Presidential’s Message
By K.N. Gunalan

Dear Fellow Civil Engineers;

Since “March madness” has begun, it must be March already! I hope everyone enjoyed E-week celebrations and made some contribution.

Zone IV Leadership Training Conference was held in Honolulu, Hawaii along with the Pacific Southwest Council meeting. The Pacific Southwest Council comprises of Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah. Bill Turner and I attended the council meeting, while all of your president elects (Section and Branches including YMF) attended the Leadership training.

A quick update on the items discussed during the Council meeting. We were given an update on the proposed changes to ASCE’s governance and ASCE Policy 465. For those of you interested in the changes in governance, please let us know so that we can arrange a meeting with Blaine Leonard our District 11 Director, an architect of these changes, to present the proposed changes to our membership.

Another important item that may be of interest that was discussed and tabled for now, is the payment of our dues on a monthly basis. Blaine Leonard’s term as District 11 Director will come to an end this November; therefore we introduced a resolution commending his services to ASCE and members of District 11. The member sections included the following as a part of the resolution “because of his service to our individual sections, we considered Blaine to be a part of the sections as well”. This is a compliment to Blaine and to Utah, I would like to thank him for his continued service to ASCE and its members.

During these meetings I had the opportunity to meet with a number of people from around the country including (Continued on page 2)
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our president Tom Jackson and share some thoughts. One topic of discussion during these exchanges I had was the need for more civil engineers. It is my opinion that if we are experiencing shortage of civil engineers, then this must be an opportune time to enhance the image of civil engineers given their vital role in the quality of life experience by our fellow citizens and maybe even to raise the salary levels of civil engineers (from being one of the lowest among engineering professionals!). But one argument put forth was that the fees paid for services by both public and private sector clients have remained the same for a long time and do not see a change coming. Given this, if the salaries of civil engineers go up it will create a huge burden on managing projects! I would like to indulge your thoughts on this issue as well.

As indicated in the last newsletter, our Section’s SPAG application has been approved and we need to go to work now. The section has proposed to trace civil engineering accomplishments of the early pioneers/settlers and to create a list of early significant engineering projects with the goal of designating at least two as National Historic Landmark sites. I would like to solicit input from our membership on sources of information and potential Historic Landmark sites.

I continue to solicit your support and participation in developing the database of volunteers for emergency situations.

Please continue to support your branch activities. If you have any suggestions for an activity, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us. Thank you.

NORTHERN UTAH BRANCH

Look for upcoming events in the April newsletter.

WASATCH FRONT BRANCH

March Luncheon
Friday, March 21, 2003
12:00 Noon

Location
Hometown Buffet
5682 South Redwood Road (1700 W.)
Taylorsville, Utah
(965-1110)

Please RSVP to:
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
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E-Mail: cmccuiston@psomas.com

All members and guests are invited.
Members: $10  Guest:$12  At the door.

CENTRAL UTAH BRANCH

Look for upcoming events in the April newsletter.

GEOTECHNICAL GROUP

The Geotechnical Group is planning to hold an IBC Strong Motion Short Course on Friday the 18th of April in Salt Lake City. We have lined up some excellent speakers that will provide some practical information pertaining to Site Specific Response Spectrum Analysis and related topics. We anticipate the cost will be $60 to $80. Please put it on your calendar and we will be sending out registration, course outline and other detailed information in the next couple of weeks. If you have questions or comments please contact one of the committee members.

YPNOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

We would like to start off by welcoming our new Treasurer...Tyler White. We officially voted Tyler in at the wasatch Front Branch Meeting in February. He is a recent graduate from the U of U and served as an officer of the Student Chapter. We are pleased to have his involvement.

Peter Jager, YMF Vice-President, recently attended the Western Region Younger Member Council conference, which is co-joined with the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders and the Zone 4 Management Conference. This year it was held in Hawaii (a nice benefit to being an officer) and Peter learned quite a bit about ASCE and how to continue our vision of growth and service to our members. We look forward to these conferences so we can share ideas about what other groups are doing as well as learn about how to be a better leader in ASCE.

Our PE Exam review is underway for the Spring exam. We have about 10 students this Spring and all of them are going to pass the exam...!!! We will be having another Review for the Fall exam which will begin sometime in early September. If you are interested in this or the Fall review, give Peter Jager an email: pjager@utah.gov , or call 801-965-4264.

Our lecturers are local Professionals that are dedicated to helping upcoming engineers succeed by committing their time to this program...Thanks, you make a difference!

The YMF is also looking to provide support to the USU Student Chapter as they host the Rocky Mountain Conference April 4-5 in Logan. We are looking for some dedicated members to help out in volunteering at least half a day to either judge an event, or other support roles. If you enjoy memories of your conference days, then help give this years students something great to remember for the rest of their lives. As hard as the USU Student Chapter is working to prepare, there will always be a need to lend a helping hand for all of those unplanned crises. Tyler White will be
there both days, Chris Siavrakas will be there at least on Friday, Mark Parry and Bryan Schmutz will be there on Saturday. If you are interested in helping any of those days, then send us an email to the general YMF account at utahymf@networld.com to sign up.

In April, we would like to plan a community service project and picnic. We would like some ideas about what we could do for a few hours on a Saturday. If you have ideas, send them to us at utahymf@networld.com. So far, we are thinking about painting the "No dumping" stencils on catch basins, or doing a Habitat-for-Humanity event. Let us know if you are interested as well as any ideas.

Our exclusive "YMF" email list is growing and as soon as my computer stops crashing, I will start using it more frequently. If you want more detailed activity information about YMF news, then please let us know.(guess what email address....good--you have been paying attention.... utahymf@networld.com).

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