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The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is the first of the month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Wow, April was a busy month with the Great Lakes Student Conference, Dream Big showing, the annual Milwaukee Riverkeeper Earth Day Clean Up, and the Younger Member Groups Annual Brewers Tailgate. Thank you to everyone that was able to come on out these events.

May is that time of year when a lot of construction projects kick off for the summer. When heading to a construction project, remember to bring the project health and safety plan and your personal protective equipment (PPE). If you haven't had to wear your PPE in a while, it is a good idea to inspect it; make sure hard hats are not impaired or have expired, boots are still in good condition, safety glasses are in good condition, etc. Our family and friends expect us to come home to them every single day after our shifts are over. Besides the projects we work at, we should also be aware when we are driving through a different construction project. Please remember to slow down and put all distractions aside. Those workers also have family and friends that expect them to come home after their shifts.

We are looking for members to serve as officers of the board next year. This year the following officer positions are up for election: President-Elect, Secretary, and Director at Large. The board typically meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 am. Meetings typically last an hour. If you are interested in being an officer, let us know.

Next month is our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, Friday, June 9! Who would want to miss the chance to golf with 180 engineers and friends at the Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex!?! Why not start off the weekend before the U.S. Open with a golf tournament!?! I hear there will be new prizes this year topping last year's prizes. Registration is filling up quickly. Remember, proceeds from this event fund four \$2,500 scholarships for our local civil engineering students.

In closing, congratulations to all of the civil engineering students who have commencement this month. You finally are done!

Ken

2017 Scholarship Winners

Article By: Brad Seubert

The ASCE Southeast Branch would like to congratulate our four scholarship winners for this year.



Nicole Wellenstein is a student at Marquette University and decided to become a Civil Engineer because she enjoys using math and problem solving skills. She is a member of the ASCE Concrete Canoe Team, and does research in the water quality lab at Marquette

Reid Jahns is a student at MSOE. In Reid's senior year of high school he obtained a position at a local engineering company as a part of a youth apprenticeship program. This internship convinced Reid that he had the ability and desire to become a Civil Engineer. Reid is also the Vice President of MSOE's ASCE Student Chapter

Shawn Casey is a student at MSOE. He chose civil engineering because ever since he was little he enjoyed building things. It started with legos and tree forts and now he is excited to turn that passion into a career. Shawn is the treasurer of his ASCE student chapter and also involved with Engineers without Borders.

Brady Mathisen is a UWM student. His goal is to learn and practice civil engineering in order to keep advancing the field and create new and improved infrastructure. Brady is the President of his ASCE student chapter as well as project leader for both the concrete canoe and steel bridge teams.

Watch for announcements this fall when we will be again accepting applications for scholarships.

ASCE has something for YOU!

Article By: Nick Bobinski

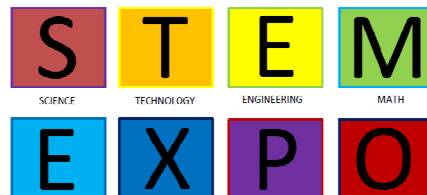
Did you know the ASCE Wisconsin Southeast Branch has over 800 members? We are a diverse group of professionals with a wealth of knowledge in all different areas of civil engineering. With so many talented members, our organization has something for everyone. If you're looking to get more out of your membership in ASCE, here are a few ways to get involved:

- Attend our events – We have lots of opportunities to learn about local projects, network with other professionals, and have fun! Keep an eye on the newsletter and your email for upcoming event announcements.
- Join our Board of Directors – This is a great way to get involved in planning branch activities, advance your career, and advance the profession. See the article in this newsletter for more information about open positions.
- Join a committee – We have several committees that help the board keep our branch running. Check out our website for details: www.ascewise.org/committee-chairs
- Invite friends and colleagues to join – feel free to share our newsletters and events with others who may be interested. Invite them to sign up at www.asce.org/join

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact Nick Bobinski at nbobinski@kapur-assoc.com , or any of the board members listed here: www.ascewise.org/board-officers

2017 STEM Expo - Planning Committee Members Needed

Article By: Pat Flaherty



It's official; planning for the 2017 STEM Expo has begun! The first meeting for the planning committee will be on April 20 to begin setting goals and milestones, as well as evaluate the planning processes for this year's event.

