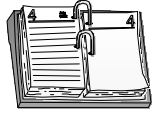


News & Notes...



Awards Committee Chair Is Open...

Are you interested in being involved at the ASCE Section level but don't have a lot of time to spare? The Colorado Section ASCE needs an Awards Chair. This is a great "corresponding chair" position – most of the activities of this position can be completed from your desk at home or work. The Awards Chair is a once-a-year responsibility that is very rewarding. The Colorado Section ASCE has an existing Student Awards program, which entails setting up volunteers to review student applications, organizing volunteers for on-site interviews, using established review criteria to evaluate the students, and supplying the awards to the April meeting. The Colorado Section ASCE would also like to re-establish an awards program for Colorado Section ASCE members and projects. If you are interested in becoming the Awards Chair, please contact Roxann Hayes at rhayes@larimer.org.

Partnering Committee Chair Sought...

The Colorado Section ASCE doesn't have a Partnering Committee, but it should! Partnering with other Colorado professional-technical organizations is an excellent way to increase awareness and understanding of the Civil Engineering profession among peer professional groups and the public. It expands our opportunities for educational and community service outreach, and it brings the occasions for camaraderie with, and support of, our colleagues in other Colorado professional-technical organizations.

The Colorado Section ASCE already has a long-standing record of participation with other organizations. Mike Glade is the Section's representative to the Colorado Engineering Council (CEC), Chuck McKnight to the American Council of Engineering Companies-Colorado (ACEC-CO), Taka Kimura to the ACEC Joint Education Committee, Steve Fisher to the Design and Construction Coalition. The Younger Member Group gives strong support to the Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists (CABPES) educational outreach program, and John Gormley sees to our involvement with some of the Professional Engineers of Colorado (PEC) activities. And there are many Colorado Section ASCE members who are actively involved with other professional-technical organizations.

What's needed is someone to organize and coordinate the Colorado Section ASCE's partnering activities. A Partnering Committee Chair could assemble the committee from members already responsible for or involved with partnering efforts,



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then work with the committee to sustain and enhance the Colorado Section ASCE's Partnering program. Please contact John Gormley, (303) 858-8008, gormleyjt@msn.com, for more information or if you have an interest to be the Partnering Committee Chair or member.

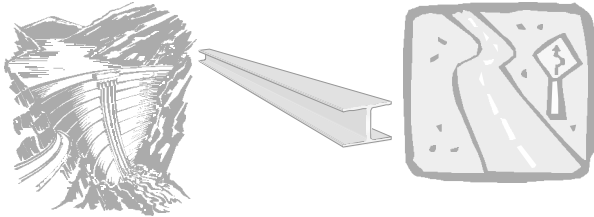
ASCE Proposes Governance Change...

by Stein Sture, ASCE District 16 Director-Elect

As part of its most recent strategic planning exercise, the ASCE Board of Direction has reviewed the governance and operations of the Society for nearly three years. After extensive studies and considerations by two task committees, the Board is considering a Constitutional change, which would alter the way ASCE operates and serves its members, and the way the Board of Direction is composed and elected. The goal is to create "A more perfect Society."

ASCE's purpose is to become more flexible and responsive, providing more diverse perspectives, improving communication, and to build more effective and efficient leadership. Since its last change in structure in the early 1970's, ASCE has nearly doubled its membership, which is now about 130,000 members. Also, there are seven Institutes to which over 60% of ASCE members belong, which need to be included in the governance of the Society. Our members are becoming more diverse and more mobile as they progress through their careers, and our profession is becoming more complex.

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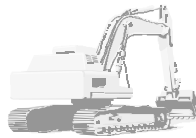
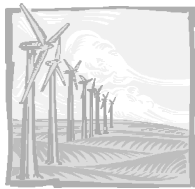


Joint Holiday Luncheon Presentation for all Groups

Is Average Good Enough for Colorado?

