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To: Younger Member Groups Chairs, Presidents, and Contacts
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From: Tony C.G. Lau, P.E., Chair and Zone IV Member, ASCE Committee on Younger Members

Subject: Younger Member Leadership Symposium

It is time to start making your plans to attend the 2005 ASCE Annual Conference at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles, CA. The Annual Conference will be held from Thursday, October 27 to Saturday, October 29. This will be a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and develop new skills relevant to Younger Members with colleagues from Sections and Branches across the country.

The format of the 2005 Annual Conference will be different from past Annual Conferences. A majority of the Younger Member program will be integrated with the rest of the Annual Conference attendees. This conference will focus on the project management and visionary leadership aspects of civil engineering.

The Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 and designed specifically for Younger Members. The YMLS is being planned by the Committee on Younger Members (CYM) and includes a CEO Forum and professional development sessions. Thursday's day sessions conclude with the Opening Plenary, which all conference attendees are encouraged to attend. Later Thursday evening, the Los Angeles Section Younger Member Groups will be leading the Younger Members on the first of three traditional Younger Member socials; one for each evening of the conference.

Friday, October 28 will begin with breakfast and a series of visionary leader forums for all conference attendees. After a conference luncheon, conference attendees are invited to one of two tracks of forums. Both tracks will focus on project management using Los Angeles-based projects as examples. One track will focus on water projects while the other track will focus on transportation projects. Technical aspects of these projects will not be discussed.

All conference attendees will begin Saturday, October 29 with the Annual Business meeting. Following the meeting all attendees will go on one of two field trips to the water and transportation projects that were discussed on Friday.

While October may seem like a long way off, now is the time to start planning and budgeting for this conference. The registration fee for Younger Members is \$150. Session attendees will be eligible for Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

It is strongly suggested that you work with your Section/Branch board for potential funding as a representative of your Younger Member Group. Information and registration forms for the Annual Conference will be available on the ASCE website in the near future. Please contact me at tlau@hawaiipacificengineers.com or any other CYM member www.asce.org/inside/cym_contacts.cfm if you have any other questions. I look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles.

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