The YMG is looking for anyone who may be interested in helping to organize activities, help promote the event, and/or facilitate the event's logistics on the day of. We're hoping to pursue some great new opportunities this year so we hope that this year's event will be bigger and better than ever! Anyone interested should contact Pat Flaherty at patrickf@rileycon.com for more information.

Nominations Sought for Board of Director Positions Open for 2017-2018 Branch Year

Article By: Larry Buechel

The ASCE Wisconsin Section – Southeast (WISE) Branch Board of Directors is seeking nominations for a number of board positions that will be open for the upcoming Branch year. Serving on the WISE Branch Board of Directors provides opportunities to:

- Get involved in planning and coordinating local branch activities,
- Advance your career by working with other leaders in the civil engineering community,
- Advance the profession by guiding activities focused on engineering professional development,
- Enhance management skills by participating in well-run business meetings,
- Participate in ASCE activities on a state or national level.

The WISE Branch Board positions open for the upcoming year, beginning in October, are as follows:

- President Elect (1-year term, followed by 1-year as President and 1-year as Past President) - assists the President as-needed, and acts as President in their absence; serves as board liaison with Programs and Meetings Committee.
- Secretary (three consecutive 1-year terms) – manages branch correspondence and maintains files of branch activities; serves as board liaison with Public Information/Newsletter Committee.
- Director-at-Large for Student Affairs (two consecutive 1-year terms) – serve as board liaison with Education/Student Affairs Committee to promote branch interactions with local ASCE student chapter and encourage transition of recent graduates from student membership to professional membership.

The WISE Branch Board of Directors meets monthly at a location in the metro Milwaukee area. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving in one of these board positions, please consider nominating them/yourself. Nominations are due June 15. To learn more about one of these positions or to submit a nomination, please contact Ken Mika at Ken.Mika@obg.com, or Larry Buechel at lbuechel@wm.com.

Call for 2018 ASCE Wisconsin Section Spring Technical Conference Committee

Article By: Ken Mika

Have you ever wanted to be on the planning committee for a Spring Technical Conference? Have you ever wanted to chair a conference? The 2018 Spring Technical Conference will be held in southeastern Wisconsin in which we are looking for volunteers for the planning committee including chair(s). The committee will start meeting in Summer/Fall 2017. Please contact Ken Mika at ken.mika@obg.com for more information.

2017 Scholarship Golf Tournament

Article By: Paul Koszarek

The 2017 ASCE Southeast Branch Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held again at **Ironwood Golf Course** in Sussex on **Friday June 9th**.

Once again, the ASCE SE Branch Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee and our returning Event Sponsors, Ground Improvement Engineering and Foundation Services Corporation, would like to have your support for this year's event. Last year, we raised an amazing \$10,000 for the Scholarship fund.



Multiple sponsorship opportunities are also available. New this year, we are offering multiple opportunities to get one or two golf registrations FREE with your sponsorship at the \$500 and \$600 levels, respectively. With the popularity of this event growing by leaps and bounds over that past several years, sponsorship opportunities have already started to fill up.

The proceeds from the event allow the ASCE Southeast Branch the ability to offer scholarships to local civil engineering students in Southeastern Wisconsin. Due to the success of our golf outing and the generous and loyal sponsorships, we are now able to provide four \$2,500 scholarships to deserving civil engineering students. We could not have provided these without your support.

Don't miss this opportunity to give back to the civil engineering community! See the flyer on the following page for more information, or visit www.ascewise.org

For a link to sponsorship opportunities, visit:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07edwvekl51602b7a>

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INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

YMG News

Upcoming Events**Milwaukee Wiffle Ball League**

Article By: Aaron Schramm

The YMG played their first game on Monday, May 8 at Hart Park. While the result wasn't as hoped, it was great to see some new faces at our social events. The season continues each Monday night at Hart Park in Wauwatosa. It's a very relaxed atmosphere and a great way to meet and network with fellow engineers. For more information, contact Aaron Schramm at aaron.schramm@exp.com.

**STEM Day – Girls Engineering, Math, and Science (GEMS)**

Article By: Pat Flaherty

The ASCE Southeast Branch YMG will be giving a presentation about cantilevers to middle school students and have them build their very own cantilever out of paper, string, and tape. The challenge will be to suspend an egg as far away from the wall as possible, known as the egg cantilever challenge! This is a great opportunity to help put the “E” in STEM and GEMS. The event will take place on Saturday, May 6th at University of Wisconsin’s Waukesha campus. Please find additional information about the event in the link below, and keep a look out for an invite.

