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ASCE Region 3 Update

By Thomas R. Walther, P.E., F. ASCE, Region 3 Director

Greetings to members of the Illinois Section. During the past year ASCE has continued to work to better serve the members of ASCE around the world. A number of actions are occurring in an effort to reach this goal in these highly challenging times.

Service to members is being strengthened with the advent of 2 significant enhancements to ASCE computer systems. The first is something relatively unseen by members but of great importance to the Society. ASCE has recently completed implementation of a new Association Management System. This system replaces a very aged documentation system with a system that will do a much superior job of tracking management actions. Things such as member information, tracking of publications sales, better management of general operational data and thus better decision making by ASCE staff for items that relate to enhanced member satisfaction. The other system upgrade is the one that will be highly visible to all ASCE members as well as the general public. Namely, a complete update of the ASCE website. The work is ongoing and is not scheduled for completion until late in 2009. Every page of data must be reviewed for content, validity and connectivity. To maximize positive results, ASCE is using a consultant, staff and member input from a variety of advisory committees to ensure maximum user satisfaction.

Speaking of the stimulus and the economy, ASCE, like every engineering firm around the nation, is not immune from the economic downturn.

Service to the nation is occurring via the recent early release of the 2009 ASCE Report Card on America's Infrastructure. The formal release of the entire report including all background data is scheduled to occur the last week of March. The national Report Card is already offering valuable data for use by decision makers at the national level as members of Congress and the President have specifically mentioned the Report Card during deliberations on the federal Stimulus package.

Speaking of the stimulus and the economy, ASCE, like every engineering firm around the nation, is not immune from the economic downturn. Just as many consulting firms are taking actions to offset economic issues so is ASCE. Revenues to this point in 2009 are down. Paid memberships are running behind prior payment rates and sales of publications and educational seminars have slowed. Like everyone else's retirement plans, ASCE investments of reserve funds

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President's Notes

Robert Gorski, P.E., M. ASCE



Spring is here! I look forward to spring each year and in our region of the country it means the beginning of the construction season. This year should be particularly busy with the nearly \$1.6 Billion that the State of Illinois will be receiving in Stimulus Funds. I recently read that Senator Edward Kaufman,

the only engineer in the Senate, published an op-ed entitled "Want to Rebuild the Economy? Ask an Engineer." The piece argues that science and engineering must return as economic drivers. With the increased attention on infrastructure there are areas of the country where there is boosted interest in civil engineering careers. I am encouraged by this and will be watching if this trend continues on campuses nationwide.

to help with tours of significant engineering sights in the area.

The Section is closing our Michigan Avenue office effective April 1st. The office is rarely used and not needed as nearly all of the functions of the Section are electronic. The money saved in rent and supplies will be focused on activities that will add value to our members.

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**Submission deadline for the
Newsletter is the 10th of the month.**

This month the Illinois Section will be welcoming ASCE President Elect Blaine D. Leonard, P.E., F.ASCE as he joins us for our annual Spring President Elect Dinner where our Technical Groups will be awarding \$17,000 worth of undergraduate and graduate scholarships. There are three Student Chapters located within the Illinois Section boundaries and include the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), and Northwestern University. We are excited to host President Elect Leonard and I encourage you to join us as we recognize our local students. If you plan to attend please participate in the Order of the Engineer ceremony. The order was initiated in the United States in 1970 to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, to bridge the gap between training and experience, and to present to the public a visible symbol identifying the engineer.

Participants take the Obligation of the Engineer Oath and wear a steel ring as a reminder of their commitment to high ethics and professionalism.

I welcomed the University of Wisconsin Platteville ASCE Student Chapter to Chicago in March. The students decided to visit Chicago for Spring break and Chris Waldron, President of the Chapter reached out to the Section

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I would like to congratulate Illinois Section member Ken Maschke who was named a New Face of Civil Engineering by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The program promotes the achievements of young civil engineers by highlighting their contributions and impact on society. Maschke is a current member of the Student Outreach Committee for the Section and is participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation Career Day Chicago 2009 representing the Illinois Section.

ASCE's top five New Faces of Civil Engineering were submitted to the national New Faces of Engineering program run by the Engineers Week Foundation. This program includes representatives from the civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, industrial and manufacturing engineering professions.

