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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Season's Greetings to all,

Winter has finally shown itself up here in the northland just in time for our holiday travel. As I write this newsletter, we just got done with our Thanksgiving weekend and now are looking forward to soon celebrating the holiday season with family and friends. I hope you all were able to relax a bit over Thanksgiving and recharge.

I know we are all busy this time of the year as we prepare for the holidays and also as we work on closing projects from this past summer but please mark your calendars for our December 16th luncheon hosted at the Barr Duluth office. Steve Krasaway and Carol Andrews will be presenting on the Woodland Ave/Hartley Park Green Infrastructure Project. We hope to see you there.

We are still looking for a few more presenters to round out the spring so if you have something you would like to share with the section please reach out so we can get you on the calendar before it fills up.

Also, remember your dues for your ASCE membership are due on the 31st of December with ASCE National. Make sure to select the Duluth chapter when updating your membership so that you are included on our membership list that we use for upcoming events and luncheons invites. This will be the last month that the prior years sponsorships will carry over so please do consider renewing your sponsorship. This donation primarily supports our scholarship fund.

Our YMG group will be hosting an ethics PDH this spring so please mark your calendars for that. This event will be open to members and non-members. They also will have happy hours and a curling event this spring and all are welcome.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Pete Demshar, PE

Duluth Section President

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UPCOMING MEETING

Date: December 16, 2025

Speakers:

- **Steve Krasaway**, PE (St. Louis County MN)
- **Carol Andrews**, PE (St. Louis County MN)

Topic: Woodland Ave/Hartley Park Green Infrastructure Project – Design and Lessons Learned

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Barr

Steve's Bio:

Steve Krasaway is a professional civil engineer with St. Louis County Public Works, bringing more than two decades of experience in transportation infrastructure, stormwater management, and sustainable project delivery. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2002 and began his career in the consulting world in 2002 and stayed in the consulting world until 2011.

Since 2011, Steve has served as the Resident Engineer for St. Louis County, overseeing construction delivery, contract administration, and field operations on a wide range of transportation and water-resource projects. He played a key role in the 2012 flood recovery efforts and has managed the design and construction on more than \$300 million in roadway construction throughout the region.

Steve has designed and permitted over 75 trout stream and public water crossings in St. Louis County and has led numerous green infrastructure and stormwater treatment initiatives. His work emphasizes resilient design, water-quality protection, and practical solutions. He continues to focus on integrating sustainable infrastructure into complex transportation projects across the county.

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Carols's Bio:

Carol has over 35 years of experience in environmental engineering including stints at the MPCA working on solid waste and air quality permitting, three years with the US Antarctic Program helping to build an incinerator and conduct environmental monitoring, and 15 years with Barr Engineering where she assisted clients with stormwater management, oil spill prevention planning and stream restoration. Joining the St. Louis County Public Works Department in 2015 provided an opportunity to make use of her varied experience. Carol prides herself in helping the County identify strategic opportunities to go beyond minimum requirements to implement water quality, habitat improvement and sustainability initiatives that protect the environment while minimizing costs and maximizing safety and other co-benefits. Carol has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and was a 2025 recipient of the MN County Engineers Association "Outstanding Service to MCEA" award.

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MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025/2026

Membership Meetings

- December 16, 2025 - BARR
- January 20 - TBD
- February 17 - TBD
- March 17 - TBD
- April - TBD
- May - TBD

Board Meetings

- December 16, 2025 - Clyde
- January 27, 2026
- February 24, 2026
- March 24, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- May 26, 2026



FINANCIALS

National Bank of Commerce

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Main Checking | \$3,109.72 |
| Younger Member Checking | \$4,058.43 |
| Savings (assumed)** | \$5,494.38 |

Other Assets

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| PayPal | \$0.00 |
| Other cash/checks | \$0.00 |
| Petty Cash | \$100.00 |
| October 2025' Total Assets | \$12,762.53 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Assets | \$424.13* |

*Increase is from ASCE National Deposit

**National Bank of Commerce has changed the Sections Savings account number and the previous one no longer appears on the online dashboard or under the digital statements. The new account was set up as a business account but does not have a statement from September.





Come enjoy some free food and networking opportunities with young civil engineering professionals! **NO RSVP** required, just show up!

Who: Working professionals of all ages and civil engineering students.

What: Happy Hours, Social Events, and Civil Engineering Project site Tours sponsored by ASCE Younger Member Group.

