### Calendar of Events:

**November:**
- 16 - Management Group Meeting

**December:**
- 1 - Younger Member Toy Drive
  - Coconuts 5:30
- No Meeting

### Highlights of this Issue:

- **ASCE - Younger Member Leadership Symposium Summary** by Marie Maly
- **Significant ASCE Membership Anniversaries**
- **ASCE - Younger Member Toy Drive**

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### The Management Group Presents:

"Be an Advocate for the Civil Engineering Profession"

Thursday, November 16th

Featuring: Brian Pallasch, Director of Government Relations, ASCE

Brian T. Pallasch, CAE, is currently Director of Government Relations at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Washington, DC. He has been responsible for managing the ASCE’s government relations department including federal and state legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, grassroots, and policy development, since joining the staff in 1999.

### Location:

Scarlet and Cream Letter Club
17404 Burke Street
Omaha, NE 68118

### Times:

- Social Hour: 5:50
- Dinner: 6:45
- Presentation: 7:30

### Menu:

- Chicken Breast with Monterey Jack Cheese
- Sirloin Spendini
- Chicken Breast with Fettuccini Alfredo
- Steak Salad with Almonds, Onions, and Mandarin Oranges

All menu items include salad, choice of potato - (mashed, baked, fried), veggies, and garlic bread

Spouses and guests welcome
$20 with a meal; $10 without a meal. Student meals Free.

**RSVP by 12 PM Tuesday, November 14th**
**to Marie 402.493.4800 or vp@neasce.org Subject Line: ASCE RSVP**

Prices include tax and gratuity.
Portions of the proceeds will go towards hosting our speaker.
From the President
- Tom Marnik, P.E.

Well it looks like I opened up a can of worms. What turned out to be a simple matter of updating the Constitution and Bylaws to correct some out of date language, has brought to the forefront the question of who is actually officially on the Board of Directors. Past practices have placed most people with any type of title on the board (31 at current count). A strict reading of the two governing documents would suggest less. The real question is to first figure out what is the best way for our section to be governed. Then take a currently very confusing set of documents and revise them so they are clear. This was one of the topics of discussion at our latest long Board of Directors meeting. (I think I getting a reputation for having excruciatingly long meetings, but we do really cover a lot of ground). The off shoot from this discussion was to form a task group consisting of myself, Marie Maly, Tom Strauss, and Ed Prost, to hash out the issues and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Eventual any change to the Bylaws and Constitution would have to come in front the membership for a vote. So expect to see something late winter or spring.

I would like to thank Bill Arneson, John Hill and Mike McIntosh for completing the SPAG grant applications for this year. We have applied for three grants totaling $5,600. This is an important part of our income. The grants are use to fund not only Future Cities, our lobbyist and adds for e-week, but allows us to use money offset by the grants to support Civil Engineering outreach activities for students in areas such as Stel Bridge and Concrete Canoe and Truss Bustin contests. Many of you probably don’t realize the Nebraska Section has an annual budget now of $54,000, all managed by volunteers.

Thanks to Aaron Buettner for putting together the October dinner meeting. I was told the MUD water treatment plant site visit was really cool and dinner at the up Stream Brewery was very good and well attended. I really wanted to see the construction at the plant but, I was attending the ASCE National Conference in Chicago at the time. At the annual conference I was able to discuss the issue of ASCE forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) with members of the National Board of Direction and the main advocate for forming a PAC, Brian Pallash, ASCE Director of Government Relations. In a effort to bring all points of view to our members, Loras Klostermann has invited Brian to talk at our November dinner meeting on the formation of the PAC and other priority issues being promoted by National. I highly recommend everyone attend, as I believe this is a critical issue affecting the direction ASCE takes in the future.
CONGRATULATIONS
EXISTING MEMBERS!!!

The following members are celebrating significant ASCE Anniversaries this year. If you know one of the following individuals, congratulate them on their accomplishment. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of ASCE and the Nebraska Section.

