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News

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Western Access to O'Hare Airport

By Lidia Pilecky, P.E.

The Elgin O'Hare–West Bypass (EO-WB) is a project of national, statewide, and regional significance. The project area spans across 27 communities in Cook County and DuPage Counties, and is bordered roughly by I-90 (Jane Addams Memorial Tollway) to the north, I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) to the east, I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) to the south, and the Elgin O'Hare Expressway to the west. Located west of the O'Hare International Airport, the over 120 square mile project area serves as a major transportation hub in the region. In addition to O'Hare Airport, the area also includes major freight rail corridors and intermodal facilities, transit services, and major interstate highways. It also contains the second largest employment base in the Chicago metropolitan area, with more than 500,000 jobs. Given its geographic position in a transportation and employment hub, the project would generate significant and lasting benefits in that the EO-WB:

- Provides high-capacity access to O'Hare Airport from the west and creates a synergy of economic growth with the proposed Western Terminal;
- Adds value of \$3.3 billion to the Chicago region;
- Creates 65,000 new long-term jobs in combination with the new Western Terminal;
- Creates 13,450 jobs during construction;
- Generates \$6 billion in total output of goods and services produced during construction;

The Elgin O'Hare–West Bypass (EO-WB) project will sustain the area's global economic competitiveness, promote business retention and attraction, and create new jobs.

- Improves local and regional travel on roadways that are presently 86% congested;
- Improves travel efficiency by reducing annual traffic delays by 1.6 million hours; and
- Results in annual motorist travel cost savings of \$145 million.

The EO-WB was identified as a project of regional and national significance when the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU) was signed into federal law in 2005. The EO-WB was one of only a dozen such projects identified in the federal surface transportation program and was designated \$140 million for development of the project. As a result, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) initiated a comprehensive planning process, which has advanced in two parts, or tiers. Tier One focused on defining an overall multi-modal transportation system improvement plan for

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Sustainability in Civil Engineering – A Sustainable Idea

I was told recently by our Communications Director, Bryan Luke, that my President's Notes had to be short this month, as we have a packed newsletter and are running out of space. As all of the

Past Presidents can attest, I am more than happy to keep things brief! I was also fortunate that the subject I promised to address this month (state government affairs) is being covered in depth on the next few pages by the much more qualified Illinois Section Government Relations Committee.

But one item that I want to make sure I address is the recent success of our first Sustainability in Civil Engineering Seminar that was held on June 1st. The Illinois Section Sustainability Committee put together a great lineup of speakers, including representatives from ASCE National, IDOT, USEPA, IIT and O'Hare Airport. Nearly 100 local engineers, environmental scientist and planners attended the seminar. I was one of them and had a couple of take-aways that I would like to share:

- Sustainability in Civil Engineering is here and here to stay. You don't have to be an economist now to know that the field of Civil Engineering is suffering especially hard with the economic downturn. I truly believe that as we emerge from this brief (depending on what you call brief) slow spot, our clients and the public are going to demand sustainability throughout all of our civil engineering projects. These days, suggesting a sustainable solution can be seen as an innovative and "out of the box" idea. In coming years, you'll be considered behind the times if sustainable designs aren't your first suggestion.
- I also believe that just like green buildings have created a market where one previously did not exist, sustainable infrastructure has the potential to create opportunities where none now appear to exist. According to various sources, while overall building construction in general is down, green

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building has more than doubled from 2005 to 2010. Green building has become an engine for economic growth in the housing industry, and I believe sustainability will do the same for infrastructure and the field of Civil Engineering.