Selected New Faces profiles, including the top civil engineer chosen by the Engineers Week Foundation, were featured in a *USA Today* ad during Engineers Week and profiled on the National Engineers Week Web site at www.eweek.org, as well as at www.discoverengineering.org.

Here is my monthly Key Issues update:

Local Government Relations.

This 2nd Annual General Assembly visit on April 29th looks to be well attended and represented by members across the State. Please contact **Lou Arrigoni** at larrigoni@postl-yore.com to participate.

Illinois Infrastructure Report Card.

Please share the ASCE National updated report card for the country with your State and US Legislatures <http://www.asce.org/reportcard/2009/>.

Engaging Young Students.

Pat Lach will be leading a group from ASCE to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation Career Day Chicago 2009 where the Illinois Section will be a sponsor. This is the first Career Day event held in the Chicagoland area, and will be located at McCormick Place, Lakeside Center on April 1, 2009. The purpose of this event is to introduce over 600 Chicago

Public High School students to the Transportation/Engineering industry.

Are you LinkedIn to the Illinois Section Group?

Are you LinkedIn to the Illinois Section Group? This is a tremendous way to network with other Illinois Section Professionals <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=44968>

Have a question? Want to get involved? Please contact me at 773-515-1207 or robert.gorski@hdrinc.com

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For more information or to register: email watearth@watearth.com or call 832-444-0663

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are also showing a decline. To meet these challenges ASCE management has implemented such actions as minimal hiring to fill vacancies, working with staff and committees to minimize travel costs, scrutinizing investments and looking at any other options that may offset revenues being less than projected. These actions are also being taken into full account during the creation of the 2010 budget to be adopted this July. The point is, ASCE is doing everything it can to ensure that members are getting maximum benefits from their financial investments in ASCE.

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Another step to carry ASCE forward in these changing times is the ongoing work of the Strategic Planning Committee. Two current issues are sustainability and the integration of paraprofessionals within the profession. The Committee is currently developing a full Sustainability Strategy for the Society. This will serve as a roadmap for the organization to follow as ASCE fully recognizes and ensures implementation of sustainability in everything the Society and our members do. The Society is also looking to better address the integration of paraprofessionals into the *profession of Civil Engineering*. In an effort to

better define the Role of the Civil Engineer in 2025 and beyond an action set forth by the Strategic Planning Committee is to “identify paraprofessionals involved with engineering design and construction who are relevant to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and define their competencies and roles”. A new paraprofessional review committee is being created to analyze the situation and bring forth ideas for development of the full Strategy.

Closer to home, topics of interest include future Society officers and enhanced interactions among the geographic units of Region 3. At the national level there are 3 announced and exceptionally well qualified candidates for the position of 2010 President Elect. They are Kathy Caldwell from Florida, Moustafa Gouda from New Jersey and Garland Rose from Tennessee. The Board Nominating Committee will meet in April to pare the candidates down to one or more likely two names for placement upon the ballot this summer. The Region 3 Board of Governors voted to endorse Garland Rose for the position but also strongly encourages the Board to put 2 names on the ballot for member consideration. The Board of Governors also voted to put forth the name of Eriks Ludins of the Minnesota Section for the position of Region 3 Director to replace Tom Walther this fall. From a list of 2 candidates for a Governor position the Board of Governors voted to put forth the name of Darrell Berry of the Wisconsin Section for the upcoming Governor vacancy. In the fall of 2009 the Board of Governors will be naming a Governor at Large

to fill the position being vacated by Amy Thorson of the Duluth Section. Candidates for this position will be solicited this summer and qualified members of the Illinois Section are

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encouraged to apply. On the topic of enhanced interactions the Region 3 Board of Governors will be sponsoring the first ever Assembly of Region 3 geographic units in mid-August in Chicago. Based upon very favorable comments from attendees at the Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Denver in January the Governors are developing an interesting agenda for the event. More information will be forthcoming. Any questions may be directed to Governor Don Wittmer who represents the Illinois Section on the Board of Governors.

As I near the end of my term this fall as Region 3 Director allow me to thank the members of the Illinois Section for their support. Further, I would remind all Section members that the operations of ASCE at all levels do not go on without volunteer efforts. I strongly encourage everyone to consider stepping forward and volunteering just a little bit of your time to further advance the strengths of ASCE and your profession. **ASCE**

A Young Engineer's Perspective on Leadership

By Jason C Faulkner

In the short course of my career I have tried many methods for getting things done. Many of those methods were unsuccessful, but when it comes to leadership I believe I have discovered a winning path. I want to share what I believe is the best definition of leadership and how others can improve their future leading endeavors.

