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## Section/Technical Groups Dinner Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2005 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, not 3rd!)

<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>5:45 pm</b>
<b>Dinner:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Business Meeting:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Special Guest Speaker:</b>	<b>7:45 pm</b>

(Rob Leverington will report on infrastructure rebuilding in Iraq – See Page 3)

**Holiday Inn Denver Downtown (Note: New permanent location since May!)**

◇ **1450 Glenarm Place (Glenarm at 15<sup>th</sup>)** ◇ **Denver** ◇

\$25.00 per person                      \$5.00 for students  
(Pay on site - cash or checks payable to *Colorado Section ASCE*)

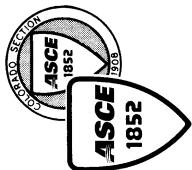
**Make Reservations by Noon Monday, September 19, 2005:**

Leave a voice reservation on ASCE's answering machine at **303-756-9777**

Or send an E-mail message reservation to **[colasce@attglobal.net](mailto:colasce@attglobal.net)**

Please **spell your last name** to help us keep an accurate reservation list

## President's Message...Congratulations, Reflections & Recommendations



Congratulations to the Colorado Section ASCE members for getting out the vote! There were 141 votes cast for the 2005-06 officers and the constitutional amendment. That's almost three times the number of votes cast last year. Congratulations to the elected officers for 2005-06: Christoph Goss, President; Edward Stafford, Vice President; and Matt McDole, Secretary. The Section is most fortunate. Christoph, Edward and Matt are seasoned leaders, wise in the ways of the Section and National ASCE. The constitutional amendment, making the Younger Member Group President a voting member of the Executive Committee, passed.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Section's 2004-05 President. I appreciate the support and interest of the membership in the Executive Committee's efforts to deliver meaningful programs and information and to move the Section forward through this time of significant changes in ASCE, statewide and nationally.

I recommend a few topics for the Section's consideration:

(1) Life Member Voluntary Contributions — The way that dues and voluntary contributions are set up with National, when one reaches Life Member status, he or she falls off the radar as regards Section contributions. I recommend that the Section send a friendly reminder each year to its Life Members for their voluntary contributions.

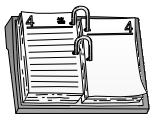
(2) Membership — We have been running flat line with the number of Section members. With our well-established relationships with Colorado ASCE student chapters/clubs, our top-of-the-line Younger Member Group and the representation of so many companies and corporations reflected in our membership, we are in an excellent position to launch an aggressive member recruitment program. I recommend this to the membership.

(3) Western Colorado Branch — With the Southern Colorado Branch revived and well on its way, it's time to turn our attention to the Western Colorado ASCE members. Let's get ahead of the oil shale rush and encourage and assist our Western Colorado colleagues in organizing an ASCE Branch. Please, let the Colorado Section ASCE Executive Committee know of your interests and ideas, and, especially, how you can help!



**John Gormley**

## News & Notes...



### More Congratulations...

It's been a busy summer for the Colorado Section ASCE, receiving notices of ASCE awards, certifications and appointments for several of our members. Some of these you already may have heard of if you were at the May meeting at the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown.

- ! Robert (Bob) Stevens received the Harland Bartholomew Award for his achievements in and service to urban planning and development.
- ! Tissa Illangasekare, PE, has advanced to the ASCE grade of Fellow.
- ! Kirstin Pratt was appointed a Corresponding Member to the ASCE Committee on Younger Members.
- ! Candace (Candy) Ammerman is the recipient of a 2005 ASCE Faculty Advisor Certificate of Commendation. Candy is a Professor of Civil Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines.
- ! Edward Stafford is the recipient of the 2005 ASCE Zone III Outstanding Practitioner Advisor Award. Edward is a Practitioner Advisor at the Colorado School of Mines.
- ! Edward Stafford (again!) has been appointed by the ASCE Committee on Educations Activities to a four-year term as Member, Committee on Student Activities (CSA).
- ! The Colorado School of Mines Student Chapter received a Certificate of Significant Improvement.

Congratulations to all of you on your ASCE achievements!

### Colorado Hosts ASCE Board of Direction Committee Week...

The ASCE Board of Direction Committee Week was held at the Colorado Springs Sheraton, July 22-25. The Colorado Section ASCE, Southern Colorado Branch and Northern Colorado Branch (with lots of help from National's Board Operations team) co-hosted the President's Reception on Saturday evening, July 23. The Colorado Section ASCE and Branches were well represented. We welcomed Board members, Board Committee members and guests to Colorado and Colorado Springs. President Bill Henry and others thanked us for hosting the event.

