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Thanks.**

Greetings!

Recently the Duluth Section had the opportunity to apply for the Outstanding Section and Branch Award. When I first received an email about the opportunity from National I gave it little consideration, but ideas soon started developing in my mind. I thought to myself "Wow the Duluth Section has done some great things this past year." I followed up with an email to the Section Board, Past Presidents, and Committee Members. The list of events and accomplishments grew quickly, as input accumulated from our Section leaders. A hand full of these accomplishments are listed here to give everybody an idea, but our official nomination included many more.

- Section Centennial Event
- Congress on Technical Advancement
- Lift Bridge designated as a "ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark
- Annual Toothpick Bridge Contest
- Robert Rhodes received a "Resolution of Appreciation" from ASCE written by Director Tom Smith and Presented by President Kristina Swallow.
- UMD Mock Career Fair
- Growing UMD Student Section with continued interaction with students and professionals
- Duluth Section Infrastructure Report Card – 7 infrastructure categories
- Younger Member Group – Tours, Events, and Happy Hours with exceptional attendance

With all of this great content we were able to put together a very complete nomination, especially for a "Small Section" (less than 500), let alone a "Medium, Large, or Very Large Section."

Completing this nomination also gave us a very good opportunity to identify some areas we may be lacking in as a Section. Three areas we identified as needing improvement were, "Community Service Events", "Public Services Project", and "Diversity and Inclusion". As your Section President I would like to make it an initiative to work and build on these items this year. If any members want to become more involved or has ideas how we can accomplish this I would love to hear from you, at our Board Meetings, a phone call, email, or personally as we run across each other around the Twin Ports.

Respectfully

Tom DesMarais
Duluth Section President

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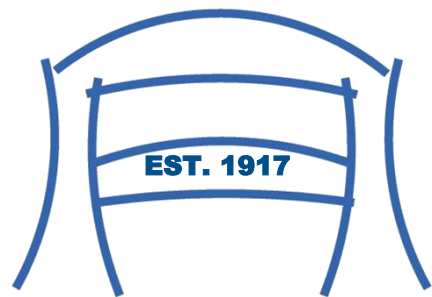
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Please join us for a Unique Presentation

November 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm

Radisson Hotel



"The contribution of structural fibers in mitigating panel fatigue cracking and transverse joint faulting in concrete pavements"

Manik Barman, Ph. D. - Assistant Professor, UMD Department of Civil Engineering

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.

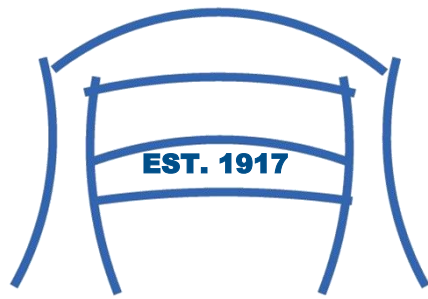
Membership and Board Meetings for 2017-2018

Membership Meetings

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

November 16, 2017
December 14, 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

October 25, 2017

Meeting Attendees were Andrew Kilpo, Tom DesMarais, Nick Patterson, Rose Henkel, Tom Donofrio

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. A quorum was present.

Motion was made to approve September 28, 2017 meeting minutes by Andrew. Seconded by Nick. Minutes were approved unanimously.

UMD Student Update: Completed their roadside cleanup and mini golf.

YMG discussion:

General: UMD Pilot Study with Alumni Office, Continue with tours

Budget: \$1,500 - Spent 30.86 on happy hour meeting at Hoops – Emailed receipt accepted.

Fundraising: Trying to do an ethics presentation (Tom D) and looking into getting shirts (Ben H) to put a few bucks back into the budget and give us something to wear at events

Events:

CAMS Building Tour – 1st Nov noon

Riddle room – Dec (Randy)

Mock Career Fair – end of Jan, week before civil career fair – Professional Volunteers Needed

Skiing Event MDL – Jan

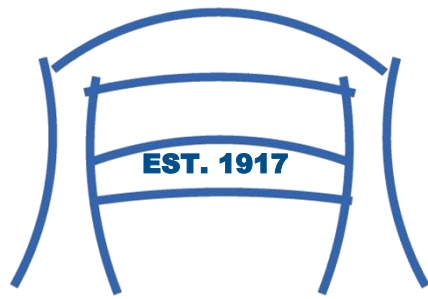
Curling Event – Feb

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$8,133.07, Savings: \$6,973.30. Moved Paypal money over to checking and savings accounts. Scholarships have been paid. Looking ahead, have to make Radisson payment and YMG reimbursement

Speakers: Tabled.

Membership Meeting Update: May 15, 2017 meeting changed to May 22, 2017

Board Meeting Update: Move all meetings from Wednesday to Thursday. DesMarais to send out new dates.



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ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Newsletter Update: Submissions due to Joe on November 2, 2017. Newsletter to be sent November 7, 2017. Member profile: Rose, Tom, or Andrew. Tom to send out example.

Membership: Tom Donofrio is the new chair. DesMarais to send constant contact and constitution.

Centennial: No update.

Matrix: updated.

Ongoing Business:

Email managerial duties to Treasurer – Andrew has been checking regularly.

Report Card Update (Craig):

- We now have Aviation, Ports and Roads graded and Chapters written.
- We have Bridges graded and a draft chapter is being reviewed by my friend Ed Lutgen from MnDOT as we speak.
- We have Solid Waste graded and Carrie and Jack at WLSSD are writing the draft chapter now.
- We have grades from the City of Duluth for Wastewater and Drinking Water. I need to contact City of Superior and some others next, but these are also moving along.

Radisson Update: New catering manager – Monica and Kate – good so far
Mary to send head count.

Gifts for presenters: Getting books on the lift bridge. 16 books for \$175.60. Nick made a motion.
Seconded by Andrew. Approved unanimously.

New Business: Outstanding Section & Branch Award form from National. Desmarais and others will be filling out.

Next Board Meeting: November 16, 2017 @ Canal Park Brewery.

Meeting adjourned: 6:48 pm.

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