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President's Address

Wow! Has it been a year already? This marks my final words as President of the ASCE Wisconsin Section:

It is that time of year again for our officer elections for 2012-2013. You will find bios and ballots in this newsletter for our members who have willingly volunteered to serve our Section. Our current Vice President, Jon Lindert of Strand Associates, has accepted his nomination as our next President-Elect, while one of our current Directors, Laura Gerold of Northwest Wisconsin Technical College, has also accepted her nomination as our next Treasurer. There will also most likely be three new faces on our Board as Mark Meyers of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has been nominated as our next Vice President, while Terese Dressel of Milwaukee Area Technical College and Jennifer Schaff of McMahan have stepped forward to become Directors. Please be sure to read our candidate's bios and take a moment to exercise your right to vote by completing and returning your enclosed ballot as soon as possible. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Also, we hope to see you at the Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting that is being hosted by the Southeast Branch. By now, you should have received the registration booklet in the mail and as you will see, it should be another outstanding event. There are topics of interest for everyone and our keynote speaker, Mike Szomjassy from CH2M HILL, will share with us his presentation on Extreme Engineering: The Regeneration of London which will cover the challenges involved in preparing London for the Olympic Games and the measures taken to make these the greenest, most sustainable games ever. In addition, the ASCE National President-Elect, Greg DiLoreto, will be in attendance to present his State of the Society address. Please be sure to join us on Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee.

For those of you that may not already know, the 2013 ASCE Multi-Regional Conference is being held in Milwaukee January 11-12, 2013. While a portion of the financial support for the event is being provided by ASCE National, there will be a reception the evening of Friday, January 11, 2013 which is being hosted collectively by the Wisconsin Section, the Southeast Branch, and the Younger Member Group. In order to raise funds for this event, a career fair is being held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Kern Center on the campus of the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) in Milwaukee. If you



would like to help with either of these events or would like to participate, please contact Justin Arndt (jarndt@kapur-assoc.com) or Bridget Schuh (bridget.schuh@gmail.com).

Planning is also in the works for the 2013 Spring Technical Conference being hosted by the Fox River Valley Branch. The date has been set for Thursday, March 14, 2013 and will be held at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. We are expecting this to be a special event as we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of our Section at that time as well. Please reserve this date on your calendars so you are able to attend and watch future newsletters for additional information.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our outgoing Board members including Branch Directors Justin Arndt, Dan Borchardt, Cassie Goodwin, and Mark Vannieuwenhoven; Director at Large Shelly Cornelius; Treasurer John Bainter; and last, but certainly not least Past President Bill Meyer. We wish Justin, Dan, Cassie, Mark, Shelly, John, and Bill the best of luck with their future endeavors! Thank you also to Jared Wendt and Brian Tierney as well as their committee for organizing this year's Annual Meeting, as well as to all of our Board members, committee chairs/members, Branches, Younger Member Groups, and Student Chapters. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and serving as the President of the ASCE Wisconsin Section this past year.

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ASCE WISCONSIN SECTION BOARD POSITIONS

Candidates for 2012-2013 Wisconsin Section Board Positions

The **Wisconsin Section Board** has nominated the following candidates for the 2012-2013 Section year officers. The Board recommends a vote for each nominated candidate. Use the enclosed ballot to vote for these candidates or write-in any candidates of your choosing. **All ASCE members who have paid their 2012 Wisconsin Section dues** have the right to vote and are eligible to hold office. Elected officers will serve for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, taking office at the September 7, 2012 Annual Meeting.

Please **return** the attached ballot **by September 6, 2012**.

President: Julie Hoppe, P.E.- Julie L. Hoppe, PE, is a senior transportation engineer at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin office of Mead & Hunt, a national firm offering consulting services in highway and bridge design and construction engineering, aviation, municipal infrastructure, architecture, planning, surveying, historic preservation, environmental studies, and leading edge technologies such as Geographic Information Systems. Julie has more than 22 years of experience in transportation project management, planning, and design. She has served as design engineer and manager on dozens of Wisconsin urban and rural roadway designs and transportation studies. Julie is an active member of several professional societies. She is a Past-President of the Wisconsin Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the past Secretary and the current Transportation Technical Committee Chair of the Wisconsin Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Julie has also been the chair of the Transit Section of the Report Card on Wisconsin's Infrastructure, an ASCE biannual publication. She is a Past-Chairperson of the Business Practices Committee of the Wisconsin American Council of Engineering Companies. As a former owner of Heartland Engineering, Julie brings both the highway design professionals' and the consultant engineering companies' perspective to ASCE. Her experiences and heavy involvement on professional society projects has allowed her to gain insight into many areas of the civil engineering business.