I have read many books on the topic of leadership yet I have not read one that gave a clear and simple definition. The books written on leadership typically give examples of what leadership looks like, what can be accomplished with leadership, and examples of people who have demonstrated leadership qualities. So, let me begin by finally providing a clear definition.

Leadership is defined as the ability to motivate people (or resources) to complete a prioritized agenda.

At first sight this definition may sound too simplistic to define leadership. As you read further I believe you will come to agree that this definition is correct and will also begin to understand why so many people think that leadership is more than what was stated previously.

To understand why both components of leadership (motivation and prioritization) are necessary we must look at what happens when people attempt to lead with only one of the critical components. I will start with what I call the "Do Everything" approach. These people typically try to accomplish all goals simultaneously. The problem with this approach is that we live in a world of limited time and resources. Even Ancient Rome for all its power could not conquer the entire

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known world simultaneously. A leader must recognize that in order to accomplish the most difficult problems, resources must be pulled away from non-critical tasks to ensure that the most critical tasks are certain to succeed. Imagine if Rome in ancient times had tried conquering all surrounding nations simultaneously. At first it might appear that Rome would accomplish their goal of world domination at a faster pace until they realized they were being attacked on all sides and suddenly face insurmountable odds. Leading in the same manner, by attacking all fronts simultaneously, without prioritizing, will often result in resources becoming too spread out and team members heading in too many different directions. Attacking all fronts simultaneously will prevent resources from being diverted to critical needs when unexpected challenges occur and in the end nothing, or very little, ever gets done.

Now look at the other side of the coin. Throughout my career I have come across people who were certain they were excellent leaders because of their ability to prioritize an agenda. After all, I come from an engineering background and engineers with their analytical skills typically make excellent prioritized agendas. The problem for many engineers, and often me

included, is not their ability to prioritize, but rather their ability to motivate. Let's consider the example of what I call the "Non Motivator". The non motivator is excellent at prioritizing but is horrible at motivation. They often bark out orders on one extreme or on the other extreme are so timid that they fail to sell their ideas. You can have the best laid out brilliant plans but if you cannot motivate people then you become a "leader of one." There are some things you can accomplish on your own, but great problems need great teamwork to solve. Having the best ideas does not always equate to the best motivation for others to follow and without the help of others in the end nothing, or very little, ever gets done.

The motivation factor of leadership is the portion that can make leadership difficult to recognize. For every person you meet, there is a new person motivated by different things. This is what camouflages leadership, because depending on who you are leading, leadership can look very different. For example, I am a person that is typically motivated by stress, the higher the stakes, the closer the deadline, the larger the audience, the better I perform. I recognize that others get overwhelmed by stress and require a calm environment to succeed. I have worked under several bosses that were demanding and at times rough around the edges. However, I felt they had good leadership skills because they knew what they wanted and didn't waste my time with pleasantries. They would tell me what they expected and when they expected to have it. They kept me

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2nd ANNUAL ASCE LEGISLATIVE DAY

Whether you can attend or not, we look for your help in make this event a success. Contact your representatives and any friends you have in the General Assembly asking them to attend our event. They will have received a save the date card and two reception invites from ASCE. A form letter, along with a link to your legislator's mailing information is on our website www.isasce.org can be found by clicking the event calendar for Wednesday, April 29, 2009

If you have questions please contact:

Lou Arrigoni, PE; IS-ASCE - Chair Government Affairs at: larrigoni@postl-yore.com

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Where: Springfield, IL

Cost: Free

Events: 11:00am - 1:00pm Luncheon at the Sangamo Club

1:00pm - 4:00pm Legislative Meetings at the Statehouse

4:30pm - 8:30pm Legislative Reception

Luncheon at the Sangamo Club; 227 E Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701

Check-in and receive Lobby Day Discussion Materials before hearing Luncheon Speaker State Senator, Mr. Michael Bond. Then we'll have a discussion with David Klem, our legislative liaison for the event with guidance on approaching the legislators and encouraging them to attend our reception.

Legislative Meetings at the Statehouse

For the next few hours you may choose to seek out your legislators at the Statehouse as well as catch them in action on the Floor or in committee. Our main discussion points will be the Capitol Bill, Illinois as reflected in the ASCE National Report Card, and the concerns of the Legislators.

