

Message from the President



Happy New Year to all, and I hope everyone had a great Holiday. I realized at the December meeting that I had neglected to wish you all a Happy Holiday in last month's President's Message - I guess when you write the letter early in November you do not want to rush the season. That being said, the December meeting was another great occasion, with close to one hundred members in attendance. We had eight of this year's 16 Life Members in attendance and it was great seeing them again. Pictures of those who received their certificates and a list of all 16 are included in this issue. We also will have a picture and bio in the May Awards Booklet.

For those who were not at the December meeting, you missed an energetic question-and-answer segment, following Mr. Charlie Thornton's presentation. Mr. Thornton elaborated on the growing use of 3-D modeling of buildings and other structures and the direct use of those models to coordinate drawings between disciplines. On many proj-

ects, these models are sent directly to the steel fabricators, bypassing the need for shop drawing review entirely. Mr. Thornton's presentation highlighted the fact that innovations are certainly on the way, and as a profession, we need to embrace them, where applicable, to become more efficient. This also goes along with President William F. Marcuson's philosophy that we need to prepare the professional civil engineer for the future.

For our January meeting, I am looking forward to hearing Dr. Jones sharing his life-as-an-astronaut tales. He was originally scheduled for our October meeting and had to postpone for personal reasons. Also looking ahead, February's meeting will be Student Night, and the University of Maryland, College Park, will be hosting the meeting.

The Future Cities Program could still use some additional help from the engineering community; please contact Chris Moen for details (moen@alumni.virginia.edu). Also, the Wood Bridge Competition (Mandy Schindhelm at mandy@members.asce.org) or one of the other Maryland Engineering Challenges programs, sponsored during Engineers Week, February 18-24, 2007, through The Baltimore Museum of Industry (www.thebmi.org), could also use your help. If you are not sure what you want to get involved with, just send me an email stating you want to do something, and I will pass it along.

In closing, I want to mention that on Saturday March 3rd we will be hosting the 13th Annual Indoor Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Maryland Section Scholarship Fund. Hold the date and start thinking about what type of hole you want to design.

See you at the January meeting!

John M



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 ASCE MARYLAND SECTION LIFE MEMBER RECIPIENTS!

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ASCE Life Members exemplify a dedication to the civil engineering community and have met the following requirements:

- have reached the age of 65 years
- have paid dues in any membership grade except Student Member for at least thirty years
- have had ten continuous membership years immediately preceding the attainment of Life Member.



Protecting The Nation's Water Supply From Attack

Nation's First Physical Security Standard Guidelines for Water/Wastewater Utilities Released

The nation's first standard guidelines for protecting the public from potential malevolent acts and other threats by enhancing the physical security of water and wastewater infrastructure systems were released last month for trial use by water and wastewater utilities. The voluntary standard guidelines—jointly developed by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) with technical input from the Water Environment Federation (WEF)—are the result of Phase III of the Water Infrastructure Security Enhancements (WISE) program. They were created under ASCE's American National Standards Institute-accredited standards development program. Titled "Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities" and "Guidelines for the Physical Security of Wastewater/Stormwater Utilities," the draft guidelines are open for public comment and trial use until June 30, 2007.

"Our society depends on a safe and reliable water supply, not only for human consumption but also for other needs such as industry, agriculture and even fire protection," said ASCE Executive Director Patrick J. Natale, P.E., FASCE, CAE. "These risk-reduction standards for water, wastewater and stormwater systems are an essential part of protecting our nation's infrastructure from potential terrorist threats, and allowing it to continue supporting our economy and public health."

The guidelines provide drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities with practical information to help implement improved security measures in new and existing facilities of all sizes. The documents also address risks from construction and design perspectives and describe physical security approaches for detecting or delaying malevolent parties. The water guideline covers raw water facilities, wells and pumping stations, water treatment plants, water storage facilities, distribution systems and support facilities. The wastewater/stormwater guideline focuses on collections systems, pump stations, wastewater treatment plants and support facilities.

"In today's world, it's critical that we think about the long-term security of our water systems during design and construction," said AWWA Executive Director Jack Hoffbuhr, P.E., DEE. "These guidelines will help utilities ensure that security is an integral part of their overall approach to treating, storing and delivering safe water."

