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## Duluth Section!

Greetings from the desk of the Vice President!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are excited for the remainder of 2023. We are excited to bring to you some delicious lunches and good topics for presentations this rotation.

With the upcoming rotation, our Board will see some turn over this year. We would like to thank Jason Fisher our President for his time these last few years starting up during Covid, even jumping in moving up the ladder when we had a board member step down. We would also like to thank Will DeRocher for being our Secretary this last year. Will has done a fantastic job and will be missed as he has decided to step down, leaving the Treasurer's roll open as well as Secretary.

For the new year, the current VP Andrew Lund (myself) will rotate up to the President's roll. And Ryan Swanson who has served as the Treasurer this last year will rotate up to the Vice President's roll.

With that being said our September meeting will have the Following rotational Positions being voted upon at the September luncheon. Peter Demshar who works at Barr has volunteered to be the Treasurer. He has been an active member in the section leadership and will be looking to jump into the rotation.

This leaves us with an Empty Secretary roll. If anyone wants to be on the Ballot to fill our open Secretary seat, or any open position, please let me know. These two seats, our Treasurer and Secretary rolls, will be put to a vote.

Thank you, to all of our Current and Former Board members, without your hard work and volunteering we could not be where we are today. So again a big thank you.

If you have any questions, ideas, or feedback, please feel free to reach out.

**Andrew Lund**

**Duluth Section Vice President**

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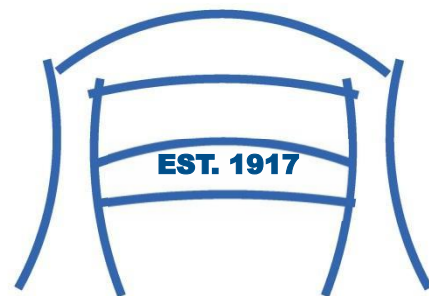
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### Membership Outreach

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Please join us for  
a Unique Presentation at the Canal Park Barr Office  
September 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm



### “Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV)”

Chloe Weber of Bolton & Menk, Inc. will be giving a presentation to discuss the impacts of Autonomous Vehicles on Civil transportation design in MN and will touch on research projects as examples of Implementation.

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.

[Destination CAV - MnDOT \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us)

## Membership and Board Meetings for 2023-2024

### Membership Meetings

September 19, 2023  
October 17, 2023  
November 21, 2023  
December 19, 2023  
January 16, 2023  
February 20, 2024  
March 19, 2024  
April 16, 2024  
May 21, 2024

### Board Meetings

September 26, 2023  
October 24, 2023  
November 28, 2023  
December 20, 2023  
January 23, 2023  
February 27, 2024  
March 26, 2024  
April 23, 2024  
May 28, 2024



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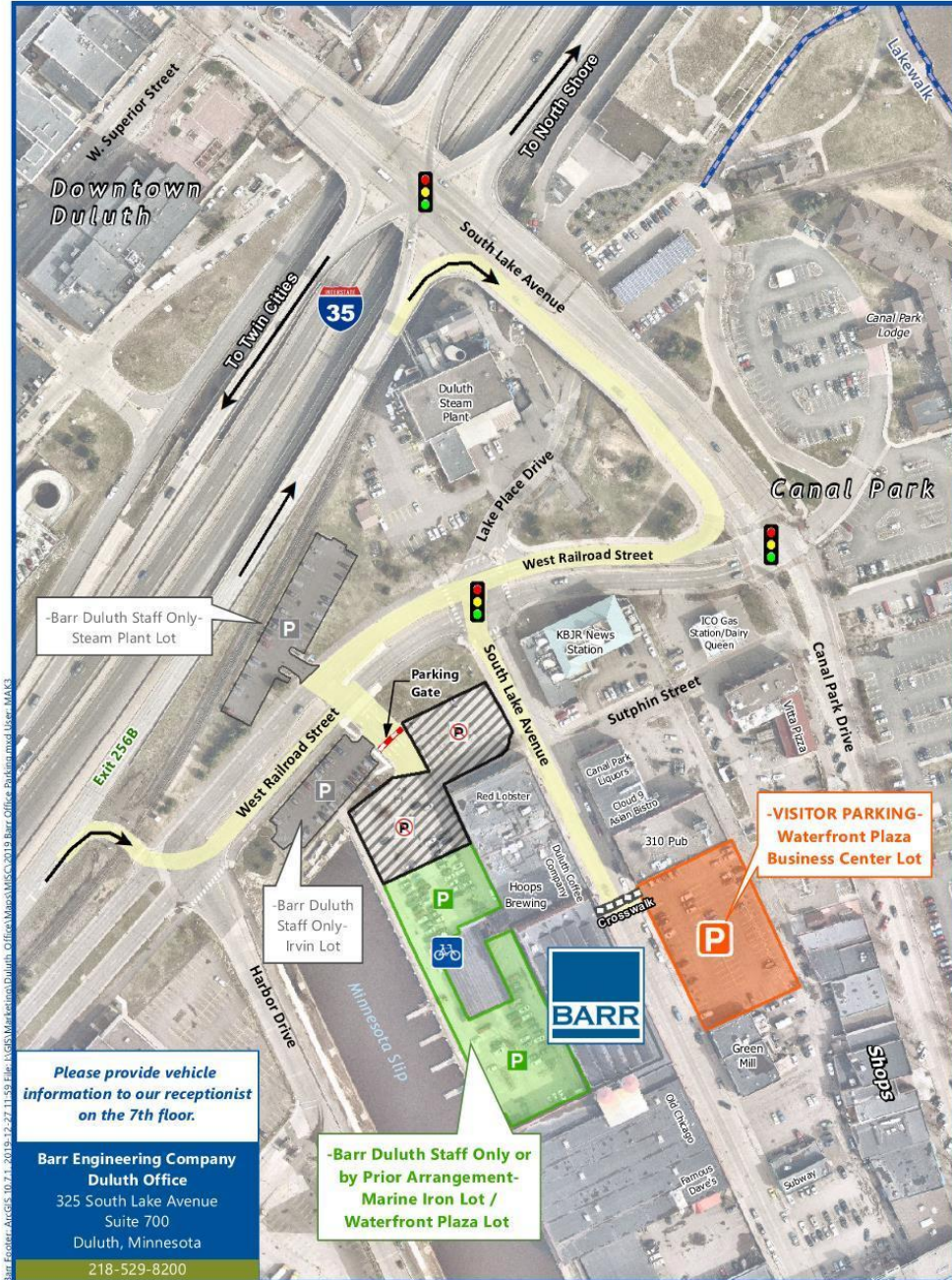
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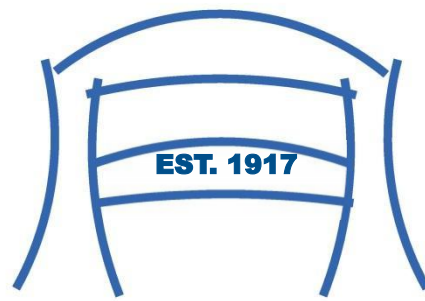
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**Barr Office Parking map for September Lunch**





