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President's Message By Tom Mineo



Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Civil Engineering profession. Our work protects and enriches the lives of millions of people; we should take great pride and satisfaction for our accomplishments in serving the public. But there are many, including some of our elected officials, who don't know what civil engineers actually do. It is therefore incumbent upon us to serve not only as civil engineers, but to also be active participants in the political arena. Our national president in his message this year calls on members to join in "leading the way in educating our elected officials ... on issues vital to civil engineers, civil engineering, and the public." I support the call and urge all of our members to take on the challenge. The New Jersey Section plans to create a Government Relations Committee this year whose mission will be to create a legislative program to facilitate ASCE member involvement in New Jersey politics. At a minimum we should understand how municipal, county, and state governments function and how we as civil engineers can become involved. Infrastructure is more than roads, bridges, water supply systems, and sewers; it is a public investment which competes with other important public investments for public funds. Politics is a process that necessarily requires compromise after spirited debate. To expect public officials to pay any attention to civil engineering issues, our voices must be heard. Let us plan to take our rightful place in the politics of New Jersey. We need to be represented on more government advisory groups which set policy on issues that are important to Civil Engineers. We have already reached out to the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers and to the New Jersey Alliance for Action to leverage our common interests. I urge all members to support public officials who understand the importance of civil engineering issues, to volunteer service on public advisory panels, and to consider running for public office. You can call or email me if you are interested in participating on the Government Relations Committee.

Another important responsibility of civil engineers is to maintain on going education throughout their careers. ASCE has an excellent continuing education program on the national level. This year the New Jersey Section is taking the initiative to support our members by joining the Practicing Institute of Engineering, Inc. (PIE). Our purpose for joining this organization is to provide a mechanism for our members to obtain professional development hours (PDHs) accredited by PIE. Technical committee meetings and possibly some regular branch meetings could become a convenient resource for members to obtain accredited PDHs. This accreditation will be especially important for members holding New York Professional Engineer licenses and who are required to maintain continuing education credits. The Met Section already offers this service for members who can attend New York based meetings.

Finally, we have a pride in our work and want to inspire youth to carry on the tradition of high quality civil engineering in the United States. ASCE has a deep commitment to youth and offers K-12 programs, Engineering Week activities, and scholarship awards. The New Jersey Section needs your continued support for these programs. Please take the time to review your annual membership renewal forms and be sure to check off the box to renew your New Jersey section membership as well. About half of ASCE members who live in New Jersey have done so in the past and the funds generated from their support have enabled us to maintain our programs. Also take the time to consider adding a contribution to the ASCE scholarship program. If we are not committed to the future of our profession, then who else will be?

I would like to conclude by asking for your help in making 2005 another great year for the New Jersey Section of ASCE.

Thank you.



LEFT: The NJ Section was well represented at the National ASCE Conference in Baltimore last October.

BELOW: Mostufa Gouda receives his Order of the Ring from ASCE President Pat Galloway at last year's NJ Section Awards Dinner.



Pennoni Names Ronald C. Moore, Jr. Associate Vice President

Philadelphia -Ronald C. Moore, Jr. has been promoted to Associate Vice President for Pennoni Associates Inc., an *Engineering News Record* Top 150 consulting engineering firm headquartered in Philadelphia. Mr. Moore currently serves as the Office Principal for the Absecon, New Jersey office and as Pennoni's

Regional Transportation Manager in the State of New Jersey. He also directs Pennoni's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Initiatives.

"It is with great pleasure that we recognize Ron for his excellent service and contributions to the firm," stated Nelson Shaffer, COO. "We are excited to have Ron representing Pennoni Associates as an Associate Vice President, and are looking forward to his future with the firm."

Mr. Moore has over 13 years of experience in traffic engineering, transportation engineering, ITS and construction. His areas of expertise include municipal traffic engineering, ITS, closed loop systems, traffic signal design, interchange and intersection design, corridor analysis, parking analysis, site development applications, traffic impact studies, and computer analysis. Mr. Moore is very familiar with DOT specifications and has provided training to DOT personnel on various traffic and ITS topics. He has also provided public testimony as a traffic expert throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

With a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Delaware, Mr. Moore began his employment with Pennoni's Philadelphia office in June 1991 as a Resident Engineer. He is a certified E.I.T. and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the American Society of Highway Engineers.