Special guests invited:

Kirk Brown – Former Secretary of IDOT

Mark Miller – Director of IDNR

Gary Clark – Former Director of IDNR-OWR

Gary Hannig – Secretary of Transportation

Don Vonnahme – Former Director of IDNR-OWR

Tom McSwiggin – 40 Years w/ IEPA - Water Pollution Permitting

Legislative Reception at the Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701

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under enough stress to keep me motivated. However, for each one of these bosses there were people working with the same person who felt this person was a terrible leader often because they were offended by the harshness or blunt honesty. Who is correct? I suggest both.

A good leader can motivate some people, but a great leader can identify and apply motivation needed for each person around them. I do not consider myself to be a great leader at this point in my career. My engineering background helps me with prioritizing an agenda, but it may take me a lifetime to develop the skill to instantly recognize the motivation factors for each personality I encounter and effectively apply that motivation in a way that is constructive for our common goals. I will admit that at times I become frustrated when trying to motivate people with the same forces that motivate me. I then step back and approach with an understanding that different people need different things to be successful. The possibility that you could surround yourself with people who are motivated by the same things

that motivate yourself is unlikely and may not be desirable. Different personalities and motivations will often equate to different skill sets. Having team members that are motivated by different forces yet share common goals may result in a synergism that improves the efforts towards accomplishing those goals as a team. This will provide an atmosphere where people can work on the elements of the project they most enjoy doing, thus providing motivational reinforcement.

What is important to recognize is that to improve as a leader you must understand that two equally important components prioritization and motivation are necessary. Being an effective leader often requires sacrificing non-critical components for what is feasible and vital to the project. Reaching for more beyond the critical components can then be assessed if time and resources permit. Likewise, we often are not given a choice of who we work with and must strive to apply the proper motivation for each individual team member to maximize our leadership potential.

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On a final note, if you are working with a person who is attempting to lead with a motivational system that seems incompatible to your own you may find it beneficial to ask to speak to them in private to explain what common goals you share with this person and what incentives you need to be productive. I have found that bosses and leaders are often accommodating in providing the needs of their team members once they are made aware of those needs. Your personal motivators may seem obvious to you, but no so obvious to others. Being open and honest with your leaders and fellow team members about your particular motivations while encouraging others to do the same may be one of the most effective methods to improve your success as a team member and a leader. **ASCE**

Celebrate the Civil Engineering Profession at the 2009 OPAL Awards



Join ASCE April 23 at the 2009 OPAL Gala, to honor the achievements of your colleagues and the civil engineering profession. This premier black-tie event, held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, will bring together the most prestigious names in civil engineering to recognize lifetime achievements in Construction, Design, Education, Government,

and Management, as well as the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) award for the year's most exceptional project. Be there to help ASCE honor those individuals for bringing worldwide attention to the contributions and accomplishments of the civil engineering community. For more information, including the list of honorees and how to register, please visit www.asce.org/opal. **ASCE**

Section Activities

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Structural Group

18th Biennial Lecture Series – Session 3

Topic: Expecting the Unexpected: Seismic and Disaster Resistant Structures

Speakers: Dr. Fadel Alameddine, P.E. – California Department of Transportation

Dr. Anatol Longinow, P.E. – Illinois Institute of Technology

Date: Wednesday, April 1

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
(Pre-registration at 5:00 pm)

Place: Harold Washington Library
400 S. State St.
Chicago, IL 60605

Cost: \$75 (\$25 for full time students) payable at the door.

Please make checks payable to
ASCE Structural Group

PDH: 2.5 Professional Development Hours will be earned by attendance for each night of the Lecture Series

RSVP: For information about the Lecture Series, please contact Emilie Giraudon at egiraudon@cityofchicago.org or 312-742-0326.

Sponsors: The ASCE-IL Section Structural Group would like to thank our generous Platinum Sponsors (HDR & AECOM) and Gold Sponsor (HBM Engineering).

18th Biennial Lecture Series – Session 4

Topic: Deep Foundations

Speakers: Mr. Bill Walton - AECOM

Dr. Michael Wysocky – Thatcher Engineering Corp.

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
(Pre-registration at 5:00 pm)

Place: Harold Washington Library
400 S. State St.
Chicago, IL 60605

Cost: \$75 (\$25 for full time students) payable at the door.