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## **2023-2024 Duluth Section Board of Directors:**

**Past President: Jason Fisher**

## **The following positions we will be voting on in the upcoming meeting:**

**President: Andrew Lund**

**President Elect/Vice President: Ryan Swanson**

**Treasurer: Pete Demshar**

**Secretary: (Vacant )please reach out if you are interested in this position!**

## **Chair Positions**

**Younger Member Chair: Andrea Piirainen**

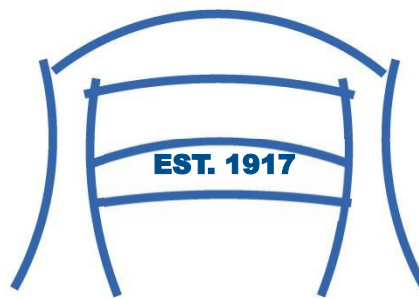
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**Web Updates: (Vacant )please reach out if you are interested in this position!**

**Membership Outreach: (Vacant )please reach out if you are interested in this position!**



**ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES (SECRETARY WILL DEROCHE)**

May 23, 2023, 12:00 PM

**Teams Meeting**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

- o 12:02 PM No QUORUM PRESENT

**ATTENDEES:**

- o RYAN SWANSON
  - o ANDREA PIIRAINEN
  - o ANDREW LUND
  - o WILL DEROCHE
- No QUARUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- o No QUARUM PRESENT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (WILL)**

No QUARUM PRESENT

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (PETE)**

- o No DEVELOPMENTS

**STUDENT SECTION UPDATE (ANDREW BANTZ)**

- o Mini Golf Networking Event
- o Andrew not present
- o Fall event for corporate sponsorship

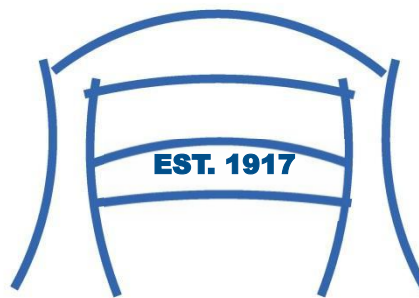
**YOUNGER MEMBER DISCUSSION (ANDREA)**

Recent Updates

- o No attendance
- o A reminder one month in advance
- o Reminder prior to event
- o Reminder for Ethics training fundraiser. (March 19, 2024)

Upcoming Tours

- o Rain gardens in Cromwell
- o Arrowhead and Rice Lake Road.
- o Pier construction by DECC
- o MnDOT I-35 bridge deck pour
- o Roundabout on 1-94/ HWY 2 (Mid July)



