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Greetings Duluth Section and Happy Fall,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy during these uncertain and challenging times.

As we all have, the Duluth Section has adapted to a new way of doing things. While all in person events have been cancelled until further notice, our virtual May luncheon was held successfully. Although I certainly miss getting together over lunch, it was still nice to connect with the Section again virtually.

Another bright spot in the wake of our cancelled events was the Board's decision to reallocate some of our unused funds to support our community. In April, with the support of ASCE national, a \$2500 donation was made on behalf of the Duluth Section to the Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. Please take a minute to read the thank you letter to the Section in the newsletter!

As we head into fall, the board is still in need of help as we have yet to have a commitment for a new board member. For anyone who has considered joining the board, I have great news! The board recently voted to eliminate one board position and shorten the overall time commitment for board members.

Although anyone is welcome to join and any help is greatly appreciated, I would like to extend a special invitation to our non-younger members. As the current board is made up mostly by younger members including myself, we might better serve the overall membership with your voices heard as well! Wherever you are in your career, if you have any interest in joining the board or just want to learn more about what the positions entail please feel free to contact me or another board member.

Finally, I will conclude on a happy note and offer congratulations to Mr. Craig Bursch, P.E., F.ASCE and Duluth Section Past President for being elected Region 3 Governor! Craig has served as Duluth Section Government Relations Chair for the past several years and led the recent Duluth Section Report Card effort. Thank you also to Pete Demshar who will replace Craig as Government Relations Chair and to Tom DesMarais who has volunteered to take over Membership Chair duties.

Thank you and be well!

Andrew Kilpo Duluth Section President

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

Contact Rose Kopecky (interim newsletter editor) for information at 218.249.1558 or rkopecky@sehinc.com. Thanks.

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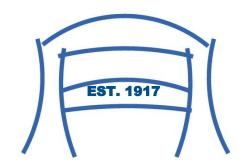
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Please join us for a Unique Presentation September 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm Virtual

"Duluth International Airport Runway Reconstruction"

Shawn McMahon, PE (MN, WI, IA, SD)
Regional Practice Center Lead for
Airport Planning and Design
SEH

There is no charge for attending the virtual presentation. A calendar invite was sent out to the membership with log-in details. If you did not receive an invite, email rkopecky@sehinc.com

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 2020-2021

Membership Meetings

September 15, 2020
October 20, 2020
November 17, 2020
December 15, 2020
January 19, 2021
February 16, 2021
March 16, 2021
April 20, 2021 (Awards Dinner)

May 18, 2021

Board Meetings

September 23, 2020 October 28, 2020 November 18, 2020 December 16, 2020 January 27, 2021 February 24, 2021 March 24, 2021 April 28, 2021 May 26, 2021



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2020-2021 Duluth Section Board of Directors:

Past President: Andrew Kilpo President: Rose Kopecky

Elected Positions:

President Elect/Vice President: Andrew Barnebey

Treasurer: Brady Korwin

Secretary: Vacant (need volunteers!)



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ASCE Duluth Section Board March, May, and August Meeting Minutes not available at this time.

ASCE Duluth Section Board April Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020

Meeting Attendees were Levi Hanson (UMD Board President), Andrew Kilpo (President), Tom Donofrio (Membership Chair), Andrew Barnebey (Treasurer), Joe Butler (Past President), Craig Bursch (Government Relations Chair), and Rose Kopecky (President Elect).

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

Motion was made to approve February meeting minutes by Craig. Seconded by Andrew B. Minutes were approved unanimously. March meeting minutes are still outstanding.

COVID-19 Update: Charitable Donation Discussion - CHUM possibility Motion made by Joe to donate \$2500 to a charity. Seconded by Craig. Approved unanimously. Charity to be determined by email by April 29th. Add note to membership that we reached out to ASCE National for guidance on best donation practices. National didn't have any specific guidance. Andrew K. to reach out to National for press release.

Scholarships: No submissions yet. Possibly open up scholarship for any UMD civil students. Possibly have a scholarship with the general engineering fund at UMD. We can dedicate to civil students. Andrew K. to check in with Pete about the scholarship application. Tom Donofrio to talk to someone at UMD about scholarships.

