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Greetings!

This month I am going to keep the Presidents Message short and sweet with a couple of quick but very important event reminders/invitations.

December 5th we will be moving our Monthly Luncheon up to the University of Minnesota Duluth, in their exciting Civil High Bay Lab. The event has become an annual tradition since UMD started their Civil Engineering program. The program will start with a networking session to promote student and professional interaction. This will be followed with a short presentation and will finish with the opportunity to tour the Civil Labs. I strongly encourage all members to take the extra effort and addend this event as it is a great learning experience for the students and a way for you, as professionals, to scope out future talent!

In addition, the Section is very excited to announce that we will hosting a 2 Hour Ethics Presentation March 7th. The presentation is being offered as a resource to obtain your Ethics PDH required by the Minnesota Licensing Board before the June 30th deadline. Richard Kyte will be presenting Marth 7th, 3:00-5:00, on "Ethical Decision Making for Engineers". Non-Section Members are also invited so please invite any coworkers that may be interested. Final location has yet to be determined, look for official invite to follow soon.

Respectfully

Tom DesMarais  
Duluth Section President

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

**Contact Joe Butler  
(newsletter editor)  
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Thanks.**

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**Please join us for a Unique Presentation**

**December 5, 2017 at 11:30 am**

**UMD Civil Engineering Building - Highway**



**"Retrofit of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater House"**

**Dr. Andrea Schokker, PE, LEED AP- University of Minnesota Duluth;  
Professor, Interim Dean of Swenson College of Science & Engineering**

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

**Professional rate is \$10. Students are free.**

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.

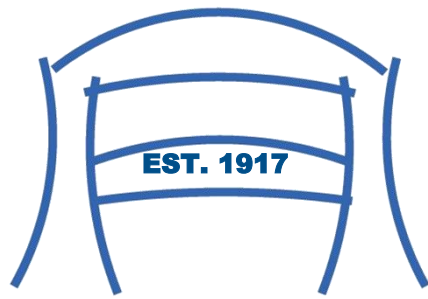
## Membership and Board Meetings for 2017-2018

### Membership Meetings

Dec. 5, 2017 (UMD @11:30)  
January 16, 2018  
February 20, 2018  
March 20, 2018  
Apr 17, 2018 (Banquet)  
May 15, 2018

### Board Meetings

December 12, 2017  
January 25, 2018  
March 1, 2018  
March 29, 2018  
April 26, 2018  
May 24, 2018



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

November 16, 2017

Meeting Attendees were Joe Butler, Andrew Kilpo, Tom Desmarais, Tom Donofrio, Nick Patterson, Rose Henkel, and Mary Christiansen

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm. A quorum was present.

Motion was made to approve October meeting minutes by Nick. Seconded by Joe. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**UMD Student Update:** Looking to have more young professionals on Q & A panel in February or March. Should reach out to YMG and regular membership. Plan to have the mock career fair at the end of January. Board switches in December. Planning on sending a couple people to Omaha for the conference. Had 30 people attend their last meeting.

**YMG discussion:** Tour of CAMS had 28 attendees with two thirds being students. Planning to have Ethics presenter in evening in February. Nick to look into having same speaker from last year. Hold in MN Power auditorium? *Nick left early today, but will be at next meeting in its entirety!!*

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: 6,973.48, Savings: \$8,408.25. All money has been taken out of the Paypal account. For each withdrawal we are charged 30 cents and 3%. Andrew presented 2016-2017 financial report. Motion was made to approve report by Joe and seconded by Nick. Craig still needs to be paid out \$30. Andrew needs login info for those who RSVP. Planning on buying and printing sticky nametags for luncheons. Andrew to use RSVPs to print names along with company name that attendees would manually input.

### **Speakers:**

Dec 2017 - (@ UMD) - still awaiting final confirmation

Jan 2018 - Paul Helstrom (renewables at MnPower) - still awaiting final confirmation

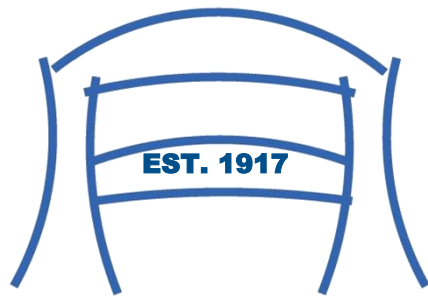
Feb 2018 - Vic Lund (traffic/transportation) - confirmed

Mar 2018 - Paul Johnson (structures - CAMS) - confirmed

Apr 2018 - (Banquet) - no speaker

May 2018 - TBD

Sept 2018 - TBD



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

### **2017-18 Board/Lunch Schedule:**

For December 5, 2017 meeting, Andrew to order pizza. Buy pop separately. Students to pick up pizza order. Meeting to be from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The speaker will talk for 30 minutes and will be worth a ½ PDH. \$10 per professional. Tom to send Andrew pizza order from last year. Board meetings to be moved up to 4:30 pm and on Thursdays. Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> coordinating around people schedules with Holidays.

**Newsletter Update:** Submissions due November 23, 2017. Newsletter to be sent November 28, 2017. Newsletter to include sponsorship letter, president's message talking about UMD meeting, and membership profile. Hard copy of newsletter sent twice a year. Need to get updated list.

**Membership:** Tom Desmarais and Tom Donofrio to get together for handoff.

**Centennial GIS Map:** Still on hold.

**Matrix:** Reviewed updated matrix.

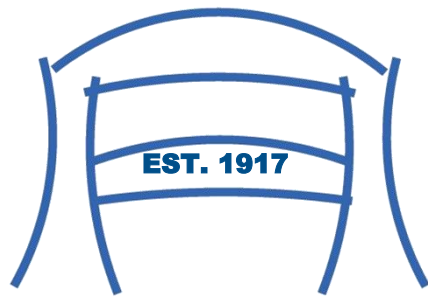
### **Ongoing Business:**

- Report Card: Still need Superior Wastewater and Water data.
- Radisson: Need to improve on sending RSVP for each luncheon. Mary to pick food 3 months in advance.
- Outstanding Section and Branch Award email from National: Tom got a lot of help and feedback.

### **New Business:**

- **April Awards Dinner Banquet:** Have at Glensheen? Clyde Iron? Everyone to come up with 2 ideas to make it an awesome event.
- **Multi Region Conference Attendees:** January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Omaha, Nebraska. Tom to send email. Will decide at next meeting who will go.
- **Community Involvement Project:** Idea of helping getting a playground built? Tiles for wave action?
- **Toothpick Bridge:** Fieldhouse @ UMD on March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Ethics Presentation is going to be March 7<sup>th</sup>, I told Chris to hold Toothpick Bridge either March 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Next Board Meeting:** December 12, 2017 at Fitger's Brewhouse.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:11 pm



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## 2018 Sponsorships

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 2017-2018. 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.

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