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Region 1 Director's Report January 2009

This is the first in a series of reports that I will distribute to Governors and Section/Branch Leaders within Region 1. The goal is to keep you informed as to the activities of the National Board of Direction and update you on Regional events and issues.

November 2008 Board Meeting – Pittsburgh, PA

As an in-coming member of the Board, myself and 4 other Director and current president-elect Blaine Leonard were relegated to the “peanut gallery”. It is the ASCE equivalent of sitting at the kids table on Thanksgiving. After 4 days of meetings, dinner events, and forums, we were sworn in and became official members of the National Board of Direct (Class of 2011). We were assigned to our Board Committees and given our “homework”.

I would like to thank the outgoing Society Directors from Region 1, Andy Herrmann and Paul Moyer, for their support and guidance. I envision that I will be turning to them throughout my term

January 2009 Board Meeting – San Francisco, CA

The winter Board meeting was held in conjunction with the western Multi Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) attended by Regions 8 and 9. This helps to reduce travel costs as the presidential officials, local Directors, and ASCE staff were present for the conference. Outlined below are some issues that were discussed/addressed at this meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more detailed information.

1. Past Region 1 Director Andy Herrmann provided an update regarding the earlier-than-anticipated release of ASCE's 2009 Report Card on America's Infrastructure on January 25th. The high profile discussion regarding an infrastructure stimulus package resulted in the desire to release the Report Card while the stimulus bills are being debated on the Hill.
2. A heavily revised Policy on Green House Gases (PS 488) was presented and approved by the Board. The Policy sought to soften the language behind the scientific aspect of green house gases.
3. A resolution was presented and adopted by the Board relative to disparity in levee accreditation between FEMA and accepted engineering practices.
4. President-elect of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Mr. Samuel Grossman, spoke to the Board. He highlighted the common goals and objectives of all of the engineering societies and encouraged collaboration between the ASCE and NSPE. He stressed the need to speak with “one voice”.

5. A good deal of time was dedicated to the status of the new Association Management System (AMS). Unfortunately, several components of the software system are not functionally properly and are hampering reporting for various ASCE divisions. Numerous discussions and correspondence has occurred between ASCE and the software vendor to address the concerns. Updated will be provided periodically to the Board as to the status of the system.
6. Ed Richardson (Bechtel Corp) and Marla Dalton (ASCE staff) presented an operational plan for the formulation of the Industry Leadership Council (ILC). This entity would consist of upper level industry (private, public, education) leaders and would provide insight and to the Board and ASCE as needed relative to the engineering profession. The operation plans was accepted and the Council will begin operations shortly.
7. Christine Williams (Executive President ASCE Foundation) presented an external audit that was completed relative to ASCE Fundraising efforts. The report recommended a more consolidated, single point of contact approach to solicitation of funds from large corporate donors. The report also indicated the potential to increase the fundraisings efforts by 1/3 over the next 3 years.
8. Hank Hatch (at large Director) presented an update relative to efforts undertaken by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Upcoming Region 1 Assembly

The upcoming Assembly will be held in Albany, NY on April 4-5 at the Best Western – Albany Airport. Rooms for \$89/night have been blocked for Friday and Saturday. The *basic* agenda is as follows. Additional details will be provided as the event approaches.

April 2009 Assembly

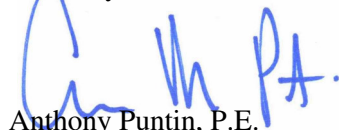
Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm	NE and NY Council
Saturday 1:00 pm to 6:00pm	Region 1 Assembly
Sunday 8:00 am to 11:00am	Region 1 Assembly
Sunday 11:30 am to 3:00pm	Board of Governors meeting

Upcoming Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held in late April 2009 Reston, VA (DC) in conjunction with OPAL awards. The meeting will include a review of the 3 president-elect candidates by the nominating committee.

Thanks you for your continued service to ASCE. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



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