First launched in 2003 and funded by a multi-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), WISE was organized to support water and wastewater utilities in mitigating vulnerabilities from man-made threats and natural disasters in existing systems and throughout the design, construction and operation of new systems. "The Water Environment Federation is pleased to partner with organizations like AWWA and ASCE," said WEF Executive Director Bill Bertera. "Incorporating WEF's technical expertise in wastewater into the development of their standards jointly serves the professionals who design and operate water infrastructure."

Phase I of the grant led to the creation of interim voluntary security guidance documents for water, wastewater, stormwater and on-line contaminant monitoring systems. Released in 2004, the guidelines addressed issues such as risk assessment, threat analysis, financial and communications planning, human resources management, operational maintenance, emergency response strategy, design upgrades for improving physical security and management and operating practices to reduce vulnerabilities to malevolent events. Guidelines for contaminant monitoring systems addressed system design including assessments for monitoring system needs, locating instruments and sensors and responding to suspected contamination events.

Comprehensive modular-format training materials were then developed in Phase II to disseminate the information in the interim guidance documents such as implementing enhanced security measures in facility design, operation and management, and providing water managers, operations personnel, design professionals and regulatory officials with detailed practical assistance for implementing improved security measures.

Copies of the draft standards for trial use will be available at www.asce.org.

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MD Section ASCE Newsletter Younger Member News

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ASCE Younger Members Celebrate the Holidays With Fellow Engineering Societies and Give Back to the Community!



ASCE Younger Members teamed up with Younger Members from ASME to host a Baltimore-style holiday party. Younger Members and their guests gathered at Patterson Bowling Lanes for the third annual Holiday Bowling Party. The group shared food, drinks, duck pin bowling skills, and the holiday spirit. Although success on the lanes was debatable, the group successfully displayed the spirit of giving. The group collected over two dozen toys to donate to Toys for Tots!

Special thanks to SAME and AEROTEK for their help with refreshments and the Toys for Tots collection drive. Special thanks to all participants who contributed toys to the drive so that underprivileged children in the area will have happier holidays, too.

The Cold Hard Membership Facts about Students

ASCE Younger Members are in the unique position of shaping the future of their profession as well as the next generation of engineers – our current student members. In a recent survey, ASCE asked students, “What’s on your mind?”, to find out what ASCE programs they find important and to develop products that entice them to upgrade after graduation. What we found is that Younger Members can help!

Fact: Less than 25% of students have ever been contacted by their Younger Member Group.

What you can do: Go to a Chapter meeting, especially if you’re an alumnus, to talk about your experiences with ASCE post-graduation and plan joint activities with your Younger Member Group and the Chapter. Or, offer to present a PowerPoint presentation created by ASCE national that educates students on the benefits of joining ASCE.





Fact: Only 30% of students have attended a Section or Branch Meeting

What you can do: Hold a joint Chapter-Section/Branch Meeting or bring one of your meetings to campus.

Fact: Almost one-third of students don’t know their Practitioner Advisor (although 96% of those who do are very satisfied with them).

What you can do: Volunteer to be an active Practitioner Advisor and encourage Younger Member involvement with Student Members.

The students have spoken. Indeed, Younger Members can inspire the next generation of civil engineers to follow in their professional footsteps by getting involved in at the Chapter level.

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Section Announcements

Registration Now Open for the 2007 Structures Congress in Long Beach, California!

SEI is very excited to welcome **Glenn R. Bell, P.E.**, CEO of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc., as the plenary speaker for the 2007 Structures Congress in Long Beach, May 17-20, 2007.

Mr. Bell will be presenting on "Engineering-Driven Architecture." In his talk, Mr. Bell will address author Tony Robbin's 1996 thesis that we are on the eve of a new era in architecture that will be driven by elegant structural engineering, advanced materials, and creative geometry (*Engineering a New Architecture*, 1996). Mr. Bell will reshape Robbin's thesis and argue it from the perspective of an engineer with an interest in structures, building



envelopes, mechanical systems and construction methods. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fascinating presentation. Varied sessions are planned for the 2007 Structures Congress targeted toward getting information to the practicing engineer. These sessions will be included in:

