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Calendar of Events:

November:

16 - Management Group Meeting

December:

1 - Younger Member Toy Drive
Cocunuts 5:30

No Meeting

The Management Group Presents:

*"Be an Advocate for the Civil Engineering
Profession"*

Thursday, November 16th

Featuring: **Brian Pallasch**, Director of Government
Relations, ASCE

Brian T. Pallasch, CAE, is currently Director of Government Relations at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Washington, DC. He has been responsible for managing the ASCE's government relations department including federal and state legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, grassroots, and policy development, since joining the staff in 1999.

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Highlights of this Issue:

**ASCE - Younger Member Leadership
Symposium Summary
by Marie Maly**

**Significant ASCE Membership
Anniversaries**

ASCE - Younger Member Toy Drive

Location: **Scarlet and Cream Letter Club**
17404 Burke Street
Omaha, NE 68118

Times: Social Hour 5:50
Dinner 6:45
Presentation 7:30

Menu: - Chicken Breast with Monterey Jack Cheese
- Sirloin Spendini
- Chicken Breast with Fettuccini Alfredo
- Steak Salad with Almonds, Onions, and
Mandarin Oranges

All menu items include salad, choice of potato - (mashed, baked, fried), veggies, and garlic bread

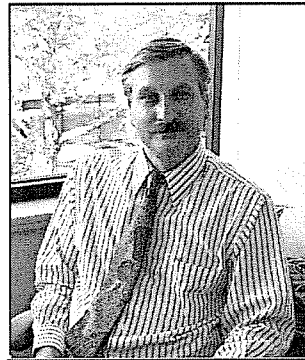
Spouses and guests welcome
\$20 with a meal; \$10 without a meal.
Student meals Free.
RSVP by 12 PM Tuesday, November 14th
TO MARIE 402.493.4800 OR
VP@NEASCE.ORG SUBJECT LINE: ASCE RSVP

*Prices include tax and gratuity.
Portions of the proceeds will go towards hosting our speaker.*

Deadline for articles to be published in the
January Newsletter will be , January 3rd.
Email articles to Aaron Grote at
editor@neasce.org

From the President

- Tom Marnik, P.E.



Tom Marnik, P.E.
NE-ASCE President

Well it looks like I opened up a can of worms. What turned out to be a simple matter of updating the Constitution and Bylaws to correct some out of date language, has brought to the forefront the question of who is actually officially on the Board of Directors. Past practices have placed most people with any type of title on the board (31 at current count). A strict reading of the two governing documents would suggest less. The real question is to first figure out what is the best way for our section to be governed. Then take a currently very confusing set of documents and revise them so they are clear. This was one of the topics of discussion at our latest long Board of Directors meeting. (I think I getting a reputation for having excruciatingly long meetings, but we do really cover a lot of ground). The off shoot from this discussion was to form a task group consisting of myself, Marie Maly, Tom Strauss, and Ed Prost, to hash out the issues and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Eventual any change to the Bylaws and Constitution would have to come in front the membership for a vote. So expect to see something late winter or spring.

I would like to thank Bill Arneson, John Hill and Mike McIntosh for completing the SPAG grant applications for this year. We have applied for three grants totaling \$5,600. This is an important part of our income. The grants are use to fund not only Future Cities, our lobbyist and adds for e-week, but allows us to use money offset by the grants to support Civil Engineering outreach activities for students in areas such as Steal Bridge and Concrete Canoe and Truss Bustin contests. Many of you probably don't realize the Nebraska Section has an annual budget now of \$54,000, all managed by volunteers.

Thanks to Aaron Buettner for putting together the October dinner meeting. I was told the MUD water treatment plant site visit was really cool and dinner at the up Stream Brewery was very good and well attended. I really wanted to see the construction at the plant but, I was attending the ASCE National Conference in Chicago at the time. At the annual conference I was able to discuss the issue of ASCE forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) with members of the National Board of Direction and the main advocate for forming a PAC, Brian Pallasch, ASCE Director of Government Relations. In a effort to bring all points of view to our members, Loras Klostermann has invited Brian to talk at our November dinner meeting on the formation of the PAC and other priority issues being promoted by National. I highly recommend everyone attend, as I believe this is a critical issue affecting the direction ASCE takes in the future.

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CONGRATULATIONS EXISTING MEMBERS!!!

The following members are celebrating significant ASCE Anniversaries this year. If you know one of the following individuals, congratulate them on their accomplishment. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of ASCE and the Nebraska Section.

