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Region 1 Director

## Region 1 Director's Report April 2009

This report is distributed 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.

### **April 2009 Board Meeting – Washington, DC**

The spring Board meeting was held in conjunction with the OPAL awards presentations which were celebrated on Thursday evening, April 24, at the Hyatt Crystal City. The following outline briefly gives you an overview of some issues that were discussed and addressed at this meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more detailed information.

1. Executive Director Pat Natale gave a brief state-of-the-society report. Highlights include possible items that will increase value to the membership. One idea is to offer more continuing education webinars, some in Spanish. In response to concerns voiced at the last board meeting on the selected vendor's choice to use the same lead to manage both the website redevelopment and AMS revamp, each initiative now has a separate lead.
2. A good deal of time was devoted to the Finance Committee's report, given the current state of the nation's economy. It was estimated that about 3-4% of member have not renewed. Revenues are down and the committee recommended several cost-cutting measures including suspending one issue of ASCE News and reduction of some grants (SPAG included in that list).
3. Norma Jean Mattei gave the Audit Committee's report for Chair Dennis Truax. The committee recommended that the audit be approved (it gave the society's accounting practices a clean bill of health) and that the same auditor be used for next year.
4. Harry Farchman, chair of the Task Committee on Branding gave a report on the committee's progress to date. The committee, working with a graphics professional, recommended that the ASCE logo be slightly revised in order to be more easily centered. It was also recommended that each institute use the shield in their logos as a way to identify the institute with ASCE.
5. Wilfred Iwan of the new Engineering Mechanics Institute gave a report on the institute's progress and asked to have the provisional status removed. The institute now has 2055 members (over their 1 year target of 1804), has had an inaugural annual conference with 462 people in attendance, and has a new Journal of Nanomechanics.
6. Robin Temper presented the final report for the Task Committee on EWB. The task committee has developed and implemented action items which focus on communication of EWB-USA and ASCE and other entities and development of local champions at the Section/Branch level. Farchmin

7. Charles Anderson and Kurt Branhan gave an update on the website redevelopment. They plan to roll out parts of the newly reorganized website; many pieces have already been member-tested. The “go live” date is April 2010.

### **Distinguished Members:**

Congrats to the following members who were elected by the Board to the grade of Distinguished Member, in closed session:

Bernard Amadei, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE, NAE  
Jared L. Cohon, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE  
Billy L. Edge, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE  
Wilfred D. Iwan, Ph.D., M.ASCE, NAE  
Jon D. Nelson, P.E., M.ASCE  
Donald V.N. Roberts, P.E., F.ASCE  
Jeffrey S. Russell, Ph.D., P.E. F.ASCE  
Clifford J. Schexnayder, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE  
Robert L. Street, Ph.D., M.ASCE, NAE  
Rao Y. Surampalli, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE

### **Nominating Committee**

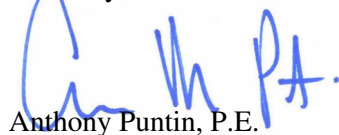
After brief presentations from each of the three potential candidates, a vote was called via secret ballot. Kathy Caldwell (Region 5) and Moustafa Gouda (Regional 1) will be formally on this summer’s ballot for President-elect of the Society.

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

The next Board meeting will be held in late July in Colorado.

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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