Past Events:

Duluth Port Authority Site Tour:

The Duluth Port Authority hosted the fall YMG site tour where attendants learned about the history, infrastructure, and local industry! Stay tuned for future YMG site tours



Upcoming Events:

Saturday February 7th - Curling with YMG (12:00pm-4:00pm) at Superior Curling Club

Ethics Presentation - Tuesday March 10th (2:00pm-4:30pm) at Clyde Ironworks

Additional social events & Construction Site Tours to be announced for Spring 2026

Interested? Join our email list by emailing the following:

Contact Dalton Scharmer (dalton.scharmer@sappi.com), Matt Henderson (mhenderson@sehinc.com) or Josh Tomczak (josh@nce-duluth.com)

Curling Younger Member Event

WHEN: Saturday
February 7th
12:00 – 4:00 PM

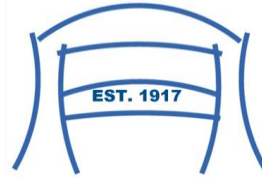
WHERE: Superior
Curling Club
4700 Tower Ave
Superior, WI 54880



Happy hour following
Curling at Earth Rider

- Come for an afternoon of networking and curling
- Duluth ASCE Section will provide appetizers
- All ASCE members are welcome Duluth Section and Student Chapter
- Do not worry if you haven't curled before
- What you need to bring
 - Entry fee 10\$
 - Loose pants (jeans are not comfortable to curl in)
 - Clean shoes (shoes without salt and sand to change into once at the club)

Contact Matt Henderson or Josh Tomczak with questions
mhenderson@sehinc.com - Josh@nce-duluth.com



ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 28, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Mr. D's, Duluth

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 17:34
- Attendance:
 - Peter Demshar – President
 - Tyler Yngsdal – Vice President
 - Alex Popp – Treasurer
 - Jeremy Carlson – Secretary
 - Rose Kopecky – Website and Outreach Chair
 - Dalton Scharmer – YMG
 - Travis Jensen – UMD (Toothpick Bridge)
 - Zach Huffaker – Student Section President

Approval of Agenda (Pete)

- **A motion was made by Dalton Scharmer, seconded by Alex Popp to approve the agenda.**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (Jeremy)

- **A motion was made by Tyler Yngsdal, seconded by Pete Demshar to approve the September Meeting Minutes.**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Government Relations (Chris)

- Report card is coming in 2026 and will be led by Pete
 - Chris and Pete will likely cover the Duluth items and the dam section with Hannah (chair of the MN section)
 - Meeting regularly
 - AMI may assist with the Port (Chad Scott)
 - Report card update will be presented at the Duluth Airport (Craig)
 - Fly-in registration is coming up (~~May 18th~~)-correction, March 18-20

Student section update (Zach H)

- Lake of the Woods County Anthony Pirkel spoke last week at UMD (~18 students attended)
- Will attempt highway cleanup event on Sunday
- Pushing to get students more involved early on
- Preparing to advertise for officers for next year
- Competition update
 - Steel Bridge meeting regularly
 - Concrete canoe has adjusted design for this year
 - Geowall working on a presentation for the national competition
- Upcoming events
 - 11/2/205: Highway cleanup on TH 53
 - 1st week Dec., potential speaker re: Alaska Bridge Project



Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

- Bylaws: Dalton will send updated bylaw draft to Board along with more formal minutes
- Ethics presentation: Details to be announced, site is Clyde Iron and roughly 2pm – 4:30pm
- Austin has been added to YMG checking account
- Nov. Happy Hour yet TBD
- YMG Board Update
 - DSPA site tour went well
 - Josh working on Curling and possibly bowling events
 - Next YMG Board meeting TBD, will be within upcoming couple of weeks

Treasurer's Report (Alex)

- Main Checking \$1,893.01
- Younger Member Checking \$4,596.44
- Savings \$5,493.27
- Petty Cash \$100.00
- PayPal \$255.68
- Total Sept Assets - \$12,338.40
- Total Aug Assets - \$12,158.84
- Increase/Decrease in Assets - \$179.56
- Sponsorship letter to go out for next year soon
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - Motion made by Dalton Scharmer, seconded by Tyler Yngsdal to approve the report.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

2025-2026 Speakers (Tyler)

- November 18th – Duluth Airport Authority and SEH
- Tyler Yngsdal list of potential speakers
 - UMD, MNDOT (London Road/Blatnik), DLH Airport, LHB/Lift Bridge, Mn Power, Hartley Stormwater

