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## What is the Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer Certification?

For those who attended the ASCE Illinois Section's Annual Dinner on October 20th and enjoyed the speech by Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, the guest emcee Steve Cochrane, and the awards ceremony, you may have noticed a new honor bestowed upon several Illinois Section members: The Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE). Being a curious engineer and one who practices in the water resources field, I found myself wondering what this new honor encompassed, so I did a little research and this article is a result of what I discovered.

In October 2004, practicing water resources professionals who were members of ASCE's Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) founded the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE). According to the AAWRE website, the purpose of the Academy is to "improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the profession of water resources engineering." Through AAWRE, the Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer is ASCE's first voluntary, post-licensure, advanced level, specialty certification program.

You may be asking yourself just as I had, what is the advantage of this AAWRE specialty certification? It provides an advanced certification that goes beyond the licensure generally recognized by clients, the public, employees and peers. It also provides evidence of mastery of a specialty within civil engineering and demonstrates a strong, continuous commitment to ethics, good moral character and further education in the specialty field.

**The purpose of the Academy is to "improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the profession of water resources engineering."**

One of the essential goals of the Academy is to promote lifelong learning in the water resources engineering field. The D.WRE credential is a logical extension of ASCE Policy Statement 465 which calls for advanced education in order to practice at a professional level. The D.WRE credential requires more education beyond the requirements of the Professional Engineering license. These requirements include having a minimum of ten years of professional experience beyond a Bachelors degree with either a Masters of Science or Engineering, a Doctoral degree in water resources engineering or 30 semester hours of graduate studies related to water resources engineering. The D.WRE credential

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## President's Notes

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On October 20th, the Illinois Section had the 89th Annual Dinner Meeting at Hilton Chicago. The Section Board greatly appreciates members and guests attending the function and also the contributions received from many firms and agencies in support of the Annual Dinner. Some of the highlights from the Dinner are: Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka was

the Dinner Speaker. Ms. Topinka is the first woman in Illinois history to hold this position and win re-election to a third term in 2002. The Life Member status was bestowed onto more than 25 ASCE members in recognition of their long-term support to the Society. Several Illinois Section Awards were also presented at the Annual Dinner. I was happy to receive several letters of congratulations and one of the comments was "It was elegant and classy evening". I again thank the Dinner and Awards Committees for their hard work.

This year the ASCE National Conference was in Los Angeles held on October 27th through 30th. A few section board members and past-presidents had the opportunity to attend the conference. The conference theme was "Next Generation Infrastructure: Projects that Create the Future". Greeting letters from President Bush and from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa were published in the final program of the conference. I would like to share a few comments from the President's letter; "For over 150 years, the ASCE has

supported the field of civil engineering and promoted the profession among young Americans, I appreciate those involved with ASCE for your commitment to the civil engineering industry and your contributions to American life." Also, a few comments from the L.A. Mayor's letter; "I am honored you have chosen the City of Angels as the site for this important gathering to explore the theme of Next Generation Infrastructure: Projects that Create the Future! I am proud the nation's top leaders in the field of civil engineering have agreed to come together in our great city to confront these issues head on." I am glad that the civil engineering profession does get recognized.

I would also like to share some of the highlights of the National Conference with our Section. Opening plenary session was presided over by Bob Bein, 2005 Annual Conference Chair. The keynote address titled "Visionary Leaders at work - Expanding the Fight Against Corruption" was given by Alan

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# Photographs from the 89th Annual Awards Dinner American Society of Civil Engineers Illinois Section



## Thursday, October 22nd at the Chicago Hilton Grand Ballroom

**Top Left** – *Judy Baar Topinka, the Illinois State Treasurer, provides opening remarks to the Illinois Section.*

**Above** – *Illinois Section Past Presidents Don Wittmer, Michael Garlich, John O'Holleran, Thomas Burke, Chris Burke, Karen Dalton Lange (seated), Michael Goodkind, John Carrato, Barb Fox, and Director Mike Ungeran pose for a photograph with Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.*

**Bottom Left** – *Guest emcee Steve Cochrane from WCKG 105.9 added plenty of humor to the Awards Presentation. The Annual Awards Dinner also a subject of his morning radio show the following day.*

## What is the Diplome, Water Resources Engineer Certification?

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also requires the Diplome to commit to obtaining 30 professional development hours (PDH) annually, two of these focusing on ethics, in order to maintain certification.

