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Seasons Greetings Duluth Section,

I'm pleased to announce that we have a full Board of Directors once again! Tyler Yngsdal of SEH has decided to take on the role of section secretary for this year. Thank you and welcome, Tyler!

I know scheduling this time of year is tough, folks traveling, preparing for holidays, closing projects at year end, but mark your calendars for our December 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon hosted again at Barr's office in canal park. Presentation shall be provided by Andrew Deming from MNDOT and he will be presenting on the TH #2/194 roundabout that was completed this past summer.

It's that time of year again, remember your dues for your ASCE membership is Due on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to select the Duluth Section so you are included in our Membership lists for upcoming events and luncheons in the new year. If you have not used your free 10 PDHs that are included with your membership, you have a month to check the ASCE website for presentations.

Looking to the Future, we hope to provide you a great membership experience. We continue to re-build our Younger Member Group (be sure to attend the Hoops socials). We will be looking to again have our Section Celebration in May. Please plan on attending, have a free dinner on us to celebrate another successful season.

If you have any ideas or events you would like to see or projects you think we should visit please reach out to anyone on the board.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Travel Safe, Be Well,

Andrew Lund

Duluth Section President

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

**Contact Ryan Swanson (newsletter editor) for information at 218.966.9822 or [rswanson@ulland.com](mailto:rswanson@ulland.com) Thanks.**

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



**"MNDOT TH #2 / 194 Roundabout Construction"**  
Presented by Andrew Deming

MNDOT District 1

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 2023-2024

### Membership Meetings

### Board Meetings

December 19, 2023  
January 16, 2024  
February 20, 2024  
March 19, 2024  
April 16, 2024  
May 21, 2024

December 20, 2023  
January 23, 2024  
February 27, 2024  
March 26, 2024  
April 23, 2024  
May 28, 2024



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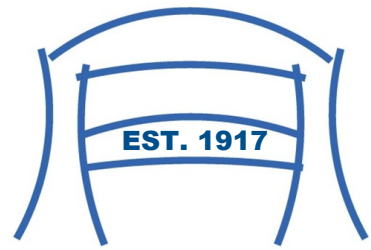
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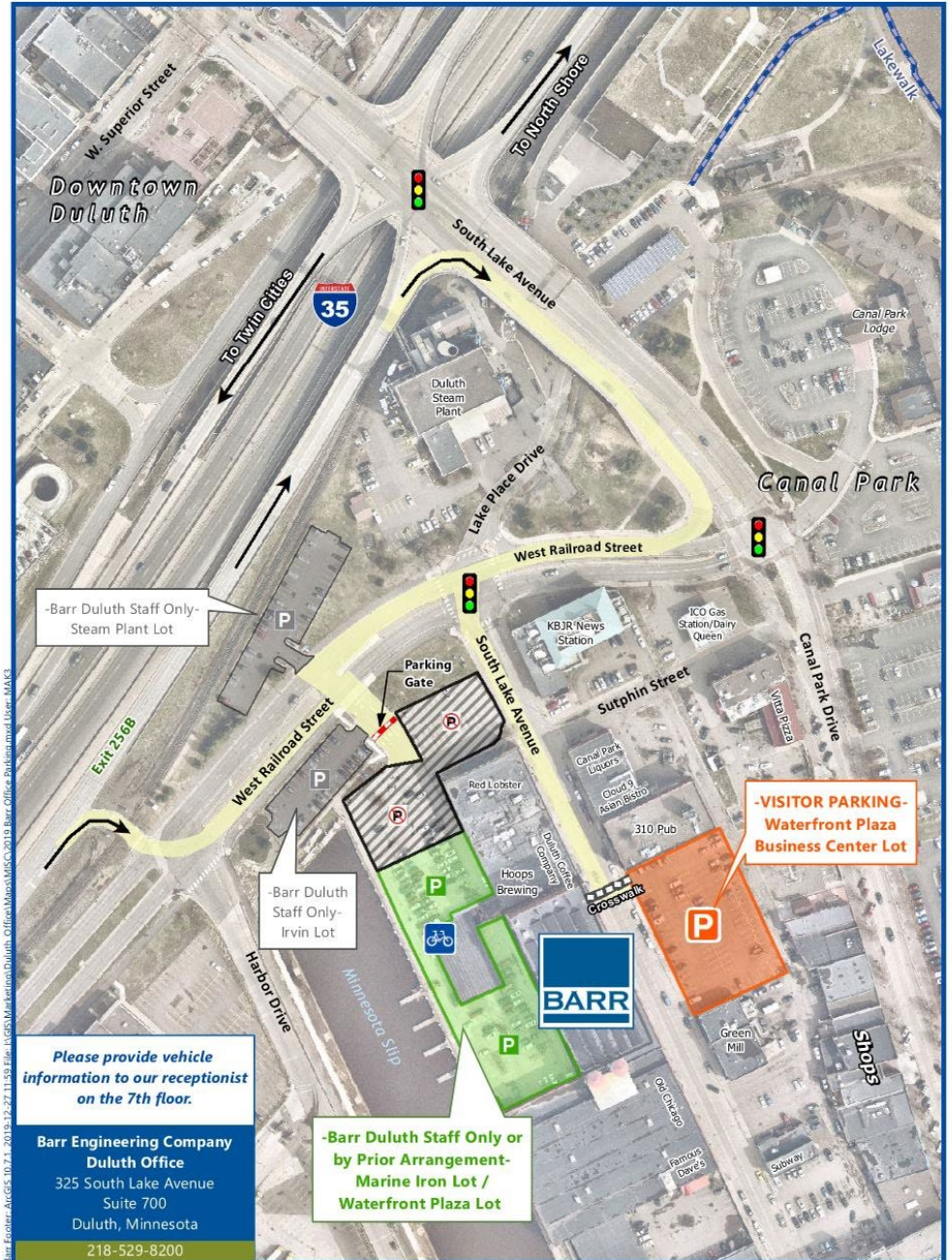
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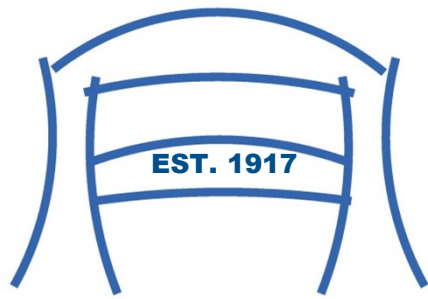
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**Barr Office Parking map for September Lunch**





