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Dear Members:

It is time to welcome a new group of officers to lead the Columbia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. As you will also see in this newsletter, there are still opportunities to volunteer for ASCE positions. Nevertheless, we have had many new faces step up to keep this organization functioning. Thank you to those that have volunteered.

We had a Board Meeting last week to discuss our goals for the coming year. In addition to having the monthly speakers, we are also planning to hold an Infrastructure Forum in the Spring of 2004 to discuss present and future infrastructure needs in this area. Stay tuned for more information. And, if you have any ideas or requests for monthly speakers, please call Vice President Byron Perry with HDR Engineers at 542-0011.

I am looking forward to a successful year as your new President. Please call me at J-U-B Engineers, Inc. (783-2144) if you have any topics to be discussed at our monthly Board of Directors Meetings or General Membership meetings. We will strive to promote the profession of civil engineering while providing professional growth and networking opportunities whenever possible throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Ben W. Volk, P.E.

COLUMBIA SECTION JULY MEETING

Date/Time:	July 23, 2003 @ 11:30am
Location:	Lounge, Shilo Inn, Richland, WA
Meal:	Chef's Choice - \$10 per person. Please make checks payable to ASCE Columbia Section.
Topic:	Highway 240 Yakima Bridge Reconstruction and Future Highway 240 Plans
Speaker:	Moe Devari from WSDOT, Pasco
RSVP:	Jocelyne Gray, jgray@jub.com or (509) 783-2144 by July 21, 2003.

Continuing Education Short Courses

Four ASCE Continuing Ed short courses will be offered this fall via the Tri-Cities Technical Council (TCTC). Tentative topics and dates are as follows:

- * Sep 12-13: Pumping System Design
- * Sept 26-27: Unsteady Flow
- * Oct 10-11: Construction and Contract Law
- * Oct 24-25: Design-Build Contracting

Tuition costs will be similar to other short courses, but without the time, travel and lodging costs involved with out-of-town courses. More information will be available soon.

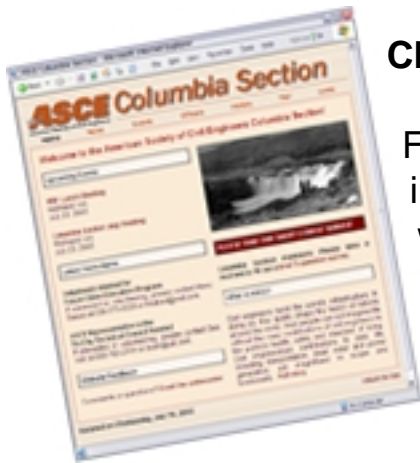
Also, please visit our website at <http://sections.asce.org/columbia/> and take a moment to complete a brief survey there regarding short courses. Your feedback is important!

Seminar planned for March 2004: "Future Tri-Cities Infrastructure"

Topics include 10 year projected growth of Tri-Cities area and the water and transportation infrastructure needed to meet the demand.

If you have suggestions for topics on speakers, contact Indra Ghosh (ighosh2000@msn.com) or Bill Kinsel (kinsel@tricity.wsu.edu).

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The July issue of the Section Informant from ASCE's Geographic Services Department is available online for download at **<ftp://gsd.asce.org/Section%20Informant/2003/July03.pdf>**. Topics in this issue include "Myths about 501(c)(3) Lobbying and Political Activity" and "ASCE Presents Live Interactive Web Seminars."

District 12 Younger Members Forum Conference at Lake Chelan, September 5-7, 2003. This D12 Leadership Retreat was created to help YMF groups gain ideas and support from each other. District 12 includes the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. Aside from the regular networking opportunities and discussions of group organization, there will also be a Media Training Seminar to discuss methods and strategies for improving media coverage of ASCE events. Watch the website for more details as they become available in early August.

Future Cities Educational Program Volunteers Needed. Please contact Harry Babad at 509-375-0328 or hbabad@owt.com.

ASCE Columbia Section representative to Tri-City Technical Council (TCTC) needed. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Ben Volk at 509-783-2144 or bvolk@jub.com.

Nashville 2003 Civil Engineering Conference and Exposition at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN on November 12-15, 2003. Keynote speaker is Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, P.E., US Army Corps of Engineers on "Rebuilding Iraq". Visit the national ASCE website at <http://www.asce.org/> for complete information and registration.