Since the inception of the AAWRE, 115 engineers have qualified for the Diplome, Water Resources Engineer credential including the following members of the ASCE Illinois Section: Christopher Burke, W. Robert Iverson, Karen Kabbes, Gary Schaefer, G. Nicholas Textor, and P. Kay Whitlock

In order to be certified as a Diplome, Water Resources Engineer, a candidate must meet the educational requirements stated above as well as demonstrate understanding of the Body of Knowledge for Water Resources Engineering, hold a Professional Engineering license, submit an online application, and pass a two-part oral interview. Finally, the candidate must have good moral character, high ethical standing, and the candidate must agree in writing to the ASCE Code of Ethics.

If you are a practicing water resources engineer and feel that you may be qualified for the D.WRE, please surf to the AAWRE's website at <http://www.aawre.org>.

Submitted by Patrick Lach, EE&WR Chair, with a special thanks to Nick Textor, P.E., D.WRE and Kay Whitlock, P.E., D.WRE



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## Section Activities

### Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group

#### Annual Holiday Party

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Place:** Greek Islands  
200 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL  
\$10 per person  
(Feel free to bring guests!)

**RSVP:** by 12/2 to Graig Neville  
(gnevill@manhard.com or  
630.925.1201)

### Transportation Group

#### Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Place:** To be determined  
**RSVP:** lou.arrigon@hdrinc.com

#### Luncheon Program

**Speaker:** David Bird, Executive Director,  
DuPage Airport Authority

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14  
**Time:** 11:30 to 1:30 pm  
**Place:** Maggiano's, Oak Brook  
**RSVP:** jgregor@cityofchicago.org  
**PDH's:** 0.5  
**Cost:** \$40/\$15 students

For information regarding the group please contact Lou Arrigoni, Chair at lou.arrigon@hdrinc.com or (773) 380-7936

### Geotechnical Group

#### Dinner Meeting

**Topic:** Full Scale Caisson Load Testing  
in Chicago

**Speaker:** Tony A. Kiefer, STS Consultants,  
Ltd.

**Date:** Thursday, December 15

**Time:** 5:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Presentation

**Place:** White Eagle Banquet Hall  
6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue,  
Niles, IL

**RSVP:** knight@stsconsultants.com  
**PDH's:** 1.0  
**Cost:** \$40 with reservations  
\$30 Education/Government  
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\$20 for students (with reservations)  
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December 12th

For information regarding the group  
please contact Sara Knight, Chair at  
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(847)279-2482

### Structural Group

#### Committee Holiday Dinner Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13  
**Time:** 5:30PM  
**Place:** Frontera Grill  
445 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois

**RSVP:** egiraudon@cityofchicago.org

### Urban Planning & Development Group

#### Monthly Group Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, December 8  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Chandler's Chop House  
401 N. Roselle Road  
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Boeckmann, CEO Flour Corporation. The Visionary Leaders Forum was very impressive. Dr. Hany Farran presented

