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### Greetings Section Members-

I am excited to be your new president and would like to thank Nick Patterson for his service and hard work last year. I would also like to thank our recent Duluth Section Presidents Craig Bursch, Art Johnston, Lisa Karlgaard, Cindy Voigt, and David Franseen for providing me with the knowledge and leadership skills to be able to serve effectively as your Section President.

A little about myself; I grew up in a relatively small community on the outskirts of the Twin Cities. I attended college at the University of North Dakota where I was involved with ASCE but had little understanding of its vast reach and the opportunity it would provide me to grow in the Civil Engineering field and community. I moved to Duluth upon graduation to begin my career. I very quickly got more involved in the Duluth ASCE Section with the Younger Member Group, and here I am, seven years later, serving as your Section President. The new opportunities have been an eye opening experience as to the unique opportunity to work in the Twin Ports area, at the very least.

I hope to see all of you at this year's monthly meetings! With our Centennial celebration and Congress on Technical Advancement wrapped up, I look forward to what new opportunities this year will bring the Duluth Section! You may contact me or any board member (either through our contact information at the left or at the next luncheon) if you have any questions about the Duluth Section.

Thank you,

Tom DesMarais  
Duluth Section President

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

**Contact Joe Butler  
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Thanks.**

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Please join us for  
a Unique Presentation  
October 17, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
Radisson Hotel



## “TH210 Flood Repair Design-Build”

Travis Davidsavor, PE - Sr. Geotechnical Engineer/Design Manager, Barr Engineering  
Aaron Gunderson, PE, - Resident Engineer/Project Manager, MnDOT – District 1.

Please RSVP by responding directly to the electronic invitation you will receive via e-mail.

**Professional rate is \$20. Student rate is \$10.**

Costs will be collected at the door or in advance.

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.

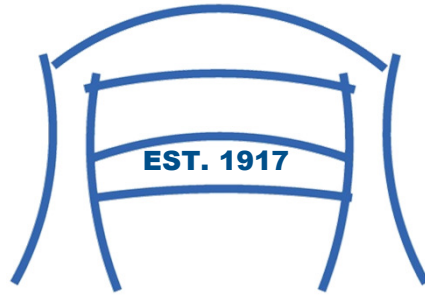
## Membership and Board Meetings for 2017-2018

### Membership Meetings

October 17, 2017  
November 14, 2017  
December 5, 2017 (UMD)  
January 16, 2018  
February 20, 2018  
March 20, 2018  
Apr 17, 2018 (Banquet)  
May 15, 2018

### Board Meetings

October 25, 2017  
November 15, 2017  
December 13, 2017  
January 28, 2018  
Feb 29, 2018  
March 28, 2018  
April 25, 2018  
May 23, 2018



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**ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2017**

Meeting Attendees were Nick Patterson, Andrew Kilpo, Dave Franseen, Joe Butler, Rose Henkel, Tom DesMarais

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. A quorum was present.

Motion was made to approve August 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**UMD Student Update:** Students to be contacted to come to monthly meetings.

**YMG discussion:** Have ethics presentation in the spring. Ben Helmer to take over for Matt Jensen.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$5,088.14, Savings: \$6,973.13 Scholarship checks have not come out of account yet. Have money in Paypal account that will be taken out in increments. Tom to hand off Paypal information to Andrew.

**Speakers:** Tom to give list of past speakers to Mary.

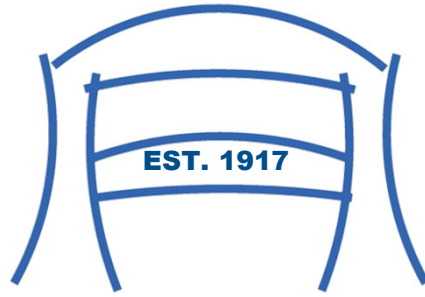
**2017/2018 Board/Lunch Schedule:** Discussed dates and updated a applicable.

**Newsletter Update:** Info to Joe by 10/3/17. Goal to be out by 10/10/17 at the latest. New secretary intro?

**Membership:** Nick or Tom to contact Tom Lamb to see if he will replace Dave. No update on if nametags will change.

**Centennial:** Catering only accounted for 100 people for food even though head count was sent to them. Will continue to work on Centennial GIS Map and report card. Will start up map again in November. Dave to screen received submissions.

**Matrix:** Needs to be updated and sent off ASAP. Andrew and Rose need a copy.



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### **ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Minutes (continued)**

#### **New Business**

Section email (yahoo account) to be managed by the Treasurer. Motion to approve by Joe, Seconded by Andrew. Approved unanimously.

Report card: Still working on.

Radisson update: New catering manager. Dave to forward contact information.

Updating nametags and RSVP lists: Treasurer to update both. Motion to approve by Joe, Seconded by Andrew. Approved unanimously.

Change of commands 2017-2018 board shuffle: Laptop/projector responsibilities to transfer from the president elect to the president.

**Next Board Meeting:** October 25<sup>th</sup> at Blacklist @ 5:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:40 pm.

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