Mr. Moore resides in Mullica Hill, New Jersey with his wife Paige and his children, six year old triplets.

Pennoni Associates Inc., established in 1966, is a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm, which provides personalized services and solutions to meet the needs of our diverse clients. Pennoni employs over 600 professional, technical, and administrative personnel in 14 domestic offices throughout the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and New England. Services are provided to local, state and federal governments, private, commercial and industrial clients as well as construction and other professionals

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NEW JERSEY BRANCHES

NORTH BRANCH

Monday/Tuesday, January 24-25:
North Jersey branch and Philadelphia
Section LRFD Bridge Design Short
Course

Instructors:

M. Ali Khan, Ph.D., P.E.,
Manager Bridge STV Inc.
Hani Nassef, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor
Engineering Dept, Rutgers University,
New brunswick, NJ

Superstructure Design: January 24

Substructure Design: January 25

Location: STV, Inc., Conference Room,
One Riverfront Plaza, Second Floor,
Newark, NJ (11 pdh)

Cost:

\$175 ASCE member
\$200 non-member

Thursday, January 27, 2005:

**Geotechnical Group Dinner Seminar
Converse Ward Lecture**

Speaker: Dr Dan Brown of Auburn
University

Location: The Newark Club, Newark, NJ
Contact: Dr. M. Ali Khan at (609)530-9618
or Dr.Arjuna Ranasinghe at (732)692-1800
for reservations.(1 1/2 pdh)

Tuesday, February 8, 2005:

**Transportation Technical
Group Dinner Seminar**

Joint Event ASHE Express EZpass
Location: Snuffy's, Scotch Plains

Monday/Saturday, February 21 & 26, 2005:

Engineer's Week activities at Liberty Science
Center. Contact Chris Coke ccoake@hntb.com

April 2005:

Converse Ward Half Day Seminar
Career Day at the Elliott Street School, Newark
Dr. William Horton Elementary School Day
YMG Habitat for Humanity Event
YMG Order of the Engineer Event

May 2005:

Water Resources Technical Group Dinner
Seminar
Transportation Technical Group Half Day
Seminar
YMG Bowling Tournament
ASCE Steel Bridge Competition
YMG - Order of the Engineer

Friday, May 13, 2005:

NJ Section Awards Dinner

Location: Woodbridge Hilton
Time: 5PM - 11PM

Thursday, May 19, 2005: North Jersey

Branch Annual Awards Dinner
Location:Newark Club

CENTRAL

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 - Meeting

Location:

Chimney Rock Inn
800 North Thompson Avenue
Bridgewater, NJ
(732) 469-4600
www.chimneyrockinn.com

Time:
6:00PM Cocktails & Social
6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Chapter Meeting & Presentation

Cost:

\$25; \$10 for Student Chapter

Reservations:

John Tardy
(908) 526-1695

John.tardy@patmedia.net

RSVP by Friday January 14, 2005

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 - Meeting

Reservations:

Tom Mineo (908) 686-0044
tmieno@pmggroup.com

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 - Meeting

Reservations:

Julie Seaman (609) 530-5265
Julie.seaman@dot.state.nj.us

Friday, May 13, 2005:

NJ Section Awards Dinner

Location: Woodbridge Hilton
Time: 5PM - 11PM

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 - Meeting

Reservations:

Alex Murawski (609) 530-4291
alex.murawski@dot.state.nj.us

SOUTH BRANCH

January 2005:

**Burlington County Dam Failures,
Summer of 2004** (Date TBD)

Thursday, February 17, 2005:

