

# ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

## WISCONSIN SECTION NEWSLETTER

**BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
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May 1999

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### President's Message

If the printing and mailing system is working correctly, you are getting this Newsletter in May. Of course at our house, that means all of our inside winter projects are completed...at least some of them are...well, at least a few of them are. So now we'll all have more time to taxi our children to those spring soccer tournaments!

It does seem strange how we plan to accomplish so much during the winter and, before you know it, it's over. It is very similar to our Spring Technical Conference. After months of planning, it's all over. Congratulations to the Younger Member Forum, especially Andrea Serbiak, Jason Sorci, Chris Bielefeld, and Kevin Wood for putting together a great Conference. Thanks also go to the Technical Committees for arranging some excellent technical sessions.

Planning is already underway for the Fall Annual Meeting. Carl Sutter and the Fox River Valley Branch will be hosting this meeting at the **Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on Friday, September 24th**. Do you have the day marked already? It promises to be a worthwhile day of high-quality technical presentations. If you would like to help, you can call Carl or any one of the Technical Committee Chairpersons. They'll be listed in another part of the Newsletter.

This month's newsletter includes the ballot for the election of Wisconsin Section Board members. Don't forget to vote. It should only take a few minutes to complete the ballot, and drop it in your mail-

box. Your vote is important. It seems that every year our Nominations Committee is looking for people willing to help out. How do we find these people? There are few volunteers; we usually have to look over our membership roster and ask people. If you are interested in serving on the Board in the future, contact me in the next few months, because next year it will be my job to find candidates.

Another reminder that it's time to get those project and individual award nominations assembled and submitted. The Section Board has worked hard to make this year's submittal process easier. A videotape is not required for submittal of the project award nominations. More information is contained in this Newsletter and is also on our Web site. Awards will be announced at the Fall Annual Meeting in Appleton.

I didn't receive much response to my queries on the Masters Degree as the first professional degree for Civil Engineers. Maybe this isn't a hot topic in Wisconsin, but you can bet that it is a big issue nationally. *(Continued on page 2)*

## 1999 Wisconsin Section ASCE Awards

It's time to get serious about submitting award nominations for this year's annual awards program. Award nominations are due **June 1** to Tim Bate, Section Secretary. The following awards are available:

### Engineering Achievement Awards for Projects

· *Category A:*

Construction Cost Under \$1 Million

· *Category B:*

Construction Cost Between \$1 Million and \$10 Million

· *Category C:*

Construction Cost over \$10 Million

### Individual Merit Awards

- Engineer in Education

- Engineer in Consulting Practice
- Engineer in Government Service
- Engineer in Private Practice  
*(Utility, Industry, etc.)*

### Distinguished Service Award Excellence in Journalism Award Wisconsin Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award

*(nominee must be less than 35 years  
of age during 1998)*

Information about each of these awards is available on our Website at <http://www.asce.org/gsd/sections/wisconsin>, from **Phil Le Claire**, Awards Committee Chairman, at (414) 266-9151, or from **Darrell Berry**, Newsletter Editor. Many

consulting firms have prepared project submittals for the annual WACE program, which includes an entry fee. Based on past information, many of the projects submitted in the WACE program are eligible for the Wisconsin Section ASCE program, which does not have an entry fee. The Board of Directors is challenging the Wisconsin Section membership to submit nominations of projects and individuals in the 1999 awards program. We have many outstanding projects and individuals, so come on, let's get those nomination forms filled out and submitted.

**Editor's Note:** The requirement of submitting a videotape with project nominations has been dropped.

## 1998-1999 Technical Committee Chairpersons

Following is a listing of Wisconsin Section members who have volunteered to chair the Technical Committees. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please call the chairperson at the phone number listed.