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a civil engineering snapshot of the importance of infrastructure in a society's fate entitled "Civil Engineering - Past, Present, and the Challenges Facing Us in the Future" and the California State Assembly member, Todd Spitzer challenged civil engineering professionals to "step up to the plate" and take a larger leadership role in helping guide our society into the future. The speaker for the Visionaries Luncheon was Lt. General Robert Von Antwerp. "General Van" spoke with a unique blend of humor and motivation for visionary leadership. There were three Visionary Leaders Forums. The Transportation and Water Forums focused on the leadership involved in planning, selling, funding, managing, and delivering leading-edge projects. The Student Forum focused on issues that will be facing students as they move from the classroom into the professional world. I attended the Transportation Forum and Tour that covered the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the San Pedro Bay Ports. These ports handle one-third of all water borne freight container traffic coming into U.S. ports, fifty to seventy percent of which is delivered outside of California. The vision of the future becomes important because all of the Southern California infrastructure will need to be upgraded and expanded over the next generation. The "Land and Sea" transportation tour was very exciting and informative. The tour took us to see the Port of Los Angeles terminal development, main channel deepening, railroad grade separations, and freeway

interchange improvements. The tour bus drove along the "Alameda Corridor" which is a 20-mile-long rail cargo expressway linking the parts of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the transcontinental rail network near downtown Los Angeles. The project's centerpiece is the Mid-Corridor Trench, which carries freight trains in an open trench that is 10 miles long, 33 feet deep and 50 feet wide. As per the fact sheet, the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor was funded by public and private sources, and an average of 50 trains per day are running on the Corridor.

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As President of the Section, I also attended the Council of Presidents and Leadership meetings on Sunday. The sessions and roundtable discussions were on topics pertinent to the operation of our Sections and Branches, including training membership champions, developing and operating state government relations programs, interacting with student chapters, and getting the most out of the State Public Affairs Grants (SPAG). We had an opportunity to interact with the ASCE National President Martenson, President-Elect Marcuson, members of the Board of Direction, and other Section and Branch leaders.

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through 21, 2006. The conference committee is planning and coordinating with ASCE National and we need lot of volunteers to help and make this event a unique one for this region. Nick Textor is the Chair for the committee. Also, we will schedule next year's Illinois Section Annual Awards Dinner in the same week.

As a professional society, ASCE strongly supports continued education and it is essential in maintaining our credibility and emphasizing the importance on staying current with the industry. Every member should initiate or expand a personal professional development program. The opportunities are wide open to take continuing education courses, participate in professional societies, or attend seminars. These efforts will benefit in technical and career growth.

As most of you are aware that we have six very active technical groups who meet monthly and host a variety of lunch or dinner meetings and

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### Modern Roundabouts

The Transportation Group of the Illinois Section of ASCE is sponsoring a half-day seminar on the benefits of roundabouts over signalized intersections, with an emphasis on high capacity intersections. The speakers will include Engineers and State Transportation Officials who have participated in the design and construction of recently completed roundabouts. This seminar is intended for Municipality Leaders, Urban Planners and Transportation Engineers. Discussion will include design concepts, the functionality of existing local roundabouts and Agencies' Policies and Procedures. Each attendee will receive a certificate for 3 Professional Development Hours (PDH). Continental breakfast will be provided. For more information, please contact Bryan Luke at [bluke@cbbel.com](mailto:bluke@cbbel.com) or at (847) 823-0500.

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7:30 – 8:15 Registration  
8:15 Introduction  
8:30 – 12:00 Presentation

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Mark Johnson, PE; MTJ Engineering  
Tom Blust, PE; Director of Engineering, Road Commission for Oakland County, Michigan  
Patrick Fleming, PE; Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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## President's Notes

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technical seminars. The group's activities are announced in our monthly newsletter, by emails and on our Section's website ([www.isasce.org](http://www.isasce.org)). We invite speakers from both public and private sectors to cover the civil engineering topics such as environmental engineering and water resources, geotechnical, structural, transportation and urban planning and development. Our younger member group and minority affairs committee is also actively involved in the civil engineering programs.