Joint Meeting with Philadelphia ASCE

March 2005:TBD

April 2005:TBD

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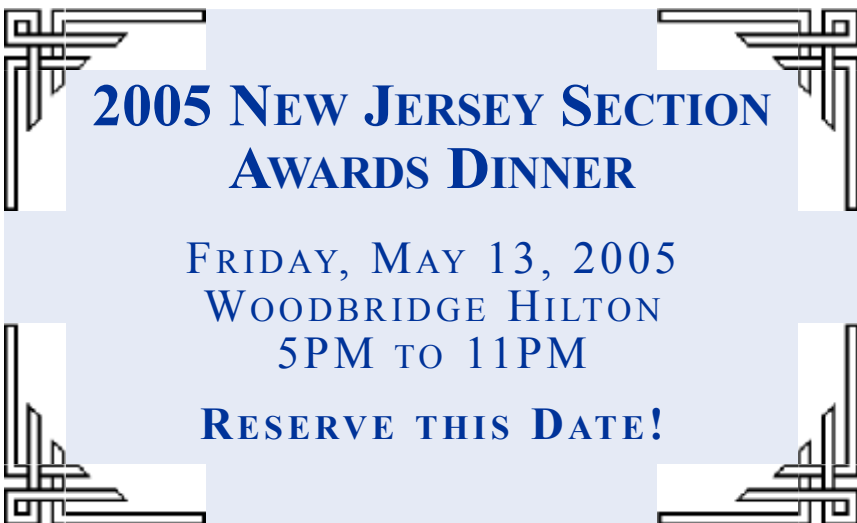
Friday, May 13, 2005:

SJ Branch Annual Awards Luncheon

July 2005: YMF Annual Golf Outing

(Tentative)*Proceeds are used to fund the
Branch scholarship program.*

REMEMBER
TO PAY
SECTION DUES



2005 NEW JERSEY SECTION AWARDS DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2005
WOODBRIDGE HILTON
5PM TO 11PM

RESERVE THIS DATE!

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2004

By Robin A. Kemper, P.E., F.ASCE



Governance

The next three years will be very exciting years. The implementation of the new governance plan is underway. At the October board meeting, the ASCE Board of Directors approved the amendments to the By-laws, amendments to the Rules of Policy and Procedure, the Regional Map, and the Transition Plan. Funding has been approved for the regional formation teams. It is expected that the Regional Board of Governors for Region 1 (the combination of Districts 1 and 2) will be in place by the end of the third year of the transition plan (2006-2007). The first Regional 1 Director will be elected in year four. We hope to have our first meeting of the Region Formation Team (RFT) in Spring 2005.

Task Committee on Section Option for Total Dues

Based on the Committee's recommendations the Board voted to increase the percentage of dues income provided for Section allotments from "up to 3.5%" to "up to 7.0%." It should be noted, recent allotments have not been as high as 3.5%. In order to increase the allotments, it has to be included in the budget and be offset by either an increase in income or reduction of costs elsewhere. If an increase in the allotments is important to your Section, let your Director's know

Budget

There is good news on the budget front. One of the goals of the Society for the next couple of years is to replenish the reserves. This year there was a net increase in income of \$4,168,473 or \$1,925,713 higher than budgeted. This increase can be attributed to the impact of the cost reduction plan that was implemented before the end of last year. There was a net surplus of \$1,500,000 as opposed to the \$679,592 budgeted for this year and the surplus will go to the reserves.

Membership and Affinity Programs

Membership has also increased! On September 30, 2004 there were 137,768 members, up from 133,053 in 2003. The affinity programs brought in 72.3 million dollars this year, an 18% increase from last year.

Continuing Education

Continuing education is also growing. There was a 25% increase in participation (17,500 people). The surplus was \$600,000 which exceeded the budgeted surplus by \$250,000. A lot of this growth can be attributed to the increasing popularity of the Webinars.

Publications

The preliminary numbers as of September 30, 2004 is pubs brought in \$6.3 million net compared to \$5.7 million last year.

International Activities

International membership has grown to 16,000 members as of September 1, 2004 which is a 47% growth since March 2001 (8,600 members). This past year has seen more activity with world organizations and more agreements of cooperation with other international engineering societies.

Institutes

The Institutes are working hard to build their reserves. There was also an increase in membership by 3,000 members (85,000 from 82,000 in 2003). Several of the Institutes are working with the ASCE Membership Division to help them.

Policy 456

Implementation of Policy 465 or "Raising the Bar" is moving forward and still evolving. "The Body of Knowledge (BOK) defines the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to enter the practice of civil engineering on the professional level". The achievement of the BOK is through a combination of education, experience, and attitude.

2005 Presidential Objectives

Bill Henry has created a "Task Committee on Global Principles for Professional Conduct". While working with other world organizations, the goal of the committee is to determine how one can stop corruption in the construction industry at all levels including design, construction, owners, and government agencies.