Newsletter Update (Rose – Interim Vice President): April newsletter did not go out due to not receiving March meeting minutes.

Submission for April/May Newsletter due May 4th. Send newsletter by May 9th. Items to include: 2020-2021 Sponsorship letter (Rose), Scholarship letter (due May 26th, Andrew K.), President's message (Andrew K.), March meeting minutes (Brady), April meeting minutes (Rose), charitable donation note/Press release (Andrew K./Andrew B.), and YMG page (Ed). Tom Donofrio to send a new email list.

Treasurer's Report (Andrew Barnebey): Checking: \$8,291.93, Savings: \$6,006.62, YMG checking: \$5,187.57, Paypal: \$0



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ASCE Duluth Section Board April Meeting Minutes - continued

2019 - 2020 Budget Through March 31, 2020:

Category Amount

Travel \$ 2,000.00 Meetings \$ 6,000.00 Supplies \$ 1,000.00 YMG \$ 2,500.00

Misc. \$ 1,000.00

Scholarship/ Student Donation \$ 3,000.00

Total Expenses \$ 15,500.00

ASCE \$ 5,000.00 Lunches \$ 5,000.00 Sponsorships \$ 1,000.00 YMG Ethics \$ 1,000.00 Total Income \$ 12,000.00 Net \$ (3,500.00)

Joe made a motion to keep the same budget from last year. Andrew B. seconded it. Approved unanimously.

UMD Student Update (Levi Hanson):

- -Can't do highway clean up that was planned.
- -end of year BBQ moved to next semester.
- -zoom presentation week of April 27th by a UMD student.

YMG discussion (Pete Demshar): Rose reported no updates.

Speakers: Christie Kearney from Polymet will be set up with GoToMeeting for May's luncheon. Viewing will be free.

Membership: membership currently at 271 members, down from November 2019 at 275.

Ongoing Business:

- -Position description updated on hold.
- -Past President gift \$100 for Andrew K. to choose gift.
- -John Safstrom memorial service gift on hold.
- -New member recruitment Andrew K. to send email looking to fill positions. Add blurb in newsletter.

Matrix: reviewed.
New Business: none.

Next Board Meeting: Rose to host next board meeting on GoToMeeting.

Meeting adjourned: Joe made a motion to adjourn meeting. Andrew B seconded. Approved

unanimously. Adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Kopecky.



May 11, 2020

Andrew Barnebey ASCE Duluth Section P.O. Box 211 Duluth, MN 55802

Dear Andrew:

We are feeding more people than ever thanks to you and your \$2,500.00 contribution to Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank.

While COVID-19 (Coronavirus) affects our most vulnerable Northland neighbors, your support remains critical to our hunger-relief efforts.

We are currently preparing thousands of emergency boxes of food for families, children and seniors in NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin. These boxes are being distributed through our region's food shelves and our own direct service programs, providing needed resources at a critical time.

Thank you, again, for your support - we couldn't do our work without you!

Sincerely,

Shaye Moris
Executive Director

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P.S. We're seeing record demand during this time of crisis. If you're able would you consider a gift to support even more families, children and seniors in need?

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No goods or services were provided in consideration of this donation.

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American Society of Civil Engineer's Mission is to provide essential value to our members, their careers, our partners and the public by developing leadership, advancing technology and advocating lifelong learning and promoting the profession

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 2020 - 2021. 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 \$250, your company's logo will be displayed in each section newsletter from September 2020 through August 2021. Our newsletter is produced 9 months of the year and reaches all of our 250+ 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.

If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor, please send a check payable to **ASCE - Duluth Section** to the section treasurer:

Andrew Barnebey, PE MSA Professional Services, Inc. 332 W. Superior Street #600 Duluth, MN 55802

New sponsors, or for update logos, email your company logo to Andrew Barnebey at: abarnebey@msa-ps.com.

Sincerely, The Duluth Section Board of Directors

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