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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Happy Fall Duluth Section!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had a chance to enjoy the nice warm summer we had in our region.

Our next luncheon is on September 22 at 12 pm at the Barr Duluth office in Duluth, MN. Our speaker will be Emily Jennings from SEH. She will be presenting on "Designing for the Storms of Tomorrow: Using Climate Adjusted Rainfall in Water Resources Planning and Design". It will be a great presentation that you won't want to miss. Please use the collaborate link (coming soon) to RSVP so we can plan for food. If you are unable to use the collaborate link, please send me a message.

The section board has nominated the following officer positions which will be voted upon at the September luncheon. Our current Vice President Tyler Yngsdal for President. Our current secretary for Vice President, and Jeremy Carlson our current secretary for Treasurer. That leaves our secretary position and a couple chair seats open. Please let us know if you are interested in the position.

If anyone wants to be on the ballot to fill any of these positions, please let me know. All seats will be put to a vote. Without volunteers like you, our section will not have a full leadership team. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a great networking and leadership opportunity, please reach out to anyone on the board.

We will also be voting to ratify our new section bylaws which the board has been working on updating to better reflect our current section. I will provide a draft for review in advance of the meeting.

Also, keep a look out for our Sponsorship letters for our Section, that should be sent to your office's. They keep the lights on here for our section and help us provide opportunities for you and our community.

Finally, I want to thank all the current Board Member's for their support this past year. I have been active on the board since 2012 in many different capacities over the years, and it has been an invaluable experience. Please do consider a position on the board and many thanks to all of you that already have served in these roles. Chair seats are a great opportunity to see how we operate.

Pete Demshar, PE

Duluth Section President

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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date: September 22, 2026

Speaker: Emily Jennings - SEH

- Topic: Designing for the Storms of Tomorrow: Using Climate Adjusted Rainfall in Water Resources Planning and Design

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: BARR Engineering

Presentation Information:

Emily is a senior professional engineer specializing in municipal, industrial, and construction stormwater permitting, hydraulic and hydrologic analysis, permanent stormwater management facility design, and stormwater conveyance modeling and design. With 13 years of experience at SEH, Emily's project experience includes stormwater-related feasibility studies, planning, analysis, final design, and construction support. She has extensive experience assisting clients with maintaining compliance with stormwater regulations, policies, and infrastructure requirements. Emily is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.



MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025/2026

Membership Meetings

- September 22nd – 12:00 (noon) @ BARR – Emily Jennings (Speaker)
- October 20th – TBD
- November 17th – TBD
- December 15th – TBD
- January 19th – TBD
- February 16th – TBD
- March 16th – TBD
- April 20th – TBD

Board Meetings

- September 29th
- October 27th
- November 24th
- December 22nd
- January 26th
- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th



FINANCIALS

National Bank of Commerce

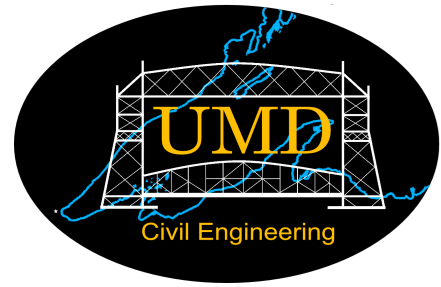
Main Checking	\$6,923.58
Younger Member Checking	\$3,097.75
Savings	\$5,505.63

Other Assets

PayPal	\$0.00
Other cash/checks	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
August 2026' Total Assets	\$15,526.96
Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	(\$3,196.58)

*Decrease from YMG Ethics Presentation payment and scholarship payment





YOU are invited to the joint happy hour sponsored by the Duluth Section of the American Society of Civil Engineerings Younger Member Group and the University of Minnesota Duluth Civil Engineering Department!

WHAT? Come enjoy a social networking opportunity with local civil engineering professionals, UMD alumni, students, and professors!

WHERE? Tavern on the Hill (1102 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55812)

WHEN? Thursday, September 17th 3:00 - 5:30 (Following the E-Fest Career Fair on campus)

Appetizers, stimulating conversations, and fun are guaranteed to be had by all!

Stop by after the career fair, after class, or after work!

No RSVP required!

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



ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 28th, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Ursa Minor, Duluth

Call Meeting to Order: 17:38 by Pete Demshar

Attendance:

- Pete Demshar – President
- Tyler Yngsdal – Vice President
- Alex Popp – Treasurer
- Jeremy Carlson – Secretary
- Rose Kopecky – Membership Chair
- Josh Tomczak – YMG

Approval of Agenda (Pete)

- Motion to approve agenda by AP, TY 2nd, motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes (Jeremy)

- Motion to approve March Board Minutes by PD, TY 2nd, motion carries unanimously.

Government Relations (Chris)

- Report card
 - Event went well, well attended, good press coverage
 - Craig did great as MC. PD has received good feedback
 - Next report card scheduled for 2030

Student section update (Emilio or Ben)

- PD hasn't received any update from students.
- Currently PD and Dalton are board liaison for students.
- PD suggests updating who that point of contact is (change is made by emailing national)
- Matt Henderson was noted as potential, AP is willing to take over PD's position.

