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President's Message

Welcome to Summer in Wisconsin! It's finally time to golf, vacation, go to festivals and in general enjoy all the fun things Wisconsin has to offer. Our Section activities tend to slow down a bit in summer, but there are still a few things that the board is working on.



The Wisconsin Section Administrative Manual has been under an intense review and renovation over the past several months, and will be getting its final revision approved at the next Board meeting in July.

The organization for the fall Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting is underway, and the Call for Presentations has been issued. If you have a topic that you would like to present at the meeting on Friday, September 13th in Madison, please contact Mark Meyers.

On March 19, 2013, ASCE published the ASCE 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. The report card is published every four years, and provides a snap shot of how the country is doing in regards to infrastructure. In this edition of the report card, 16 different topics were carefully reviewed for funding issues and current condition. The overall grade for the nation is a D+. A complete view of the report card can be found at the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card website, <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>. At the site, you can delve into each category and find out additional information. On the site, there is additional information regarding each individual state.

Much more information can be found on the sites above. This is a great opportunity to learn about the infrastructure needs of the state and the country. Share this information with your elected officials so that we can turn the grades around and improve the current D+ rating.

Thank you to everyone on your continued interest in ASCE. Please visit our new section website at www.ascewi.org, or at our "Wisconsin Section American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)" LinkedIn group. If you have any ideas for ways the Section can support the work of the branches and our members, please contact me at Julie.hoppe@meadhunt.com

ASCE WISCONSIN SECTION-BOARD POSITIONS

Candidates for 2013-2014 Wisconsin Section Board Positions

The **Wisconsin Section Board** has nominated the following candidates for the 2013-2014 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 2013 Wisconsin Section dues** have the right to vote and are eligible to hold office. Elected officers will serve for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, taking office at the September 13, 2013 Annual Meeting.

Please **return** the attached ballot **by August 12, 2013**.

President Elect: Mark S. Meyers, P.E., PhD: 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.

Vice President: Dan Borchart : Motivated by making a difference, Dan will continue his leadership in ASCE on the Wisconsin Section Board as candidate for Vice-President during this 2013-2014 year. Dan has been a committed, active member to ASCE for the past 10 years and has continued his professional development through ASCE by residing as the Past President of the Northwest Branch/Branch director on the Wisconsin Section Board for the past two years. Dan served as Northwest Branch President for the two years and has been a director on the Northwest Branch Board for 3 years prior to his term as President. Dan has helped the Northwest Branch excel by developing a K-12 outreach program, initiating member involvement and recognition through featured member articles in the newsletter, assisted with the promotion of leadership within the branch by helping establish an honorarium, spearheaded branch historical document preservation and initiating creation and development of the Northwest Branch website. Dan looks forward to continuing that leadership as we head into another year with ASCE. Onward Dan plans to continue the communication and networking opportunities for Wisconsin Section members through detailed newsletters and embrace the role as Vice-President with new ideas.

Dan is a Project Engineer on municipal and transportation projects at MSA Professional Services in Marshfield. His position includes a variety of project experience and a range of experience working design and construction. Dan is a Spring 2006 graduate of UW-Platteville and enjoys being active outdoors.

Director at Large: Justin Bilskemper, P.E. Justin graduated from UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in May 2006. While at UW-Platteville, he was active with the student chapters of ASCE and Chi Epsilon. Currently, Justin is serving his first term as Director-at-Large for the Wisconsin Section and Director for the SW Branch and serving his fifth term as Scholarship Chair for the SW Branch. Justin previously served as Secretary for three years at the Branch level. Justin is a part of the SW Branch Younger Member Committee and has been active in planning several Spring Technical Conferences and Annual Meetings. Justin has worked at Strand Associates, Inc. for nearly 7 years and serves as a project manager in the municipal and water supply departments. Justin's project experience includes water supply design/planning, stormwater conveyance/management projects, and drinking water/stormwater hydraulic modeling. He has designed numerous stormwater systems, municipal wells, wellhouses, and booster pumping facilities. He has also provided construction observation for well drilling, well house and booster station construction, underground utilities, and elevated storage tank projects.

Director at Large: Paul Sponholz, P.E. Paul graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 1995. While at the University of Minnesota, he was active with the student chapter of ASCE having served as the newsletter editor and a member of the concrete canoe team. He interned with the City of St. Paul as an engineering aide on construction projects for three seasons. After college, Paul served in the United States Marine Corps as a supply officer. He managed supply, contracting, and fiscal operations in several assignments including naval deployments throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East and in military operations in Kosovo and Iraq. In 2003, he resumed his engineering career as a Civil Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation in the Chicago area, working assignments in construction, design, and expressway operations. He then completed several projects as a Construction Engineer for the McHenry County (Illinois) Division of Transportation. His marriage to Michelle in 2008 brought him to Wisconsin where he worked for the Fond du Lac County Highway Department as the Highway Engineer. He is currently working as the Field Operations Manager for the Outagamie County Highway Department. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Wisconsin. He serves on the Wisconsin Traffic Engineering Council as a representative of the Wisconsin County Highway Association. Paul was active in Toastmasters International in clubs in California, North Carolina, and Illinois serving as local club President, Vice President of Education, and Secretary. He has been a leader and mentor of high school students in his church youth groups.



***ASCE Wisconsin Section Fall Annual Conference
September 13, 2013 Monona Terrace, Madison***



Thank you
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stamp!

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please vote with this ballot. Print the ballot, vote, fold ballot, tape, attach postage, and return to Section Secretary Peter Nilles by August 12, 2013.

Wisconsin Section Ballot

President - Elect

Mark Meyers, P.E.

Other _____.

Director at Large (vote for two)

Paul Sponholz

Justin Bilskemper

Other

Other

Vice-President

Dan Borchardt, P.E.

Other _____.