ASCE GOVERNANCE RESTRUCTURING AND IMPLEMENTATION

By G. Nicholas Textor, PE, F.ASCE- Chair and
Soheila Rahbari, PE, PG, M. ASCE- Member, Governance
Restructuring Implementation Committee

At the November 2003 Board meeting, the ASCE Board of Direction passed, by the required two-thirds vote, a proposed amendment to the ASCE Constitution which would modify the way the Society is governed and better position ASCE to lead the profession into the future. The amendment went to the members of ASCE in June of 2004 for a ratifying vote. Polls closed on August 13 and results were verified on August 17, 2004. The overall response was only 8.3% of the votes that could have been cast. Two hundred and thirteen (2/3) of votes cast were needed for adoption of the Amendment. Actual vote was 5,876 in favor of Amendment, representing 78.7% of the votes cast.

With the ASCE Members deciding to accept this change in governance we are now moving into the initial stages of the Transition Phase to the new governance structure. There are many steps needed to implement this broad change. The transition is going to take several years. Meanwhile, we must keep current operations moving forward and don't lose momentum.

The Region Boundaries

The new Region Boundaries will not change any Section Boundaries. New Regions will be formed by combining existing Districts, including all Sections within those Regions. Relationships between Sections within current Districts will not be disrupted. The transition has some basic rules:

All currently elected officers will serve their full terms – this includes those just elected in August.

Local leaders will participate in the Region formation process.

3) This new governance structure involves some very fundamental changes.

4) Changes can be made to many aspects of the implementation; we can and will learn and improve as we go.

The new geographic distribution replaces our current Zones and Districts with Regions. Ten

Bylaws), training and support, and financial resources to the Region formation process, focusing on the required Regions first.

A Region formation team will be assembled by gathering leaders within the Region, including Section and District Council officers. GRIC will provide some funding to bring this team together, and will provide the group draft documents, guidance and training in the formation process. Certain aspects of the Region structures are dictated by the ASCE Governing Documents, and other aspects will be the prerogative of the formation team. It is important the individual Regions be able to customize the Region structure to fit the specific and unique needs of their Region. Region Bylaws and Rules will be finalized, and approved by the ASCE Board of Direction. It is expected that this process will take about eight months for a given Region. Starting the process early in the calendar year (probably in conjunction with Zonal Leadership Conferences) will allow the complete organization of a Region in the fall in time to begin the nomination process for Society Director for the next election cycle.

Once the Region is formed, Interim Region Governors will be selected by the formation team, with staggered terms. Over a period of three years, these Interim Region Governors will be replaced by elected or appointed Region Governors according to the transition process put in place by the formation team. This will result in staggered terms for all subsequent elected Governors. During this transition from Interim to fully organized Region, the Region will operate at full capacity and function.

Formation Teams for the first three Geographic Regions will be assembled early in 2005, and may meet in conjunction with, or immediately after, the Zone Leadership Conferences. Over the ensuing eight months, they will create their Bylaws and decide how to appoint interim Region Governors. They will complete their work and have Bylaws ready for approval by October, so they can proceed with the nomination process for the Geographic Region Directors who will need to replace retiring District Directors from those areas. Election of new Region Governors for that Region Board of Governors will also begin at that time. These officers will be elected during 2006 for terms that begin in October 2006. The final set of Regions will begin the formation process in the early spring of 2006, repeating the process of the first-year Regions. The Technical Region is working on formation, and will need to be approved and operational by January 2005 in order to nominate a Society Director candidate for the summer '05 ballot.

Region 1 Transition

The transition for Region 1, comprising today's Districts 1 and 2 is one of the second sets of Geographic Regions to be formed, and will need to form during 2006.

Region 1 will be in full operation during the calendar year 2007, with the District Director (DD) who will be elected in the Summer of 2005 (from District 1, replacing Carl Lehman) serving as the Chair of the Region Board, and Interim Region Governors sitting on the Board. The Region nomination committee will meet in early 2008 to have a Society Director candidate on the ballot for the 2008 election. This new Society Director will take office in the fall of 2008 (for the Fiscal Year 2009), replacing the District Directors from Districts 1 and 2, who retire at the end of Fiscal Year 2008. These two District Directors will be elected in the summer of 2005 to replace Carl Lehman and Anni Autio at the end of their terms. This timing insures continuity of leadership. The other District 1 Director, Robin Kemper, will serve her full term through the end of FY 2007, but will not be replaced in that position.