- 1 track on Business Practices and Business Development
 - 2 tracks on Research Frontiers
 - 1 track containing the 2007 Forensic Engineering Symposium
- Standard sessions will have 3-4 speakers. Other types of presentations will be panel discussions, "ask the expert," mini-seminars, and poster sessions.
- Visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/structures2007> for more information.
- 4 tracks covering practical design in the following topic areas: Buildings, Bridges, Existing Structures, and Non-structural/Non-building Structures
 - 1 track of presentations on new Codes and Standards

Leadership Training in Government Relations March 7-8, 2007

The 2007 Leadership Training in Government Relations Program, also known as the "Fly-In", will take place March 7-8 in Washington, D.C. The program brings ASCE members to Washington to learn about lawmaking procedures, issues affecting civil engineering and how to make the most of meetings with elected officials. Attendees put those new skills to use by making visits with their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill.

We are hoping to have ASCE members from each of the fifty states at this year's program, and with over sixty new members of congress to educate, these meetings will be vital to educating the new congress on the priorities of the civil engineering profession.

ASCE National has a limited number of travel stipends available for attendees and applications are available at <http://www.asce.org/govrel>.

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Here are a few pictures from the December Meeting:



MD Section - 2007 Life Members received their certificates during the December meeting



December's speaker, Mr. Charles Thornton, along with MD-Section President John Malinowski and Programs Chair Rizwan Siddiqi



Several members enjoying the social hour before dinner



A few members along with Mr. Thornton enjoying a great dinner at the Engineer's Club



Mercado Consultants, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotion of *Cynthia S. Fink, P.E.* to Vice President. Ms. Fink joined Mercado Consultants in 1997 as a Civil Engineer, and has played an integral role in the continued development of the company.

Ms. Fink is responsible for the Civil Engineering Department where she manages a variety of projects for the Maryland State Highway Administration, the District of Columbia DOT, Virginia DOT, the City of Baltimore, the US Forest Service, WMATA, WASA and WMAA.

Ms. Fink holds a Bachelor's degree from Purdue University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the States of Maryland and North Carolina.

The success of Mercado Consultants is in great part attributed to Ms. Fink's dedication, hard work and determination to make a positive contribution to the Civil Engineering field consistent with the goals and mission of Mercado Consultants, Inc.

MARYLAND'S TRANSIT SYSTEM MAY LEAD TO TAX INCREASE

Maryland lawmakers would have to almost double the gasoline tax or raise the state sales tax nearly a penny over the next 20 years to expand and maintain the state's transit system. An independent analyst projected that it will cost more than \$40 billion over the next 20 years — about \$13.5 billion more than expected expenditures — to pay for the operation, preservation, enhancement and expansion of the state transit system. Two possible solutions were presented to the Transit Funding Steering Committee in Annapolis in December.

One would increase the gasoline tax by 21 cents in the next 10 years and an additional 2 cents for the following decade, generating more than \$13 billion in extra revenue. The motor fuel tax now stands at 23.5 cents per gallon; if the increase were enacted, the tax would rise to 46.5 cents per gallon. The second scenario would increase the sales tax one-quarter of a penny in the next five years and a half-penny more over the next 15 years, eventually reaching 5.75 cents per dollar. That would generate more than \$14 billion in new revenue. The state sales tax is now 5 cents. A final report will be drafted and issued to the General Assembly before the legislature convenes Jan. 10th.

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Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Time: 6:00 PM – Cocktails
7:00 PM – Dinner
8:00 PM – Meeting

Place: The Engineers Club, 11 W. Mount Vernon Place
Speaker: **Thomas D. Jones, Ph.D.**
Program: **Sky Walking: An Astronaut's Memoir**

Abstract: A veteran astronaut presents his straight-talking story of the dangers and triumphs of twenty-first-century spaceflight.

Biography: Born and raised in Maryland, Tom Jones was a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. During his career, he has piloted B-52s, earned a doctorate in planetary science from the University of Arizona, and worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. He entered the NASA astronaut program in 1990 and flew four missions on the space shuttle.

Dr. Jones's awards include the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, four NASA Space Flight Medals, the NASA Exceptional Service Award, and the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal. A consultant, author, and renowned speaker, he is active in the debate over the nation's future in space. He consults, writes, and speaks from the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC. His website is www.AstronautTomJones.com.

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March 14, 2007