- As we move toward sustainability, there needs to be a way to assess it as it relates to Civil Engineering. The U.S. Green Building Council was first to market with their LEED rating system, but how much of that applies to Civil Engineering? That system is primarily designed to rate vertical infrastructure, when many of us deal with horizontal infrastructure. ASCE National has teamed with APWA and ACEC to develop the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), which is developing a rating system, coursework, certifications and standards for sustainability in Civil Engineering. Our local Illinois Section Sustainability Committee is committed to providing information to our local members on the ISI activities as quickly as they come out.
- Other agencies such as IDOT, ISTHA, O'Hare Airport, USEPA and the City of Chicago are also deeply involved in sustainability. After listening to them at the seminar, it appears we are all saying nearly the same thing—sustainability focuses on the environmental,

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Illinois Section Government Relations Update— We Have Lobbyists?

By Robert Gorski, P.E., Lou Arrigoni, P.E. and Garrett Yeates, P.E.

The Illinois Section Government Relations Committee, in collaboration with other Sections and Branches across the State of Illinois, has engaged lobbyists since the beginning of 2011. The Section has worked with a consultant for the last four years to coordinate our annual visits to Springfield each spring and our annual fall receptions held in Chicago. After the 2010 release of the Illinois Infrastructure Report Card the Section decided to build on that momentum of engagement with elected officials by forming a group to track state infrastructure related legislation and play an active role on behalf of members in the development of policy. The Section contracted with Strategy Consulting Group to support our efforts and was a continuation of a relationship that began with our first Springfield visit. For this effort to be successful it will take active participation by members across the entire State.

Here is a summary of what we have accomplished together since January 2011:

- 4th Annual Springfield General Assembly Visit – On Tuesday, April 12th the ASCE Sections and Branches in Illinois had their 4th Annual General Assembly Visit in Springfield. The day included a luncheon with Mr. Chuck Ingersoll, Director of the Office of Planning and Programming at IDOT and Deputy Director Kevin Schoeben followed by member visits to their elected officials and concluded with a reception at the Sangamo Club. This year members from the Illinois, Quad City, and Central Illinois Sections participated. Additionally

we were joined by members from Illinois Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE), American Public Works Association (APWA), American Council of Engineering Consultants (ACEC), and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

- Participated in meetings at Senator Martin Sandoval's office related to efforts to revise Quality Based Selection.
- ASCE Members met with Representative Daniel Beiser, Chair of the Roads Committee.
- Legislation Tracking – through the efforts of our lobbyist ASCE has tracked the following legislation:

SB 51 As a result of our concerns about the unintended consequences regarding SB 51 from the 96th General Assembly, more specifically the changes in the ability to communicate with IDOT regarding QBS and other items, the Senate has created the Senate Procurement Committee. This committee met a couple of times during the month of May, and seemed to concentrate on procurement issues within the different state agencies. Michelle Kelm attended each of the meetings and ASCE-IL did sign onto a letter from the different engineering group regarding our concerns with SB 51.

HB 197 (Cross/Schmidt) Creates the Illinois Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act. Provides that the Commission shall consist of 18 voting members. Sets forth the appointment of the members. Requires the Commission to make recommendations to assist the State in reducing State spending and to balance the

State's budget. Provides that, within 60 days after the effective date of the Act, the Commission must submit its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. Provides that, if the Commission adopts the report by a three-fifths vote, then the General Assembly must, within 14 days after the report is filed by the Commission, vote on whether to accept the report by the adoption of a resolution. Abolishes the Commission on the day after the Commission submits its report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Effective immediately. ASCE is **monitoring** this legislation. HB 197 passed the House with a vote of 114-0-0. HB 197 has been sent back to Senate rules.