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

**Past President: Jason Fisher**

**President: Andrew Lund**

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

**Treasurer: Pete Demshar**

**Secretary: Tyler Yngsdal**

## **Chair Positions**

**Younger Member Chair: Andrea Piirainen**

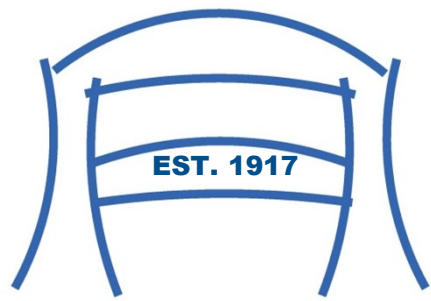
**Membership Chair: Andrea Piirainen**

**Government Relations Chair: Pete Demshar**

**Toothpick Bridge Chair: Travis Jenson**

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

**Membership Outreach: Rose Kopecky**



**ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Oct 31, 2023, 5:00 PM  
**Blackwoods**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (OPEN)**

- September

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (PETE)**

- NATIONAL FLY IN SESSIONS ARE COMING UP IN FEBRUARY
- MINNESOTA ADVOCACIES ONGOING

**STUDENT SECTION UPDATE (ANDREW BANTZ)**

- Mini Golf Networking Event
- Highway clean up held on 21<sup>st</sup> of October.
- TPI tour (9 students)
- AML presented at recent meeting (12 students)
- Fundraising efforts from bridge and canoe teams

**YOUNGER MEMBER DISCUSSION (ANDREA)**

- Recent Updates
- Upcoming Tours
  - Happy hour schedule coming soon
  - Hosted at hoops with Green Mill Catering.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (RYAN/PETE)**

- **\$3998.59 – MAIN CHECKING**
- **\$6951.33 – YMG CHECKING**
- **\$7302.79 – SAVINGS**

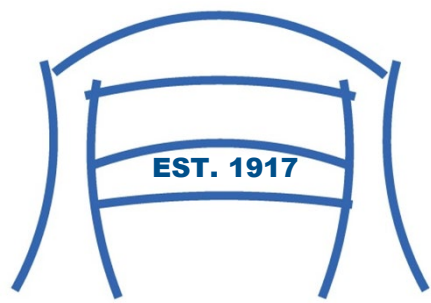
**2023-2024 Speakers (Ryan)**

- October 17<sup>th</sup> – hosted by Barr Engineering Speaker UMD Professor?
- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Pete Marthaler – TPI Update – Location TBD
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Deming – Roundabout 2-194 – Location TBD
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Chris Rousseau – Project TBD – Location TBD
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – UMD Professor (TBD) – Project TBD - UMD High Bay -
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – David Bolf – Project TBD - Location TBD
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – LHB Presentation and Host
- May 21<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Meeting

