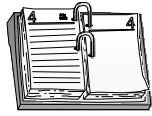


News & Notes...



Colorado Section ASCE Joins ASCE Region 7...

By Stein Sture, ASCE Director, District 16

As indicated by President John Gormley in his President's Message, in the coming year ASCE District 16 will transition to the new ASCE Region 7 as part of ASCE's new governance. The purpose of this change is to assist, on a regional basis, the Society's Board of Direction in governing the Society and to more effectively communicate and provide services to the members. The Region 7 Formation Team had its first meeting in St. Louis on February 25, where seven members representing various sections, younger members and Institute interests met to draft the Bylaws for the new Region and to establish operating principles and standing rules. A draft of the bylaws will be distributed for comments to the various sections and branches in District 16 (Region 7) prior to discussing an updated version of the Bylaws at the District 16 Council meeting, which will be held in Kansas City in early June, 2005.

The Region Formation Team is currently discussing a wide range of issues, including how many governors the Region's Board of Governors shall be comprised of (at least five, but fewer than 15), how the chair is selected, rotation schemes, etc. The team also is discussing if larger sections, such as Colorado with its almost 3,500 members, should play a major role in the Region. We are also discussing if the new Region should also include structures, geotech, water resources, etc. technical groups. The Region 7 Board of Governors is also expected to provide advice to the Society's Board of Direction and to manage the affairs of the Region in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents and of the Region.

At the moment, it looks like the Region will receive a total of \$13,000 from ASCE headquarters, and additional funds may be needed if we see a broader role for the Region. Then the questions are: Shall the members (sections and branches) in the Region provide additional financial support to the Region for its operation, and what level of services do the members expect? These are among the many questions which are being debated. It is expected that Region 7 will formally become operational in the middle of 2007 after ASCE Board approval.

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May Is A Joint Meeting of All Technical Groups

T-REX Progress Report

Larry Warner, T-REX Project Manager, will discuss **progress to date in completion of the Transportation Expansion (T-REX) Project**. T-REX is a \$1.67 billion venture that is transforming the way people in the metro Denver area travel along the southeast corridor of Interstates 25 and 225. The T-REX project is adding 19 miles of light rail and improving 17 miles of highway. The project is the result of a unique collaboration between the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation District. T-REX construction began in fall 2001 and construction is scheduled to be complete in September 2006. Light rail service along the Southeast Corridor will begin in late 2006.

Holiday Inn Parking Is Free!

You'll Need to Get An Exit Gate Key Card Before Leaving...

The only access to the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown's 6 main levels of parking garage is via the ramp adjacent to and part of its main entrance on Glenarm Place. **Take a ticket** so the parking booth gate lifts and drive on through and up the ramp to any of Lower or Upper Levels 2, 3 or 4. If some of the parking spaces seem tight because of columns, just keep going—there are many spaces without any columns near them. Each level has a central access to the elevator core so you can easily go down to the main lobby level and dinner meeting room.

Before leaving for the evening, stop by the front desk to **get a complimentary garage exit gate key card**. This key card will allow you to leave the garage without having to pay. Please leave your key in the collection box just to the left of the key card reader after the gate opens.

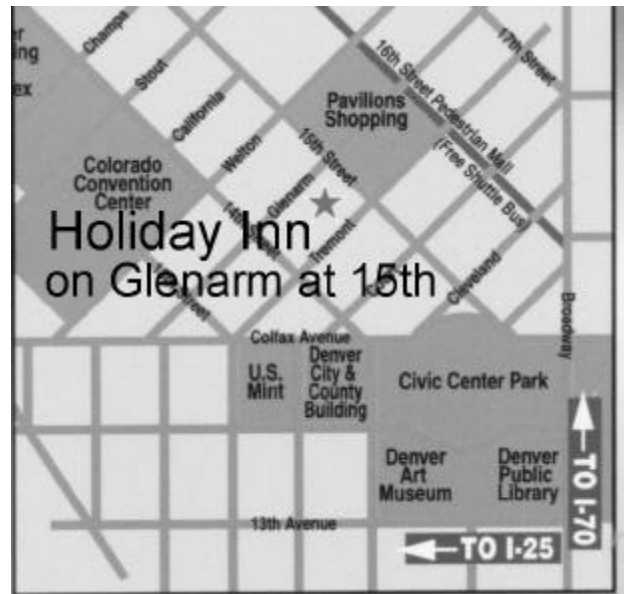
May's Is Last Meeting Until September

There are no dinner meetings during June, July and August. They will resume on Thursday, September 15, 2005. The 3rd Thursday schedule includes October 20 and November 17. Mark your calendars now so you'll be sure to attend!

Holiday Inn Denver Downtown Is Our New Meeting Site!

