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## Region 1 Director's Report September 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.

### July 2010 Board Meeting – Salt Lake City, UT

The summer Board meeting was held in Salt Lake City, UT – the “hometown” of ASCE President, Blaine Leonard. The 2-day meeting included a good deal of presentations and discussions on a variety of topics. A detailed Board Action Summary is included at the end of this report. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

1. The National budget was a significant topic of discussion. The board voted to raise dues \$5 for FY11. They reserves are also being tapped for additional funding. The decrease in revenue and programs/initiatives resulted in the need for additional funding. The budget also included the discontinuance of ASCE News in about 6 months. The content will be put on the website and in Civil Engineering Magazine.
2. The reviewed and approved revisions to the ASCE vision and mission statements:

#### ASCE Vision

Civil engineers are global leaders building a better quality of life.

#### ASCE Mission

Provide essential value to our members and partners, advance civil engineering, and serve the public good.

3. A discussion relative to student activities and coordination occurred. There was some "debate" as to the Regions responsibility to reach out to the students and vice-versa. The catalysis for the discussion was a report completed by a Task Committee studying the potential alignment of student regions with geographic regions. The study indicated that the system should remain basically “as is”.

### Upcoming Board Meetings

The Fall Board meeting will be in held in conjunction with the ASCE Annual Conference in as Las Vegas from October 18 -23.

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,

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Region 1 Director

**BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**  
**July 10-11, 2010**  
**Salt Lake City, UT**

1. The Board received reports from the Committee on Younger Members, the Task Committee on Implementing the Competency Strategy, the Committee on Sustainability, the Report Card on America's Infrastructure, the Web status, and the ASCE Peer Review.
2. The Board approved Thomas M. Rachford, Ph.D., P.E., FASCE and James L. Withiam, Ph.D., D.GE, M.ASCE as recipients of the 2010 William H. Wisely American Civil Engineer Award.
3. The Board waived a requirement limiting the number of recipients for the President's Medal in order to allow Craig S. Farkos, P.E., M.ASCE, Albert A. Grant, P.E., Pres.88.ASCE, and Richard N. Wright, Ph.D., P.E., NAE, Dist.M.ASCE, to receive the 2010 award.
4. The Board approved a \$5.00 dues increase to adjust for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, which exceeds two dollars and forty-nine cents (\$2.49).
5. The Board approved the Fiscal 2011 budget, based on a \$5.00 dues increase and additional funds from reserves, with total operating revenue of \$54,254,000 and total expense of \$54,247,000, resulting in revenue in excess of expense of \$7,000 from operations.
6. The Board approved the Fiscal 2011 Capital Budget, concurred with the Fiscal 2011 budgets for each of the Institutes, Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. and the ASCE Foundation.
7. The Board adopted two new policy statements: "Levee Certification" and "National Infrastructure Bank"; adopted 61 revised policy statements; rescinded two policy statements (PS 144 and PS 376) and one resolution (R 529).
8. The Board authorized the Task Committee on Region-Student Relations to forward a copy of its report to the Educational Activities Committee, the Committee on Geographic Units, the Committee on Younger Members, and the Student Transition Task Committee and directed these entities to implement the recommendations found in the report. The Board authorized the Task Committee to distribute its report to the Region Boards of Governors and encourage them to participate in implementation of the recommendations. The Board discharged the Task Committee.
9. The Board received an update from the Strategic Planning Committee on the implications of the issue data gathered at the 2010 Multi-Region Leadership Conferences and approved modified ASCE vision and mission statements:  
  
ASCE vision: Civil engineers are global leaders building a better quality of life.  
  
ASCE mission: Provide essential value to our members and partners, advance civil engineering, and serve the public good.
10. The Board approved revisions to the Society's governing documents to further clarify the international travel policy for committee members; reduce the number of Regions

- represented on the Committee on Younger Members; allow Younger Member Groups to be called Younger Member Groups or Younger Member Forums; eliminate the Committee on Government Affairs and Policy Review Committee and create the Public Policy Committee; eliminate a step in the process for declaring intent to seek the office of President-elect and modify the dates for submission of election materials.
11. The Board approved an amendment to the Constitution to alter the number of days notice that must be given to the Society membership regarding an amendment to the Bylaws and reduce the number of days between Board meetings before action on a Bylaws amendment may take place. The amendment will be placed on the July 2011 election ballot for approval by the membership.
  12. The Board approved amendments to the Geo-Institute Bylaws, the Engineering Mechanics Institute Bylaws, Region 9 Bylaws, and the Rules for Standards Committees.
  13. The Board approved nominations of the President-elect for service on ASCE committees, effective October 1, 2010, and approved the individuals appointed to the Committee on Sustainability to become effective immediately.
  14. The Board approved Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as an ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.
  15. The Board convened as a Committee of the Whole to discuss proposed changes to the current structure of standing committees.
  16. The next meeting of the Board of Direction will be held in Las Vegas, NV on October 19-20, 2010.