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### Greetings Section Members-

First and foremost I would like to thank the membership for entrusting me with the leadership of the ASCE Duluth section for the 2018 – 2019 season. I am humbled by the quality of people I get to work with in the industry and specifically within the ASCE membership.

Second, I would like to introduce myself to those members whom I don't know. I am a geotechnical engineer and office manager for Braun Intertec. I have been with Braun since 2001, starting as a intern in Fargo (Go Bison!), working in the St. Cloud and Hibbing offices before returning to my hometown of Duluth in 2009.

As a civil engineer, my greatest joy is problem solving. Whether it be during construction, dealing with a unknown circumstances, or during design, in finding a solution that allows a proposed project to move forward. I'm sure I share in my sentiment with many of you, as it is quite rewarding work.

I enter the office of ASCE section President forced to ask for your help. There are two open position on the Board of Directors. I sent a email a couple weeks back asking for your help. To date, we have had limited interest. Please consider yourself, your peers, and direct reports. This is a great opportunity for business and personal development.

In addition, I ask for your help as a section president, I have only served as treasurer and vice president as part of the board. There is a great wealth of knowledge amongst our membership that I need to tap. First, I will be asking the past presidents to meet with the board at a special meeting, with the hopes that suggestions and recounts of how things have been done over time can be shared.

Lastly, I ask that you share your wants and needs. Specifically, what kind of presentations would you like to hear? What experience do you have to present to the group? Please contact me to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joe Butler  
Duluth Section President

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

**Contact Joe Butler (newsletter editor) for information at 218.624.4967 or [jbutler@braunintertec.com](mailto:jbutler@braunintertec.com). Thanks.**

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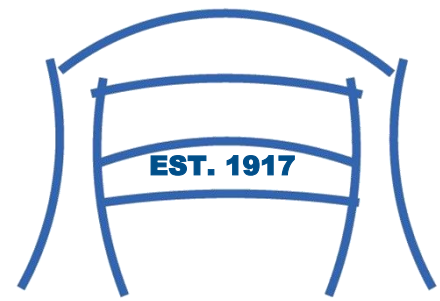
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Please join us for  
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October 30, 2018 at 12:00 pm  
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## “Cultural Resources Management (CRM): Procedures and Compliance in the Upper Midwest”

Allison Lange Mueller, M.S., RPA  
Cultural Resources Specialist

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.

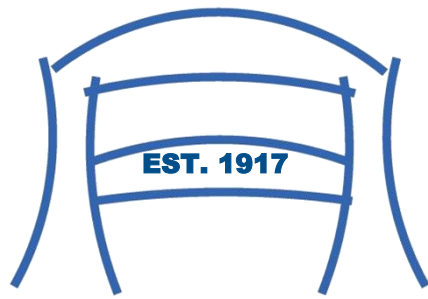
## Membership and Board Meetings for 2018-2019

### Membership Meetings

October 30, 2018  
November 13, 2018  
December 4, 2018  
January 15, 2019  
February 19, 2019  
March 19, 2019  
April 16, 2019 (Awards Dinner)  
May 21, 2019

### Board Meetings

October 25, 2018  
November 15, 2018  
December 13, 2018  
January 24, 2019  
February 28, 2019  
March 28, 2019  
April 25, 2019  
May 23, 2019



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## **ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2018**

Meeting Attendees were Tom Donofrio, Joe Butler, Andrew Kilpo, Tom DesMarais, Rose Henkel

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Motion was made to approve August meeting minutes. Andrew made a motion to approve minutes. Joe seconded it. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**UMD Student Update:** No update. Did not respond when contacted. Tom and Pete (Student Practitioner Advisors) to contact UMD student group again.

**YMG discussion:** No update given. Need Pete to follow up by next week. Need to get meeting minutes from YMG.

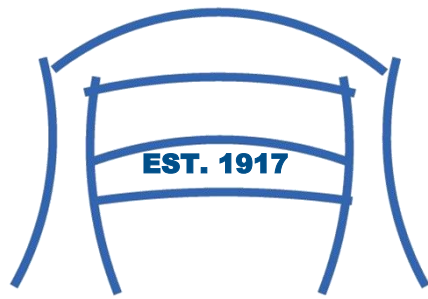
**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$10,061.96; Savings: \$6,975.22; Paypal: \$200

- Outstanding Reimbursements: Chris Morris for toothpick bridge awards, Depot invoice that we still haven't received
- Recently paid for luncheon.
- Outstanding payments needed from Tom for various items.

**Speakers:** October Luncheon Pre-meeting speaker: Mustafa Igdelioglu – MNSEA (Minn Structural Engineers Association) and October Luncheon speaker: Dean Sather and Allison Lange Mueller – Understanding Cultural Resources; Andrew followed up with National.

**Newsletter Update:** Spring 2018 newsletter to be submitted by October 1, 2018 by Joe. This newsletter will include the President's message, AISC letter, YMG information, Spring 2018 minutes. October newsletter submissions are due to Joe by October 13, 2018 and will be sent out by October 20, 2018.

**Membership:** Tom to provide update in November newsletter.



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

### **Ongoing Business:**

Treasurer and Secretary Board member positions still vacant. Joe sent out email looking for volunteers.

Community Involvement Project – Playground project stalled. Tabled for now.

Past President Meeting – Joe to send an email to all past presidents.

ASCE Apparel – response due to Chris from Pete by October 5, 2018.

PE Study Groups – Tabled.

**Matrix:** Tom to send matrix excel file to Joe.

### **New Business:**

Board to transition when vacant positions filled.

Tom to email National the list of board members.

Andrew to send out meeting notice. Tom and Nick to show him how.

Radisson Contract hasn't been signed, but dates have been reserved.

Andrew to send Rose letterhead to update.

**Next Board Meeting:** Changed to 10/24/18 @ Dub Linn's @ 4:30 PM

**Meeting adjourned:** 5:28 PM

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