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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As the summer is winding down, I hope everyone has had time to relax and enjoy the weather, besides all the rain of course! Based on my conversations with fellow members, the summer has been very active for the industry with a lot of field projects. Let's hope for many more years to come of active field projects!

This will be my last President's Message as we close out the 2016-2017 ASCE Southeast Branch Board Year. I have enjoyed my time as the Branch President and appreciated all the support I received from the fellow members and the Board. I would like to thank Mike Arnold who served as our Past-President and supported me through the entire year which I greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Gerald DeMers as well for serving as the Branch Secretary and ensuring consistency with our Board. Jerry and Mike have been great assets to the Branch and I wish them the best of luck for their next endeavors.

Congratulations also goes out to Jerry and Mike who both will be receiving awards at the 2017 Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting on September 28 in La Crosse, WI. Jerry is the recipient of the 2017 ASCE Wisconsin Section Engineer in Government Practice. Mike is the recipient of the 2017 ASCE Wisconsin Section Engineer in Consultant Practice. These awards are being given for their efforts in our profession.

For the 2017-2018 Board Year, I know Larry Buechel will do great as President. Larry is very much a hands-on person, does whatever needs to be done to meet a goal, and has no problem getting his hands dirty. Coming in as President-Elect is Kyle Bareither. I have known Kyle for years and can attest that he is a great leader. He has been passionate about ASCE with the YMG and STEM Expo and will continue to do so with the Branch. New to the Board coming in is Wade Carter as Secretary. While it is great to bring leadership up through the YMG and other positions, it is also great to have new leaders to help improve the Branch by looking from the outside in. And finally, I would like to welcome Dave Jaromin back to the Branch as a Director. Dave had taken a year off and now is back to help further develop the connection between the Branch and local universities.

In closing, I would also like to thank my firm, NRT, an OBG Company, for allowing me to take time off work over the years to be active on the Branch board and attend conferences to help become a better Branch leader and to help improve the Branch. A final thank you to my family who has had to sacrifice time with me for myself to attend meetings and events for the Branch. Thank you!

Ken

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**ASCE Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting**

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Article By: Chris Robb



The Northwest Branch will be hosting the ASCE Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 28th, 2017 at the La Crosse Center South Hall, 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI. Plan on attending this great event and show support for the Northwest Branch and Wisconsin Section. Various PDHs are available for attending topics during the technical sessions. Reference the Annual Meeting Brochure for specific details, available at the weblink below:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/cf189d12301/75fd9229-1686-4d1e-9bc5-a12e4a183f1b.pdf>

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### CRAIG SCHIEFELBEIN

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## SPEAKING ON ETHICS

### TOM THIBODEAU

Distinguished Professor of Servant Leadership,  
Viterbo University

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**2018 Spring Technical Conference – Call for Volunteers**

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Article By: Kyle Bareither

The Southeast Branch will be hosting the 2018 Spring Technical Conference this upcoming year, and the Younger Member Group will be managing it. The event is traditionally held in March/April. Tony Castle ([ACastle@emcsinc.com](mailto:ACastle@emcsinc.com)) and Kyle Bareither ([kyle.bareither@obg.com](mailto:kyle.bareither@obg.com)) will be co-chairing the event this year. We are still in need of a few volunteers to help plan the event. Please reach out to Tony or Kyle if you have interest in helping organize the Spring Technical Conference.

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## Southeast Branch Holds Elections for 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Article By: Larry Buechel

Southeast Branch elections were held in August to fill open seats on the 2017-2018 Branch Board of Directors. Kyle Bareither was elected to fill the President-Elect position, Wade Carter was elected to fill the Branch Secretary position, and Dave Jaromin was elected to fill a Branch Director position. Congratulations to those three gentlemen and we wish them success in these positions! Look for profiles on these two new board members in upcoming newsletters.

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## Scholarship applications due October 31

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Article By: Brad Seubert

The school year is starting soon and that means it's scholarship season. With the huge success of the golf outing the southeast branch is happy to announce that we will again be offering four scholarships for college students this year. Applications are due October 31<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded in January.