Other Regions have similar transition schemes, with the timing depending on the terms of current Directors and the need to have Society Directors elected to replace them.

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What are the key roles and unique functions of the District Council and how should those functions be preserved?

District Councils were formed by Sections to perform certain functions. It is up to each District Council and the Sections they represent to evaluate their unique roles and functions throughout the transition process to determine their future structure.

The District Councils are not required to go away under the new structure. District Councils control their own destinies: they can transition into a Region Board; become a subgroup of the new Region Board; or exist independently like they do now. It is important to note that there is no change to the function or operation of the Sections and Branches, or any of their units.

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What can these new groups of leaders do in our particular Region to help us serve our members better, get more people involved, and increase our visibility and effectiveness as civil engineers?

We have much work to do. In the meantime, the Councils should continue their normal operations, so there is no gap in critical functions.

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THE NEW JERSEY SECTION ASCE ANNUAL CIVIL ENGINEERS AWARDS

The New Jersey Section takes great pleasure in announcing the Annual Civil Engineering Awards. These awards are to recognize local members for their contributions to the Civil Engineering field. If you wish to nominate someone, please read the rules and criteria and then complete the nomination form below.

Civil Engineer of the Year

The Section's highest award is presented to an individual who is judged to have contributed substantially to the civil engineering profession.

Criteria: ! Membership Grade-Member, fellow, Life or Honorary Member in good standing with NJ Section

Educator of the Year

This award is presented to a Civil Engineer who has contributed to the profession by educating Civil Engineering students and inspiring them to pursue careers in the profession.

Criteria: ! Member of ASCE NJ Section.
! Educator at a New Jersey College or University

Government Engineer of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding civil engineer who has contributed substantially to the field.

Criteria: Member of ASCE NJ Section Employed by local, state, or federal government.

Service to the People

Presented to an elected or appointed government official who has contributed substantially to the status of civil engineering profession by his/her public service.

Criteria: Holds office in a jurisdiction which represents a geographical area including an area which corresponds to the boundaries of the NJ Section.

Young Engineer of the Year

This award is presented to a younger member of the ASCE who has brought credit to the profession through his work ethics and has contributed ASCE organization.

Criteria: ! Member of ASCE NJ Section.
! Age 35 years or younger

RULES:

! Nomination along with a copy of resume and application must be received by February 18, 2005. If time extension or information are necessary, contact Moustafa Gouda at Schoor DePalma 732.577.9000, ext. 1288.

! Individuals may be nominated for awards by a member in any grade of membership.

! Individuals may be nominated for more than one award.

! Award recipients must be approved by the Board of Directors.

! The Selection Committee will be required to nominate an alternate for Board consideration for each award.

! Each Selection Committee will also recommend to the Board of Directors whether the recipient should be nominated for applicable national or regional awards by the Section.

! Recipient must agree to accept award in person.

ASCE-NEW JERSEY SECTION CIVIL ENGINEERING AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

JOB TITLE: _____ WORK LOCATION: _____

MEMBERSHIP:

ASCE YES NO NJ SECTION YES NO AGE (IF APPLICABLE): _____

AWARD(S) NOMINATED TO: (CHECK ONE OR MORE IF APPLICABLE)

CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

ACADEMIC DEGREES: _____

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES: _____

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION: _____

OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS: IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION. (PLEASE ATTACH)

NOMINATED BY (NAME) _____ MEMBER I.D. (SEE NEWSLETTER LABEL): _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

NATIONAL ENGINEERING WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 & SATURDAY, 26, 2005

ENGINEERS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Come join the New Jersey Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and other engineering organizations including the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Black Engineers Alumni Extension for a day of fun-filled, hands-on activities at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. Meet engineers and scientists who can guide you through some interesting topics using demonstrations that are suitable for all ages. Engineers Week will feature:

Hands on Exhibits Contests Give a ways

New Sponsor Donated Exhibits

9:30AM - 4:00PM

LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER, JERSEY CITY, NJ

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Any ideas or suggestions for workshops, exhibits or demonstrations for Engineers Week 2005 is appreciated and can be sent to any of the contacts.

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