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Geotechnical Group

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Speakers: Joseph G. Petrick and Sabri Motan – Sargent & Lundy

Topic: Qurayyah Project (Saudi Arabia), a 15-unit, simple cycle gas turbine (GT) power plant

Date: Wednesday, April 1

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Costa's (Greektown)
340 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60661

Cost: \$40 Members with reservations
\$30 Education/Government Employees with reservations
\$20 Students with reservations

PDH: 1.0 Professional Development Hours will be earned by attendance.

RSVP: Please RSVP by to Fran Miller at fmiller@geopier.com or 630-665-8585

Transportation Group

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7

Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Place: 600 W. Fulton St. #701
Chicago, IL 60661
312-876-9500

RSVP: Mike Okrent at mokrent@bloomcos.com

Technical Seminar

Topic: IDOT Engineering Agreements for Bureau of Local Roads and Streets

Info: Consultants and Local Agency Engineers who have or will have contracts with IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets should consider attending.

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Place: Union League Club of Chicago
65 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL

Cost: \$120 General Admission
\$100 Public Sector Employees

PDH: 7.0 Professional Development Hours will be earned by attendance

RSVP: Register by Thursday, May 7th online at <http://www.isasce.org> or contact Antonio Cerda for more information at 773-693-9624

Younger Member Group

Chicago Bulls Outing

Details: The YMG will be cheering on our very own Chicago Bulls against the Philadelphia 76ers on April 9th. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Limit 2 tickets per person. Spouses, significant others, and friends are welcome.

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Section 332
United Center
1901 W. Madison St.
Chicago, IL 60612

Cost: \$20 / ticket

RSVP: Lize Challis at lchallis@eea-ltd.com

April Outreach Event

Info: Ronald McDonald House locations serve as a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at local hospitals. If you would like to learn a more about the organization,

please visit their website at <http://www.rmhc.com>

Details: Our group is scheduled to serve brunch on Saturday, April 11th for approximately 20-25 people. The whole process will take less than 4 hours. Please volunteer only if you are positive you can attend. We are also looking for creative ideas for the brunch menu so feel free to pass those along as well.

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Place: Ronald McDonald House Charities
622 W. Deming Place
Chicago, IL 60614

RSVP: Roxann Belle at Roxann.Belle@aecom.com
or 312-373-6732

Social Outing

Details: The YMG will be hosting a joint Happy Hour with SAME.

Date: Thursday, April 16

Time: 5:30 pm to ??

Place: Jefferson Tap and Grille
325 N. Jefferson St.
Chicago, IL 60661

Specials: Fat Tire Pints: \$4, Skyy Mixers: \$4.50, Onion Rings: \$5

Getting There: Located a couple blocks west of the loop on Jefferson, 1/2 block north of Fulton. Short walk from Clinton Green/Pink Line, Ogilvie Metra. Also accessible by many buses.

Additional Info: If anyone has trouble finding the group, you can reach Jason on his cell at 919-389-8982.

Executive Panel

Topic: Executives Panel "How to Become the Boss" will pick the brains of leaders in our industry to help future leaders, like you, figure out how to become the Boss.

Speakers: Richard Wolsfeld, PE, AICP – President of AECOM

Eugene Balter, PE – President of HDR Construction Control Corporation

Smita Shah, PE – President of SPAAN Tech, Inc.

Tim Laughlin, PE – Senior Vice President of Sargent and Lundy
Jeff Schuh, PE – Senior Vice President of Patrick Engineering

Date: Wednesday, April 29

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Place: Duane Morris
190 S. LaSalle St., Suite 3700
Chicago, IL

RSVP: Roxann Belle at 312-373-6732 or Roxann.belle@aecom.com

ASCE Illinois Section

2009 President Elect / Student Scholarship Dinner

Date: Monday, April 13

Time: 5:30 pm (Cocktails), 6:30 pm (Dinner & Presentation)

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

Cost: \$50 (\$20 for full time students)
\$15 per ring for Order of the Engineer Ceremony

RSVP: Please RSVP by April 6th via <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=zbpqd> or email jbrodie@reltd.com

2nd Annual Legislative Day

Details: Please see document enclosed in newsletter regarding details of this event. We will be visiting legislators at the Statehouse during the day and hosting a reception in the evening for members of the General Assembly to meet ASCE members. The intent of the reception is for the members of the General Assembly to meet ASCE members, learn about the civil engineering profession,

develop relationship and establish that ASCE and its engineers are a resource to their staff and the community they serve.

