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#### Greetings Section Members-

I hope everyone had a great summer, welcome back to the startup of some more ASCE festivities! As you are all aware, we were pushing and planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary centennial event the past several months and I wanted to make sure each of you is reminded to RSVP for the event (being held Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>). This event is not like the rest of our meetings, RSVP is required for planning on the Vista and catering purposes. We are hoping to make it a fun time on the Vista and hope to get some good membership attendance for this 100 year anniversary celebration!

The Congress on Technical Advancement conference, hosted by ASCE National here in Duluth from September 10-13, is another great opportunity for everyone to get some PDH credits and learn from their robust technical sessions (visit the website for more details). All the conference attendees are invited to our celebration along with some ASCE national leaders.

As a part of our centennial party, Mr. Robert Rhode is going to be celebrated and enjoying his lengthy tenure as an ASCE member at the age of 103 years old. He is still a regular at our lunch meetings and it will be a great recognition of his accomplishments to our section and industry. Also being recognized, on behalf of the History and Heritage Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the ASCE Executive Committee of the Board of Direction just recently approved our Duluth Aerial Ferry/Lift Bridge nomination as a national historic civil engineering landmark. A lot of effort was put together to make this happen prior to the centennial event, by local volunteers and expeditious review from National, so it will be fun to see the plaque being presented.

These presentations will be very interesting to hear and see, but like all parties we are planning for good food, cold drinks, a fun boat ride and some great company. I hope everyone that is interested and able to attend does, because it will be another 100 years before the next time our section is able to have a centennial party!

Thank you,

Nick Patterson  
 Duluth Section President

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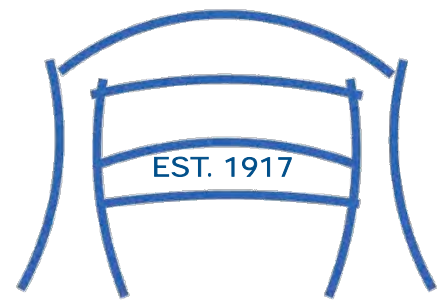
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**Please join us for  
a Unique Presentation**

**September 19, 2017**

**at 12:00 pm**

**At the Radisson in Duluth**

**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.

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.

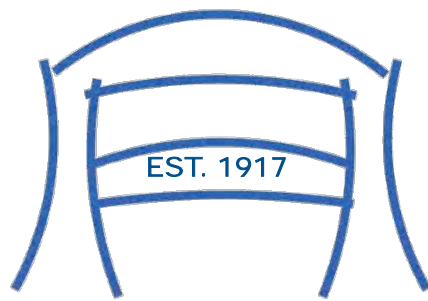
**Membership and Board Meetings for 2017-2018**

**Membership Meetings**

Sept 19, 2017  
Oct 17, 2017  
Nov 14, 2017  
Dec 5, 2017  
Jan 16, 2018  
Feb 20, 2018  
Mar 20, 2018  
Apr 17, 2018 (Banquet)  
May 15, 2018

**Board Meetings**

Sept 28, 2017  
Oct 26, 2017  
Nov 16, 2017  
Dec 13, 2017  
Jan 25, 2018  
Feb 29, 2018  
Mar 29, 2018  
Apr 26, 2018  
May 24, 2018



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## **ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Minutes**

August 17, 2017

Meeting Attendees were Nick Patterson, Andrew Kilpo, Dave Franseen, Joe Butler, Rose Henkel, Mary Christiansen

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 . A quorum was present.

Motion was made to approve May 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting Minutes; minutes were approved unanimously.

**UMD Student Update:** A student budget update is needed. Student budget year is the same as the Section's. Action item for Pete.

**YMG discussion:** tabled

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$6318.08, Savings: \$6972.95

Joe will check to see if scholarship checks have come out of the account yet.

Budget was presented at last board meeting.

**Speakers:** Tom needs speakers for September. Mary needs speakers after September. Tom has a list of speakers. Need an update from Tom to see if any more are lined up.

Nick gave Tom a list of speakers from last 5 years; Tom can provide Mary with a similar list.

We will keep the December meeting at UMD this year. Mary will look into a location.

**Newsletter:** Info to Mary by Monday. Goal to be out Tuesday.

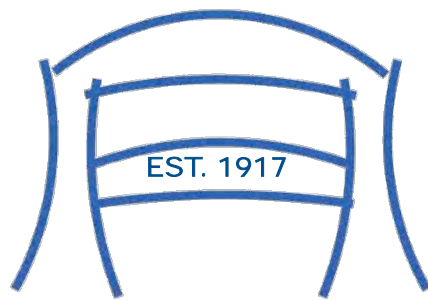
- Confirm dates for Centennial
- Write up on Robert Rohdes
- Bridge designation
- Conference information
- Ballot of officers to National
- Student discount for vista?

### **Centennial:**

Depending on the number registered for the Vista, we can use \$ on drink tickets or scholarships for students to attend. Price for students could be \$10-\$20. We can take 150-180 people depending on weather.

We plan to make tickets available for \$10 to the first 25 students to register.

Tom has PayPal information.



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

**Membership:** Nick to call Tom Donofrio to see if he is still interested.

**Sponsorships:** Send out letters in January.

### **New Business:**

Roles change at next board meeting. Need to take Tom off checking account and add Andrew.

GIS map has not had enough entries to present at the Centennial event.