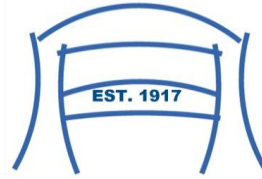
2025-2026 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM)

Luncheons

- September 23, 2025 – BARR
- October 21, 2025 - BARR
- November 18, 2025 – BARR – Pete may not be able to attend, Tyler will bring beverages so BARR isn't providing those.
- December 16, 2025 – BARR
- January 20, 2026 – Potentially hosted by LHB
- February 17, 2026 – Potentially hosted by UMD
- March 17, 2026 – Potentially hosted by LHB
- April TBD
- May TBD

Board Meetings

- September 4, 2025 – Bent Paddle
- September 30, 2025 – The Other Place



- October 28, 2025 – Mr. D's
- November 18, 2025 – Clyde Iron
- December 16, 2025 – TBD
- January 27, 2026
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Newsletter Update (Tyler)

- Content deadline 11/4/25, goal to send out by 11/7/25 ahead of 11/18/25 luncheon.
- Will reevaluate next month if sponsorships are current.

Membership Chair (Vacant)

- Contact list update

Website and Outreach Chair (Rose)

- Board members/positions have been updated on the website.
- Nominate section for small section website award
- Will update meeting dates on website

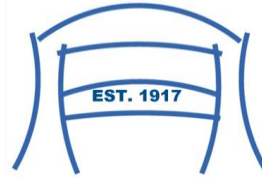
Toothpick Bridge Chair (Travis)

- Start planning in October for the 2026 event
- Plan to rename this committee to the K-12 outreach committee
- Work with Travis in fall to determine how Board can support efforts
 - Possible need to help update list of teachers at schools
 - Pete to reach out to Travis to get update.
- Discussed potential dates for bridge event, likely late March or late April
- Potential for AM and PM sessions depending on interest
- Need to update the high school contact list
- Need help with trophy
 - Potential for UMD ME dept lab to assist, but previous lab operator passed suddenly, so questionable on who might be able to fill that role and their willingness to help
- Budget of up to \$500 available from ASCE
 - Motion by Pete to provide up to \$500 from ASCE to UMD in support of the Toothpick Bridge competition, seconded by Dalton, The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor.
- Travis will evaluate what schools to invite to match up with ASCE Section Geography
- Travis to share competitions rules with ASCE Board to see if any changes should be made.

Matrix and Bylaw Review

New Business

- Pete: MRLC @ Chicago Marriott 1/30/26, Fri/Sat
- Pete: Received invite from Tristan Wiseman for ASCE to participate in "MN Transportation Annual"
- Update One Drive Files
 - All of Ryan Swanson's information is on OneDrive
 - Pete Demshar needs to upload some things that he has saved offline.
- Sponsorship count (1) (Tyler)

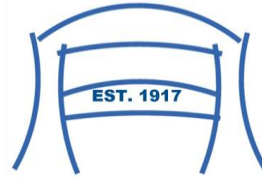


- End of year banquet date should be evaluated for 2026 to align with UMD calendar to make it easier for scholarship recipients to attend and encourage other students to attend as well. This topic is tabled for future discussion.
- Golf outing as a future engagement activity
- Section website and LinkedIn links will be added to the email signature for Section – Rose is working on this.
- Annual report
 - Reference email sent to members 9/26/25
 - YMG needs to complete Annual Report, due 11/30/25
 - Pete to take first review of annual report

Next Board Meeting: 11/25/25 17:30 @ Clyde Iron in West Duluth

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 19:12



ASCE DULUTH SECTION SPONSORSHIP LETTER

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 2025-2026. 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 2025 through August 2026. 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 PO Box:

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Duluth, MN 55802

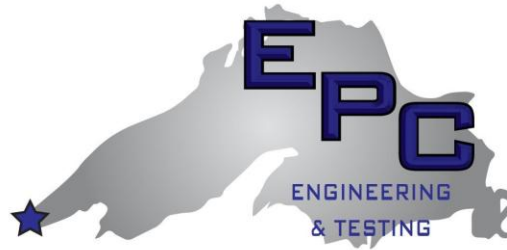
New sponsors, or to update logos, email your company logo to Tyler Yngsdal at: tyngsdal@sehinc.com

Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors



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