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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Greetings Duluth Section,

I hope you all were able to spend some time away from the office over the holidays with family and friends.

To start, I look forward to seeing you all on January 20th at Duluth LHB Office for our monthly luncheon. MnDOT and LHB will be presenting on the London Road project. The cost for attendance is \$ 25.00 if you RSVP before January 16 (by 5 pm) and \$30.00 at the door and students are free. So please RSVP when you see the invitation if you plan on attending.

We are currently planning for the toothpick bridge competition that will tentatively be hosted on April 16. The event will be held at UMD and is for local high school students. This will be our second time hosting the event after a couple years off and we are inviting more schools so we will have a morning and afternoon session. We are in need of judges for this event, so please let us know if you would be interested in helping out.

We would like to thank all of you who renewed your membership. Your local membership fees allow us to give back to our community in a variety of ways. This year we will be donating to the Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. Also, our section will be providing 3 scholarships for this year. To be considered for this scholarship, the candidate must be a junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in Civil Engineering and enrolled in the Fall 2025 semester. Watch for the application in our February newsletter for other criteria.

In closing, I hope to see you on the 20th for our monthly Luncheon and please remember to RSVP.

Pete Demshar, PE

Duluth Section President

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UPCOMING MEETING

Date: January 20, 2026

Speakers:

- **Tom Lamb, PE (MN) - MnDOT**
- **Matt Settergren, PE (MN) - LHB**

Topic: London Road/Hwy 61 Project

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: LHB



Tom's Bio:

Tom Lamb, PE (MN) served as MnDOT's project manager for the London Road/Hwy 61 Project in Duluth, MN, where he led planning, engineering coordination, and community engagement efforts. Tom is a Professional Engineer with over 40 years of diversified engineering experience in building and highway project management and environmental consulting. After graduating from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, he spent his professional career working in the Minneapolis and Milwaukee area before joining MnDOT District 1 in 2020.

Email: Thomas.lamb@state.mn.us

Matt's Bio:

Matt Settergren, PE (MN) served as the consultant design team project manager for the London Road/Hwy 61 Project that supported MnDOT by providing preliminary and final design services, environmental documentation and public engagement support. With over 16 years of experience in the transportation industry, Matt has led the design of various multi-faceted and award-winning projects across the Upper Midwest. After graduating from the University of North Dakota, he spent time in his professional career working across North Dakota and the Twin Cities, before moving back to the Twin-Ports in 2018.



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MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025/2026

Membership Meetings

- January 20 – LHB
- February 17 – UMD
- March 17 – TBD
- April – TBD
- May - TBD

Board Meetings

- January 27, 2026 - Tavern
- February 24, 2026
- March 24, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- May 26, 2026



FINANCIALS

National Bank of Commerce

Main Checking	\$3,943.64
Younger Member Checking	\$3,962.89
Savings (assumed)**	\$5,495.51

Other Assets

PayPal	\$0.00
Other cash/checks	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
October 2025' Total Assets	\$13,502.04
Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	\$740.62

*Increase is from ASCE National Deposit & sponsorships





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.

Upcoming Events:

Happy Hours:

Thursday January 22nd - 310 pub (5:30 pm)

Thursday February 19th - Hoops Brewing (5:30 pm)

March - TBD

April - TBD

Curling with YMG (**NEW DATE**) - Saturday February 28th (12:00pm-4:00pm) at Superior Curling Club

Ethics Presentation (NEW DATE) - Tuesday March 31st (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 28th
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

November 25, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 17:32
- Attendance:
 - Peter Demshar – President
 - Tyler Yngsdal – Vice President
 - Alex Popp – Treasurer
 - Jeremy Carlson – Secretary
 - Dalton Scharmer – YMG
 - Audrey Norlien - YMG
 - Chris Rousseau – Gov't Relations
 - Ryan Swanson – Past President

Approval of Agenda (Pete)

- A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Jeremy Carlson to approve the agenda.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (Jeremy)

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

Government Relations (Chris)

- Report card
 - Chris will check in with Craig regarding the release date for the report card
- Fly-in
 - Dalton will apply, but more likely to attend in 2027
 - Chris recommends all Board members would benefit to be on the mailing list

Student section update (Zach H)

- Tracking on annual report that is due at the end of the month
- Upcoming Student section conference in Chicago, always looking for volunteer judges

Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

- Bylaws: Proposed bylaws updates were sent to the Board, awaiting Board review/commentary
- Ethics presentation:
 - March 10th at Clyde Iron Malting Building
 - Deposit has been sent to Clyde
 - Will coordinate with Clyde AV/etc. as date gets closer.
 - Details to be announced, site is Clyde Iron and roughly 2pm – 4:30pm
- Austin has been added to YMG checking account
- YMG Board Update
 - Josh working on Curling event in Feb with Superior Curling
 - Chase Bonczak/KA is going to put together a Math Counts event



- Chris noted that he believes it's a middle school math based competition
- Happy Hour last week at Hoops went well, 15+ attendees. Matt Henderson has been doing a great job promoting these events.
- Working to identify/schedule a Spring jobsite tour.
- YMG annual report was submitted roughly two weeks ago.
- Next YMG Board meeting 12/9/2025

Treasurer's Report (Alex)

- Main Checking \$3,109.72
- Younger Member Checking \$4,058.43
- Savings \$5,494.38
- Petty Cash \$100.00
- PayPal \$0.00
- Total Oct Assets - \$12,762.53
- Total Sept Assets - \$12,338.40
- Increase/Decrease in Assets - \$424.13
- Motion made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Tyler Yngsdal to approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

2025-2026 Speakers (Tyler)

- December 16th – St. Louis County, Carol Andrews and Steve Krasaway
- Future Potential - MnDOT Blatnik or London Road
- Looking for additional presenters for 2026 luncheon dates
 - Chris R. may have an opportunity to present in Spring if needed.

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

Luncheons

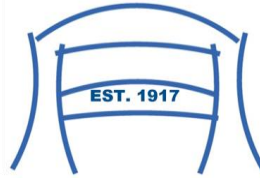
- December 16, 2025 – BARR
- January 20, 2026 – Potentially hosted by LHB
- February 17, 2026 – Potentially hosted by UMD
- March 17, 2026 – Potentially hosted by LHB
- April TBD
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Newsletter Update (Tyler)

- Content deadline 12/5/25, goal to send out of 12/16/25 luncheon.
- Sponsorship Update



- EPC and TKDA are current – but no others at this time
- Ryan believes Ulland will be renewing and suggests the Board approach their organizations to promote supporting the section in this way.

Membership Chair (Vacant)

- Contact list update

Website and Outreach Chair (Rose)

- No update at today's meeting.

Toothpick Bridge Chair (Travis)

- Ryan express a question of how big of an event can be appropriately organized and run along with concern on ability to arrange and staff it the event grows too quickly.
- Pete to coordinate a meeting with Travis and others after Thanksgiving to further discuss details and approach.
- No update on potential dates for bridge event, likely late March or late April

Matrix and Bylaw Review

New Business

- Alex: Duluth Section Certificate of Assumed Name with State of MN SOS includes addresses and names that are no longer current and don't match the name to go with our tax ID. Alex has asked for assistance from ASCE National on straightening this out and is awaiting their response.
- Tyler noted he requests to be reimbursed for soda purchased to be used for future luncheons, rather than continue to use BARR's company beverage supply
 - Motion made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Ryan Swanson to approve reimbursing Tyler for the \$45.71 cost of the beverages he purchased at SuperOne.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor
- Second Harvest Food Shelf charitable donation
 - Motion made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Tyler Yngsdal to approve a lump sum donation of \$200 to the Second Harvest Food Shelf.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor
- Pete: Multi-region leadership council (MRLC) @ Chicago Marriott 1:30/26 – 1/31/26, Fri/Sat
 - Checking for interest from anyone on attending
- Tyler: Current Sponsorship count – 2
- End of the year banquet date should be evaluated for 2026 to align with the 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
- Annual report
 - The Board reviewed the report, which is in progress but needs more content before submitting to National.

Next Board Meeting: 12/16/25 17:30 @ Clyde Iron in West Duluth

Adjournment:

- MOTION MADE BY RYAN SWANSON, SECONDED BY DALTON SCHARMER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
- THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR
- Meeting adjourned at 18:42



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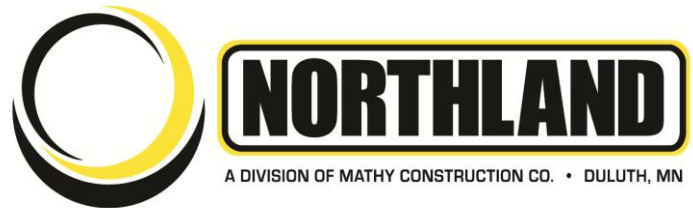
New sponsors, or to update logos, email your company logo to Tyler Yngsdal at: tyngsdal@sehinc.com

Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors



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