HB 1256 (Colvin/Hutchinson) Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to create the Diversity in Engineering Scholarship Program. Defines "targeted group member" as a person belonging to a class of race, color, or sex, whose percent of the workforce within the Department's professional classification which includes civil engineers is less than that class's percent of the statewide labor market for such job activities as recorded in the Department's annual affirmative action plan. Defines "eligible student" as a targeted group member who:
(i) is an Illinois resident at the time of scholarship application; (ii) is enrolled full-time at any Illinois college or university in any program leading toward a degree in civil engineering; (iii) agrees to conditions required by the Department, including the obligation to work for the Department after graduation if a position is offered for at least one year for each academic year the student receives a

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11-LBH01SD	Schematic Design	\$8,000.00	50%	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
11-LBH02DD	Design Development	\$4,000.00	30%	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
11-LBH03CD	Construction Documents	\$16,000.00	10%	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
11-LBH04CA	Construction Administration	\$12,000.00	5%	\$0.00	\$600.00
TOTALS:		\$40,000.00		\$0.00	\$7,400.00

Consultant Fees:

Description	Date	Units	Cost	Amount
Structural Engineer Progress #1	1/5/2011	1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
TOTAL:				\$8,000.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Description	Date	Units	Cost	Amount
Fedex	1/4/2011	1.00	\$29.00	\$29.00
TOTAL:				\$29.00

Total Amount Due: \$15,429.00

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As Past President Mr. Richard Lanyon, PE, BCEE, D.WRE enters retirement, the Illinois Section would like to extend its congratulations to him on his many achievements throughout his long and meaningful career.

Mr. Lanyon worked at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

(MWRDGC), one of the world's largest wastewater management agencies, for nearly 48 years until his retirement as Executive Director at the end of 2010. He is known for his level headed open mind to new ideas and approaches in environmental engineering and environmental protection. These characteristics, along with his exemplary leadership and management while at MWRDGC, led the American Academy of Environmental Engineers to honor Mr. Lanyon as their 2011 Edward J. Cleary Awards Recipient.

Mr. Lanyon was also recognized with the 2011 National Environmental Achievement Distinguished Service

Mr. Lanyon was recognized with the 2011 National Environmental Achievement Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) at an awards luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Mr. Lanyon has been an active member of the Board of Directors and committee member for NACWA and currently chairs the Steering Committee of the National Biosolids Partnership. Mr. Lanyon holds Bachelors and Masters of Civil Engineering degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he was recognized in 2003 as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Department of Environmental Engineering. Mr. Lanyon has also been involved in community service activities in Evanston, IL where he resides with his wife Marsha.



The Illinois Section would like to extend its congratulations to Robert B. Johnson on receiving an award for K-12 Educational Outreach

For more than twenty years, structural engineer Bob Johnson, SE, PE, F.ASCE, M.SEAIOI has presented lectures on engineering to children and students in a host of outreach programs. Mr. Johnson lectures feature interactive displays and presentations that are fun and educational, designed to enhance children's interest in math, science, and of course engineering. Mr. Johnson's structural engineering models and 'toys' provide an enriching hands-on practical application of structural engineering principles. His building and bridge models provide students and adults insight into their designs.

Water Reclamation District
Commissioner Frank Avila recently presented an award to Mr. Johnson for his efforts, "In recognition of exceptional Leadership in educating our children in K-12 in Engineering"

These efforts caught the attention of Water Reclamation District Commissioner Frank Avila who recently presented an award to Mr. Johnson for his efforts, "In recognition of exceptional Leadership in educating our children in K-12 in Engineering".

The award was presented by Commissioner Avila on a CAN-TV program. The program will air on CAN-TV on Friday July 1st at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday July 10th at 5:30 p.m. and is available at <http://blip.tv/avila-media-nfp/robert-b-johnson-educating-children-about-engineering-5271390>.

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scholarship. Provides that the Department of Transportation, subject to appropriation, shall award scholarships to up to 20 students each year in the amount of no more than \$7,500 per academic year. Provides that the Department shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer the scholarship program. ASCE is in **SUPPORT** of this bill. **HB 1256 passed** out of the House and Senate.

HB 1262 (Farnham/Clayborne) with Senate Amendment 3 amends the Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying qualifications based selections act. It makes changes to IDOT selection committees and places restrictions on firms regarding selection on concurrent bulletins. This bill is still in the Senate, but could move during veto session. ASCE has **not yet taken a position** on this legislation.