Date: Wednesday, April 29

Time: 11:00 am to 8:30 pm

Place: Various throughout Springfield
Springfield, IL

RSVP: See announcement on website and in newsletter.

Info: Please contact Lou Arrigoni at larrigoni@postl-yore.com

15th Annual Golf Outing

Info: Please see announcement on website and in newsletter

Date: Thursday, May 21

Time: 8:00 am

Place: Maple Meadows Golf Course
272 Addison Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Cost: \$120 per golfer

RSVP: Register by May 8, 2009, at <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=zpqmk>

Urban Planning & Development Group

Site Visit

Topic: MWRD Stickney Plant Site Visit

Info: Everyone participating in the tour will need to complete an application and release form by April 10th. All persons 18 years of age or older must attach a photocopy of his or her drivers license or state ID to the forms. Please email Austin to obtain the forms.

Date: Thursday, April 30

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Place: MWRDGC Stickney Plant
6001 W. Pershing Rd.
Stickney, IL 60804

RSVP: Austin Hahn at 312-924-7410 or austin.hahn@kimley-horn.com

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***IDOT ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS WORKSHOP
FOR
BUREAU OF LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

Hosted By
The American Society of Civil Engineers Illinois Section
Transportation Group

- Date and Time:** May 12, 2009
8:30 am – Continental Breakfast
9:00 am to 4:00 pm – Program (Lunch will be provided)
- Location:** Union League Club of Chicago
65 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago
- Speaker(s):** Various speakers from IDOT Bureau of Local and Streets and
IDOT Audits Section (Central Office)
- Registration Deadline:** May 7, 2009
- Cost:** \$120 General
\$100 Public Sector Employees
- PDH:** 7 PDH's
- Register online:** Go to <http://www.isasce.org/web/technical/transportation.html> for link
to online registration.
- Who should attend:** Consultants and Local Agency Engineers who have or will have
contracts with IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets. A
detailed agenda will be provided at our website at
<http://www.isasce.org/web/technical/transportation.html>.

Additional information will be posted at <http://www.isasce.org/web/technical/transportation.html> or
contact Antonio Cerda at 773-693-9624 or <mailto:CerdaAntonio@stanleygroup.com>.

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 by contacting Bill Cussen, at Bill-c@haegerengineering.com.

■ *Treasurer's Report*

▲ Treasurer Olson presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Income Statement.

■ *Group Report*

▲ All Groups presented a written report outlining previous and current month's activities.

■ *New Business*

▲ **IIT PreTrans Funding Request:** Dr. Zongzhi Li requested funding assistance for a Pre-College Transportation Engineering Program which he is involved with at IIT. The program is open to multicultural and female 3rd year high school students. The board agreed to fund the program in an amount equal to what had been approved for the program in previous years, which was \$1,500.

▲ **UIC Great Lakes Regional Conference Funding Request:** The UIC Student Chapter submitted a funding request to assist them in participating in the Great Lakes Regional Conference, which will be held at the University of Notre Dame. The conference will be held starting April 2nd and concluding April 5th. The Board approved funding the request in the amount of \$2,000, and requested an update from the Student Section after the conference.

▲ **Northwestern University Funding Request:** The Northwestern Student Chapter submitted a request for funding to assist a group of the students traveling to San Francisco to tour various infrastructure projects and renovations. The board approved funding the request in the amount of \$1,000.

▲ **Chicago Architecture Foundation:** The Chicago Architecture Foundation presented information regarding the Burnham Plan Exhibit. The exhibit will include a three dimensional model of the City of Chicago from Roosevelt Road on the south, Oak Street on the north, Lake Michigan on the east and Halstead Street on the west. The exhibit will open in the Santa Fe building on June 11th and remain open until mid-November. The Foundation is asking for assistance financially at this time. The Board tabled the request for further discussion.

■ *New Business*

▲ **Illinois Section Office Update:** The Illinois Section Board has decided to eliminate the 600 North Michigan office effective April 1st.

▲ **Infrastructure Report Card Committee:** The Infrastructure Report Card Committee is compiling the draft report for review. The Report Card will not be published until October of 2009.

