By Bob Davis, PE

The American Society of Civil Engineers is one of the truly great professional organizations. This international society has more than 139,000 members in countries around the world. The headquarters of the organization is located in a suburban office building in Reston, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. With a large office staff and many volunteers from the organization, an operating budget in the $50 million range, the Board of Direction conducts the affairs and directs the programs for its members. You can view more information about ASCE on their web site at www.asce.org.

Each year ASCE conducts many technical conferences, seminars, webcast events and programs. The premier event of the year is the Annual ASCE National Conference held in the fall of the year. This year that event will be held on October 18 – 22, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. This program brings together thousands of ASCE members to hear technical presentations, witness committee meetings, visit vendor booths in an exhibition hall, tour local engineering projects of high interest and generally meet with other engineers from around the world. A number of our Utah engineers will be attending this conference this year. If you have not planned to be a part of this year’s conference, you may want to make plans to attend next year.

As President of the Utah Section, I would encourage our members statewide, young and old in whatever area of civil engineering you find yourself to take advantage of conferences at the national and at the local level. Watch our Civil Source Calendar for upcoming events. You will definitely want to participate. Your career as an engineer will be enriched and you will find new friends who share a common passion for our great profession.

Bob Davis
ASCE Utah Section President
Announcements

APWA/ASCE/UCEA FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 4-5
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 West 3100 South
West Valley, Utah

The APWA/ASCE/UCEA Conference provides training that is relative to a wide spectrum of public works professionals. Registration is $80 per person and includes admission to all seminars, continental breakfasts and lunches. Registration is due by September 22, 2006.

Visit www.apwa.utah.org for more information or contact Angela Richey at 801-293-3760.

ASCE-YMF ANNUAL ELECTIONS/HALLOWEEN BASH

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Thanks for your support!
Nick Hafen
SLCC Student Chapter President

October Spotlight

Dr. T. Leslie Youd
Honorary Member of ASCE

Les Youd has been elected a 2006 ASCE Honorary member.

On October 20th, ASCE will induct Dr. Les Youd, as an Honorary Member. The induction ceremony, where only eleven ASCE members will be afforded this honor, will take place at a formal banquet at the ASCE Annual Conference in Chicago. To be eligible for Honorary Membership, a person must attain “acknowledged eminence” in engineering or the related sciences, and be elected by the ASCE Board of Direction. There are presently only 186 Honorary Members among ASCE’s 139,000 members. He was nominated for this honor by the ASCE Utah Section.

Many of you know Dr. Youd well, as he spent nearly 20 years as a professor at BYU. He was Chair of the CEE Department for six of those years. Prior to joining the BYU faculty, Dr. Youd was a Research Engineer with the US Geological Survey for 17 years.

Dr. Youd is one of the world’s foremost authorities on geotechnical earthquake engineering and seismic liquefaction. His pioneering studies, field evaluations, and assessments have allowed him to refine and develop the tools that are used by nearly every geotechnical engineer who practices in earthquake
prone areas. Recently named to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering, Dr. Youd was recognized by his peers for “leadership in earthquake engineering.” In 2002, the ASCE Geotechnical Institute named Dr. Youd as the fifth winner of the prestigious Seed Medal. Introducing him for this award, Dr. Raymond Seed cited Youd’s work as “widely emulated, to the considerable benefit of the profession”, and recognized his “widely used methods for prediction of liquefaction.”

Dr. Youd received his BS degree from BYU, and earned a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He has authored 142 publications, and is in high demand as a researcher, teacher, consultant, team member, conference participant, and speaker. He joined ASCE in 1964, and has been active ever since, locally and nationally. He has chaired the national ASCE Committee on Soil Dynamics, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, and a number of specialty conferences.

Although Dr. Youd has formally retired from BYU, he remains active on research projects, national committees, consulting assignments, and evaluating earthquake events whenever and wherever they occur.

We offer our congratulations to Dr. Les Youd, Honorary Member of ASCE.

Our November meeting will be held on November 9 at the Bluebird at 12:00 noon. The topic and speaker are still under consideration.

Mark Nielsen, P.E.
Northern Utah Branch President

Wasatch Front Branch

The ASCE Wasatch Front Branch announces its monthly lecture and lunch meeting to be held Friday, October 20, 2006 at noon at classic Choice Catering located at 7879 South 1530 West (Behind the Sizzler on 7800 South).

The cost of the lunch will be $12 ($6 for students) and is payable by check. Please RSVP to Erin Donovan at erin.p.donovan.asce@gmail.com or (801) 743-1328 by noon on Wednesday, October 11. One professional development hour will be earned toward licensure by each lecture attendee.