*On behalf of the Section Board, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!*

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**EE&WR  
would like  
to wish  
everyone  
Happy  
Holidays for  
2005!**



EE&WR is planning various activities for 2006 so stay tuned! Below are just some of the activities for the upcoming year:

- **Advanced HEC-RAS 3-Day Seminar** – February 2006
- **Win TR-20 1/2-Day Seminar** – See ad to the right
- **LID / LEED Seminar** – TBA
- **TACO / RBCA** – TBA
- **Soil Erosion and Sediment Control** – TBA
- **HEC-HMS** – Pending official release of ver. 3.0
- **Pumping System Design (Types, Hydraulics, Selection, Design)** – TBA

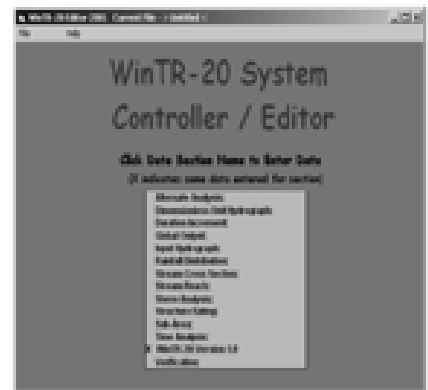


If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Patrick Lach at [Patrick.Lach@hdrinc.com](mailto:Patrick.Lach@hdrinc.com) or at 773-867-7225 or feel free to attend our next planning meeting: **January 10, 2006 (and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month) 5:30 pm**

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## WIN TR-20 HYDROLOGIC MODELING SEMINAR

EE&WR planning to offer the half-day WIN TR-20 hydrologic modeling seminar in 2006. This seminar is intended for people familiar with TR-20 applications and interested in using the Windows application for TR-20, released by the NRCS in January of 2005. If interested, please contact Catherine Hurley at [catherine.n.hurley@us.mwhglobal.com](mailto:catherine.n.hurley@us.mwhglobal.com)



or at (312) 831-3049. The seminar will include a review of basic TR-20 concepts and theory, overview and step-by-step instructions for using WIN TR-20 and examples of practical application. Each attendee will receive a certificate for 4 Professional Development Hours (PDH). Course includes half-day of instruction from approximately 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Based on the level interest, a date and appropriate location will be selected.

# 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 are welcome and can be sent to the Section office at the address shown on Page 2.

## ■ Treasurer's Report

▲The monthly report, General Ledger Trial Balance, Income Statement and Aged Receivables Report as of October 31, 2005 were discussed and approved as presented to the Board

## ■ 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 Group's activities are as follows:

▲Structural Group: Members of the Structural Group attended the Annual meeting in October. The topic for the November dinner meeting will be "Ralph Modjewski Signature Bridge Projects." The Group is planning a holiday dinner meeting in December.

▲Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group: The EE&WR Group is sponsoring a WIN TR-20 Seminar in November and co-sponsoring a Roadside Drainage Seminar. The Group will host its annual holiday dinner in December.

▲Urban Planning & Development Group: The UP&D Group had a table at the Annual meeting and will continue with their monthly meetings for November and December. UP&D plans to support the Future City Competition in January and will sponsor a Land Development Seminar in the spring of 2006.

▲Transportation Group: The Transportation Group will sponsor a sustainable development seminar in November and a December luncheon program relating to the DuPage Airport Authority. The Group will continue its monthly business meetings through November and December.

▲Younger Member Group: The YMG's November meeting topic is the North Avenue Bridge Reconstruction. The Group is planning a holiday party for December; the date is not yet set.

## ■ Committee Reports

▲The Communications Committee report noted that Srikanth Panguluri will be helping with the Section website.

▲The Minority Affairs Committee continues to work on coordination with Chicago Public Schools and the King College Prep Engineering /

Architecture Program. The Committee is working on future events connecting the Student Chapters at local universities with students from King College Prep. The Committee is also planning a "shadow an Engineer" day for students from Chicago Public Schools.

## ■ Old Business

▲2006 Budget: The proposed 2005-2006 Section Budget distributed to the Board in October was published in the November newsletter. The budget published in the newsletter incorrectly showed a \$5,000 line item for Annual Conference 2006 contributions as an expense. The Board voted to approve the proposed 2005-2006 Budget as distributed at the October meeting.