Younger Member Discussion (Josh)

- YMG Board Update
 - JT to look into getting updated CC since previous one expired.
 - Ellie and Adam are new Board members for YMG
 - Next YMG Board meeting is in August
 - PD notes that YMG needs to propose budget to Section Board in August.
- YMG Chair Nomination
 - JT is the nominated Chair for YMG
 - PD accepts the nomination and appoints JT as Chair for YMG
- Potential Site Tours
 - London Road
 - W Superior St
 - Blatnik Bridge
 - MnDOT Ped Bridge
- Ethics Presentation



- Discussion that typically this event is profitable for YMG.
- JT to evaluate final accounting for 2026 event.

Treasurer's Report (Alex)

(With no April Board meeting, both Mar and Apr Treasurers Reports were reviewed)

- March
 - Main Checking - \$9,936.23
 - Younger Member Checking - \$2,768.33
 - Savings - \$5,499.98
 - Petty Cash - \$100.00
 - PayPal - \$0.00
 - Liabilities
 - Accounts payable - \$321.52
 - Scholarships Payable - \$1,500.00
 - Total Feb Assets - \$18,463.25
 - Total Mar Assets - \$16,383.02
 - Increase/(Decrease) in Assets – (\$2,080.23)
 - Decrease is from pending scholarship payment and YMG expenses
- April
 - Main Checking - \$10,077.99
 - Younger Member Checking - \$4,544.49
 - Savings - \$5,501.08
 - Petty Cash - \$100.00
 - PayPal - \$0.00
 - Liabilities
 - Scholarships Payable - \$1,500.00
 - Total Mar Assets - \$16,383.02
 - Total Apr Assets - \$18,723.54
 - Increase/(Decrease) in Assets – \$2,340.52
 - Increase is from YMG Ethics Presentation
 - AP noted that not included in the liabilities is the previously Section Board approved \$300 sponsorship of the Duluth Engineer's Club golf event.
- Motion to approve both March and April Treasurer Reports by PD, TY 2nd, motion carries unanimously.
- Reviewed 2026-2027 Section Budget (see attached)
 - Motion to approve 2026-2027 Section Budget by PD, TY 2nd, motion carries unanimously.
- Toothpick Bridge lunch receipt reimbursement.
 - Personal reimbursement to PD for lunch for the toothpick bridge volunteers
 - \$74.39 from Qdoba
 - Motion to approve reimbursement to PD for the toothpick bridge lunch cost by TY, AP 2nd, motion carries unanimously.
- Discussion to of Duluth Section dues rates.
 - Motion to maintain Duluth Section dues rates at \$30/yr for 2026-2027 by PD, AP 2nd, motion carries unanimously.

2025-2026 Speakers (Tyler)

- Speaker needed for September luncheon
 - TY will assist in scheduling



2025-2026 Board Meeting / Luncheon Schedule

Luncheon Schedule

- 9/15/26 luncheon, potential location, Barr Engineering?

Board Meetings

- Tentative: 8/13/26 – Bent Paddle

Newsletter Update (Tyler)

- President's message (Pete), meeting minutes (Jeremy), YMG (Dalton), UMD section updates (Emilio or Ben), Treasurer report (Alex).
- Submissions due (tentative dates):
 - Sent to TY by 8/20/26
 - Distribute Newsletter to Members by 8/21/26

Membership chair (Rose)

- Membership at risk
- Member Survey
 - 27 participants in member survey
 - RK will email out survey results to the Board.

Website and Outreach Chair (Vacant)

- Will discuss event options in August
- Example:
 - BBQ at UMD in Fall, would coordinate with Travis @ UMD.

Toothpick Bridge Chair (Travis)

- No discussion/report at this time.

Matrix and Bylaw Review

- Section records: doing well keeping OneDrive current

New Business

- Alex: Has determined that if the Section works under it's legal name, no certificate of assumed name is needed.
 - ASCE National was able to request the remaining document needed from the IRS and will provide to National Bank of Commerce when it is received.
 - This issue seems to be settled.
- Tyler: Current Sponsorship count – (7).
- Golf outing as a future engagement activity – included in newsletter.
- The Section Board met and finalized bylaws for approval by membership at the September luncheon.
- Scholarship
 - Need to figure out how to better encourage applicants.
 - AP noted the application should be reviewed to see if any rewording would be beneficial.

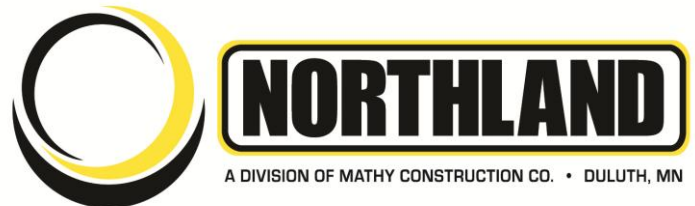
Next Board Meeting: Tentative: 8/13/26, Bent Paddle

Adjournment: 18:53 Motion to adjourn meeting by TY, AP 2nd, motion carries unanimously.



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