COMMITTEE	Chair	Phone No.
Environmental	Steve Peterson (FRV)	920-459-9207
Structural	Bob Schumacher (SE)	414-259-1500
Urban Planning & Transportation	Jan Kucher (SW)	608-222-8207
Water Resources & Hydraulics	Gerald Groth (SW)	608-251-4843
Construction	Jeff Kellner (FRV)	920-751-4200
Geotechnical	Al Wagner (SE)	414-376-2001
Management	Harry Farchmin (SE)	414-259-1500

### 2000 Spring Technical Conference Announced

**Monona Terrace Convention Center  
Madison, WI -- March 23, 2000**

The Southwest Branch of the Wisconsin Section of ASCE will be hosting the year 2000 Spring Technical Conference at the Monona Terrace Convention Center on beautiful Lake Monona in Madison. Mark your calendars for March 23, 2000 for this annual event. The Southwest Branch will be organizing the conference throughout the next 10 months. As we prepare the Hall of Ideas for this informative event, keep reading future ASCE newsletters for more information. Please contact Brian Hackman, Program Chair, or Randy Wirtz, Promotions Coordinator, with any questions or suggestions. Brian and Randy can be reached at Strand Associates, Inc., 910 W. Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715; 608/251-4843; [brianh@strand.com](mailto:brianh@strand.com) or [randyw@strand.com](mailto:randyw@strand.com).

### President's Message *(Cont'd. from page 1)*

Our National Board of Direction has created a Task Committee to develop a strategy for achieving that vision--in fact Wisconsin's Lou Graef is the head of that Committee. Keeping members informed and seeking member input are important parts of the Task Committee's assignments. Don't be shy about contributing your viewpoint.

In closing, I want to recommend to all of you to get outside, get some exercise, and enjoy Wisconsin's wonderful summer!

John Goetter, Section President

## 1998-1999 Standing Committee Chairpersons

Following is a listing of Wisconsin Section members who have volunteered to chair the Standing Committees. Please feel free to call any of these chairs if you'd like to help out on their committees

COMMITTEE	Chair	Phone No.
Nominations	Earl Holzman (NW)	715-834-3161
Awards	Phil LeClaire (SE)	414-259-1500
Budget & Finance	Wayne Schumm (SE)	414-221-2375
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Past President's Council	Tom Walther (NW)	715-839-2952

## Web Site

Visit the Wisconsin Section's website at:  
<http://www.asce.org/gsd/sections/wisconsin>

You will find General Information, Current Events, Background Data, and ASCE Related Links. Under Current Events, you can read the Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Also, this Newsletter is on our website.

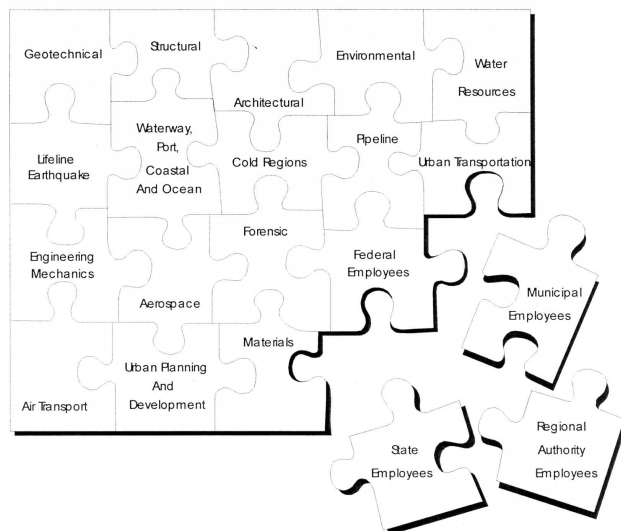
Thanks to Marty Hanson, our Webmaster, for volunteering his time and talents again this year. Marty can be contacted by e-mail at [hansonm@ayres-eau.com](mailto:hansonm@ayres-eau.com), or by phone at (715)834-3161.

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## ATTENTION Government Engineers: Please Help Complete the ASCE Puzzle During ASCE's May Theme Month!



Government Civil Engineers at the municipal, state, regional or federal level are key contributors to the profession. Fit another critical piece into the ASCE puzzle by inviting a colleague to join ASCE during Government Engineers Theme Month.

