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## Region 1 Director's Report April 2010

This report provides an overview of the past 2 Board of Direction meetings. The goal is to keep the membership of ASCE's #1 Region informed as to the activities of the National Board of Direction and update all on Regional events and issues.

### January 2010 Board Meeting – Teleconference

In an effort reduce costs and to make the Board a little “greener”, the Board met via teleconference on January 13, 2010. The agenda was fairly light and lent itself well to be undertaken via teleconference. The meeting went smoothly, with participants asking questions through the use of a chat box. The Board received an update on ASCE's financial status (very solid) and the sustainability efforts (progressing rapidly).

### March 2010 Board Meeting – Washington, D.C.

The spring Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Fly-In and OPAL awards. Region 1 was well represented at the Fly-In with all but one state (sorry Rhode Island) represented. The OPAL Awards is ASCE's “gala” event that highlights great accomplishments in civil engineering by individuals and projects. I believe that the schedule for next year will be very similar. I strongly encourage you to attend the Fly-In and stay for the OPAL. The 2-day Board 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 flows:

1. Sustainability continues to be a very hot topic of discussion. A presentation was made by the chair of the Sustainability Committee, Craig Farkos. The committee is working on many elements including: project certification, individual certification, public outreach, and review of ASCE's operations. The Committee is on schedule to present the first “Sustainable” awards at next year's OPAL gala. More detailed information will be presented in April's ASCE News.
2. A new Member Survey was presented. This survey highlighted the activities and programs that the membership feels are most valuable. This information will be utilized by the Program Committee (of which I am a member) in the review of the programs funded by ASCE.
3. Region 1 member Paul Moyer was approved as Chair of the Program Committee.
4. Region 1 member Francis J. Lombardi (NY/NJ Port Authority Chief Engineer) was elected to the level of Distinguished Member.
5. Additional funding (\$800±k) was approved for the final enhancements on ASCE's new website which was unveiled on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The new website represents the culmination of the \$1.7 million, 1½ year effort.
6. The possibility of and/or need to revise ASCE's mission was discussed.

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**Upcoming Board Meetings**

The summer Board meeting will be in Salt Lake City (the hometown of current ASCE President Blaine Leonard). The fall Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in Las Vegas in October.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A M Puntin'.

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**BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**  
**March 26-27, 2010**  
**Washington, DC**

1. The Board received reports from the Executive Director, the Finance Committee, the Task Committee on Implementing the Competency Strategy, the Committee on Sustainability, and the ASCE Peer Review.
2. The Board received an update on the results of the recent member survey.
3. The Board accepted the Society's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2009 and appointed Tate & Tryon as the Society's auditor for the consolidated financial statements for Fiscal Year 2010.
4. The Board received a report and updated business plan from the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc.
5. The Board approved the consolidated six charges as the framework for continued work by the ASCE/EWB-USA Joint Committee.
6. The Board received a presentation on the Society's new Web site and authorized Phase 1A Web enhancement funding in the amount of \$880,000, plus an additional expenditure of \$175,000 from the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Budget to develop an ASCE author network.
7. The Board elected the following individuals as Distinguished Members of the Society:
  - Imad L. Al-Qadi, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Robert L. Bowen, P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Robert G. Dean, Sc.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Vincent P. Drnevich, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - John Dunnicliff, P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Bruce R. Ellingwood, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Dan M. Frangopol, Sc.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Lester A. Hoel, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE, NAE
  - Ahsan Kareem, Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE, NAE
  - Francis J. Lombardi, P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Paul F. Mlakar, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Harry G. Poulos, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
  - Stein Sture, Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE
8. The Board of Direction referred development of a revised Vision and Mission statement back to the Strategic Planning Committee and directed the Committee to further evaluate its recommendations in light of the Board members' comments and concerns expressed during the meeting, and to further engage the Board of Direction and others outside the Committee in developing a subsequent recommendation to the Board.
9. The Board approved amendments to the Region 3 and Geo Institute Bylaws.

10. The Board approved amendments to the Society's Rules of Policy and Procedure to establish the Committee on Sustainability; clarify the reimbursement policy for Society members who reside outside the United States but have Congressional representation; revise the structure of the Audit Committee; codify the new committee and institute reporting schedule; and clarify that Region Boards of Governors have authority to approve amendments to a Council's governing documents. The Board also approved an amendment to the Society's Bylaws to eliminate duplicate language regarding the review of At-Large Director criteria.

11. The Board received for first reading information amendments to the Bylaws to allow younger member groups to be called Younger Member Groups or Forums; eliminate the Committee on Government Affairs and the Policy Review Committee to create the Public Policy Committee; and eliminate a step in the process for declaring intent to seek the office of President-elect.

12. The Board received for first reading information an amendment to the Society's Constitution to alter the number of days notice 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.

13. The Board approved the designation of the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan as an ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

14. The Board approved the appointment of Paul D. Moyer, P.E., M.ASCE to serve as Chair of the Program Committee through 2010 and Donald W. Vannoy, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE to serve as a member until 2011.

15. The Board referred the operations of the Building Security Certified Professional Program, including the creation and maintenance of a Board of Trustees, to the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. and referred current Building Security Council operations of the Rating System Development Committee, PLUS Ratings Manual, Online Learning Center and Building Security Seminars to the Architectural Engineering Institute.

16. The Board of Direction waived the requirement for the 2010-2013 Region 6 Director vacancy that the nominee shall have served as a Geographic Region Governor.

17. The Board of Direction approved the appointment of Kyle Twitchell, P.E., M.ASCE, to serve on the Committee on Younger Members through 2013 to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

18. The next meeting of the Board of Direction will be held in Salt Lake City on July 10-11, 2010.