HB 1966 (Burke/Sandoval) Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission Act. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission. Provides that by November 20, 2011, the Commission must prepare and issue a report recommending the best governmental structure for a public-private partnership to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail system for the State. Provides that a follow-up report shall be issued by February 1, 2013. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2015. Effective immediately. ASCE is in **SUPPORT** of this bill. **HB 1966 passed** both chambers and is awaiting the Governor's approval.

HB 2083 (Lang/Silverstein) Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department to conduct a

survey of certain businesses that are located in the State or have been identified as having left the State. Provides that the Department shall develop a program to facilitate engineering excellence through coordination between engineering schools and private businesses. Provides that the Department's official website must contain a comprehensive list of economic benefits available to businesses. ASCE is in **SUPPORT** of this bill. **HB 2083 passed** both chambers.

SB 1258 (Sandoval) Amends the State Finance Act. Changes the name of the State Rail Freight Loan Repayment Fund to the State Rail Freight Fund. Creates the Building Our Economy Transportation Fund. Provides that money in the Road Fund shall be used for public transportation and for the payment of debts incurred in construction of public transportation facilities. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that an amount of the motor fuel tax shall be deposited into the Building Our Economy Transportation Fund. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a county board or municipality may use motor fuel tax money for construction of public transportation facilities. Effective immediately. ASCE is **monitoring** this legislation. **SB 1258 lost** in the Senate with a vote of 18-31-2.

SB 1312 (Schoenberg) Creates the Design-Build for Highway Construction Act. Allows the Department of Transportation to use the design-build delivery method for public projects if it is shown to be in the State's best interest. Requires the Department to prepare a request for qualifications and a request for proposal for each project. Requires the Department to issue a notice of intent to receive requests for qualifications or proposals. Provides for

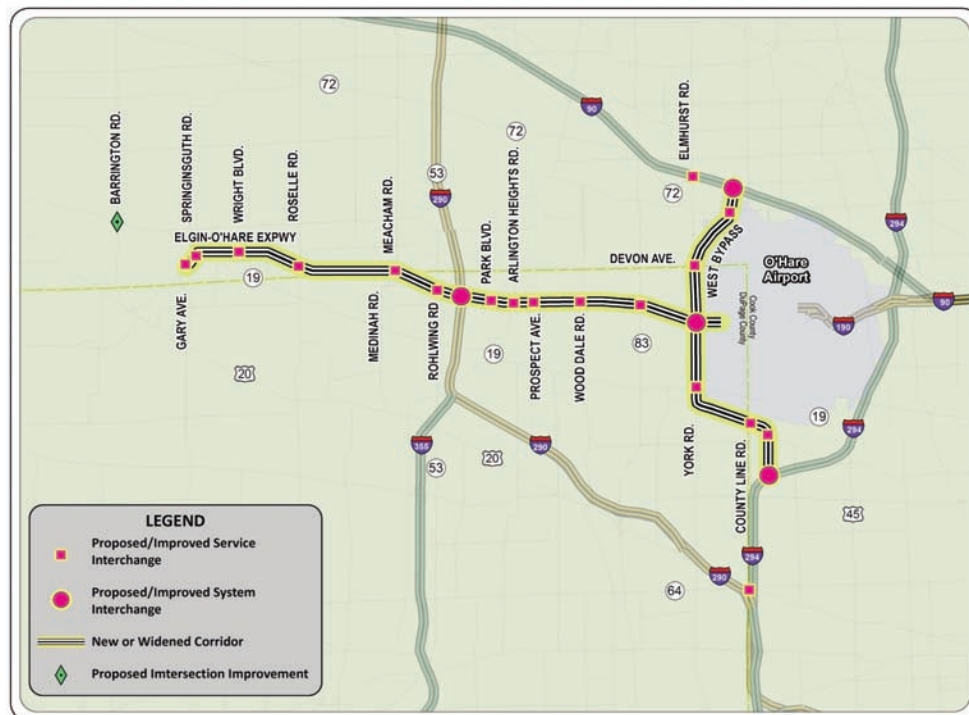
requirements for qualifications and proposals. Provides for a committee to evaluate and select the design-build entity. Provides procedures for the selection of the design-build entity. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code and the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act to make them subject to the Design-Build for Highway Construction Act. Effective immediately. ASCE is in **SUPPORT** of this legislation. **SB 1312** was re-referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1270 (Crotty/Chapa LaVia) provides that it is the goal of the State that SDVOSB and VOSB participate in the State's procurement process as prime contractors, and businesses contracted by the State to perform professional services in architecture or engineering. When this bill was introduced in the Senate it was amended a number of times, the language above is from the 4th amendment which we believe will only apply to a few firms throughout the state, and will all require a 3% set aside for those firms. ASCE is still looking into the concerns regarding this bill. This bill **passed** both chambers and is on its way to the Governor's desk. **ASCE**

