



Section Centennial Dinner Meeting & Celebration

Special Date, Location & Program!
Thursday, January 8, 2009

Social Hour:	5:30 PM
Dinner:	6:15 PM
Centennial Program:	7:00 PM

(See Page 3 for program specifics featuring Denver Mayor Hickenlooper & ASCE President-Elect Leonard)

Hyatt Regency Tech Center Hotel
7800 E. Tufts Ave. (East of I-25 & North of Belleview Ave.), Denver

\$30 per person \$5 for students
 (Pay on site - cash or checks payable to *Colorado Section ASCE*)

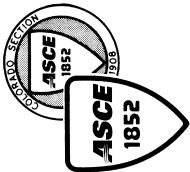
Make Reservations no later than Monday, January 5, 2009:

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

Or send an E-mail message reservation to coloradoasce@qwestoffice.net

Please **spell your last name** to help us better keep track of reservations and avoid duplicates

NOTE: Because of the special arrangements surrounding this Centennial Celebration
 there may not be room for walk-ins wanting to attend without advance reservations.



President's Message... New Year's Resolutions

It is time to make New Year's resolutions. How about making a promise to actively promote needed and sustainable improvements in Colorado's infrastructure? ASCE will be releasing a National Infrastructure Report Card in March 2009. Complementing this effort we will be releasing a Colorado Infrastructure Report Card at the start of 2009. These efforts will be reported in the national and state media. But to make them meaningful will require follow-up by you. As civil engineers, we must do better in speaking out in the public arena and in becoming leaders in the policy and decision-making process to ensure our State's future is based on a sound technical foundation. So what specifically can you do? Consider taking part in one or more of the following:

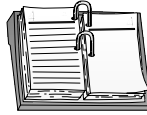
- Write letters to the editor of your local newspapers,
- Write an op-ed piece for your local newspaper or for a magazine,
- Participate in a state legislative day in Denver,
- Hold panels or forums locally to discuss the situation,
- Have a back home visit with your national Senator or Representative,
- Join Face book's "Save America's Infrastructure" group, and
- Participate in the ASCE blog "Our Failing Infrastructure."

Larry Mugler, the new head of the Colorado Section ASCE Government and Legislative Affairs Committee, has agreed to coordinate these efforts. He can be contacted at lmugler@drcog.org.



Jeff May

News & Notes...



CSM Offers Geotech Short Course...

The Colorado School of Mines is hosting its 14th Annual Short Course on *Finite Elements In Geotechnical Engineering* on its Golden campus March 9-11, 2009. The course combines lectures with supervised desktop computing sessions in which participants will learn to run a powerful suite of finite element programs relating to practical geotechnical engineering. The course should remove some of the mystique of "black box" geotechnical software by giving participants insight into the workings of the finite element method and the basic architecture of the programs. Participants will receive copies of the text and all source code for over 50 programs.

For questions relating to course content or materials contact the instructor, Professor D.V. Griffiths, at (303) 273-3669 or via email at d.v.griffiths@mines.edu. For course info and registration contact Melody Francis at the CSM Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education at (303) 273-3321, FAX (303) 273-3314 FAX, email to mfrancis@mines.edu, or visit web site www.mines.edu/Outreach/Cont_Ed/fege.htm.

Colorado Younger Members Group...

The YMG will be holding their annual kick-off party at 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 22. The tentative location is downtown at Pat's at 16th & Market. More information will follow in the January Younger Member Newsletter once the location is confirmed. You also can get up to the minute information by visiting the YMG web site at

www.ASCEcoloradoYMG.org

and clicking on the "Newsletter" tab for information on current events.

Colorado's "Bud" Ahearn Becomes An ASCE Distinguished Member...

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, the Society inducted Joseph A. "Bud" Ahearn, PE, Dist. M. ASCE, and ten others to the elite grade of Distinguished Membership. The 2008 class joins 565 of ASCE's previously elected members who hold the highest position in the Society, second only to being ASCE President. The black-tie Celebration of Leaders banquet was presided over by 2008 President David Mongan, PE, F.ASCE, and Patrick Natale, Executive Director.



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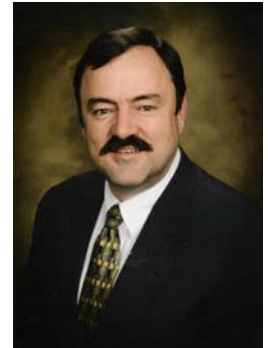
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Denver Mayor
John Hickenlooper



National ASCE
President-Elect
Blaine Leonard

The evening's program will include
Welcome & Introductions
Keynote Remarks –
 Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper
Presentation –
 ASCE President-Elect Blaine Leonard
Recognition of Colorado Section ASCE Past Presidents
Review of Colorado Section ASCE History –
 Dick Wiltshire, History & Heritage Chair
Concluding Remarks –
 Colorado Section ASCE President Jeff May

The Colorado Section ASCE was founded on January 9, 1909, and it's time to celebrate both its 100 years of civil engineering history in Colorado and the Colorado civil engineers who have contributed and continue to contribute to the profession's illustrious achievements. Join your fellow civil engineers and their guests as the Colorado Section ASCE celebrates this 100 years of service to the profession and the State of Colorado with a special Centennial Dinner meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009, in the Centennial Room at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center, 7800 E. Tufts Ave, Denver (East of I-25 & North of Belleview Ave.).

Denver Mayor **John Hickenlooper** is scheduled to join us and has been asked to build his remarks around the importance of civil engineering over the last 100 years and the critical role civil engineers play as stewards of society's infrastructure. **Blaine Leonard**, ASCE President-Elect, has agreed to attend and will be accompanied by **Pat Natale**, ASCE's Executive Director, as well as by other National and Regional ASCE officers. President-Elect Leonard will be talking about both the last 100 years and the future of civil engineering. ASCE also is conducting the Region 3, 6 and 7 Multi-Region Leadership Conference at the same hotel on January 9 & 10, and many of these regional meeting attendees are expected to join the celebration. The program and festivities are expected to last until around 9:30 to 10:00 PM.

We will be **limited to a maximum of 200** attendees. So **make your reservations today** by emailing your name and number of reservations to coloradoasce@qwestoffice.net.

The cost will be the same as for regular dinner meetings: \$30 each for members and their guests and \$5 each for students. You'll have your choice of either valet parking at \$18 or free self-parking. The main course will be grilled New York strip with a vegetarian meal available with advance request.

Government & Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Thursday, January 22

All are welcome to attend the Government and Legislative Affairs Committee's kick-off meeting for the 2009 legislative year on Thursday, January 22, at 5:30 PM in the Wolf Creek Pass conference room of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (east end 3rd floor, 1290 Broadway). We will review a list of issues of interest to civil engineers starting with a proposed issue list provided by national ASCE. Once we have a list of Colorado issues we can review bills being proposed in the Colorado Legislature and determine if ASCE should take a position or provide comments on particular bills. We will discuss both a meeting schedule for the duration of the legislative session and steps the Section can take to get the Colorado Infrastructure Report Card into the hands of our Senators and Representatives. If you would like to be involved but cannot attend this meeting please email Chair Larry Mugler at lmugler@drcog.org to be added to the committee's email list.