The guest speaker is John Thomas, UDOT Project Manager for the Legacy Parkway Project. John will speak about the many unique “parkway” elements that were included in the design. The Legacy Parkway is a new 14-mile facility located in Davis County, Utah. The project begins at the intersection of 2100 North and Interstate 215 in Salt Lake City and ends at the U.S. Highway 89 and Interstate 15 Interchange in Farmington.

Unique design elements are included in almost every discipline involved in the parkway design. The geometry of the parkway and landscaped grading was designed to enhance the drivers’ experience of the nature area adjacent to the parkway and at the same time, screen views from less desirable areas. Special landscaping and architectural elements were included in the bridge underpasses, stacked stone retaining walls, berms, created wetlands, landscape boulders, and tree and shrub areas. Trails and enhanced trailheads have been located along the parkway to connect the communities along the parkway. Noise reducing pavement improves the Parkway’s fit with the surrounding area. Berms and stacked stone-walls were used to provide screening in key areas along

Northern Utah Branch

The northern Utah Branch had a great combined opening social with the student chapter on September 12, 2006. The students taught the older engineers how to golf and everyone enjoyed a great meal afterwards. We want to thank all who participated and especially those that helped with setting up the event and cooking the meal.

For October, we will meet at the Bluebird for our regular lunch time meeting on October 12, 2006 at 12:00 noon. The speaker will be Joel Downs from National Waterworks.
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Cathy Romero, P.E.
Wasatch Front Branch President

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Greetings from the Younger Member Forum!

Wow another month gone, and we are on the heels of the YMF’s biggest annual event! Of course I’m talking about the 9th Annual Halloween Bash on October 14th up Millcreek Canyon. This event is a great opportunity to get out into the hills, eat free bbq, and roast marshmallows with fellow engineers and their families. The YMF will provide Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers (upon request), hot dogs, brats, drinks, smores supplies, pumpkins to carve, and prizes. This event is open to all ASCE members and their families (including friendly pups). Make sure to RSVP; the rain date will be distributed to those that RSVP if needed. (See the flyer insert in this civil source for more information).

Next, it is time for the ASCE-YMF annual elections! They are held in conjunction with the Halloween Bash. If you are interested in becoming an officer, the YMF officer positions are as follows: President (requires previous presidential role in a student chapter or Vice President of the YMF), Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This is your opportunity to get involved! Send an email to James Barron at jbarron@hntb.com or call 801-575-3422 with your contact information and the officer position you are interested in by October 10th. Election ballots will be distributed to all ASCE members in attendance for voting at the bash.

There are also other opportunities to become active with the YMF without being an officer. Simply come to an event like the Halloween Bash, come to a monthly planning meeting, or email/call any of the officers with questions, comments, or suggestions.

To be part of the YMF you have to be a current member of ASCE, and age 35 or under – that’s all! It is a great opportunity to network, give back to the community, outreach to kids regarding civil engineering, and have fun in the name of your profession.

Regards,
James Barron
USYMF-President

**SLCC Student Chapter**

On November 2-5th, we will be going to visit the Hoover Dam. Thanks to a great response, the trip is full!!!

We are still looking for donations and speakers to come talk to us about their professions. This helps us learn more about what is available to study in engineering.

We are also collecting paper, crayons, tape and things of that nature for an ongoing service project this year. We are giving these items to little kids who can’t afford them. If you can donate any of these things, please contact me at nhafen@hotmail.com.

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SLCC ASCE Student Chapter President
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**USU Student Chapter**

USU Student Engineers,

The USU Student Chapter is planning a fall social on October 4th at 5:30 pm. Weather permitting; it will be held at the Marilyn Olson Park in Logan. If the snow doesn’t let up, it will be held in the Engineering Breezeway.

Hope to see you there!
Briant Jacobs
USU Student Chapter President
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What’s Up at ASCE?
Blaine Leonard, P.E., F.ASCE, ASCE Zone IV Vice President

While most of us find our primary interface with ASCE at the local Branch meetings each month, we know that ASCE is doing many things, locally, regionally, and nationally, behind the scenes. So, what exactly is ASCE up to these days?

The Society has been busily preparing for the 2006 Annual Conference, to be held in Chicago in late October. The theme of the conference will be “Surviving the Future”. Sessions on hazard mitigation for infrastructure, resiliency, and sustainability will offer attendees insights and ideas from industry leaders in these areas. ASCE has been closely involved with studies on the engineering failures following Hurricane Katrina, and will offer lessons for civil engineers learned from this natural disaster. In addition, ASCE will install a new President, Bill Marcusen, and honor many others with prestigious awards at this conference. Information about attending the conference can be found on www.asce.org.

The ASCE Board of Direction met in San Francisco in July, and grappled with a number of important professional issues. One of the most visible ASCE activities on a national level is our government relations program. Our staff in Washington DC actively monitor and influence legislative and regulatory issues. Partially as a result of our efforts with Hurricane Katrina studies, the Board provided guidance to our government relations staff by passing or revising formal Policy Statements on the “Evaluation of Federal Water Resources Projects” (directly impacting the evaluation process used by the Army Corps of Engineers), “Restoring and Maintaining America’s Beaches”, and “Unified Definitions for Critical Infrastructure and Sensible Security”. The Board also approved a Policy Statement supporting the internationally agreed “Millennium Development Goals”, directed toward improving the quality of life for people around the world.

While our government relations program “on the hill” is very effective, the Board of Direction is considering some ways to increase our effectiveness. There are many issues before our Congress that have civil engineering impacts, such as infrastructure financing, environmental legislation, natural hazards programs, and infrastructure security. One avenue being considered by the Board is establishing a Political Action Committee, an organization that could raise funds to support candidates that share our viewpoints in these important areas. ASCE’s current tax status, as a 501c(3) organization, allows us to lobby on issues, within limitations, but not to support candidates directly. The advantages and disadvantages of a PAC are being weighed by the Board, and input is being sought from our members.

While in San Francisco, the Board passed a budget for FY 2007, providing funding for the many programs and services of ASCE. This budget included funding for local Sections (the Utah Section gets an annual allotment from ASCE), pre college outreach (to attract young people into Civil Engineering), student activities (to support our student chapters), EXCEED (a program that helps our University professors enhance their teaching skills), Continuing Education development (to develop new courses), licensure and ethics (to provide us guidance on how to practice ethically), ABET coordination (where we influence the engineering curriculum), leadership training (increasing the skills of our
Section and Branch leaders), and many other programs.

Many are aware of ASCE’s policy on “raising the bar” for professional licensure and practice, known as Policy 465. Enormous efforts have been expended over the past five years to develop a meaningful approach to increasing the standards for engineering licensure. One step has been to work closely with NCEES, the group that administers the PE Exam and develops guidance for licensing laws. At an NCEES meeting in Alaska last month, representatives from state licensure boards around the country passed a modified “model law”. This new “model law” includes provisions for additional education and training in order to obtain a PE License. While this law is not binding on any state, and won’t even be adopted for a number of years, it sets the path forward for changes in licensing laws in the future. ASCE played a key role in developing and supporting this change around the country.

One of ASCE’s roles is to look to the future and identify trends that will impact the profession, and then develop plans and policies to deal with those changes. ASCE currently has three efforts focused on the future: a Strategic Planning Committee, a Summit on Civil Engineering in 2025, and a Summit on the Infrastructure. The ASCE Strategic Plan will evaluate issues that impact all of us, and our engineering practice, and establish programs and initiatives to bring about changes and prepare us for those changes. Infrastructure renewal, globalization and offshoring, and public image of civil engineers are a few of the topics being evaluated. The 2025 Summit gathered 50 top engineering leaders to look way out over the horizon to figure out what might be headed our way. Their draft report is being circulated for comment at present. The Infrastructure Summit similarly gathered industry leaders to formulate plans for bringing about improvements to our infrastructure. Our Infrastructure Report Card continues to identify the deteriorating state of our nation’s infrastructure, and this group discussed practical ways to turn this trend around.

ASCE has 84 Sections, 11 of which are located outside the United States. Each of these Sections falls within one of 10 Geographic Regions. The Utah Section is within Region 8, which includes much of the western United States. The Region 8 Board includes seven Governors, one of whom is “Guna” Gunalan from the Utah Section. The new Chair of Region 8, who will also serve as our Director on the ASCE Board, will be Westley Chun, of the Hawaii Section. This Region 8 Board recently met to discuss ways to support the Sections, enhance communication between the local and national ASCE organization, and to sponsor some regional awards. This Region structure is new, and is expanding the opportunities for ASCE service and involvement.

So, what is ASCE up to? Lots of things. These are just a few of the many activities that ASCE pursues to advance the profession of civil engineering and to support us in our charge to build a better quality of life.

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THE 9th ANNUAL

- Pumpkin Carving
- Socializing
- Campfire
- CASUAL MAYHEM

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2006
5:30 to 9:00 P.M. AT Millcreek Canyon
(Terraces Group Site)

WE WILL PROVIDE PUMPKINS, HAMBURGERS, VEGIE BURGERS, HOT DOGS AND DRINKS.
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE, DRESS WARM, BRING A BLANKET, CARVING KNIFE, LOUNGE CHAIR

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