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### President's Message

*By Andres Roda*

The year has begun for our Section and branches, and our branches have begun providing our membership with quality programming. Continuing Education branch programming continues to increase, providing valuable credits for our NY Licensed professional engineers. As a result, attendance to our programming has increased. I would like to thank all our volunteers who set up this programming for our three branches, coordinating seminar locations, collecting reservations and performed many other tasks to make sure our members receive the most out of their ASCE membership.

The New Jersey Section also prepared and unveiled the New Jersey Infrastructure Report Card, a report similar to the ASCE National Report Card prepared in 2005. I had the pleasure of chairing the committee that prepared the report card and was honored to unveil the report card in front of Chief of Staff Bradley Abelow, NJDOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri and 400 in attendance. The goal of the project was to raise awareness to our State's crumbling infrastructure. Now that the report card has been unveiled, it is up to us, the members of ASCE to bring it to our legislators', governor's, and decision makers' attention. Please contact me and ask how you can help spread the word about our report card.

Lastly, I would like to thank the membership for providing me this wonderful opportunity to serve as President of the New Jersey Section. I hope that we can continue to provide our membership with quality programming.





### 2007 Report Card for New Jersey's Infrastructure

Each category was evaluated on the basis of condition and performance, capacity vs. need, and funding vs. need.

- A = Excellent
- B = Good
- C = Moderate
- D = Poor
- F = Failing
- I = Incomplete

<b>AVIATION</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>BRIDGES</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>DAMS</b>	<b>C-</b>	
<b>ROADS</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>C-</b>	
<b>WASTEWATER</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>DRINKING WATER</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>ENERGY</b>	<b>C+</b>	

*Overall infrastructure grade C-*

ASCE NJ Section -  
 c/o Andres Roda, PE, MASCE - <http://sections.asce.org/newjersey/ny-reportcard.pdf>  
 French & Rowello Associates, PA - <http://sections.asce.org/newjersey/ny-reportcard-study.pdf>  
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## NJ Infrastructure Report Card

Over the past year, the New Jersey Section commissioned a group of volunteers to prepare the inaugural New Jersey Infrastructure Report Card. The group of 8 members, set out to research 9 study areas including wastewater, drinking water, Public Parks & Recreation, Navigable Waterways, Dams, Energy, Aviation, Roads and bridges. The effort was broken up, with some volunteers opting to prepare 1 or 2 study areas and others opting to provide editorial review. In addition, the committee interviewed and shared findings with experts in the various fields. Their insight provided needed direction and confidence in our findings. The results of the research were formalized into individual study area reports and graded by the committee. Once all areas were graded, the formal report was presented to the NJ Section for recommendation and final approval.

During this process, the Committee also kept in close contact with the NJ Alliance for Action (AFA), who was responsible for coordinating the unveiling. In late July AFA president, Phil Beachem had the opportunity to discuss the upcoming release of the NJ Infrastructure Report Card with Governor Corzine. The governor agreed this was a worthy event and suggested he would attend. As a result of that conversation, the AFA began to plan for a September event titled "New Jersey's Future: The needs, the Reality". Panelists included former congressman Robert Roe, former Executive Director of the National Council for Public Works Nancy Rutledge Connery, State Treasurer and Chief of Staff Bradley Abelow and the New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Kris Kolluri.

## 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NEW JERSEY BRANCHES

### NORTH BRANCH

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**  
Construction Technical Group  
Meeting/Presentation - Demystifying  
Delay Claims

**Sunday, November 18, 2007**  
Younger Member Group Paintball  
outing  
**Location:** Skirmish USA in Jim  
Thorpe PA.

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**  
Structural Technical Group Dinner -  
Bridge Inspection, Safety  
Assessment and Bridge Performance  
Measures: A Look to the Future,  
Presented by: Bala Sivakumar, PE -  
TransSystems/Lichtenstein  
Engineering Consultants

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**  
Joint ASCE/ASHE Dinner Meeting.

### CENTRAL BRANCH

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007**  
Update on the New Jersey  
Department of Environmental  
Protection Stormwater Regulations.

**Tuesday, December 18, 2007**  
Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**  
Public Private Partnerships in  
America-Then, Now and Down the  
Road.

**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**  
Underground Asset Management

**Tuesday, March 2008**  
TBA

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**  
TBA

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**  
Branch Awards Dinner

**TBA**  
Technical Seminar

### SOUTH BRANCH

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007**  
NJ Turnpike Widening Program;  
**Speakers:** John Keller and Lisa  
Kenney  
**Location:** Joint meeting w/ ASHE at  
Carlucci's in Mt. Laurel

**Thursday, January 24, 2008**  
Engineers without Borders presented  
by Rowan students.  
**Location:** Adelphia's Deptford Twp.

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**  
Extreme House Makeover; joint  
meeting with Philadelphia Section of  
the ASCE  
**Location:** Cherry Hill Crown Plaza

**March 2008** - TBD

**April 2008** - TBD

**Friday, May 2, 2008**  
NJ Section Awards Banquette

**Friday, May 9, 2008**  
South Jersey Branch Awards  
Luncheon  
**Location:** Wyndham in Mt. Laurel

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**2007 NEW JERSEY SECTION  
AWARDS DINNER  
MAY 4TH, 2007  
WOODBIDGE HILTON**



*Dan Brammell, P.E., M.ASCE  
Section President 2006-2007*



*Andres Roda, P.E., M.ASCE,  
Section President 2007-2008*



*Moustafa Gouda, P.E., F.ASCE,  
Award Committee Chair*



*David Mongan, P.E., F.ASCE  
National President Elect*



*Arnold Taranto, P.E. M.ASCE,  
Scholarship Presenter*

*Pictured from left to right: Pat Natale, Robin A. Kemper, David Mongan, Andres Roda, P.E., M.ASCE, French and Parrello Associates, P.A. being presented award for Young Engineer of the Year and Moustafa Gouda*





*Steve DePalma, P.E., P.P., CME  
Chairman and CEO,  
Schoor Depalma, Inc.  
Manager of the Year*



**Richard T. Hammer**  
*New Jersey Department of  
Transportation, Assistant  
Commissioner, Capital Program  
Management  
Government Engineer of the Year*



**Joseph J. Skupien, P.E., P.P.**  
*President, Storm Water  
Management, LLC  
Civil Engineer of the Year*



*Frank H. Lehr, P.E.  
Chairman and Founder of  
Frank H. Lehr Associates  
Service to the People*



*Husams S. Najm, Ph. D., P.E.  
Rutgers University,  
New Brunswick, NJ  
Educator of the Year*