The Colorado Section ASCE released its 2003 Colorado Infrastructure Report Card (see it at <http://www.coloradoreportcard.org>) on Thursday, October 16, 2003, at the State Capitol in a press conference. The Section's committee and hand-picked review panel arrived at grades ranging from a "B+" for the aviation sector to a "D+" for the roads sector. The State average was a "C+." "The way we've been treating some of the infrastructure in our state is like giving your car an oil change after 100,000 miles...it just may fail you," said Stephen Fisher, Chair of the Section's Report Card Committee. The report stresses non-monetary solutions to address some of Colorado's infrastructure problems to foster smarter maintenance and development of our built environment.

The press conference and follow-up interviews were covered by three television news stations, three radio stations and five major papers around the State. The Section hired a public relations firm and printed 350 Resource Guides and 1,500 pocket cards which have been handed to nearly every mayor and legislator in the State. The project took over 2 years and cost the Section approximately \$12,000. The Section plans to present the Report Card in at least four upcoming government and civic events.



Upcoming 2004 Section Meetings

Thursday, January 15, 2004
Thursday, February 19, 2004
Thursday, March 18, 2004
Thursday, April 15, 2004
(Annual Student Awards Night
at Northglenn Holiday Inn)
Thursday, May 20, 2004

Younger Member Group

The Younger Member Group (YMG) has been busy this past month collecting food and toys for local charities. We had about 35 people participate in the second annual YMG Turkey Fry Pot-Luck and Food Drive, which generated boxes of canned goods to be donated to the Denver Rescue Mission. The YMs have also been collecting toys to donate to Families First at the monthly happy hours. Be sure to join us at the next YMG happy hour on Thursday, December 11th, at The Hornet, located at 82 Broadway in Denver. Please be sure to bring a toy with you to help with our toy drive!

The Younger Members are continuing to help out the community by volunteering at the Denver Rescue Mission and assisting future engineers and scientists through the MEP and JETS programs. In addition to all the community outreach we have been involved in, some YMs also enjoyed a technical tour of Rinker Material's Pre-stress and Hydro-conduit Division this past month. Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.ascecoloradoymg.org/newsletter.htm

and click on the "Newsletter" tab for more information on upcoming events!

Seasons Greetings & Best Wishes for the New Year!

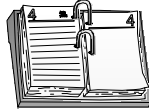
9th Annual Short Course on Finite Elements In Geotechnical Engineering

Colorado School of Mines
March 15-17, 2004

The course should remove some of the mystique of "black-box" geotechnical software by giving participants an insight into the workings of the finite element for geotechnical analysis. Classical applications will be covered including settlements, seepage, consolidation and slope stability. Participants will receive a copy of the course textbook and all source code. The course blends lectures with supervised computing sessions. For further information see web site www.mines.edu/Outreach/Cont_Ed/fege.htm or call the course instructor, Professor Vaughan Griffiths, at 303-273-3669.

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Proposed ASCE Governance Changes...

ASCE is currently governed by a Board of Direction of 28 members [including 3 Presidential Officers, 4 Vice Presidents, 20 Directors (representing 15 Districts, with about 9 Sections each) and 1 International Director]. The proposed Constitutional change, which is considered, provides that ASCE would be governed by a 17-member Board (comprising 3 Presidential Officers, 9 Directors, 1 International Director, 2 Institute Directors, and 2 At-large Directors nominated by the Board and elected by the membership).

Under the proposed structure, each of the geographic Regions (Domestic and International) would have a Board of Governors (the Institutes already have Boards of Governors). The Chair of each of these Boards would be a Society Director from that Region. Again, District Councils may continue to exist in those cases where groups of Sections decide that the Council's role is effective. In many cases, the Regional Board of Governors will replace and expand the roles of the District Councils.

- The Zones (1-4) would be eliminated.
- The Zonal rotation of nomination of President would be eliminated.
- The new Regions would be created by combining adjacent Districts.
- The current District Councils may be retained if desired.
- Sections and Branches remain the same.

There will be a cost-savings at the national ASCE level, however, the different Regions will require funding to operate. It is expected that the proposed change will be cost-neutral. Cost-savings related to reduction of the current Board would be used to support Regional operations.

If this Constitutional amendment is approved by the Board and the general membership, the transition to the new structure would take about 5 years. All officers elected under the current governance structure would serve full terms. The earliest possible election of officers under the new proposed structure would take place in the summer of 2005.

Happy Holidays!



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