Please contact Pat Flaherty with any questions or interest (patrickf@rileycon.com).

Recent Past Events**Brewers Game and Tailgate**

Article By: Dave Jaromin

YMG's annual Brewers tailgate and game was held Friday April 28th with nearly 100 student, YMG and Branch Members in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a good time and even the Brewers put on a show hitting 3 home runs, but fell late to the Atlanta Braves with a 10-8 loss. Thanks for coming out to enjoy the less-than-perfect weather and look for next year's event to be held around this time. An evening tailgating is much better than working.



YMG News (cont'd.)

GEMS Day Recap

Article By: Pat Flaherty

On Saturday, May 6th the YMG once again hosted their Egg Cantilever Challenge at UWW for the university's GEMS workshop day! The annual GEMS program brings together middle school girls, teachers, and professionals in an effort to encourage interest in areas of math, science, and engineering. The conference featured workshops and presentations that offered the participants hands-on learning and team building experience. Ryan Flores, Genevieve Stollenwerk, and Pat Flaherty all took time out of their Saturday to volunteer and help out with this event and ensure its continued success; and we thank them for their efforts. Special thanks goes out as well to UWW for continuing to host these awesome workshops where kids come to enjoy themselves and learn about STEM at the same time!

Milwaukee Riverkeepers Cleanup

Article By: Pat Flaherty

The YMG once again joined the Milwaukee Riverkeepers for their annual spring cleanup! On Saturday, April 22nd over a dozen ASCE members spent the morning volunteering in the Menomonee Valley at the Hank Aaron Trail site cleaning up trash to help keep the Milwaukee River Clean. Thanks goes out to all of the ASCE members and who helped to keep the river clean by volunteering for this event, with a special shout-out to the UW Madison student chapter who came all the way out to Milwaukee to help out with this event as well! Our immense appreciation also goes out to the Milwaukee Riverkeepers for coordinating this amazing effort and to the 4,000 Milwaukeeans who volunteered throughout the city to remove a grand total of 100,000 pounds of trash from the Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnickinnic Rivers and surrounding land!

**Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup**

Article By: Kyle Bareither

For two years now, the YMG has adopted a stretch of I-43 south of Milwaukee. Twice a year we get together to help keep this area clean. The YMG is meeting up on Saturday, May 20th and we can definitely use all of the help that we can get! If you're available, please click the link below to register. We will be meeting at 9:00 AM at Baran Park (2470 S Chase Avenue - Milwaukee, WI 53207). We are usually done in about 2 hours and then go get food afterward. We hope that you can join us!

ASCE National Elections

Article By: Brian Genduso



The national elections are just around the corner, starting on May 1. Here is how to participate in the election:

1. Voting is EASY!
2. Emails are distributing on Monday, May 1st - check your spam folder
3. If you didn't receive the email, don't worry because there are NO special codes this year.
4. Go to <http://www.asce.org/votenow>.
5. Use your ASCE member login and password (click the links if you need assistance).
6. Follow the instructions to vote and submit your ballot.
7. The ballot includes a Constitutional Amendment to increase the size of the Board to allow the third Technical Region Director to have a vote at the table.
8. Information on the Nominees can be found on the electronic <http://www.asce.org/votenow> or the ASCE <http://www.asce.org/elections/>.
9. Students and Affiliate Members are not eligible to vote.
10. Dues must have been paid by April 1, 2017 to be eligible to vote.
11. The election will close at 5:00pm Central Daylight Time on June 1, 2017.
12. Members who prefer to vote using a paper ballot may contact <mailto:pjones@asce.org> and request that one be mailed.

The President-elect Official Nominees are

- Kancheepuram N. Gunalan, Ph. D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE
- Robin A. Kemper, P.E., LEED AP, F.SEI, F.ASCE

You can find out more information about all nominees at the following website:

<http://www.asce.org/elections/>

Newsletter Publication

We welcome your articles, letters & news items for publication in the ASCE SE Branch Newsletter.

Advertisements and job postings are also accepted by contacting:

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Deadline for next issue is the first of the month.