The Government Relations Committee consists of Robert Gorski, Lou Arrigoni, and Garrett Yeates. If you are interested in the Committee please email Robert_gorski@urscorp.com. This article provided by the Government Relations Committee.

Western Access to O'Hare Airport

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The national and regional significance of the EO-WB project has been recognized by Governor Pat Quinn with the creation of an Advisory Council, by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as a high-priority project, and by the Urban Land Institute Chicago as a major infrastructure “game changer.”

the study area at a conceptual level of detail and was completed in June of 2010 with issuance of the Tier One Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision. Tier Two studies, which commenced in August 2010, are developing more detailed Phase I engineering and environmental studies, along with financial and management plans required for major transportation projects. Extensive stakeholder involvement and public outreach has been a cornerstone of the study process. The public involvement approach is consistent with IDOT’s policy regarding context sensitive solutions (CSS), the object of which is the frequent and meaningful participation of all project stakeholders.

The significance of the EO-WB project has been recognized in many ways. Firstly, Governor Pat Quinn issued an Executive Order that established an Advisory Council to advance the project. The Governor’s Advisory Council is looking at ways to move the

project to fruition by examining innovative financing options and developing strategies for maximizing economic

Located west of the O'Hare Airport, the EO-WB project provides a roadway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian solution to improve access, increase travel efficiency, and reduce congestion in the area.

growth opportunities. The Council is also concentrating on methods to embrace sustainable practices and promote a diverse work force. In addition, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for

Planning’s (CMAP) *GO TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* identified the EO-WB as a high-priority project that would provide congestion relief and enhanced accessibility to the area surrounding O’Hare Airport, a major economic driver in the region. The Urban Land Institute (ULI) Chicago also named the EO-WB as one of the major infrastructure “game changers” needed to maintain the region’s competitive edge, as well as foster equitable growth and increase connectivity.

The implementation of the EO-WB will sustain the area’s global economic competitiveness, promote business retention and attraction, and create new jobs. The project is vital to the region’s economic health and growth in the coming decades. **ASCE**

Lidia Pilecky, of CH2M HILL, serves as the lead EO-WB Project Manager. This article was provided by M. Seyhun, P.E. of the ASCE Geotechnical Group.

Section Activities

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Chicago EWRI Chapter

Social Event & Fundraiser

Date: Tuesday, July 12

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Park Grill (Outdoor Patio)
11 N Michigan Ave
Millennium Park, Chicago

Details: Appetizers provided. Raffle tickets for prizes will be sold to raise money for the American Red Cross to assist tornado, flood and other disaster victims.