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## September Is A Joint Meeting of All Technical Groups

### Rebuilding Iraqi Infrastructure & the Iraqi Republic Rail Road

**Rob Leverington**, PE, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, and Captain, U.S. Army Reserves, will speak on rebuilding the Iraqi infrastructure, especially the Iraqi Republic Rail Road. Rob spent a year in Iraq from May 2003 to April 2004 as an advisor to the Transportation Ministry of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Roughly \$78 billion has been spent on rebuilding the Iraqi infrastructure with about \$200 million going to the Iraqi Republic Rail Road and its 2,200 km of track connecting Baghdad with both Syria and many of the country's eastern cities along the Tigris River. In addition to discussing the scopes of projects and their opportunities and challenges, Rob will share his insights and knowledge in helping ASCE reach out to the Iraqi engineering community.

### 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.

**When you check in for dinner, exchange** your parking ticket for a **complimentary garage exit gate key card**. This key card will allow you to exit the garage without having to pay. After the gate opens, please leave your key in the collection box to the left of the key card reader.

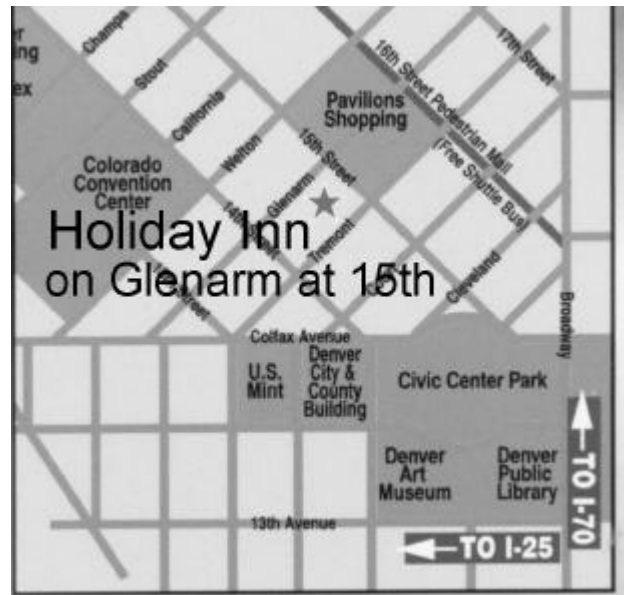
### October Meeting Also Is 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

October's meeting also will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening, Oct. 27. Starting in November, the dates will return to the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Nov. 17, Dec. 15 (lunch), Jan. 19, etc. Mark your calendars 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.

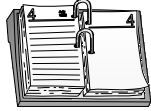
Our first meeting at the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown was last May. We will have our regular monthly meetings there at least through September 2006, with the possible exception of the April 2006 Student Awards Night. The hotel is in the heart of downtown Denver and easy to get to (see the map below and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



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

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### Environmental Webcasts...

Webcasts, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through a Drinking Water Academy training program, are available free of charge to interested persons. These Webcasts are located at the EPA Conference Center, Second Floor, Denver Place, 999 18th St., Denver, CO 80202. They are held on weekdays during the last week of each month for about 2 hours each. These Webcasts are designed for educating the public, system operators, and State and Federal regulators about the Safe Drinking Water Act. Please go to the web site for schedules and topics:

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/calendar.html>

For more information, please contact Harry Jong at 303-312-7077, or email [jong.harry@epa.gov](mailto:jong.harry@epa.gov), or Cheryl Kramer, 303-245-6410, or email [cakramer@fs.fed.gov](mailto:cakramer@fs.fed.gov).

Due to security, check-in procedures to the Conference Center are required. Please email or call

## Younger Member Group

The Younger Member Group (YMG), a group of civil engineers 35 years old and younger, is looking forward to a great fall. We're volunteering with the Math Enrichment Program to tutor minority high school students in math. We're continuing to volunteer at the Denver Rescue Mission (a homeless shelter) and are still looking for other community service activities and a Community Service Co-Chair.

The fourth annual Colorado Section ASCE Golf Tournament was a huge success in August, and we raised lots of money for student activities and scholarships. The YMG is thankful to the Section members who continue to make the tournament a success. We're continuing to plan monthly happy hours on the second Thursday of each month, trips to sporting events, technical tours, and many other activities. Please visit our web site at

<http://www.ASCEcoloradoYMG.org>

and click on the "Newsletter" tab for more information on current events.



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