CTA – sponsorships – CTA will be chasing sponsorships based on low response.

Report Card: Craig will have it ready by the end of 2017. Airports are done. Ports should be done this weekend. Roads, waste, and water in progress.

Radisson: Rick has call into them. Schedule is set, but need to make sure Radisson has it with change of staff. Keep in mind – cost increase is likely coming.

Nametags/RSVP for meetings?: Continue to print RSVP list, using PayPal, discounts for paying in advance. This is a discussion item for September meeting.

**Next board meeting:** 9/28/17 at Hoop's Brewing. Ad Hoc meeting on Joe's Boat on Harbor Cove 9/7 at 5:00 weather dependent.

Meeting adjourned 6:24 PM.

## **List of Proposed Officers for 2017-2018**

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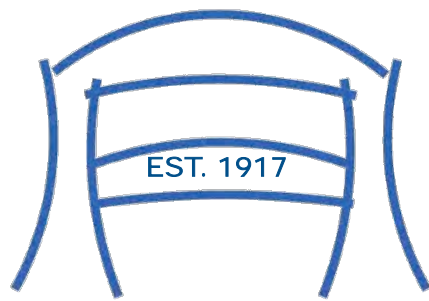
Tom DesMarais

Mary Christiansen

Joe Butler

Andrew Kilpo

Rose Henkel



**2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Duluth Section. Please take note of the many exciting things that will occur this year!**

**Centennial Civil Story Map** – An interactive map of key civil engineering accomplishments that have contributed to the Section in the last 100+ years. Submit your ideas to Nick Patterson or Craig Bursch.

**First Annual CTA Congress in Duluth September 10-13, 2017** – Similar to the International Cold Regions Conferences held in Duluth MN in 1998 and 2009, this Congress on Technical Advancement brings professionals from all over the world to Duluth Minnesota. This new exciting format offers presentations on Cold Regions Engineering, as well as numerous other topics related to “Superior Performance in a Changing Environment”.

Sponsor opportunities for the event available at <http://www.asce-cta.org/sponsors>. Registration will open in May 2017 at <http://www.asce-cta.org/program>.

**Duluth Section Centennial Banquet on Monday September 11, 2017** – Join the celebration as attendees of the CTA Congress join the Duluth Section Members to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Board the Vista Star at 5:30pm for two hours of mingling with heavy appetizers, cocktails, and a narration of various engineering features throughout the Duluth Harbor.

**ASCE Report Card** - ASCE recently released its 2017 Infrastructure Report Card – see details at <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>. The Duluth Section is generating a local report card which will be presented during the CTA Congress in September 2017.

To assist in this effort, please contact Cindy Voigt or Craig Bursch.

SAVE THE DATE



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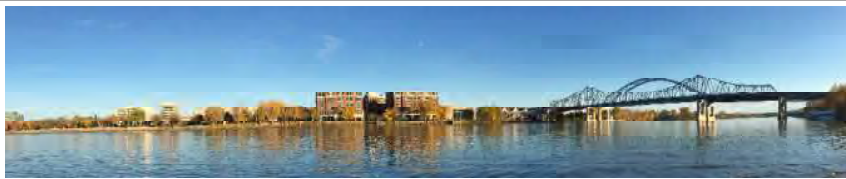
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- Committee on Adaptation to a Changing Climate
- Aerospace Division
- Cold Regions Engineering Division
- Construction Institute
- Energy Division
- Forensic Engineering Division
- Infrastructure Resilience Division



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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**CRAIG SCHIEFELBEIN**

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**2017 WI SECTION  
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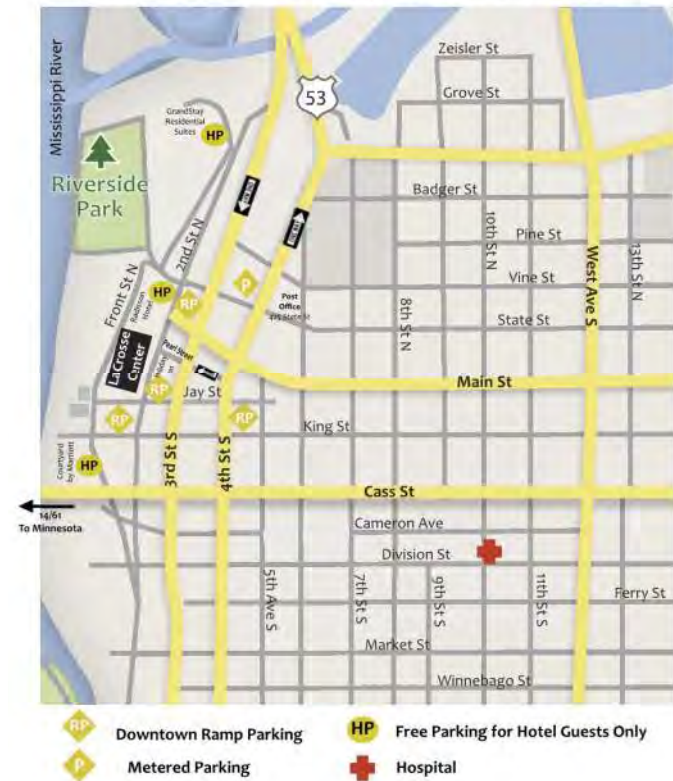
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