The Colorado Section ASCE Executive Committee completed its search for a new meeting place and selected the centrally located Holiday Inn Denver Downtown, 1450 Glenarm Place, Denver. The search criteria included price, location, quality and characteristics of the meeting rooms, dinner menu, audio and visual resources, and parking. Out of 11 proposals received, the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown gave us the most competitive quotation and scored very well in all other considerations—and parking is free! Also, this location is more removed from the T-REX Project adjacent to our old location.

Our first meeting at the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown is on May 19. We will have our regular monthly meetings there at least through September 2006, with the possible exception of the April 2006 Student Awards Night. The hotel is in the heart of downtown Denver and easy to get to (see the map below and on the Section's web page). Enter the hotel from the south corner of Glenarm Place and 15th Street. The parking garage entrance ramp is off the main entrance's U-shaped driveway. Additional map coverage will be available at the May meeting. Call the hotel, (303) 573-1450, if you need any help with directions in getting to the May 19 meeting.



Note: The easiest approach to the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown may be by coming off Colfax Ave. onto Glenarm Place, then driving toward the 16th St. Mall area and making a right turn directly into the hotel garage just shy of 15th St. Glenarm Place is a 2-way street. 15th St. is 1-way to the Northwest, and 14th St. is 1-way to the Southeast.

Meet the Candidates...

Election of 2005-2006 Officers for the Colorado Section ASCE is conducted through a mail-in ballot which is part of this issue of the Newsletter. Please review the below biographies of the official candidates who were selected by the Nominating Committee chaired by Vaughan Griffiths, Past President. Write-in candidates are permitted.

This year's ballot also includes a question concerning a proposed change in the Section's Constitution.

Return your ballot to the Colorado Section ASCE office postmarked no later than May 31, 2005.

For President:

Christoph Goss, Ph.D., PE, is the resident tunnel engineer with Tetra Tech RMC in Longmont. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering and a Ph.D. in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. His specialty is the investigation, design and construction of tunnels, many here in Colorado. He has been a member of ASCE since 1993. He has served the Colorado Section ASCE on the Younger Member Committee, as the Treasurer for two years and as the Secretary. For over two years, Dr. Goss was Chair of the Colorado Section ASCE Geotechnical Engineering Group, which included chairing the 2004 regional geotechnical engineering conference "H2Geo: Geotechnical Engineering for Water Resources." Dr. Goss is currently the Colorado Section ASCE Vice-President. He is looking forward to another year of interesting speakers, community programs and social opportunities for the membership.



Christoph Goss

For Vice President:

Edward Stafford, PE, M. ASCE., is a Transportation Engineer with the City of Arvada. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Colorado. He has been a member of ASCE since 1995 and has served as the Colorado Section ASCE Membership Committee Chair for 4 years, the interim Colorado Section ASCE Treasurer in 2004 and the current Colorado Section ASCE Secretary.



Edward Stafford

For Secretary:

Matthew McDole, PE, is Chief Engineer at the E-470 Public Highway Authority, a position he has held since 1995. In his 40 years of experience, he has also held the top engineering management position at Denver RTD and San Francisco BART. Matt became a Life Member of ASCE earlier this year and is the chair of the National ASCE Transportation and Development Construction Committee and a member of the national ASCE Construction Institute Management Practices in Construction Committee. He is also active in several professional organizations including NSPE, DBIA, IBTTA and TRB.



Matt McDole

Proposed Amendment to Constitution Article IV, Paragraph a) Regarding the Voting Members of the Executive Committee:

The Colorado Section ASCE Executive Committee has forward to the membership a request for an amendment to the Section's Constitution. The change, if approved, would increase the membership of the Section's Executive Committee by including a representative from the Younger Members Group (YMG). The Executive Committee recognizes that the YMG has been very active for the past five years, including recruiting new members to the Section, offering additional benefits to all members of the Section, and also, through its annual golf tournament, the YMG has become a financial supporter for activities sponsored by the Section. For these reasons and to increase the representation of Section members in the governance of the Section, the Executive Committee has forwarded this constitutional amendment and recommends that members vote in favor of it.

2005-2006 OFFICIAL BALLOT

Colorado Section ASCE

All ballots must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2005.

Place an X in the [] to vote. Blank lines are for write-in votes.

Vote for only one (1) individual in each officer position and on the Constitutional question.

Only Official Ballots distributed in the newsletter via US mail are valid.

This Web-based Newsletter ballot page has been intentionally altered because only hardcopy ballots are valid.
Christopher Goss is the candidate for President.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

[] Edward Stafford

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FOR SECRETARY

[] Matt McDole

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH a) REGARDING THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

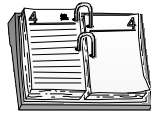
Shall the Colorado Section of ASCE Constitution Article IV, Paragraph a) be amended by deleting the first two sentences and replacing them with "The Executive Committee, in which the governance of the Section shall be vested, shall consist of the regularly elected officers, the most recent Past President residing in the jurisdiction of the Section, the President of each of the Branches or their appointed representative, and the President of the Section Younger Member Group or their appointed representative. The Branch representatives and the President of the Section Younger Member Group will have full voting rights on the Executive Committee, but will be ex officio."

