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President's Message

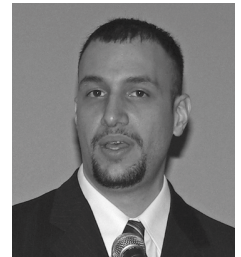
By Andres Roda

At the time of this writing, the holidays are in full swing, the temperature is dipping below freezing more often, and shopping deadlines are fast approaching! I hope everyone had a great holiday season! Now it's time to tie the bootstraps and march ahead with many of our initiatives.

As I mentioned in my previous message, The New Jersey Section unveiled the New Jersey Infrastructure Report Card in September of last year. This year the effort is now focused on advertising the report card and spreading the news. The goal of the project was to raise awareness to our State's crumbling infrastructure. The tool has been prepared and we can put it to use by bringing it to our legislators and decision makers. Armed with the Report Card in hand, The New Jersey Section and the three branches will send a contingency of delegates to Washington DC for the yearly Legislative "Fly-in", hosted by ASCE National, to lobby for our infrastructure. I would like to follow this effort up with a State "Drive-in", where our delegates drive to Trenton and lobby our State Legislators to invest in our Infrastructure. Are you interested in this effort? Would you like to be a part of this grassroots movement? Please contact me and ask how you can get involved!

The above effort is one of many ways the New Jersey Section is getting involved. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with the Branch Presidents and Treasurers to discuss other ways ASCE can better serve you, our members. We discussed the various scholarships offered by ASCE in New Jersey, the technical activities as well as government relations activities. The discussion was geared at finding ways to motivate members to get involved. The Society is here to be your training grounds for success. I encourage you to contact your branch leadership, or to reach out directly to me and ask how you can get involved with ASCE!

Regards,
Andres Roda



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NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

www.futurecity.org

The Future City Competition is a part of the National Engineers Week activities; the program was developed for seventh and eighth grade students to help them discover and foster interests in math, science and engineering. The team that wins the regional competition will receive an all-expense paid trip to the national finals in Washington DC in February 2008.

How You Can Volunteer

Before the Event

Judges: We need people who are willing to take some time on their own and help us to judge the SimCity cities and the essays. If you are interested, contact Jeff Evans at jjevans@alcatel-lucent.com.

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THE NEW JERSEY SECTION ASCE ANNUAL CIVIL ENGINEERING 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 a nomination form on opposite page of this section newsletter.

The New Jersey Section will accept nominations for the following seven award categories. Any nominations should be submitted to the Chairman of the Awards Committee no later than February 15 of each calendar year of the award. These awards are to recognize local ASCE members and non-members for their contributions to the civil engineering profession. 1. New Jersey Civil Engineer of the Year, 2. New Jersey Young Engineer of the Year, 3. New Jersey Section Government Engineer of the Year, 4. Educator of the Year, 5. New Jersey Service to the People, 6. New Jersey Section Excellence in Management, and 7. New Jersey Project of the Year Award.

A Nominations Form can also be obtained at our web site at <http://sections.asce.org/newjersey/awards.html>

New Jersey 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:

- 1) ASCE Membership grade must be either Member, Fellow, Honorary or Life;
- 2) Member in good standing with the New Jersey Section

New Jersey Young Civil Engineer of the Year

This award is presented to a young civil engineer who is judged to have contributed to the civil engineering profession.

Criteria:

- 1) ASCE Membership grade must be Member or Associate;
- 2) Member in good standing with the New Jersey Section;
- 3) Must be 35 years of age or younger on February 1 of the year of award.

New Jersey Service to the People

Presented to an elected or appointed government official who has contributed substantially to the civil engineering profession by their public service.

Criteria:

- 1) Holds office in a jurisdiction which represents a geographical area including an area which corresponds to the boundaries of the NJ Section.

New Jersey Educator of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding educator who has contributed substantially to the field of civil engineering education.

Criteria:

- 1) Must be affiliated with an educational institution located in the State of New Jersey.

New Jersey Section Excellence in Management

Presented to honor a business leader in the civil engineering field.

Criteria:

- 1) Must be affiliated with a New Jersey corporation that designs, manages, or constructs civil engineering projects.

New Jersey Government Engineer of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding civil engineer in Government Service who has contributed substantially to the profession.

Criteria:

- 1) Member of ASCE NJ Section employed by local, state, or federal government.

New Jersey Outstanding Civil Engineering Project of the Year

Criteria:

- 1) An interesting project in New Jersey completed by **February 15th, 2008**. Award is presented to Project Owner

RULES:

1. Nominations must be received prior to 3 p.m., February 15 of the award year.
2. Individuals may be nominated for awards by a member in any grade of membership.
3. Individuals may be nominated for more than one award.
4. Award recipients must be approved by the Board of Directors.
5. The Selection Committee will be required to nominate an alternate for Board consideration for each award.
6. The 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.
7. Recipient must agree to accept award in person. **(The Awards Dinner will be held Friday evening, May 2, 2008)**

**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 YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR NEW JERSEY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE
- EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NEW JERSEY SECTION EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT
- GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE YEAR OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECT 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: _____

*MAIL AWARD NOMINATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT, NEW JERSEY SECTION, ANDRES RODA, FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES, P.A.
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**2008 NEW JERSEY SECTION
AWARDS DINNER**

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, 2008

WOODBRIIDGE HILTON

6PM TO 11PM

COCKTAILS 6PM TO 7PM - DINNER 7PM TO 11PM

RESERVE THIS DATE!

Future City Competition, Continued from page 1

Mentors: We need engineers who are interested in becoming engineering mentors for school teams; this is not a large commitment unless you want one and only teams that live close to your home or work (personal preference) are assigned. Please contact Maysill Pascal at MPascal@haleyaldrich.com.

Event Day

Volunteers: I need folks who are willing to man the registration booth, input judging scores, work in the "Chats with Young Engineers" room, run the multipurpose room and general volunteers who help groups of kids get from one activity to the next. Contact Sarah Weissman at scweiss@rci.rutgers.edu.

Date & Location: Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Rutgers University Busch Campus Student Center.

How Your Company Can Support Competition Day

Set Up a Booth

\$25.00 - Part of the kids' experience is to meet with engineering representatives who can chat with them about what they do so that the kids start to understand more about the possibilities.

\$50.00 - This will cover the cost of a booth and also give a special award in your company's name.

Become a Sponsor

All sponsors levels include a booth and special awards if they wish, or they can request to sponsor a specific portion of the event (breakfast, lunch, t-shirts, etc.).

Gold level sponsor	\$300-\$500
Silver level sponsor	\$200-\$299
Bronze level sponsor	\$100-\$199

Checks should be endorsed to: **ASCE-New Jersey Section** and sent to Scott's attention at the address below. The Tax ID number is EO-510-163-404, and we thank you for your support!

Scott B. Lubarsky, P.E.

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