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**President’s Message:**

Members,

As you are all enjoying the mild November weather, please take time to renew your ASCE membership, and check the box to contribute to the local section. These membership dues help fund our local scholarships and younger member transitions from the Student Section as well as allow us to send local engineers to the annual leadership conferences.

Additionally, you may want to check out the membership resources to use up any PDH’s that you may be entitled to...as part of your membership dues. That runs through December, and there are dozens of on demand webinars available. [https://secure.asce.org/ASCEWebsite/Benefits/Membership/FreeOnDemandWebinars.aspx](https://secure.asce.org/ASCEWebsite/Benefits/Membership/FreeOnDemandWebinars.aspx)

I would also urge each of you to start thinking about becoming a board member in the next year or two so the board can actively plan and expand its community involvement. We’re lucky to have such an active board currently, but it’s easy to lose momentum in the spring if we don’t have candidates lined up early. It’s a great opportunity to meet young engineers in a more informal environment, and it’s a great opportunity to build and define the profession that you’ve chosen, and rely on.

The toothpick bridge competition is coming quickly, and we are excited to involve our student chapter more actively in the coming years now that they have become established, and decided to have a mid-year election cycle for continuity. We’ll be looking for volunteers in the next month or so. If you are interested, please get in touch with a board member to let us know.

And, we have a centennial coming up in less than 2 years now. If you have thoughts, ideas, or interest in participating with the planning of this in the next year, please let us know.

Duluth Section President,
David Franseen

Interested in submitting an article for the ASCE newsletter or becoming a Board Member next year?

Contact Tom DesMarais
(newsletter editor)
for information at 218.727.5995 or
tomd@nce-duluth.com
Thanks.
American Society of Civil Engineer’s Mission is to provide essential value to our members, their careers, our partners and the public by developing leadership, advancing technology and advocating lifelong learning and promoting the profession.

Please join us for a Unique Presentation:
November 17th, 2015 12:00 pm
Radisson Hotel
“4th Street Reconstruction”
Steve Krasaway, P.E.
St. Louis County Resident Engineer

4th Street (County State Aid Highway 9) is one of the most urbanized and developed county roads in St. Louis County. When 4th Street required reconstruction, it brought many unique design challenges from pedestrians and bicyclists, trees, utility replacements, City Park impacts, business impacts, and construction phasing. This presentation will discuss the planning and design challenges including recent changes to the project due to the new listing of the Northern Long Eared Bat as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Please RSVP by responding directly to the electronic invitation you received, or emailing asce-duluth@yahoo.com

Professional rate is $15. Student rate is $10. Costs will be collected at the door. ASCE Duluth Section will issue a PDH certificate to members in good standing. It is the responsibility of the individual to determine whether or not the presentation is applicable to his/her career.

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ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2015 at Tycoons.

Board Members present were Cindy Voigt, Nick Patterson, Tom DesMarais, Aislyn Ryan, Mary Christiansen and Dave Franseen. Also Pete Demshar (Younger Member Chair), Dave Polson (Membership Chair), April Boehne (UMD Chapter President), John Hinzmann (Toothpick Bridge Chair), Amy Thorson (Fellow), Chris Morris (Visitor).

The meeting was called to order at 6:07. A quorum was present. September minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: (Aislyn)
Aislyn will perform audit. Prices for safety deposit boxes at Wells Fargo are $35-55/year depending on size with a $20 deposit. Discussion was tabled for now. Checking: $4324.87, Savings: $6969.11

Younger Member: (Pete D.)
On 11/4 from 5-7pm there will be a tour at Mont du Lac for younger members. Curling event after Christmas.

Annual Report: (Mary)
Mary will do the Annual Report – due Nov 30.

Radisson Contract: (Dave F.)
Vote at Oct. meeting approved increasing rates to $20/plate on January 1.

2015 Board/Lunch Schedule: (Dave F.)
Membership and board meetings have been set for this year but Feb and May dates need to be updated.

UMD Student Update: (April)
New officers were elected, to begin in January. It was suggested that new VP take over helping with Toothpick Bridge. 11/4 UMD ASCE has a speaker at 6:45. April will share future presentation dates with Pete and Tom to put on calendar. It was suggested that regular members pay $10 to attend.

Multi-Region Conference: (All)
Jan 15-16 in Chicago. Nick, Pete, Aislyn and Tom will attend.

Toothpick Bridge: (John H.)
John Hinzmann and Chris Morris came to the meeting. Chris will take over the Toothpick Bridge competition duties and John H. and Amy T. will assist. The materials will still be stored in John’s garage.
Cold Region Conference: (John H.)
The conference will be in August 2017. John H. is seeking help from UMD and will be talking again to DH Adrian Hanson. Discussion on support by ASCE Board tabled until next meeting.

2015 Speakers and Meetings: (Nick)
Dec 1 meeting will be at UMD, it was suggested a shuttle from Canal Park to UMD be offered to combat parking. Pete D. to check on availability and pricing. Discussion on having April meeting at UMD as well.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 19th, Tycoons at 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm
Mary Christiansen, Secretary
Speaker and Board Member Spotlight

Aislyn Ryan, M. ASCE, Duluth Section Treasurer

Where did you graduate from?
I received my Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

Where do you work and what do you do?
I am currently looking for an internship or entry-level position in the environmental sector. I minored in Environmental and Ecological Engineering, focusing mainly on water resources. The work I have done has involved water and wastewater treatment, water quality, and water supply and distribution.

Why did you decide to get involved with ASCE and what would you like to see happen?
I grew up in Chicago; however while I was attending Purdue my family moved to Ely, Minnesota. I got involved with ASCE to become more familiar with local companies as well as the market and industry in this area. I value the opportunity I've had to collaborate with and to gain valuable insight from the professionals who are involved with ASCE. I would like to contribute to future reciprocity between ASCE and similar organizations, furthering our capacity to fulfill our stated mission as ASCE.
We want to thank you for supporting The Duluth Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the past. Your sponsorship helps fund several programs that are specific to the Duluth Section. The first being our toothpick bridge competition. This program helps promote civil engineering at a young age, which is vital to the future of our profession. The second program is our annual scholarships to civil engineering and civil engineering technology students. Your sponsorship helps our local ASCE section to promote these valuable activities. That is why it is time again for us to ask you to renew your sponsorship, or consider a new sponsorship for 2015-2016. Our membership is comprised of engineers from a diverse range of companies (engineering, construction and geotechnical, etc.). We are very proud to showcase your company logo on our sponsor page.

With a contribution of $200, your company’s logo will be displayed in each section newsletter through September 2016. Our newsletter is produced 9 months of the year and reaches all of our 300+ members. Your support also aids the Duluth ASCE Section’s efforts to keep the civil engineering community actively involved through technical presentations and networking luncheons, social activities, and student outreach activities.

If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor please send a check payable to ASCE-Duluth Section to the section treasurer:

Aislyn Ryan
1204 E Conan St
Ely, MN 55731

New sponsors, email your company logo to the Vice President and newsletter editor, Tom DesMarais, at: tomd@nce-duluth.com

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- Krech Ojard & Associates
- LHB, Inc.
- MBJ Consulting Structural Engineers
- Marine Tech
- Lake Superior Consulting
- Northland Consulting Engineers
- MSA Professional Services

Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors
Thanks to Our 2014–2015 Sponsors!
(Time to update your sponsorship!)