Application forms and more information can be found at <http://www.ascewise.org/scholarships/>

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## Renew your ASCE membership

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Article By: ASCE National

As a current ASCE member we thank you for your past support and hope you were able to take full advantage of your membership benefits. To encourage members to renew early this year we are offering some great Amazon gift card prizes\*.

### Here are the early bird renewal prizes you could be eligible for:

- A \$500 Amazon gift card if you renew by September 19, 2017
- A \$250 Amazon gift card if you renew by October 17, 2017
- A \$100 Amazon gift card if you renew by November 14, 2017



To sweeten the deal, we'll enter you into all of the drawings that occur after your renewal, so the earlier you renew the more chances you have to win. Everyone that renews by December 12, 2017 will also be eligible for our grand prize drawing for a **\$1000 Amazon gift card\***.

Renew at:

<https://secure.asce.org/ASCEWebsite/SECURE/SignIn/SignIn.aspx?ASCEUrl=/ASCEWebsite/Secure/MembershipRenewal/MembershipRenewal.aspx>

Prefer to renew by phone? ASCE's Customer Service is available at **(800) 548-ASCE (2723)** between 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., E.T., Monday to Friday.

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**WI Section's 2017 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector – Tony Castle**

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Article By: Kyle Bareither

Congratulations

The winner of the Wisconsin Section's 2017 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector is none other than our very own YMG President, Tony Castle! Tony has been intricate in the maintenance and development of the younger member group here in the southeast branch, having served on the board the past three years. He has advanced our STEM initiative by spearheading visits to the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (SSNC) to teach local children about STEM related topics and also co-chaired our annual STEM Expo in 2015. Outside of ASCE Tony has also excelled, acquiring his master's in structural engineering at MSOE in 2014 and moving up the ranks at EMCS, Inc.

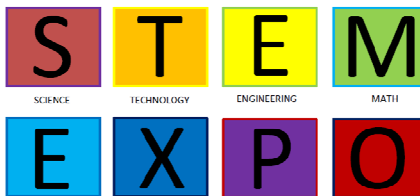
Congratulations, Tony!

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**2017 STEM Expo Update**

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Article By: Pat Flaherty



The date for this year's event has been set for October 21, 2017 and the planning team is now well on their way to planning the upcoming event. The committee has started purchasing materials and developing new activities for the Expo to make for an even more exciting activities lineup for this year! The team will also be starting their search for this year's sponsors shortly and sending out flyers.

If you think that your company may be interested in sponsoring this year's event, feel free to reach out to Pat Flaherty at [patrickf@rileycon.com](mailto:patrickf@rileycon.com) to get more information or make sure that you receive a flyer. We look forward to hosting another awesome event this fall!

**Dream BIG now showing at MPM Dome Theater**

Article By: Brian Genduso



All around the world, engineers are pushing the limits of ingenuity and innovation in unexpected, imaginative, and amazing ways.

*Dream Big: Engineering Our World* is the first film of its kind for giant screen theaters that will transform how we think about engineering.

From the Great Wall of China and the world's tallest buildings, to underwater robots, solar cars, and sustainable cities, *Dream Big* celebrates the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels both big and small, and shows how engineers push the limits of innovation in unexpected and amazing ways. With its inspiring stories of human grit and aspiration, and extraordinary visuals for the world's largest screens, *Dream Big* reveals the compassion and creativity that drive engineers to create better lives for people and a more sustainable future for us all.

Don't miss this opportunity as a civil engineer to see this unique film with friends and family. Show pride in your profession and help spread the word about STEM careers with young people.

To read reviews and learn more about the film, visit <http://www.dreambigfilm.com/>

Now Showing: July 10, 2017 - January 4, 2018

Run Time: 44minutes

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**Brian Genduso, P.E. – 414.278.9200 – [bjg@spireengineer.com](mailto:bjg@spireengineer.com)**

Deadline for next issue is the first of the month.

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**Job Postings**

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