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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

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Our next luncheon is on March 17th at noon at BARR Engineering in Duluth. Anthony Peterson from NSBA (National Steel Bridge Alliance), will be presenting on steel and steel bridges. 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 13th and \$30 at the door for professionals.

Also, the Toothpick Bridge competition for high school students will be held at UMD and is on April 16, 2026. We currently have enough schools signed up to fill a morning session and need a few more volunteers to assist with the event. No experience is needed to assist with the competition. If you would like to volunteer as a judge, please let me or one of our board members know.

Please see our scholarship application for the 2025-2026 school year which is in this newsletter. We are continuing to provide 3 Scholarships this year. Applications need to be sent to Jeremy Carlson, our secretary, by March 21st. See the newsletter for more info.

Our Younger Member Group has organized an ethics presentation on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 2:00-4:30 PM. The session will be presented by Eric R. Heiberg, Attorney at Law, Heley Duncan & Melander.

In coordination with the Minnesota Section, we have been working hard on updating the 2026 Minnesota Infrastructure Report Card and the release event is scheduled for April 30, 2026. The event will be held at Duluth International Airport. Please join us for the unveiling of the 2026 infrastructure grades.

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 17^h for our monthly luncheon and please don't forget to RSVP.

Peter Demshar, PE

Duluth Section President

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

Contact Tyler Yngsdal (newsletter editor) for information at 218.279.3001 or tyngsdal@sehinc.com

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UPCOMING MEETING

Date: March 17, 2026

Speakers:

- **Anthony Peterson, PE** – National Steel Bridge Alliance
 - **Topic:** Steel and Steel Bridges

Time: 12:00 p.m.

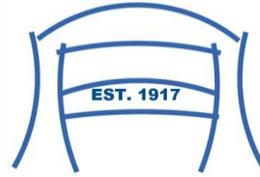
Location: BARR Engineering

Anthony's Bio:

Anthony is a Senior Bridge Steel Specialist for the National Steel Bridge Alliance. He represents steel bridge industry on matters of bridge type selection, fabrication and construction. Anthony provides technical assistance, tools and resources for steel bridges to bridge owners, designers, fabricators, university programs, and technical committees. He is a member of AREMA Committee 15 and is leading the sustainability effort. Prior to joining the NSBA, he spent 30 years in the bridge consulting profession, with the last 13 years at Jacobs as a senior bridge engineer. His bridge experience includes design, rehabilitation, inspection and construction of a wide variety of structure types located throughout the USA and internationally. Anthony holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota, and a Master of Structural Engineering from Cornell University.



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MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025/2026

Membership Meetings

- March 17 - BARR
- April 30 (End of Year Banquet) - Tavern on the Hill
- May 19 - TBD

Board Meetings

- March 24, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- May 21, 2026



FINANCIALS

National Bank of Commerce

Main Checking	\$8,107.32
Younger Member Checking	\$3,650.58
Savings (assumed)**	\$5,497.80

Other Assets

PayPal	\$0.00
Other cash/checks	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
January 2026 Total Assets	\$17,355.70
Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	\$1,938.94

*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:

April - TBD

Ethics Presentation (NEW DATE) - Tuesday March 31st (2:00pm-4:30pm) at Clyde Ironworks

Past Events: Curling at Superior Curling Club!



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)

ASCE YMG ETHICS PRESENTATION

WHEN: Tuesday
March 31st
2:00 – 4:30 PM

WHERE: Clyde Iron
Works
2920 W Michigan St,
Duluth, MN



- Complete your ethics PDH!
- Presented by Eric R. Heiberg (Attorney at Law)- Heley Duncan Melander
- Appetizers provided
- Cost
 - Pay at the door or with Paypal:
 - \$50 (members)
 - \$75 (non members)

Contact Audrey Norlein with questions
anorlien@teamaet.com - 218-628-1518



ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 27, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Tavern on the Hill

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 17:35 by President Pete Demshar
- Attendance:
 - Peter Demshar – President
 - Tyler Yngsdal – Vice President
 - Alex Popp – Treasurer
 - Jeremy Carlson – Secretary
 - Dalton Scharmer – YMG
 - Rose Kopecky Website/Outreach
 - Emilio Vargas – Student
 - Zach Huffaker - Student

Approval of Agenda (Pete)

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

Approval of Minutes (Jeremy)

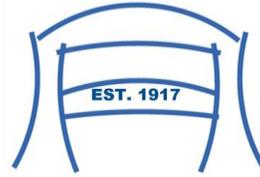
- **A motion was made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Dalton Scharmer to approve the December Meeting Minutes.**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Government Relations (Chris)

- Report card
 - Potential release event in early May at DLH Airport, Craig B. remaining informed.
 - ASCE Duluth Section has provided funds in the past to assist in printing.
 - There has been no request by the state yet for assistance. Pete Demshar believes the Duluth Section has contributed \$500 in the past. No action to be taken at this time, we will wait until we are approached.
 - Tyler Y is attending St. Louis County Days in St. Paul in March.

