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Region 1 Director's Report November 2010

This report provides an overview of the past Board of Direction meeting. The goal is to keep the membership of ASCE's #1 Region informed as to the activities of the National Board of Direction.

October 2010 Board Meeting – Las Vegas, NV

The fall Board meeting was held in conjunction with ASCE's annual conference in Las Vegas, NV. The 2 day board meeting preceded the Annual Conference. At the conference, I was able to enjoy the great "sites" along the Vegas strip with many members from Region 1. I had a great dinner with some of the NYC and NJ contingency....good company and good steaks! I also joined many others in welcoming Ms. Kathy Caldwell as our new President. The Board meetings included a great deal of presentations and discussions on a variety of topics. A detailed Board Action Summary is included at the end of this report. Major highlights of the meeting are as flows:

1. A significant discussion relative to sustainability was undertaken. The Board voted to be one of the founding members of the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI). This entity (comparable to the Green Building Council) will develop and manage a Civil Infrastructure rating system (comparable to LEED). This is an exciting step in ASCE's continual involvement in the area of sustainability as it relates to the civil infrastructure. More information will follow.
2. The presidential election process was discussed at length. There are many rules, regulations, and requirements that have been in place for many years. I was agreed that an evaluation of the system is needed. To that end, President Caldwell is forming a task committee to review the process. It is my hope that the results of this task committee will be presented at the spring Board Meeting.

Upcoming Board Meetings

The Winter Board meeting will be a teleconference on January 2011. The spring meeting will be held on April 1-2, 2011 in Washington, DC in conjunction with the Fly-in Days and the OPAL Awards.

Thank 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,

Anthony Puntin, P.E.
Region 1 Director

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY
October 19-20, 2010

1. The Board of Direction received the final report from the Student Transition Task Committee and took the following actions:
 - approved the five “Desired Outcomes” presented in the strategy sketch;
 - endorsed the direction of the draft actions subject to input from stakeholder staff and committee members who will use the actions and tasks as a baseline action plan for achieving the outcomes;
 - approved the six “Guiding Principles” presented in the strategy sketch;
 - authorized the Executive Committee to create a Student Transition Implementation Task Committee charged with coordinating and monitoring the work of the various strategy managers and stakeholders as they carry out the actions of this strategic initiative;
 - and discharged the task committee with thanks.

2. The Board of Direction received the final report from the Paraprofessional Task Committee and took the following actions:
 - referred the definitions for the roles of CE Professional, CE Technologist and CE Technician to the Public Policy Committee to prepare and present a policy statement to the Board of Direction for adoption;
 - authorized the Executive Committee to create a task committee to explore the most effective method of developing and promoting CE Technologist credentialing and a task committee to study the roles, responsibilities, and career needs of CE Technicians;
 - charged the Membership Committee with considering changes to the ASCE membership grade structure that will provide an opportunity for ABET-TAC baccalaureate graduates to qualify for Associate Membership under the same conditions as ABET-EAC graduates;
 - referred the CE Professional, CE Technologist, and CE Technician Grade Structure to the Committee on Professional Practice for possible inclusion in the ASCE Guidelines for Engineering Grades; and
 - discharged the Paraprofessional Task Committee with thanks.

3. The Board of Direction received a presentation on the Project Rating for Infrastructure Sustainability and Management (PRISM) program, authorized the President and Executive Director to negotiate and finalize a Business Plan, Bylaws, Founders Agreement and Articles of Incorporation for the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, and approved Christine F. Andersen, P.E., M.ASCE, Peter D. Binney, P.E., M.ASCE, and D. Wayne Klotz, P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE as the three ASCE member Directors of the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

4. The Board of Direction received a report from the Task Committee on Implementing the Competency Strategy, discharged the task committee with thanks for their work, and authorized President-elect Caldwell to evaluate the establishment of an appropriate entity within the new committee structure initiative to continue the task committee’s work.