[] Agree

[] Disagree

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In the hardcopy version it is the "self-mailer" portion of the ballot containing the address for returning completed ballots.



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Geotechnical Group Biennial Seminar Seeks Volunteers...

Every other year, the Colorado Section ASCE's Geotechnical Group organizes a one-day seminar focusing on an aspect of local engineering practice. In 2004 the topic was H2GEO: Geotechnical Engineering for Water Resources. It's time to start planning the 2006 Geotechnical Seminar!

The seminar has been typically co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Section of the Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG) and the Colorado Association of Geotechnical Engineers (CAGE). Historically, the seminar has been widely attended, and it offers a great opportunity for the sharing of ideas among similar geodisciplines in Colorado. A Steering Committee will meet monthly to organize various aspects of the seminar, beginning with selecting a date and a topic for the seminar.

The first Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005, at 7:30 AM at the USBR office at the Federal Center (Platte Room). Those interested in working with peers to help to organize this event always are welcome to attend and participate! Coffee and morning snacks are standard meeting resources to help fuel your ideas! At any time, please contact Minal Parekh, Geotechnical Group Chair, at mparekh@lymanhenn.com for more information or to discuss your possible involvement.

Complete List of Upcoming ASCE Continuing Education Seminars In Colorado...

National ASCE's Continuing Education Department will be holding nine seminars in Colorado from now through September. These are in-depth, practice-oriented programs. For detailed seminar descriptions by title visit ASCE's National website www.asce.org/conted/seminars.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Kelly Jarvis, Continuing Education Registrar, at kjarvis@asce.org. The nine seminars are:

Thursday & Friday, May 5-6, 2005
Design, Construction & Renovation of Masonry Structures
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, June 16-17, 2005
HEC-HMS Computer Workshop
(Hydraulics and Water Resources)
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, July 7-8, 2005
Pumping Systems Design
(Hydraulics and Water Resources)
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, July 14-15, 2005
Low Impact Development (Geotechnical)
Colorado Springs, CO

Thursday & Friday, July 14-15, 2005
Seismic Design of Highway Bridges (Structural)
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, August 25-26, 2005
Preparing Your Clients for the Fall
-NEW! (Construction)
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, September 15-16, 2005
Soil & Rock Slope Stability (Geotechnical)
Denver, CO

Wednesday-Friday, September 21-23, 2005
Techniques for Pavement Rehabilitation
(Geotechnical)
Denver, CO

Thursday & Friday, September 29-30, 2005
Comprehensive Site Design Workshop
(Construction)
Boulder, CO

ACI Seminar on Concrete Repair Basics Scheduled for Denver...

Wednesday, May 11, 2005, will see ACI holding its 1-day seminar on Concrete Repair Basics in Denver. Attendees will learn the best methods and materials for economical and effective concrete repairs. The seminar will cover causes and evaluation of problems in deteriorating concrete, repair techniques, repair materials, cracks and joints, and protective systems, overlays, and specifications for structures. For full details visit website www.concreteseminars.com.

May Is Last ASCE Dinner Meeting Until September...

The May 19 dinner meeting is the last one until September's since none are held June, July or August. Be sure to attend! Remember that May starts the Section's use of the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown as its new meeting location.

All Voting Members Get A Hardcopy May Newsletter With the Official Section Ballot

All Colorado Section ASCE members who have paid the voluntary \$25 annual Local Section Dues and all Life Members are Voting Members under the Section's Constitution and Bylaws. These governing documents require physical ballots to be mailed to Voting Members for their completion and return.

Please review the ballot material inside this newsletter and vote for officers for the coming administrative year and on the proposed constitutional amendment. Return your completed ballot postmarked by no later than May 31, 2005. Please fold it as indicated, staple it shut and attach a 37¢ stamp before mailing.

Please Update Your Email Address

Please help the electronic newsletters emailed to more than 2,500 members each month of publication reach their destinations by having your correct email address in ASCE's database. Call 800-548-2723 (ASCE) or visit www.asce.org to make online updates.

Younger Member Group

The Colorado Younger Member Group (YMG) is getting ready for summer volleyball in Washington Park. If you are interested in playing with the co-ed recreational team on Wednesday nights, please visit our website for more information or contact Shane Binder at shane.binder@wilson.com. Other upcoming activities include monthly happy hours (second Thursday of each month), volunteer opportunities, and professional and project tours. Additionally, every year the YMG organizes a golf tournament to raise money for student activities and scholarships. If you are interested in playing in the tourney or helping with the event, please see our website for more information or contact Jaryd Takushi at JTakushi@HNTB.com. To learn more about the YMG and these upcoming events, visit our web site at

<http://www.ASCColoradoYMG.org>

Click on the "Newsletter" tab for more information on current events. If you have questions about the group, please email the president Kirstin Pratt at Kirstin_Pratt@URSCorp.com.



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