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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Greetings Duluth Section,

Our next luncheon is on March 18th at noon at Barr Engineering in Duluth. Miah Schmidt, with AMI, will be presenting on the DECC Seawall project and give us an update on where things are at with the project. Please use the collaborate link (watch your email) to RSVP so we can plan an accurate lunch head count. If you are unable to use collaborate, please send me a message. The cost of this event is \$25 if you register before 5 pm on March 14 and \$30 at the door for professionals.

Also, the Toothpick Bridge competition for high school students will be held at UMD and is on March 25. It will take place from 9 -12 that day. If you would like to volunteer as a judge, please let me or one of our board members know.

Our Younger Member Group continues to host happy hours, and the next one will be at Hoops on March 25th at 5 pm. Please see the newsletter for more info.

Sponsorship request letters have gone out to firms asking to sponsor for this year. We have 5 firms signed up so far and need more so please check with your firm and get signed up as a sponsor, if you are able.

Our annual year end appreciation dinner will be held on May 20 at a venue in Duluth that will be decided soon. Please put the date on your calendar and try to attend. It should be a great time to meet with other engineers and do some networking.

Hope to see you on the 18h for our monthly luncheon and please don't forget to RSVP.

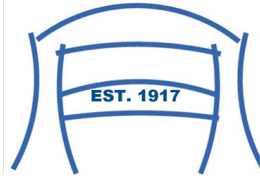
Ryan Swanson
Duluth Section President

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UPCOMING MEETING

Date: March 18th, 2025
Speaker: Miah Schmidt, AMI
Topic: DECC Seawall project
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Barr Engineering Co.

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024-2025

Membership Meetings

March 18, 2025
April 15, 2025

Board Meetings

March 25, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 21, 2025

FINANCIALS

National Bank of Commerce

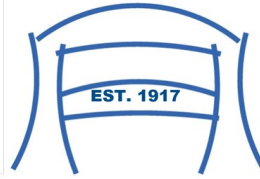
Main Checking	\$4,593.03
Younger Member Checking	\$6,473.90
Savings	\$5,484.35

Other Assets

PayPal	\$70.92
Other cash/checks	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
October 2024' Total Assets	\$16,722.20
September 2024 Total Assets	\$16,304.10
Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	\$418.10

*Increase is from sponsorships and Duluth Section Allotment





ASCE DULUTH SECTION YMG (FEBRUARY)

The Younger Member Group has a busy February! The joint Happy Hour with UMD was a success with several members of ASCE, UMD Alumni, and UMD faculty in attendance.

We also hosted our annual curling event at the Superior Curling Club. Everyone had fun playing a competitive match and networking.”



ASCE DULUTH SECTION YMG (UPCOMING EVENTS)

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

Who:

Working professionals of all ages as well as civil engineering students

What:

Happy hour sponsored by ASCE Younger Member Group

Where and When:

Happy hour will run from **5:00-6:30 p.m.** on the following dates:

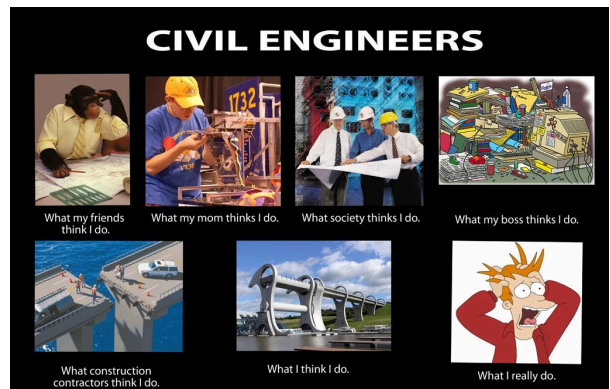
March 25 – Hoops Brewing

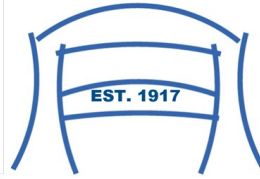
April – TBA

Questions:

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ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 28, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Mr. D's, Duluth

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.
- Attendance:
 - Ryan Swanson –President
 - Peter Demshar – Vice President
 - Alex Popp – Secretary
 - Dalton Scharmer – YMG Chair
 - Josh – YMG
 - Austin – YMG
 - Zach Huffacker – Student Section President
 - Chris Rousseau – Past President
 - Rose Kopecky – Website and Outreach Chair

Approval of Agenda (Ryan)

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

Approval of Minutes (Alex)

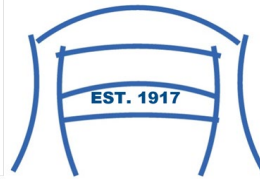
- A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Dalton Scharmer to approve the December Meeting Minutes.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Government Relations (Vacant)

- Chris Rousseau is interested in the position
- A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Peter Demshar to approve Chris Rousseau as the Government Relations Chair.
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.
- Report card is coming in 2025 and will be led by Peter
 - Chris and Peter will likely cover the Duluth items, Chris specifically the sam section.
 - AMI may assist with the Port
- Fly-in for ASCE National is likely set for this year but might be something to look into for next year

Student section update (Josh E/Zach H)

- Student section has elected new officers, Zach is the new student section president.
 - The remaining officer positions are below, bios for new officers will be provided for newsletter.
 - Hank Miller – Vice President
 - Benjamin Gornik – Treasurer
 - Emilio Vargas – Secretary
- Concrete canoe is pouring their canoe on Saturday.
- Steel bridge is continuing manufacturing.
- Geowall applied to National but did not get in, continuing their work for Regionals.
- Western Great Lakes ASCE Student Symposium is in Milwaukee from 4/10 – 4/12.
- The board requested pictures of student section activities.
- The student section is coordinating an alumni panel with YMG for some time in mid-March.



Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

- YMG hosted a happy hour last Thursday and had 8 people attend.
- YMG is hosting a curling event in Superior on February 15th from 12:30p – 3:30p.
 - The cost will be \$10 with food provided.
 - YMG is encouraging people to bring significant others to help increase attendance.
- YMG is partnering with UMD faculty for a happy hour from 3p-5:30p on 2/13 following the career fair.
- Making plans for happy hours in March and April, as well as a possible site tour in April.

Treasurer’s Report (Tyler)

- Tyler was absent from the meeting but sent the December treasurer’s report by email prior to the meeting.
- Main Checking \$4,058.15
- Younger Member Checking \$6,662.74
- Savings \$5,483.21
- PayPal \$0.00
- Petty Cash \$100.00
- **A motion was made by Dalton Scharmer, seconded by Ryan Swanson to approve the December’s Treasurer’s Report**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.
- Sponsor letter hasn’t been received by several companies, confirm the letter was sent out.
 - The board plans to remove inactive sponsor companies after another month or two.

2024-2025 Speakers (Pete)

- February 18th – at UMD
 - Jensen Rice, Developing Non-Proprietary Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) Containing Portland Limestone Cement (PLC)
- March 18th – AMI @ BARR
- April 15th – West Superior Street recon @ BARR?
- May 20th End of year banquet @ Pier B or Blackwoods East End

2024-2025 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)

Luncheons

- February 18th (@ UMD)
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th – Year End Dinner

Board Meetings

- January 28th
- February 25th
- March 25th
- April 22nd
- May 21st

Newsletter Update (Pete)

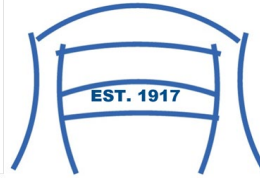
- President’s message (Ryan), meeting minutes (Alex), YMG (Dalton), UMD section updates (Zack), Sponsorship letter (Pete), Treasurer report (Tyler), Scholarship application (Pete/Alex)
- Submissions Due: Send to Pete by 2/3/2025, Send Newsletter out 2/7/2025

Membership Chair (Vacant)

- Contact list update

Website and Outreach Chair (Rose)

- Updated website today.