5. The Board of Direction discussed a resolution presented by the Tennessee Section regarding the policies and procedures for selecting Official Nominees for President-elect and suggested that President-elect Caldwell work with the Executive Committee to appoint a task committee to review the issues raised by the Board related to this topic.
6. The Board of Direction approved an amendment to the Bylaws to clarify the eligibility requirements for individuals seeking the office of President-elect.
7. The Board of Direction discussed IRS lobbying limitations for 501(c)(3) organizations and review the proposed request to have the Public Policy Committee investigate the concept of forming a 501(c)(6) organization called the American Society of Civil Engineers Association as a parallel to the 501(c)(3) ASCE, to eliminate any uncertainty associated with IRS lobbying limits.
8. The Board of Direction adopted two new Policy Statements: PS "Offshore Facilities Development" and PS "Greywater Reuse" and approved seven revised Policy Statements.
9. The Board of Direction adopted the ASCE Public Policy Priority Issues for 2011.

Federal Priority Issues

- Clean Water, Drinking Water, and Wastewater Issues
- Natural Hazards Mitigation & Infrastructure Security
- Qualifications Based Selection for Engineering Services
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education
- Sustainable Development & Sustainable Energy Use
- Transportation Infrastructure

State Priority Issues

- Licensing
 - Qualifications Based Selection for Engineering Services
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education
 - Sustainability
 - Infrastructure Financing
10. The Board approved the following revisions to the Society's Rules of Policy and Procedure:
 - eliminate references to *ASCE News*, which will no longer be published in hard copy after the December 2010 issue;
 - enable the President and Executive Director to collectively authorize the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the Voluntary Fund in support of disaster response activities following a man-made or natural disaster;
 - authorize the Committee on Professional Conduct to exercise every means possible to resolve complaints through mediation or other measures, and to refer cases to ExCom only when it finds that disciplinary measures are the only appropriate course;
 - amend the award name and criterion for the Professional Practice Ethics and Leadership Award;

- allow Domestic Geographic Region Directors to travel to Student Conferences outside their Region without prior approval from the Executive Committee; and
 - reflect a change to the Society's Official Publications.
11. The Board of Direction received for first reading information amendments to the Bylaws to add the Board-approved definition of sustainability, clarify the process of notification for Special Business Meetings, and redefine the Society's Official Publications.
 12. The Board of Direction received for first reading information an amendment to the Constitution to clarify the method of notification for Code of Ethics and Bylaws amendments.
 13. The Board of Direction approved the 2011 At-Large Director criteria developed by the At-Large Director Subcommittee.
 14. The Board of Direction approved the Thomas Viaduct as an ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.
 15. The Board of Direction received reports from the Committee on Pre-College Outreach, Industry Leaders Council, Task Committee to Implement the Recommendations of the No Wrist Watch Task Committee, ASCE/EWB-USA Joint Committee, Committee on Sustainability, and ASCE Foundation.
 16. The Board of Direction received reports from the Executive Director and Treasurer of the Society, Presidents of the American Public Works Association, American Water Works Association, and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.
 17. The Board of Direction received and accepted the Tellers Committee report of August 17, 2010 validating the election results.
 18. The Board of Direction approved the appointment of Kim Parker Brown, P.E., M.ASCE to serve as a member of the Committee on Diversity and Women in Civil Engineering through 2013.
 19. The Board of Direction approved the appointment of Joseph M. Viola, P.E., F.ASCE as Delegate and Richard B. Cassin, P.E., M.ASCE as Alternate to the Hoover Medal Board of Award for six-year terms.
 20. The Board of Direction approved the following appointments for FY 2011:

Treasurer, Michael H. Wenning, P.E., F.ASCE
Assistant Treasurer, Louis C. Aurigemma, P.E., F.ASCE
Assistant Secretary and Parliamentarian, Thomas W. Smith III, CAE, M.ASCE
Investment Manager, Vanguard Institutional Asset Management