RSVP: None Required

Questions:

Heather Henneman at
hhenneman@sprynet.com

SEI Illinois Chapter (Structural Group)

Construction Tour

Date: Friday, July 15

Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Topic: Wacker Drive Construction Tour

Hosts: John Sadler (*Chicago Dept. of Transportation*) and Andrew Keaschall (*Benesch*)

Place: Wacker Drive Field Office
223 W. Jackson, Suite 1010
Chicago, IL

PDHs: 1 Hour

Cost: Free

RSVP: By July 11, 2011 to
asce.il.struct@gmail.com

Questions:

Dennis Morgan at
(312) 575-3940

Chicago EWRI Chapter

Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 9

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: MWH
175 W Jackson Blvd, 19th Floor,
Chicago, IL 60604

(Use elevator banks on the Van Buren side of the building.)

RSVP: Heather Henneman at
hhenneman@sprynet.com

Upcoming Activities

2011 ASCE Illinois Section

Annual Dinner Meeting (SAVE THE DATE!)

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Join us for a special night of celebrating outstanding engineers and projects that have made a difference in Illinois!

Place: Mid-America Club
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2011 ASCE Honors and Awards

In our continuing effort to enhance communications between ASCE Headquarters and the Regions, Sections, and Branches, Geographic Services is pleased to announce the following Illinois Section members have received awards:

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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 Lou Arrigoni, at larrigoni@envdesigni.com.

■ *Treasurer's Report*

▲ Treasurer Becq-Giraudon presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report

■ *Group Reports*

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

■ *New Business*

▲ **Illinois Section Dues:** Mike McKinnon of the Finance Committee proposed the possibility of raising Section Dues to \$35. It was suggested that Past President King talk to the past presidents to get a take on their thoughts and what the section has done in the past.

▲ **Nomination Recommendations for the 2011-2012 Board:** The following slate of candidates were nominated for the 2012 executive board by Past President King and approved by the present board:

President – Bill Cussen

President-Elect – Lou Arrigoni

Secretary (1 year term) – Pat Lach

Treasurer (2 year term) – Mike McKinnon

Director to 2013 (2 year term)

- Victor VanSanten
- Stephanie Nurre
- Jennifer Gora

Director to 2012 (1 year term replacing Mike McKinnon)

- John Green

▲ **Adopt a Highway Program:** The first pickup for the Adopt a Highway participation was June 11th. Everyone from the Illinois Section was invited. Pickup was from 9 am to noon. The next pickup is September 17th with the Transportation and Geotechnical Groups taking the lead. The last pickup for the year is November 12th with the Structural and Younger Member Groups taking the lead.

▲ **Billboard Signs:** President Olson pointed out innovative ways to use SPAG grants by

mentioning that a ASCE Section used the money to take out Billboards highlighting what Civil Engineers do for the community.

■ *Old Business*

Re-Cap of Sustainability Conference: Thera Baldauf attended the Sustainability Conference June 1st. There were 84 attendees with speakers from OMP, UIC, EPA and the City of Evanston.

▲ **Re-Cap of Illinois Section Golf Outing:** The golf outing was attended by about 50 golfers even though the weather was cold and rainy. A number of foursomes braved the weather to shoot at least nine holes and One foursome finished all 18.

▲ **Opportunities to Present the Illinois Section Report Card:** The Board continues to search for opportunities to the present the report card and has the following presentation scheduled: Lake County College on July 13th.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2011, 5:30pm at MWH Americas, Inc., 175 West Jackson Blvd, 19th Floor.

President's Notes

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economic and social aspects of civil engineering projects. The challenge will be for us as a profession to come together and develop a universally accepted rating system similar to the LEED system.

I would like to thank our Sustainability

Committee Chair **Thera Baldauf** and the Programs Subcommittee Chair **John Lazarra** for putting together a great seminar. We look forward to more in the future. Finally, I would like to publicize that our applications for the 2011 ASCE Illinois Section Awards are on

our website (<http://www.isasce.org/web/>). This year we will also be giving out our first annual Sustainable Project of the Year Award. Please consider submitting an award nomination and attending our Annual Dinner on October 12th. Have a great summer everyone! **ASCE**