Student section update (Zach H)

- New student group leadership will be shared with the Section Board.
- New student group co-leaders are:
 - Emilio Vargas
 - Ben Gronik
- Emilio/Ben to send bios for Newsletter
- Updates on competitions
 - Concrete canoe is pouring their canoe soon with a new forming method.
 - Steel bridge is progressing on fabrication
 - Geowall has submitted paperwork to national for review
 - Symposium is coming up in Minneapolis



Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

- Ethics presentation:
 - Date changed to March 31st at Clyde Iron Malting Building, 2:00-4:30pm
 - Pete noted that sending an invite through Collaborate would be good, Dalton will look into this.
- YMG Board Update
 - January Happy Hour at 310 went well
 - Curling event upcoming on Saturday Feb 28th in Superior
 - Dalton is stepping down from YMG chair, so far no specific individuals have expressed interest in filling that position.
 - Planning an April Happy Hour, details TBD.

Treasurer's Report (Alex)

- Main Checking \$6,071.87
- Younger Member Checking \$3,748.24
- Savings \$5,496.65
- Petty Cash \$100.00
- PayPal \$0.00
- Total Dec Assets - \$15,416.76
- Total Nov Assets - \$13,502.04
- Increase/Decrease in Assets - \$1,914.72
- Increase is from ASCE national Deposit and sponsorships
- Alex Popp to continue working with MN Secretary of State and ASCE National to correct Section Legal entity registration
- 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)

- Speaker needed for May 19th Luncheon

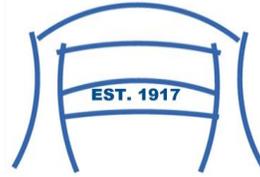
2025-2026 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM)

Luncheons

- February 17, 2026 –hosted by UMD – Pete to coordinate with UMD
- March 17, 2026 – hosted by Barr (AISC bridge related speaker – Peterson)
- April 30, 2026 – Banquet, Location TBD. Tyler to get quotes from potential locations.
- May 19, 2026

Board Meetings

- January 27, 2026 – Tavern on the Hill
- February 24, 2026 – Crooked Pint
- March 24, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- May 21, 2026 (Thursday)



Newsletter Update (Tyler)

- Content deadline 2/2/26, to send out 2/6/26 ahead of 2/17/26 luncheon.

Membership Chair (Vacant)

- No updated at today's meeting

Website and Outreach Chair (Rose)

- Rose continues to monitor and update website as necessary.
- Rose requested quotes from the Board and others about the benefits of Section membership to be used on the website.
- Rose to send draft of survey to Board regarding virtual meeting option interest among other topics.

Toothpick Bridge Chair (Travis)

- Event set for 4/16/26. 4-6 volunteers are needed each for morning and afternoon sessions.
- Section Board (Alex Popp) to look into prize/trophy options.
- Section Board is asking the student group to fill in most of the needed volunteer spots.
- Media attended last year – no certain if they will be again this year.
- **Motion made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Dalton Scharmer to appropriate up to \$750 to support expenses for this year's Toothpick Bridge competition.**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor

Matrix and Bylaw Review

New Business

- Alex: Has determined that if the Section works under it's legal name, no certificate of assumed name is needed.
 - National Bank of Commerce presented the following resolutions in relation to the Section's account.
 - 1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Association and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
 - (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Association and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this association's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
 - (3) The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Association. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Association, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated in this resolution, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.



