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Greetings Duluth Section and Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited for the rest of 2021, with that being said, ASCE National strongly recommends that we have meetings virtually at least until 2022. We plan to adhere to that recommendation, but if anything changes, of course we will let you know.

The following rotational positions will be voted upon at the September luncheon. Our current President Elect/Vice President, Andrew Barnebey, has chosen to step down from volunteering on the board. Thank you for volunteering on the board for the last 3 years!

With Andrew stepping down, this opens up the President's position for this upcoming year. Under normal circumstances, the President Elect would automatically become the President, but due to this, we will be voting on the President position. Sara has volunteered to take on the President's role this upcoming year. She has been working diligently as the Secretary on the board for almost a year and has proven herself to be capable of taking on this role and has ASCE's best interests in mind.

Dan Murphy has done an excellent job as our Treasurer this past year and has volunteered to be the President Elect/Vice President for this upcoming year.

For the Treasurer and Secretary roles, we have two newcomers to the board. They are Jason Fisher and Andrew Lund. Jason works for Bolton & Menk, Inc. as a Transportation Project Manager and would like to fill the Treasurer's role. Andrew Lund works at LHB, Inc. in their Industrial/Pipeline group and is looking to fill the Secretary position.

If anyone wants to be on the ballot to fill one of these positions, please let me know. Even though we have a person already outlined for each position, each of these positions will still be put to a vote.

Thank you to all of our Board Chair positions this past year! In particular, I would like to thank Ben Helmer for his leadership as the Younger Member Group Chair. With that said, we are in need of a volunteer to fill the YMG Chair. Pete Demshar has volunteered to be the interim chair.

Finally, a big congratulations are in order for Duluth Section member Dr. Benjamin Z. Dymond, Ph.D., EIT who has been selected by ASCE's Structural Engineering Institute to receive the 2021 T.Y. Lin Award for the paper "Inelastic Shear Distribution in Prestressed Concrete Girder Bridges," published in the ACI Structural Journal, July 2019. Ben received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Tech and his Ph.D. from University of Minnesota - Twin Cities in Civil Engineering as well. Currently an Associate Professor at UMD, Ben has a focus on structural engineering. Congratulations Ben on this accomplishment!

As always, if you have any ideas, feedback, or questions, feel free to reach out.

See you on the 21st for the luncheon!

Rose Kopecky

**Duluth Section President** 

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

Contact Rose Kopecky (Interim Newsletter Editor) for information at 218.249.1558 or rkopecky@sehinc.com. Thanks.

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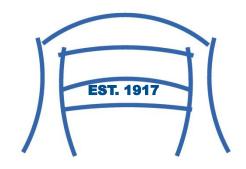
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Please join us for a Unique Virtual Presentation September 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm



"Resilience in the Age of Climate Change"

Bruce Lunde of MSA Professional Service, Inc. will be giving a presentation to discuss the impacts of our changing environment in marina design and will use a few recent projects as examples.

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 <a href="mailto:rkopecky@sehinc.com">rkopecky@sehinc.com</a>

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 Board Meetings

September 21, 2021 September 28, 2021 October 19, 2021 October 26, 2021 November 16, 2021 November 17, 2021 December 14, 2021 December 15, 2021 January 18, 2022 January 25, 2022 February 15, 2022 February 22, 2022 March 15, 2022 March 22, 2022 April 19, 2022 April 26, 2022 May 17, 2022 May 24, 2022



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# 2021-2022 Duluth Section Board of Directors:

Past President: Rose Kopecky

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

**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: Nick Patterson

**Membership Outreach: Jay Dailey** 

#### **ASCE Duluth Section Board Meeting Agenda**

May 25, 2021: 5:00 PM

Ursa Minor Brewing (Teams Meeting if rain)

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to Order at 5:03 PM at Ursa Minor

#### ATTENDANCE:

### Present 9 -

Rose Kopecky

Dan Murphy

Jay Dailey

Andrew Barnebey

Sara Christenson

Tom DesMarais

Pete Demshar

Ben Helmer

Jason Fisher

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Andrew Barnebey, second by Sara Christenson, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote.