10 Years

David Anderson	Jeffrey Kopocis
Marlon Broekemeier	Nick Lampe
Kent Cordes	Carl Macchietto
Michael Eisenbarth	Michael Naccarato
Lamont Epp	Aleksander Nelson
Brian Erickson	Richard Onnen
David Griffin	Richard Prell
Khalil Jaber	Zachary Walker
Daren Konda	

15 Years

Bradley Blakeman	Johnny Hill
Kerry Black	William Sharp
John Christiansen	Anthony Stepanek
John Engel	Daniel Strong
Anthony Hansen	William Thompson

20 Years

Atorod Azizinamini	Mark Flott
Michael Barnes	William Reisdorff
Linda Beacham	John Remus
James Chambers	Thomas Riley
Bryan Cisar	Wayne Woldt
Kelvin Doerr	

25 Years

Herbert Becker	Russell Lloyd
Curt Betts	Patrick Poepsel
Sorin Juster	Philip Rossbach
Loras Klostermann	Lawrence Troutman
Richard Kotan	Steven Weidenhammer

30 Years

Steven Bottum	Frank Kwapnioski
Robert Bitner	King Little
George Bryan	Gary Proskovec
Mohamed Dahab	Walter Schultz
Richard Hoopes	

NE-ASCE News

35 Years

Thomas Eversden	Arvid Thomsen
Dennis Murphy	Paul Welsch
Dean Prochnow	

40 Years

Raymond Moore	David Rathjen
Walter Case	George Stickney
Robert Dreessen	Jim Suttle

45 Years

Alex Boilesen
William Churchill
Raymond Hajek
Richard Schlenker

55 Years

James	Chandler
Arthur	Dederman

65 Years

Thomas	Reading
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ASCE Younger members Nebraska

ASCE Younger Member Toy Drive

December 1, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
Cocunuts (1704 N 120th Street, 120th & Franklin)

A donation of a toy will net you a drink and some appetizers at Cocunuts, plus you will get to hang out with a bunch of other generous, young Civil Engineers. All of the toy donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to deserving families. So come hang out, have fun, and do a good deed to jump start your holiday spirit! Also, feel free to invite other young engineers from your firm for this night of early holiday cheer. Please contact Amelia Toellner (actuellner@terracon.com, 330-2202) or Pat Hillyer (Pat.Hillyer@LRA-inc.com, 496-2498) if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

ASCE - Younger Member Leadership Symposium Summary

Written by: Marie Maly

The Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) was held in conjunction with the ASCE Annual Civil Engineering Conference from October 19-21, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. The YMLS is held annually and is planned by the Committee on Younger Members (CYM).

The YMLS began with Robert Parish, PE, M.ASCE, presenting his Daniel W. Mead Award-winning paper on "Is it ethical to transfer risk of a construction project solely to the Contractor indemnifying the Design Engineer and Owner?" The Mead contest is an annual event where Students and Younger Members research and write essays to answer an ethical question. (For more information on next year's competition, see http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/cym_awrds.cfm)

The three remaining presentations focused on leadership and project management. Highlights:

Leadership - It's My Responsibility (Hon. James Rispoli, PE, F.ASCE, F.SAME). Rispoli, who is the Assistant Secretary of Energy, spoke very strongly in favor of face-to-face communication. He insists, "Leadership is not sending an email." Rispoli shows his employees that he cares by walking around every Thursday making small talk - it's important to know everything from who's having trouble on a project to whose child had a dance recital.

In the Project Manager Forum, three PM - one each from transportation, construction, and development - answered a myriad of questions from the Younger Members. According to the panelists, some of the mistakes new PMs make are 1) being afraid to answer questions, 2) answering questions without the necessary knowledge, and 3) waiting to react rather than being proactive.

Leadership in Civil Engineering, It's Not Just Technical (Deepal Eliatamby, PE, M.ASCE, SCCED, President of Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.). Eliatamby, a former member of CYM, believes each engineer needs: technical background, professional involvement, community involvement, and an influence on public policy. Building relationships when you don't need them is important so that they are there when you do need them. Everything - even please and thank you - counts, and small talk is ok. Managing people is much more multifaceted than managing a project, and you can learn from relationships whether it's with a co-worker, a legislator, a student, or someone you know from church.

Questions? Contact Marie Maly, Western Geographic Member, ASCE Committee on Younger Members (vp@neasce.org).

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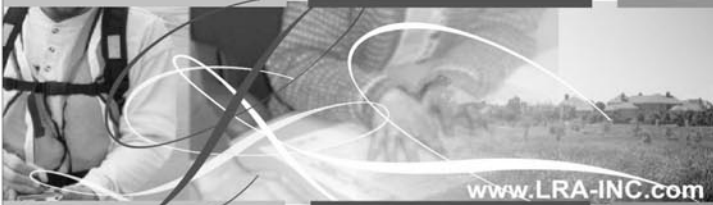


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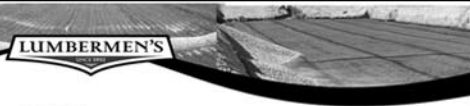
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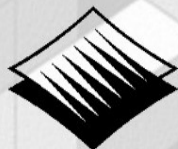
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