▲Illinois Section Infrastructure Report Card: Past-President John O'Holleran provided the Board with an update on plans for development of an Illinois Section Report Card on Infrastructure. Additional assistance was specifically requested in the areas of Public Parks and Recreation, Schools, and Security. Consideration is being given to either a spring 2006 release or a fall release closer to the National Conference. The scope of the report card (local vs. statewide) is also being evaluated. Outreach will include other Illinois ASCE Sections regarding their interest in participating. Additional support for the report card effort is being sought from other organizations including ISPE, the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

▲2006 National Conference: The 2006 National Conference is to be held in October 2006 at the Westin Hotel in Chicago. The theme for the conference is "Surviving the Future". A structure for the local conference committee has been set as follows:

Local Conference Committee Chair: Nick Textor

Technical Program Chair: Tom Collins

Conference Promotions: Glenn Schirmer

Local Events/Coordination: Don Wittmer

Volunteers will be needed to support each of these individuals.

Preliminary conference schedule:

Wednesday: Technical Seminars and Section Annual Dinner

Thursday: Leadership Sessions and International Dinner

Friday: Main Session and Gala Dinner

Saturday: Business Meeting, Tours, Younger Member Meetings

Sunday: Council of Presidents, Rebuilding Together Event.

## ■ New Business

▲Awards/Annual Dinner Report: The Annual Dinner was well-attended. Treasurer Wade Moore agreed to chair the Awards Committee for 2005-2006.

▲ASCE Annual Conference, Los Angeles: Four members of the Illinois Section Board attended the 2005 Annual ASCE Conference in Los Angeles in October. A primary theme included increasing membership as a key focus of the President's Council meeting.

▲Zone III Conference in Houston: The Younger Member Group was encouraged to submit a proposal to the Board with a specific funding request for conference attendance by members.

▲2006 State Public Affairs Grants (SPAG): Two applications for SPAG funds for 2006 have been submitted. A grant of \$1,500 was requested for support of the Section's efforts to develop an infrastructure report card. A second grant of \$1,000 was requested to support coordination and participation in visits to the State Legislature in Springfield with other members of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition.

▲ASCE Construction Institute: A one and a half day Mega Projects of America conference is being planned by the ASCE Construction Institute for June 2006 in Chicago. Technical Groups will consider how the Section might support this event.

▲Illinois Engineering Council: Chris King and Bob Gorski have agreed to serve as Illinois Section delegates to the Illinois Engineering Council. IEC is continuing to work toward the creation of a virtual Engineering Hall of Fame. The goal would be to have a 6 person committee responsible for reviewing applications and selecting 1-6 individuals per year for induction into the Hall.

▲Proposed Revisions to the *Standard Specifications for Sewer and Water Construction in Illinois*: Director Ungeran asked for guidance from the Board on final comments related to the storm sewer section of the Standard Specifications. The committee is reviewing revisions to the storm sewer section of the Standard Specifications and will be making its final recommendations in November. There were several comments related to the inclusion or exclusion of high density polyethylene (HDPE). Following discussion, the Board voted to support the changes as distributed with HDPE listed as an acceptable storm sewer material.

▲2006 President-Elect Dinner: President-Elect Johnson has received confirmation from ASCE National for a visit by National President-Elect Marcuson on March 29, 2006.

## ■ Miscellaneous

▲IIT Student Chapter Probation: The issues related to the IIT's Student Chapter of ASCE appear to have been resolved. The Chapter should come off probation in the near future.

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## *Calendar of Events*

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**2005**

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**December 7** Environmental Engineering and Water Resources  
Group Annual Holiday Dinner

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**December 8** UP&D Monthly Group Meeting

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**December 13** Structural Group Committee Dinner Meeting

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**December 14** Transportation Group Executive Committee Meeting

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**December 14** Transportation Group Luncheon

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**December 15** Geotechnical Group Dinner Meeting

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**January 12** UP&D Monthly Group Meeting

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**January 28** Future Cities Competition

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