#### Aye 8 -

Rose Kopecky

Dan Murphy

Jay Dailey

Andrew Barnebey

Sara Christenson

Tom DesMarais

Pete Demshar

Ben Helmer

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April minutes – Sara

A Motion was made by Andrew Barnebey, second by Ben Helmer to approve the April Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

#### Aye 8 -

Rose Kopecky

Dan Murphy

Jay Dailey

Andrew Barnebey

Sara Christenson

Tom DesMarais

Pete Demshar

Ben Helmer

#### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS -**

Pete Demshar gave and update that Craig went to fly-in, Pete did not.

Report card: currently working on the research now, they have met with dams and energy.

#### YOUNGER MEMBER DISCUSSION-

Ben Helmer gave an update that the group did not meet during the month of May, nothing has changed by younger member group.

Ben Helmer is stepping down as the Younger Member Chair.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (DAN)

Dan Murphy gave an update:

Treasurer's Report review - Dan Murphy sent out the May Treasurers Report, net swing of negative \$3000. The \$3000 was the total of the two scholarship payments.

Paypal - business account.

Entertained a discussion on who would run the Business PayPal account, or if we should add people to the account.

Discussion regarding sharing the login information weather adding users or sharing the password or changing password every year.

# A motion was made by Sara Christenson, seconded by Andrew Barnebey to change password yearly and give to vice president and treasurer

Aye 8 -

Rose Kopecky Dan Murphy

Jay Dailey

Andrew Barnebey

Sara Christenson

Tom DesMarais

Pete Demshar

Ben Helmer

Finalized 2021-2022 budget

#### 2020-2021 SPEAKERS (ANDREW B.)

Potentials – Bruce Lundewig Climate Change

September: MSA Speaker potentially depending on travel.

October: ADS/Kraus Anderson

#### 2020-2021 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Luncheons

May 18, 2021

**Board Meetings** 

September 21, 2021

May 26, 2021

#### **NEWSLETTER UPDATE (Andrew B.)**

September Newsletter

President's message, meeting minutes, YMG Update, sponsorship letter, others? Submissions Due: September 8th, September 11th.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Tom DesMarais downloaded the list and will email it.

#### **OUTREACH CHAIR**

Jay Dailey presented multiple ideas of how to outreach in the community. They included:

Reaching out to non-member engineers

Community, college, k-12, community asking non-member to volunteer.

Habitat for Humanity, clean-up crew earth day, billboard

#### ONGOING BUSINESS:

Bylaw rewriting

Cutsheet of title prescription of obligation of bylaws. Send by August Discussion involved that current board members should create a cutsheet of their responsibilities, rather that Pete Demshar.

**ASCE Archival documents** 

Discussion involved keeping Archival documents on the agenda

Matrix and Bylaw Review

A discussion involved having Sara work electronic storage of minutes. All others on the board will plan to send Sara the documents for her to post on the ASCE national website.

These will include the treasury report, newsletters, minutes by August.

Dan will create sponsorship letter and mail in June.

**New Business** 

Secretary leads

Jason Fisher, Bolton & Menk – as of fall

Pete will look this fall at email address

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 17, 2021. TBD

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Daniel Murphy, second by Andrew Barnebey to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Aye 8 -

Rose Kopecky

Dan Murphy

Jay Dailey

Andrew Barnebey

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#### **National Bank of Commerce**

| Main Checking           | \$2,951.11  |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Younger Member Checking | \$4,825.85  |
| Savings                 | \$15,012.91 |

#### Other Assets

PayPal \$0.00

Petty Cash \$100.00

August Total Assets: \$22,789.87

May Total Assets: \$21,059.78

Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets: \$1,730.09\*

\*Increase in assets from May due to newsletter sponsorships.

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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 2021 - 2022. 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 2021 through August 2022. 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.

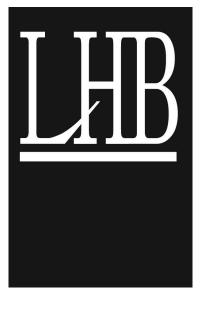
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Sincerely,

The Duluth Section Board of Directors



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