the directors had a nice interaction with the students.

▲ President Zimmermann talked about the Minority affairs and the Ninth Annual Golf Outing scheduled on Thursday, May 29 at Gleneagles County Club, Lemont, Illinois and to make the event successful by supporting the Outing. He requests all technical groups to send invitations and reach the minority firms. President Zimmermann will also send invitation letters and e-mails to the major supporters of ASCE. A flier was also distributed with the March newsletter.

▲ President Zimmermann talked about the positive approach taken by the board for the "Structural Work Act (SWA)" by contacting and sending letters to the Illinois Legislators. The ASCE Government Relations sent to Illinois Section members 'Key Alert-IL Structural Work Act,' and the board also e-mailed a sample letter to be used to send to the State Representatives.

■ *New Business*

▲ The 'Leadership training in Government' conference sponsored by ASCE is scheduled on March 11 & 12, 2003 at Washington, D.C. President-Elect Wittmer and Communications Chair Gorski will be attending the conference.

—By Abdul M. Khan, Secretary

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Structural Engineering Institute, and the Transportation and Development Institute.

During the conference, we heard a presentation on The Official Register. The register is the bible for ASCE. It contains the purpose, objectives, vision, mission and goals of ASCE. It also has the Code of Ethics, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Policy and Procedure and Past and Present Officers. This book consists of general information to be used by sections and branches. It has membership benefits and highlights the organization of membership. This is the book that lists all the various awards and honors that are awarded by National. This book can be found on the ASCE website at http://www.asce.org/inside/official_register.cfm

On the final day of the conference, President-elect Patricia Galloway spoke during breakfast. She had been up most of the night before with food poisoning and apologized in advance if she would have to leave early. Ms. Galloway spoke with such compassion and energy that at the end of her speech she received a standing ovation. Ms. Galloway will be the first female President of ASCE. She is scheduled to speak at the Illinois Section's President-elect dinner in April. I urge every one of you to attend this dinner so you can hear her speak.

If you ever want a boost in the way you feel about civil engineering, this is the conference to attend. You walk away with the understanding that we do make a positive difference in the lives of everyone around us.

—By Lisa A. Harbert
Alfred Benesch and Company
IL-ASCE Director

The nomination forms
for the IL-ASCE
Awards have been
revised and can be
found at
www.isasce.org

Section Activities

Geotechnical Group

Monthly Group Meeting

Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA
Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2003
Time: 5:30 pm - cocktails
6:30 p.m. - dinner
8:00 p.m. - presentation

Location: Athena Restaurant,
212 South Halsted, Chicago

For information regarding the Geotechnical Group please contact Dhooli Raj, Chair at DRaj@Casefoundation.com or 630-924-3146.

Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group

Monthly Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2003
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
9575 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, Illinois

XP-SWMM Course

Date & Time: Monday April 14, 2003 at 1-5 p.m.
Tuesday April 15 to Wednesday April 16, 2003 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
9575 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, Illinois

For information regarding the EE&WR Group please contact Andrew Deitchman, Chair at adeitchman@eeiweb.com or (630) 466-9350

Minority Affairs Group

The Minority Affairs Committee is open to all members interested in supporting minorities in the civil engineering profession. We are currently preparing applications for scholarships, which we will award to minority high school students for a 3-week summer engineering camp at the University of Notre Dame. **To minority members with high school age children:** please contact the group to obtain more information on the scholarship. Activities slated for the future include holding an MBE/WBE workshop session and distributing an engineering camp alumni survey. We look forward to new members and new ideas.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2003 TBA
Place: ARCADIS
35 East Wacker Drive
Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60601
Contact: Tim Scully Granzeier/
ARCADIS
312-263-6703

Structural Group

Biennial Lecture Series Begins

Dates: April 1, 15, 2003
Topic: Session 3: Fracture & Fatigue in Structures
Session 4: Aesthetics
Speakers: See Flier on website at www.isasce.org
Place: Harold Washington Library @ 5:30pm
Chicago, Illinois
Cost \$225
0.25 CEU's Awarded for each Session

The Illinois Section Structural Group Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has been committed throughout his/her career to the advancement of structural engineering. The group is now accepting nominations for this award. Visit www.isasce.org for the criteria or contact Steven Karlowski at (773) 693-9624 if you have any questions.

Transportation Group

The IL-ASCE Transportation Group would like to invite anyone interested to our monthly luncheons held the third Wednesday of each month. You are also invited to join the Transportation Group Executive Committee; our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month beginning at 5:30.

Monthly Group Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2003
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Alfred Benesch & Company
205 N. Michigan, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL

For information regarding the Transportation Group please contact Pete Johnston, Chair, at 773-399-0112 or Peter.Johnston@GASAI.com

Urban Planning & Development Group

Monthly Group Meeting

The Urban Planning and Development Group meets monthly in the morning of the 3rd Thursday of the month. The Group meets at the Oakbrook Terrace Denny's Restaurant at the northwest corner of Meyers Road and 22nd Street. The Group next meets at 7:30 am on March 20, 2003. The Group is currently working on a MWRD Permitting Seminar / Workshop for a Spring 2003 offering as well as additional seminar offerings later in the year.

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2003
Time: 7:30 am
Location: Denny's Restaurant
17 W. 660 22nd Street
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

For questions about the Group activities, contact its Chairman, Glenn Clayton, at 630/357-9327 or icpamd@aol.com or the Group Secretary, Stan Walczynski, at 630/513-7918 or swalczynski@lightfirst.com.

Younger Member Group

Monthly Group Meeting

Speaker: Mr. Kyle Camper, P.E.
Hayward Baker, Inc.
Topic: Soilcrete Solutions
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2003
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: HDR
8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 900
Chicago, IL
Cost: \$12 / \$6 Students

Please contact Jack Franke, Chair, at jefranke@haywardbaker.com or 847-484-8112 for reservations or more information. If you would like to receive monthly e-mails from the Younger Member Group, please e-mail Brian Willham at bwillham@hdrinc.com

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Calendar of Events

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April 1	Structural Group Lecture Series, Session 3: Fracture & Fatigue in Structures
April 7	Illinois Section Board Meeting
April 8	Environmental Engineering and Water Resources Group Meeting
April 9	Transportation Group Executive Committee Meeting
April 14	Minority Affairs Committee Meeting
April 14	EE&WR Sponsored Introductory XP-SWMM
April 15	Structural Group Lecture Series, Session 4: Aesthetics
April 15	EE&WR Sponsored Intermediate XP-SWMM
April 16	Transportation Group Luncheon Program
April 16	EE&WR Sponsored Intermediate XP-SWMM
April 17	Urban Planning and Development Group Meeting
April 22	ITE Meeting
April 22	ASCE President Elect/Student Awards Dinner
May 5	Illinois Section Board Meeting
May 13	Younger Member Monthly Group Meeting

May 13	Environmental Engineering and Water Resources Group Meeting
May 14	Transportation Group Executive Committee Meeting
May 15	Urban Planning and Development Group Meeting
May 15	Younger Member Group Meeting
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outings that take place in the warmer months. The proceeds from this event go to the minority affairs committee chaired by Tim Granzier and Joe Johnson. Minority affairs in turn sponsors a program that sends inner-city kids who are budding engineers to the University of Notre Dame engineering camp. The camp is an opportunity for these kids to experience things they would otherwise never see. It's one of the few venues where they will get exposed to the engineering profession. The program costs a lot of money and is funded only by donations and the annual golf outing. Last year's outing had 32 golfers and all present had a wonderful time. However, our membership rolls are near 2000 people; we can do better. Please make an effort to get out to Glen Eagles this year, and please be generous when donating to the Minority Affairs committee.