10 Years
David Anderson
Marlon Broekemeier
Kent Cordes
Michael Eisenbarth
Lamont Epp
Brian Erickson
David Griffin
Khalil Jaber
Daren Konda

15 Years
Bradley Blakeman
Kerry Black
John Christiansen
John Engel
Anthony Hansen

20 Years
Atorod Azizinamini
Michael Barnes
Linda Beacham
James Chambers
Bryan Cisar
Kelvin Doerr

25 Years
Herbert Becker
Curt Betts
Sorin Juster
Loras Klostermann
Richard Kotan

30 Years
Steven Bottum
Robert Bitner
George Bryan
Mohamed Dahab
Richard Hoopes

10 Years
Jeffrey Kopocis
Nick Lampe
Carl Macchietto
Michael Naccarato
Aleksander Nelson
Richard Onnen
Richard Prell
Zachary Walker

15 Years
Johnny Hill
William Sharp
Anthony Stepanek
Daniel Strong
William Thompson

20 Years
Mark Flott
William Reisdorff
John Remus
Thomas Riley
Wayne Woldt

25 Years
Russell Lloyd
Patrick Poepsel
Philip Rossbach
Lawrence Troutman
Steven Weidenhammer

30 Years
Frank Kwapiñoski
King Little
Gary Proskovec
Walter Schultz

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ASCE Younger Member Toy Drive
December 1, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
Cocunuts (1704 N 120th Street, 120th & Franklin)

A donation of a toy will net you a drink and some appetizers at Cocunuts, plus you will get to hang out with a bunch of other generous, young Civil Engineers. All of the toy donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to deserving families. So come hang out, have fun, and do a good deed to jump start your holiday spirit! Also, feel free to invite other young engineers from your firm for this night of early holiday cheer. Please contact Amelia Toellner (actoeillner@terracon.com, 330-2202) or Pat Hillyer (Pat.Hillyer@LRA-inc.com, 496-2498) if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.
ASCE - Younger Member Leadership Symposium Summary

Written by: Marie Maly

The Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) was held in conjunction with the ASCE Annual Civil Engineering Conference from October 19-21, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. The YMLS is held annually and is planned by the Committee on Younger Members (CYM).

The YMLS began with Robert Parish, PE, M.ASCE, presenting his Daniel W. Mead Award-winning paper on "Is it ethical to transfer risk of a construction project solely to the Contractor indemnifying the Design Engineer and Owner?" The Mead contest is an annual event where Students and Younger Members research and write essays to answer an ethical question. (For more information on next year's competition, see http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/cym_awrds.cfm)

The three remaining presentations focused on leadership and project management. Highlights:

Leadership - It's My Responsibility (Hon. James Rispoli, PE, F.ASCE, F.SAME). Rispoli, who is the Assistant Secretary of Energy, spoke very strongly in favor of face-to-face communication. He insists, "Leadership is not sending an email." Rispoli shows his employees that he cares by walking around every Thursday making small talk - it's important to know everything from who's having trouble on a project to whose child had a dance recital.

In the Project Manager Forum, three PM - one each from transportation, construction, and development - answered a myriad of questions from the Younger Members. According to the panelists, some of the mistakes new PMs make are 1) being afraid to answer questions, 2) answering questions without the necessary knowledge, and 3) waiting to react rather than being proactive.

Leadership in Civil Engineering, It's Not Just Technical (Deepal Eliatamby, PE, M.ASCE, SCCED, President of Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.). Eliatamby, a former member of CYM, believes each engineer needs: technical background, professional involvement, community involvement, and an influence on public policy. Building relationships when you don't need them is important so that they are there when you do need them. Everything - even please and thank you - counts, and small talk is ok. Managing people is much more multifaceted than managing a project, and you can learn from relationships whether it's with a co-worker, a legislator, a student, or someone you know from church.

Questions? Contact Marie Maly, Western Geographic Member, ASCE Committee on Younger Members (vp@neasce.org).
Become a Mentor

Girls and Boys Town is offering the rewarding opportunity of being a mentor. Many students need one-on-one help with math, ranging from basic math through algebra.

Most mentors at Girls and Boys Town mentor 1 hour a week during school hours.
For more information, contact Chris Hyvonen at 402.498.3041.

Check out the current issue of ASCE’s Section Informant at http://www.asce.org/pdf/sec_informant.pdf
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