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Hello Duluth Section!

As the temperature is getting colder and construction season is fading down (for some), design season may be amping up. This November our luncheon presentation will include Concrete Pipe Storm Sewer Structural Design 101 and may help you through design considerations on your projects.

There are still a few openings for luncheon presenters for in 2022, if you have and topics you are interested in or have interest in presenting yourself, please contact a board member.

I would like to take a minute to acknowledge and thank our Board Chairs, these people continue their service to ASCE year after year with minimal gratitude. We appreciate all of their efforts! That said, a couple of our chairs would welcome the opportunity to let another member take the lead. Please talk to a board member if you are interested in taking a chair position.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2022, please do so before the end of the year to ensure that you don't miss out on any of the luncheon presentations or upcoming virtual events.

Please do not hesitate to send and suggestions on how we can better serve you. See you at the next luncheon on November 16<sup>th</sup>!

Sara Christenson

Duluth Section President

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

**Contact Dan Murphy (newsletter editor) for information at 612-283-6144 or [dmurphy@wsbeng.com](mailto:dmurphy@wsbeng.com). Thanks.**

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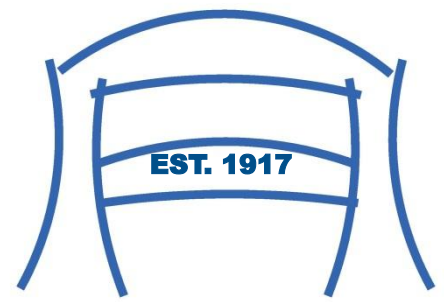
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Please join us for  
a Unique Presentation  
November 16th, 2021 at 12:00 pm  
Virtual



**"Storm Sewer and Culvert  
Structural Design & Bedding  
Specifications"**

**Jason Kruger- MN Concrete Pipe  
Association**

**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 [schristenson@sehinc.com](mailto:schristenson@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.

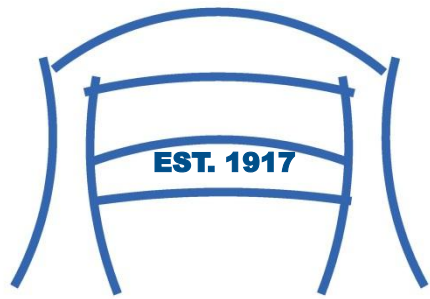
**Membership and Board Meetings for 2021-2022**

**Membership Meetings**

November 16, 2021  
December 14, 2021  
January 18, 2022  
February 15, 2022  
March 15, 2022  
April 29, 2022  
May 17, 2022

**Board Meetings**

November 17, 2021  
December 15, 2021  
January 25, 2022  
February 22, 2022  
March 22, 2022  
April 26, 2022  
May 24, 2022



### **2021-2022 Duluth Section Board of Directors:**

**Past President: Rose Kopecky**

**President: Sara Christenson**

**President Elect / Vice President: Dan Murphy**

**Treasurer: Jason Fisher**

**Secretary: Andrew Lund**

### **Chair Positions:**

**Younger Member Chair: Vacant (Interim - Pete Demshar). Please reach out if you are interested in this position.**

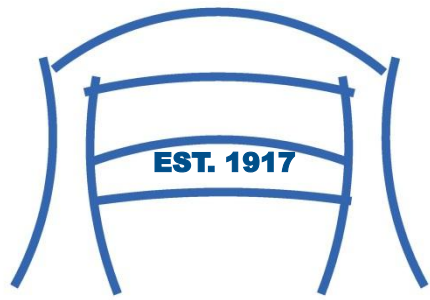
**Membership Chair: Tom DesMarais**

**Government Relations Chair: Pete Demshar**

**Toothpick Bridge Chair: Chris Morris**

**Web Updates: Vacant (Interim - Lisa Karlgaard). Please reach out if you are interested in this position.**

**Membership Outreach: Jay Dailey**



**ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
September 28, 2021: 12:00 PM  
Teams Meeting

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**Meeting called meeting to Order at 12:07 PM via Microsoft Team's Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Sara Christenson  
Jason Fisher  
Tom DesMarais  
Andrew Lund*