**2022-2023 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)**

**LUNCHEONS**

- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Mock Career Fair



Feb 20th, 2024  
Mar 19th, 2024  
March TBD – Ethics Training  
Apr 16th, 2024  
May 21st, 2024

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, evening  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Blackwoods  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Tavern on the Hill  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### **NEWSLETTER UPDATE (RYAN)**

##### **Nov Newsletter**

- President's message, meeting minutes, YMG, Introduce Board, Update, others?
- **Submissions Due: Oct Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Send Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **MEMBERSHIP (ANDREA)**

- Did Sara inform on how to?
- Working on cleaning up email and contact list
- Andrew to look into Constant Contact Issues

#### **OUTREACH CHAIR**

- Vacant
- Toothpick bridge March 6-9?
- Stem bridge and engineering fest at Lester Park Elementary (November 16<sup>th</sup> 6 pm)

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- Find Secretary
- ASCE Archival documents
  - With Rose K. (SEH)
- Andrew Lund attend ASCE National Conference
  - ASCE meeting went well, recommend going next year.
- MRLC Kansas Ryan and Dalton
  - Registration price increase Nov 30<sup>th</sup>
- Board Seat Email platform
- Board seat Cut sheet for positions- tabled
- Constant contact replacement
  - Ongoing
- Paypal account updates
- Toothpick Bridge update
  - March 6-9





**MATRIX AND BYLAW REVIEW**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Website updates
  - Where does contact go?
- YMG facebook
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**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 28, 2023 – Tavern on the Hill

**ADJOURNMENT:**



## ASCE Younger Member Happy Hour

Enjoy some free food and network with working professionals in the Twin Ports Area. **No RSVP** required, just show up!

**Who:** All working professionals, regardless of age!

**What:** Happy Hour sponsored by ASCE Younger Member Group

**Where:** Hoops Brewing (325 S Lake Ave, Duluth, MN 55802)

**When:** 4-7 pm on the following dates:

December 21st

January 25th

February 15th

March 21st

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Email [Dalton.Scharmer@tkda.com](mailto:Dalton.Scharmer@tkda.com) with questions.





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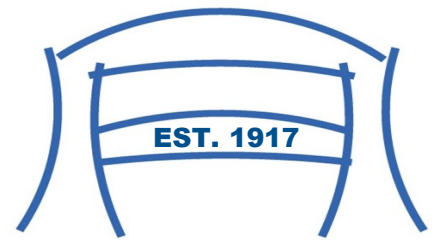
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### National Bank of Commerce

Main Checking	\$ 4,252.08
Younger Member Checking	\$ 6,951.33
Savings	\$ 7,304.31

### Other Assets

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

**November 2023' Total Assets: \$18,507.72**

**October 2023' Total Assets: \$16,625.45**

**Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets: \$1,882.27**

\*Increase is from 4 sponsorship checks, ASCE National deposit, and November luncheon fees and decrease from food for the November luncheon.

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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.

If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor, please send a check payable to **ASCE - Duluth Section** to the section treasurer:

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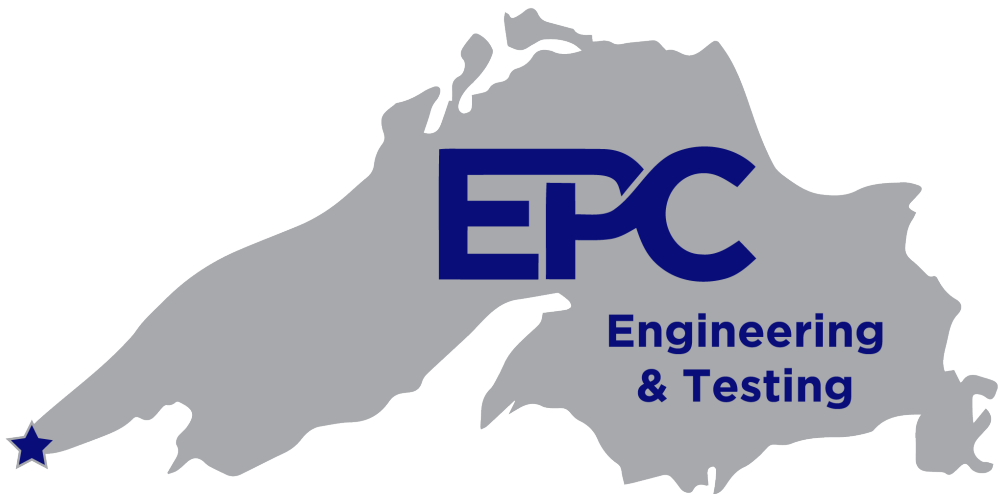
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