▲ **President Elect Dinner:** The President Elect Dinner is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at Maggiano's, 111 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago.

▲ **Illinois Legislative Day:** The Legislative Day is schedule April 29th. Check-in will begin at 11:00 at the Sangamo Club in Springfield, Illinois.

▲ **Illinois Section Annual Dinner Meeting:** The annual dinner meeting is scheduled for October 14th at the Art Institute.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009, 5:30pm at MWH Americas, Inc., 175 West Jackson Blvd, 19th Floor.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group

RECARGA Workshop

May or June 2009

Western Suburbs

ASCE Illinois Section

15th Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, May 21, 2009

93rd Annual Dinner

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Section Activities

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Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group

Monthly Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: MWH
175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1900
Chicago, IL 60604

(Use elevator banks on Van Buren side of building)

Engineers Without Borders

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 28

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Place: Engineering Research Facility
UIC Campus
Northwest Corner of Halstead
and Taylor, Room 1043

RSVP: Rodney Beadle at
rbeadle@eraconsultants.com
or 630-393-3060

Calendar

2009

April 1	Structural Group – 18th Biennial Lecture Series – Session 3	April 16	Younger Member Group – Social Outing
April 1	Geotechnical Group – Monthly Dinner Meeting	April 28	Engineers Without Borders – Monthly Chapter Meeting
April 7	Transportation Group – Executive Committee Meeting	April 29	Younger Member Group – Executive Panel
April 8	Structural Group – 18th Biennial Lecture Series – Session 4	April 29	ASCE Illinois Section – 2nd Annual Legislative Day
April 9	Younger Member Group – Chicago Bulls Outing	April 30	Urban Planning & Development Group – MWRD Stickney Plant Tour
April 11	Younger Member Group – April Outreach Event	May 12	Transportation Group – Technical Seminar
April 13	ASCE Illinois Section – 2009 President Elect / Student Scholarship Dinner	May 21	ASCE Illinois Section – 15th Annual Golf Outing
April 14	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group – Monthly Group Meeting	May or June	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group – RECARGA Workshop
		October 14	ASCE Illinois Section – 93rd Annual Dinner

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INFORMATION REGARDING ILLINOIS SECTION
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

15th Annual ASCE Golf Outing



May 21, 2009
Maple Meadows Golf Course
272 Addison Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191
TEE OFF 8:00 AM



REGISTRATION COST \$120 per golfer

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Register online at:
<https://www.123signup.com/register?id=zpqmk>

Checks are to be made payable to the Illinois Section of ASCE and sent to:

Woody Siddall
Peer Technical Group, LLC
203 N. LaSalle St. Suite 2100 Chicago, IL 60601
Email: Registration form to wsiddall@peertechnical.com

**Please return form by May 8, 2009 Payment may be sent with form or turned in the day of the outing.*

15th Annual ASCE Golf Outing



May 21, 2009

**Maple Meadows Golf Course
272 Addison Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191**



Sponsorship Program – Golf Outing and Minority Affairs Committee Event*

Hole in One Sponsor - \$1000

- Tee Sponsorship of hole with signage on tee and sponsorship of contest on said hole
- Signage at registration and lunch. Inclusion of company logo on slideshow
- Full page ad in the lunch program & MAC event program
- Company recognition at awards lunch & MAC event
- Opportunity to distribute promotional items at the outing & MAC event (Booth)
- Sponsorship of MAC event July 21, 2009 (w/ two entries)
- One foursome

Eagle Sponsorship – \$850

- Tee Sponsorship of hole with signage on tee
- Signage recognition at registration
- 1/4 page ad in the Lunch program & MAC event program
- Company recognition at awards lunch & MAC event
- Sponsorship at MAC event July 21, 2009 (includes one entry)
- One foursome

Birdie Sponsor – \$250

- Tee Sponsorship of hole with signage on tee.
- Signage recognition at registration and lunch
- Logo in lunch program & MAC event program
- Company recognition at awards Lunch

*The 2nd Annual Minority Affairs Committee Event will be held on July 21, 2009. All sponsors of this year's golf outing will get exposure at both events including the ability to have a contest on the course at your sponsored hole. This will include recognition and signage at the July 21st event with over 200 civil engineering and construction professionals in attendance last year. Speakers include Carl Schoedel and Manny Gomez of the Kane County DOT and Emma Kowalenko speaking on winning federal contracts.

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