**QUORUM LIST – 8 VOTING MEMBERS (5 FOR MAJORITY QUORUM)**

- Past President – Rose Kopecky
- President – Sara Christenson
- Vice President – Dan Murphy
- Treasurer – Jason Fischer
- Secretary – Andrew Lund
- Government Relations Chair – Pete Demshar
- Younger Member Chair – Vacant (Pete temp)
- Membership Chair – Tom DesMarais
- Web Updates (non-voting) – Nick Patterson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***A motion was made by Jason Fischer, second by Tom DesMarais, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote. All in Favor.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Tabled By Sara as no Quorum.***

**TRANSITION OF ROLES: FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO TOM D AS NEEDED.**

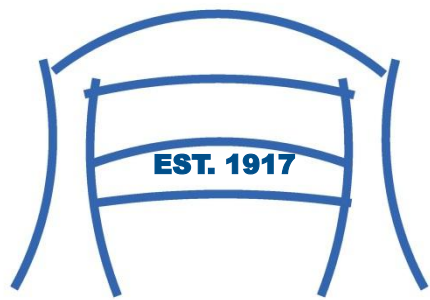
- President (Rose/Sara)
- Vice President (Dan)
- Treasurer (Dan/Jason)
- Secretary (Sara/Andrew): ASCE collaborate login and storage location

**Ran through Introductions:**

**Tom D  
Andrew L  
Jason F  
Sara C.**

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

***Peter Demshar not available to Discuss possible Report card. Will wait for Peter's report.***



#### YOUNGER MEMBER DISCUSSION (PETE INTERIM) OPEN POSITION

- Chair position is vacant  
*Peter Demshar is willing to take over interim role until it can be filled. Ben will be able to help file things.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

SARA GAVE UPDATE ON FUNDING. TABLING DISCUSSION OF FUNDS

#### 2021-2022 SPEAKERS

- October: Manik Barman, UMD, Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
- November: Jason Kruger, MN Concrete Pipe Association, Storm Sewer Structural Design 101
- December:
- January: Dave Stark, Rainwater Management Solutions
- February:
- March:
- April:
- May:

Possible topics or Conversations of Interest:

\*Tom D might have MNDot contact for spring construction.

\*Jason proposed I35 reconstruction or concepts through Duluth downtown.

#### 2021-2022 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)

##### Luncheons

October 19, 2021  
November 16, 2021  
December 14, 2021  
January 18, 2022  
February 15, 2022  
March 15, 2022  
April 19, 2022  
May 17, 2022

##### Board Meetings

October 26, 2021  
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#### Newsletter Update (Andrew B.)

##### - October Newsletter

- President's message, meeting minutes, YMG Update, sponsorship letter, others?
- Quick Bios for New Board Members for OCT and NOV.
- Include Ben Dymond award announcement
- Submissions Due: October 6th, Send October 12th.

MEMBERSHIP - Sent out new email list.

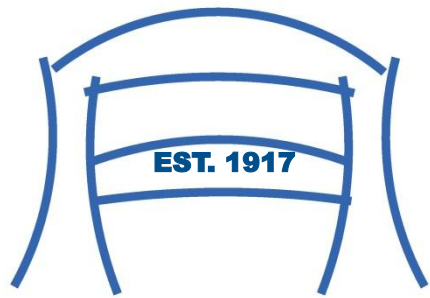
*Tom DesMarais SENT NEW MEMBER LIST TO ROSE ON SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>. TOM TO SEND NEW LIST ON OCT 6TH*

#### OUTREACH CHAIR

*Jay Dailey not available. NO TOPICS DISCUSSED*

#### ONGOING BUSINESS:

Bylaw rewriting - *Peter Demshar not available. Item Removed by Sara*



ASCE Archival documents – *Can keep at current office, otherwise can drop of with Rose Kopecky. Possible in person discussion on where to store for Historical purposes.*  
Hand off info sheets: *place in collaborate and in ASCE bylaws. Incoming and Outgoing Board to exchange required info.*

**MATRIX AND BYLAW REVIEW**

*Need to get Keys to new Board Member.*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- YMG chair vacancy: need chair member. How do we keep younger members active?
- Mentor ship program survey was supposed to be sent 9/26-10/2

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

*12:00pm, October 26, 2021 via Microsoft Team's Meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The board meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.*



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**National Bank of Commerce**

Main Checking	\$4,451.11
Younger Member Checking	\$4,825.85
Savings	\$15,014.07

**Other Assets**

PayPal	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00

**October Total Assets: \$24,391.03**

**September Total Assets: \$24,140.46**

**Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets: \$250.57\***

**\*Increase in assets from September due to newsletter sponsorship.**



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