Toothpick Bridge Chair (Travis)

- The event will be held March 25th
 - Travis sent emails out to nearby schools.
 - Registration at 9a, event complete around noon.
 - Will need at least 10 volunteers to host the event, UMD student section should be able to provide some.

Ongoing Business:

- ASCE Archival documents
 - With Rose K. (SEH)
- Board Seat Email platform – New email ASCEDuluthMN@outlook.com
 - YMG has their own email setup.
- Board seat Cut sheet for positions.
- Review the Section Bylaws in comparison with the National Template for updates.
- Increase Luncheon Cost – How is it going?
 - Free for students
 - \$25 for professionals that RSVP on or before the Friday before the Luncheon
 - \$30 for anyone registering later or at the door.
 - Payment is not required for the RSVP and is still accepted at the door.
 - No comments were received at the January luncheon.
 - The section lost a significant amount of money for the January luncheon due to the light attendance and large guaranteed number required by Pier B.
- Austin (YMG) is interested in attending either the next Multi region event or the next Region 3 event.

Matrix and Bylaw Review

- Completed

New Business

- Update One Drive files
- Bad emails when inviting members to events (Rose)
 - Membership chair to reach out and ask people to update National with correct addresses.
- Sponsorship mailing (Tyler)
 - Pete updated the list and provided it to Tyler
 - Some sponsorship checks have begun to arrive
- Begin obtaining quotes for hosting the year end meeting

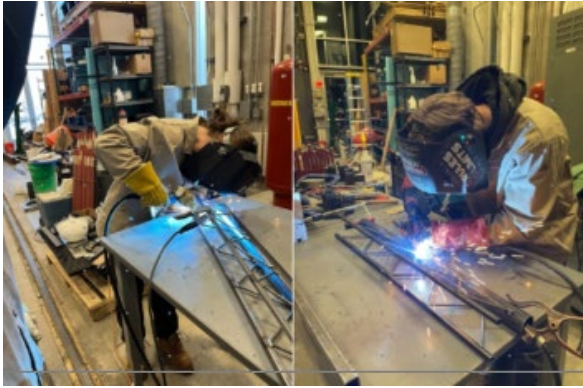
Next Board Meeting: February 25, 2025 at Blackwoods in Proctor

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ASCE STUDENT SECTION MARCH NEWSLETTER

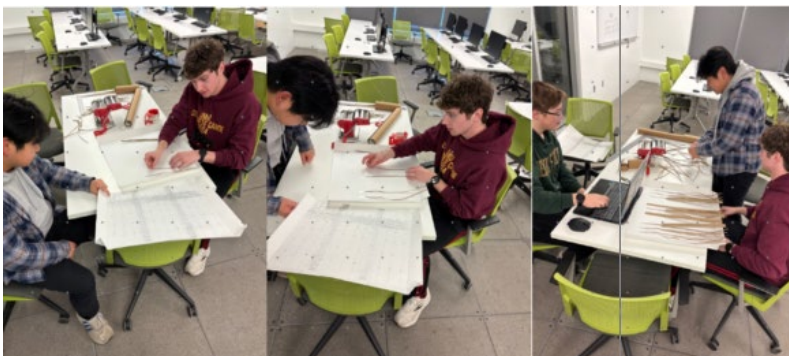
The AISC Steel Bridge team is still working on the fabrication process for our bridge. We plan to be done fabricating shortly after spring break.



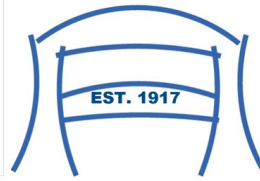
The Concrete Canoe team has been waiting on their first pour to finish curing, and was able to remove the curing plastic. They plan to do a second pour with a finish coat.



The Geowall team is working on perfecting their wall design and report for the competition in April.



The UMD ASCE Student Section and all the competition teams are looking forward to attending the Western Great Lakes Student Symposium coming up in April.



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