**TREASURER'S REPORT (RYAN)**

- MAIN CHECKING \$6,622.56
- YMG CHECKING \$6,951.33
- SAVINGS \$9,239.41
  - PAYPAL \$0.00
  - PETTY CASH \$100.00
- TOTAL ASSETS (MAY 2023) \$22,967.30
- TOTAL ASSETS (APRIL 2023) \$23,357.34
- MEMBER SPONSORSHIP (MAILERS?)
  - § MASS MAILING FOR SPONSORSHIP
  - § MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME
- APPROVAL OF TREASURES REPORT – NO QUORUM PRESENT – AUGUST REVIEW

**2022-2023 Speakers (Andrew)**

- September 19th

**2023-2024 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)**

**LUNCHEONS**

- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- March 19, 2024 (Ethics seminar)

**BOARD MEETINGS**

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, evening

- LHB IS WILLING TO HOST LUNCHEON
- SEPTEMBER AT BARR

**NEWSLETTER UPDATE (ANDREW)**

- August Newsletter
- President's message, meeting minutes, YMG, Introduce Board, Update, others?
- Reminder for YMG Events
- Board Openings for September voting
- Sponsor request (Will)
- **Submissions Due: July 28th, Send August 1st**

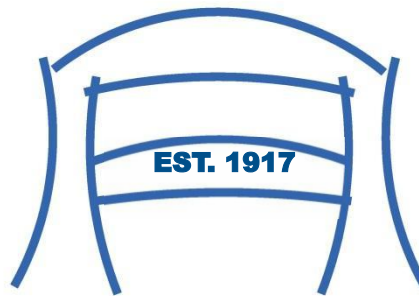
**MEMBERSHIP (SARA – INTERIM)**

- Interest in a Membership Chair?
- September meeting reminder

**OUTREACH CHAIR**

- Vacant
- September meeting reminder





· **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- ASCE Archival documents
- Rose has documents at SEH. Documents to remain.

· **MATRIX AND BYLAW REVIEW**

- DOCUMENTS TO BE STORED ON GOOGLE DOCKS AND UPLOADED TO ASCE COLLABORATE
- REGION 3 CONFERENCE IN AUGUST (ANDREW TO ATTEND, RYAN LOOKING TO ATTEND)
- NOTICE OF NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS
- JULY IS A MULTI-REGION CONFERENCE

· **NEW BUSINESS**

- Board seat email platform – Pete to reach out to Minnesota Chapter

Permanent email address for each board position instead of individual email accounts.

- Board seat cut sheets for each position
- ASCE Yahoo email address

· **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** August 22nd, 2023

· **ADJOURNMENT:**

- 12:42 ADJOURNMENT

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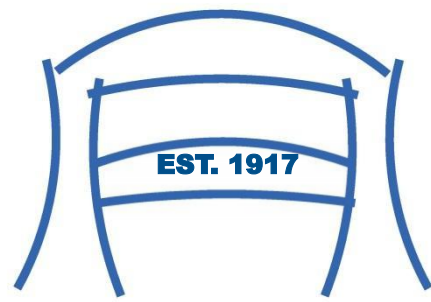
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## Treasurer's Report

### National Bank of Commerce

Main Checking	\$ 253.04
Younger Member Checking	\$ 6,951.33
Savings	\$ 9,299.15

### Other Assets

PayPal	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Other cash/checks	\$ 000.00

**August 2023 Total Assets:** **\$16,603.52**

**May 2023' Total Assets:** **\$22,967.30**

**Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets:** **\$ (-6,363.78\*)**

\*Decrease is from food for the end of the year banquet, paying 3 student scholarships, and past presidents appreciation gifts.



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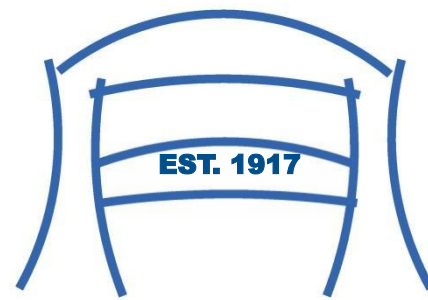
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## 2023-2024 Sponsorship Request

We want to thank you for supporting The Duluth Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the past. Your sponsorship helps fund several programs that are specific to the Duluth Section. The first being our toothpick bridge competition. This program helps promote civil engineering at a young age, which is vital to the future of our profession. The second program is our annual scholarships to civil engineering and civil engineering technology students. Your sponsorship helps our local ASCE section to promote these valuable activities. That is why it is time again for us to ask you to renew your sponsorship, or consider a new sponsorship for 2023-2024. Our membership is comprised of engineers from a diverse range of companies (engineering, construction and geotechnical, etc.). We are very proud to showcase your company logo on our sponsor page.

With a contribution of \$ 250, your company's logo will be displayed in each section newsletter from September 2023 through August 2024. Our newsletter is produced 9 months of the year and reaches all of our 250+ members. Your support also aids the Duluth ASCE Section's efforts to keep the civil engineering community actively involved through technical presentations and networking luncheons, social activities, and student outreach activities.

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