Recruit a Government Engineer during May 1999 and receive a **FREE, ceramic ASCE mug**. In addition, ASCE will waive the \$35 processing fee.

Membership applications are available by calling 800-548-2723 or 703-295-6300 (internationally), faxing 703-295-6333, emailing [member@asce.org](mailto:member@asce.org), or through FaxBack at 703-205-6444. Invite prospective members to apply on-line at our web site at [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org)

# Meeting Schedule for 1998 - 1999

(updated April 29, 1998)

## ASCE - Wisconsin Section and Branches

	<u>Fox River Valley Branch</u>	<u>Southwest Branch</u>	<u>Northwest Branch</u>	<u>Southeast Branch</u>
<b>1998</b>				
September	18 Madison <sup>1</sup>	18 Madison <sup>1</sup>	18 Madison <sup>1</sup>	18 Madison <sup>1</sup>
October	29 Oshkosh	22 Madison <sup>#, 12</sup>	—	15 Milwaukee
November	18 Green Bay	17 Dodgeville <sup>11</sup>	21 Eau Claire <sup>3</sup>	17 Milwaukee <sup>#, 2</sup>
December	10 Green Bay <sup>#, 3, 10</sup>	17 Madison <sup>N</sup>	—	17 Milwaukee <sup>7, N</sup>
<b>1999</b>				
January	21 Chilton <sup>16</sup>	28 Madison <sup>N</sup>	16 Eau Claire	26 Milwaukee <sup>9</sup>
February	16 Sheboygan <sup>2</sup>	25 Madison <sup>3</sup>	18 Chippewa Falls <sup>3</sup>	24 Milwaukee <sup>4</sup>
March	25 Milwaukee <sup>6</sup>	25 Milwaukee <sup>6</sup>	25 Milwaukee <sup>6</sup>	25 Milwaukee <sup>6</sup>
April	21 Appleton	8 Madison	22 Eau Claire <sup>3, #</sup>	15 Milwaukee <sup>7, N</sup>
May	21 Winneconne <sup>3, 13, #</sup>	19 Madison <sup>3</sup>	—	20 Milwaukee <sup>N</sup>
June	—	—	—	17 Milwaukee <sup>16, 13</sup>
July	—	—	—	xx Milwaukee <sup>15</sup>
August	—	—	—	—
September	24 Appleton <sup>8</sup>	24 Appleton <sup>8</sup>	24 Appleton <sup>8</sup>	24 Appleton <sup>8</sup>

## Scheduled Section Board Meetings

09-18-98	Madison	10-22-98	Madison	11-17-98	Milwaukee	12-10-98	Green Bay
01-28-99	Madison	No February Meeting		03-25-99	Milwaukee	04-22-99	Eau Claire
05-20-99	Madison	06-24-99	Appleton	07-xx-99	Milwaukee	09-24-99	Appleton

### NOTES:

- # Joint Section Board and Branch Meeting
- N Noon Luncheon Meeting
- 1 Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting
- 2 Joint Meeting with American Concrete Inst. (ACI)
- 3 Joint Meeting with WSPE (Wis. Soc. of Prof. Engrs)
- 4 Engineers Week Banquet; no Branch Meeting
- 6 Wisconsin Section Spring Technical Conference
- 7 Joint Mtg. with ESM (Engrs. & Scientists of Milw)
- 8 Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting

- 9 Joint Mtg. w/Student Chap. of Marquette, MSOE, & UW, Milw.
- 10 Joint Meeting with Green Bay Engineers Club
- 11 Joint Meeting with Student Chapter at UW-Platteville
- 12 Joint Meeting with Student Chapter at UW-Madison
- 13 Guest/Spouses Night
- 14 Joint Meeting with ITE (Institute of Trans. Engrs.)
- 15 Field Trip
- 16 Past Presidents Night

xx Date to be Announced



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