President-Elect Jon Lindert, P.E., LEED AP- Jon Lindert is a civil engineer whose career has focused on Stormwater Conveyance and Management Analysis and Design, Green Infrastructure Analysis and Design, Sustainable Design, Floodplain Analysis and Mapping, Streambank and Natural Area Restoration Analysis and Design, and Park and Recreational Facility Design/Planning. He is also responsible for overseeing the stormwater grant writing activities at Strand Associates, Inc. From an ASCE standpoint, Jon is currently the Vice President of the Wisconsin Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and has served as the President of the Southwest Branch of ASCE in 2007. At the branch level, he served as the newsletter editor for two years, Secretary/Treasurer for two years, participated in the 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012 Spring Technical Conference planning committees, and participated as chairman of the 2004 ASCE Annual Meeting Planning Committee. He is also a member of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, North American Stormwater and Erosion Control Association, and Friends of the UW-Madison Arboretum.

Vice-President: Mark Meyers P.E. - Mark Meyers is the Chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He graduated from UW-Platteville in May 1981 with a BS in Civil Engineering and earned his MS and PhD from the University of Cincinnati (1984 and 1994, respectively). Mark worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers in St. Paul, MN, as a Senior Geotechnical Engineering Specialist from 1988 to 2000. He returned to UW-Platteville as an Assistant Professor in Jan 2000 and has been the Department Chair since August 2007. Mark is a Geotechnical Engineer with specialties in shallow and deep foundations, retaining walls, slope stability and seepage, and geosynthetic applications in Civil Engineering, including MSE walls and slopes. He has served on the SW Branch Board as President, Director, and EWB Liaison and has been the Geotechnical Technical Committee Chair for the last 8 years. He is also the Chair of the newly created Wisconsin Section Geo-Institute Chapter, which replaces the Section's Geotechnical Technical Committee. Mark is looking forward to serving on the ASCE Wisconsin Section Board.

Treasurer: Laura A. Gerold, P.E. - Laura A. Gerold is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin. She has recently accepted a position at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to start a new environmental engineering technology program. She worked for the past ten years as a water resources engineer for Tetra Tech on sanitary/storm sewer modeling and design, river rehabilitation, and low impact development projects among others. Ms. Gerold became an ASCE member while a student at Michigan Technological University where she received her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in environmental engineering. As the outreach chair for YMG in Milwaukee, Ms. Gerold started the award winning outreach program that educates students K-12 about engineering. She has served on the YMG board and Southeast Branch Board in the past and is currently a Director-at-Large on the Section Board. Ms. Gerold is also currently the co-chair of the ASCE Wisconsin Section Environmental Water Resources Institute and helps with planning the Fall Annual and Spring Technical Conference meetings, particularly when they are in the Fox Valley Branch. She also reviews articles for the ASCE Journal of Hydrologic Engineering. A fan of money, Ms. Gerold has served as treasurer or fundraising chair for a variety of organizations, including the Michigan Tech Student Chapter of ASCE in her grad school years.

Director at Large: Therese M. Dressel, P.E.-Terese M. Dressel is an Associate Dean in the School of Technology and Applied Sciences at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Prior to this administrative role, Terese taught in the Civil Engineering Technology program for 14 years. And, prior to that, she worked as a structural engineer for 15 years. Throughout her professional career she has been active in several professional societies. She has been active, and is a past president of Engineers & Scientists of Milwaukee (now STEM Forward). For this organization she worked on many outreach projects that promoted engineering to K-12 students. For over 10 years, she has been on the steering committee of the Future City competition, and still serves as the Scoring Coordinator. Her ASCE involvement began in college as a student member at UWM. Her participation continued from there, and she has served on the Southeast Branch board, and was president of that board in 2000-2001. In 2009 she was awarded the Engineer in Education Award by the Wisconsin Section of ASCE.

Director at Large: Jennifer Schaff, P.E. - Jennifer Schaff is a civil engineer at McMahon in Neenah. She has been employed at McMahon for eleven years working on a variety of municipal and private projects. She graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and in 1997 with a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Her studies focused on geotechnical and water resources engineering. This is Jennifer's first elected position with ASCE. She has been an active member of ASCE since 2001, attending meetings and conferences and working behind the scenes. She was on the planning committee for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Jennifer is originally from Traverse City, Michigan, but now resides in Appleton with her husband Ted and Rudy, their Jack Russell Terrorist. She enjoys cooking for friends and family, reading a good book and running with Rudy.

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Thank you
for your
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c/o: Julie Hoppe, P.E.
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please vote with this ballot. Detach, fold, tape, attach postage and return to Section President-Elect Julie Hoppe by **September 6, 2012.**

Wisconsin Section Ballot

President

- Julie Hoppe, P.E.
- Other _____.

Treasurer

- Laura Gerold, P.E.
- Other _____.

President-Elect

- Jon Lindert, P.E., LEED AP
- Other _____.

Director at Large (vote for two)

- Therese Dressel, P.E.
- Jennifer Schaff, P.E.

Vice-President

- Mark Meyers, P.E.
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