- (4) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Association with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
 - (5) The Association agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Association. The Association authorizes the Financial Institution, at any time, to charge the Association for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
 - (6) The Association acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Association to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term "automated access device" includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
 - (7) The Association acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term "alternative signature and verification codes" includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Association with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Association authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Association's private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- **Motion made by Alex Popp, seconded by Pete Demshar to use National Bank of Commerce's (NBC) above resolution language to confirm the Section's account and authorized agents once NBC corrects the name on the account to match the Section's legal name and corrects NBC's noted Section meeting date to the Fall 2025 Section Board meeting at which the current officers were documented.**
 - The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor
 - Tyler: current sponsorship count – (7).
 - Golf outing as a future engagement activity – no update
 - Annual report – has been submitted
 - Section Board will schedule a meeting at SEH in March to review YMG and Section bylaws before submitting those to National.
 - Alex has not yet been successful in setting up an auto-renewal for the Section PO box.
 - Luncheon hosting guidelines – the Board had a discussion of improving crowd control at future luncheons with the goal of ensuring all attendees check in appropriately upon arrival at the event.



Next Board Meeting: 2/27/26 17:30 @ Crooked Pint

Adjournment:

- **Motion made by Dalton Sharmer, Seconded by Pete Demshar to adjourn the meeting.**
- **The motion carried by the following vote: All in Favor**
- **Meeting adjourned at 19:11**



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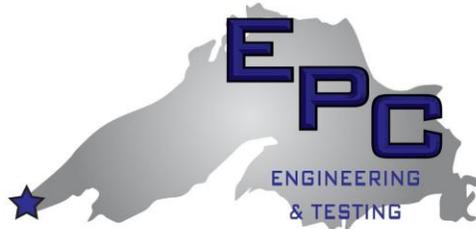
New sponsors, or to update logos, email your company logo to Tyler Yngsdal at: tyngsdal@sehinc.com

Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors

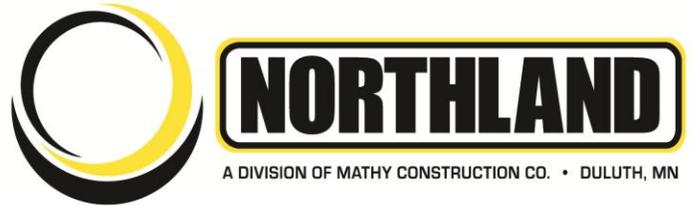


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(Consider being a sponsor!)

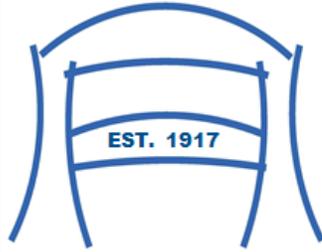


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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE: To present up to three \$1,500 scholarships annually to an eligible individual.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. All Candidates **MUST** complete and transmit the application form to the Duluth Section Secretary by March 21st (End of day) to be eligible for the Scholarships.
2. The candidate must be either a junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in civil engineering during the award year, or a second-year student in a technical school majoring in a civil engineering supporting career.
3. Priority for one of the three scholarships: the candidate must be either a spouse or a son or daughter of an ASCE - Duluth Section member in good standing or a student member of ASCE assigned to the Duluth Section as of January 1st of the current year.
4. Second Priority of the remaining scholarships: the student must be enrolled at UMD.

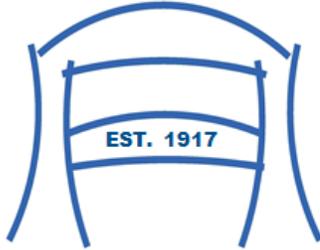
SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW GUIDELINES:

1. The scholarship review committee will consist of the first past-president, president and president elect.
2. The secretary shall review all applicants to ensure that they meet minimum qualifications. The secretary shall black out all personal information from the application form and then forward one copy to each of the review committee members.
3. The review committee shall recommend one or more candidates to the full Duluth section board at the March board meeting.
4. The scholarship winner will be announced in the April newsletter and shall receive the scholarship at the April Section meeting.

REVISIONS TO THE ASCE-DULUTH SECTION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES:

1. The objectives, eligibility requirements or the scholarship review guidelines may be changed at any time by simple majority vote of the Duluth Section board.
2. All revisions to the guidelines will go into effect the year following the current scholarship cycle.

Return to: ASCE Duluth Section Secretary by March 21st, 2026.
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____
First Last

Address: _____
Street City, State, Zip Code

Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Duluth Section Member that you are related to (or your name and number), if applicable.

_____ Membership Number
Section Member Name

Please enclose your resume (your resume should address academic performance, volunteer service, work experience, and other information that you feel could be helpful in making our decision).

Briefly describe your goals for the first five years after graduation: