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Columbia Section Meeting – May 12th, 2005 Walla Walla Community College Engineering Symposium

Date: Thursday – May 12th, 2005 from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Place: Walla Walla Community College – Walla Walla

Meal: Hosted Lunch

This month's meeting will be held at Walla Walla Community College. Please see the attached announcement for more details. WWCC will be holding an Engineering Symposium. ASCE members are welcome to attend all of the events including the luncheon.

The symposium will be held in the New Center for Viticulture and Enology at the corner of Issacs and Air Port Way. Coming from the Tri-Cities you take the WWCC exit and the Center is at the four-way stop. (SE side of the intersection)

Please RSVP for the luncheon with Maureen Johnson at 509.527.4688 by Friday, May 6th.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

Thank you to all who attended the luncheon and presentation by Steve Plummer of the City of Kennewick on the Columbia Center Boulevard Grade Separation. This next month, we will be having our luncheon in conjunction with a seminar at Walla Walla Community College (there was some confusion for the announcements at the luncheon – a dinner banquet will be held on May 4th at Walla Walla College and the seminar on May 12th will be held at Walla Walla Community College). I encourage all of you to attend this opportunity to interact with our future professional members.

As announced at the last monthly luncheon, officer elections will be held during our June meeting. We will be electing one new officer to take the position of Secretary/Treasurer who will serve a three year term including Section Vice President and President. If you have never participated in the leadership of a professional organization, I think that you should strongly consider this opportunity. ASCE provides many resources and benefits that extend far beyond the monthly luncheons. Please do your part as a professional to take an active role in your local organizations. If you have any questions on the commitment of becoming an ASCE officer, do not hesitate to ask any of your current or past officers.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Meilleur, P.E.

Columbia Section, President

Director's Report

The ASCE National Board of Direction met April 13-14 in Tyson's Corner Virginia. For those of you not familiar with that area, it is the suburbs of Washington DC. The OPAL (Outstanding Projects and Leaders) award gala was held on the evening of the 13th. The Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award for 2005 went to Rion-Antirion Bridge, a \$900 million dollar bridge spanning the Gulf of Corinth linking the Greek mainland and the Peloponnese. It is the world's longest cable-stayed crossing. Outstanding lifetime achievement awards went to the following: Rear Adm. (retired) Michael Johnson for public works, Jack Lemley for construction, Ralph Peterson for management, Louis Silano for design, and Michael Walton for education. I encourage you to next year attend this grand event.

Each meeting the Board receives a status report on the state of affairs from our Executive Director, Pat Natale. A number of things from that report are important to note. First, the recently released ASCE report card clearly noted the deficiencies in our infrastructure. Members of congress on both sides are literally holding up our report card when they are discussing infrastructure needs. Our website has received more than 1.5 million hits from people looking for additional information on this topic. It has been a lead story on CBS News.com, and MSNBC. I encourage each section to develop your own report card. ASCE staff is ready to assist you in that effort.

We continue to increase our role on Capital Hill. ASCE government affairs staff have located to our new office, just a block away from the capital making it easier for us to be at the capital on a moments notice. Other engineering societies are envious of this choice location.

A benefit for our members is the ability to research ASCE published articles using our online proceedings. The ACE Research Library is a comprehensive online tool for locating articles of interest across all disciplines of civil engineering. The Research Library provides unprecedented access to more than 18,500 full-text papers from ACE Journals and proceedings published.

Items approved at the April Board meeting:

- The location of the 2008 Annual Conference will be Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.
- Creation of and funding for a Building Security Council. The BSC is a newly formed council that will provide review and certification of the security of buildings. Operating in a format similar to LEED's program by the US Green Building Council, ASCE is poised to begin developing and offering this service in the next year.
- Allowed Institute Representatives to the ASCE Board of Direction, of which there are four, to be eligible for ASCE President-elect without further Board service.
- Enable electronic elections for ASCE national officers.
- Approved or reaffirmed 34 ASCE policy statements.
- Approved the designation of the Philadelphia City Hall and the C.Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory at the University of Iowa as ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks.
- Approved Bill Marcuson as the official nominee for President-elect for 2005-06.

As always if you have issues or concerns with ASCE please do not hesitate to call or write. I can be reached at (503) 848-3032 or greg@tvwd.org.

Greg DiLoreto, P.E., F. ASCE
Director, District 12

Colloquiums:

Walla Walla College, Society of Women Engineers, hosts Colloquiums on Wednesday evenings during the school year. They have asked us to provide one speaker per quarter (Fall, Winter, and Spring). If you are interested in talking to engineering students, please contact Louie Yaw at YawLou@wwc.edu. The college is located in College Place near Walla Walla, Washington.



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You have been cordially invited to a symposium for future Engineers!

April 22, 2005

Dear ASCE Columbia Section Members,

On May 12, 2005 Walla Walla Community College will host a symposium on futures in Engineering. The purpose of the symposium is to generate interest in the field of engineering by increasing awareness of the profession.

Participants will include area high school math and science teachers, high school students interested in the profession who excel in math/science, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Corps of Engineers, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division, past and current WWCC Civil Engineering Technology students, and WWCC faculty and staff.

During the symposium, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the engineering and Technology programs at Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla College, and college transfer programs. The WSDOT, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division, CH2M Hill, and the Corps of Engineers will be present to share information about the various government and private entities that employ engineering and technology graduates.

We would like to invite you to attend the symposium to promote the field of engineering. Your knowledge of the profession and willingness to share can only help encourage future engineers to begin their studies in Civil Engineering.

Attached you will find an agenda for the symposium. Please RSVP with Maureen Johnson at 509.527.4688 by Friday, May 6th.

Sincerely,
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Civil Engineering Technology Symposium Agenda

Date: Thursday May 12, 2005

Location: Walla Walla Community College's
Enology and Viticulture Center

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome by Dr. Steve VanAusdle |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Overview of WWCC's Engineering Transfer and Civil Engineering Technology Program by Maury Fortney |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Janis Williams from CH2M Hill |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Graduate Bill Dull's Success Story |
| 11:20 – 11:45 | Careers in Engineering by Joel Garcia and Gabriela Valdivia |
| 11:45 – 1:00 | Lunch, CSEMS Grant Overview by Greg Farrens |
| 1:00 – 1:20 | WWCC Foundation Presentation by Linda Hardy |
| 1:20 – 1:30 | American Society of Civil Engineers Announcements |
| 1:30 | Conclusion and Wrap-up |

