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Region 1 Director's Report November 2009

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

July 2009 Board Meeting – Keystone, CO

One of the main objectives of this meeting was to discuss and finalize the Society budget for the fiscal 2010-2011 budget. The current economic condition has necessitated that a reduction in various programs be instituted to balance the 2010-2011 budget. Additionally, measure were undertaken to reduce the then current fiscal year's expenditure. This included reducing and/or canceling committee meetings. The Board received many reports from various organizations, and task committees. A more detailed summary of the Board meeting is included at the end of this report.

October 2009 Board Meeting – Kansas City, MO

The fall Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Conference. The 5 in-coming members of the Board and president-elect Kathy Caldwell were sworn in and became official members of the National Board of Direction (Class of 2012). A variety of programs, projects and task committees present reports. Some of the highlights include:

- Website update – on time and under budget; scheduled to be operational in April 2010.
- Sustainability – task committee is developing methodology to certify designers and projects as “sustainable”; task committee will transition to a Board level committee.
- Plus 30 Task Committee – committee presented report/recommendations relative to definition of the “plus 30” required by Policy 465.
- *Civil Engineering Magazine* – a task committee made several recommendations relative to format and content of *Civil Engineering* magazine.

Upcoming Region 1 Assembly

The upcoming Assembly will be held in Albany, NY on April 17-18. Arrangements are being made for the hotel where the Assembly will be held. The *basic* agenda is as follows. Additional details will be provided as the event approaches.

April 2010 Assembly

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

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Upcoming Board Meetings

The winter Board meeting will be a teleconference held on January 13, 2010. The Spring Board meeting will be held on March 26-27, 2010 in Reston, VA (DC) in conjunction with 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,

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

Anthony Puntin, P.E.
Region 1 Director

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY
July 25-26, 2009
Keystone, Colorado

1. The Board approved the fiscal 2010 operating and capital budgets; concurred with the fiscal 2010 budgets for the Institutes, Building Security Council, and the ASCE Foundation. The 2010 operating budget did not include an ASCE dues increase but did include an increase from \$20 to \$30 for Institute dues when a member elects to join more than one Institute.
2. The Board concurred with the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. (CEC) 2010 budget and requested that CEC provide an updated business plan at the October 2009 Board meeting.
3. The Board requested that staff arrange for a peer review to be conducted prior to preparation for the FY2011 budget cycle, subject to the Executive Committee's approval of the scope of the project.
4. The Board rescinded its January 13, 2008 authorization to allocate twenty percent (20%) of the gross sponsorship income collected for the OPAL Awards Gala to an activity that benefits ASCE Student Members.
5. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to request an ASCE Foundation grant of \$75,000 to fund ASCE's hosting of 2010 National Engineers' Week.
6. The Board accepted an ASCE Foundation grant for \$200,000 to fund a one-time initiative that will include retaining a public relations consultant to develop and test key messages and identify audiences upon which a communications plan may be developed and implemented in support of Policy Statement 465.
7. The Board received a report from President Klotz regarding his activities and accomplishments during the Presidential trip.
8. The Board approved Terence E. (Ed) Richardson, P.E., M.ASCE, as recipient of the 2009 Wisely Award for his accomplishments and contributions to the Society, and for his leadership and tireless service in the creation of the Industry Leaders Council.
9. The Board received a final report from the Task Committee on Engineering Review Procedures, approved their proposed post-disaster assessment manual with modification, and discharged the Task Committee with thanks.
10. The Board received a report from the Post Hurricane Katrina Critical Infrastructure Guidance Task Committee and discharged the Task Committee with thanks.
11. The Board approved the strategic issue, desired outcomes, and guiding principles of the Sustainability Action Plan.
12. The Board received status reports from the No Wrist-Watch Committee, the Plus 30 Task Committee, Engineers Without Borders, and the Task Committee on the 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. In addition, the Board received updates on the Structural Engineering Institute's draft policy on licensure for structural engineers as well

- as the new Key Contact program video and the progress made since putting together a strategic plan for the program 20 months ago.
13. The Board received an update from the Strategic Planning Committee on the status of the association strategies and the path forward on the association radar screen.
 14. The Board approved the nominations of the President-elect for service on ASCE committees to become effective October 1, 2009.
 15. The Board adopted two new Public Policy Statements (PS “Withheld Payments Under Fixed-Price Architect-Engineer Contracts” and PS “Wind Storm Impact Research Funding”); rescinded Policy Statement 326 (“Waste Facilities Construction Funding”); adopted two revised Policy Papers (“Authorization of the Nation’s Surface Transportation Program—A Blueprint for Success” and “Reauthorizing the Nation’s Aviation Transportation Program—A Blueprint for Success”); and adopted 32 revised Policy Statements.
 16. The Board approved James A. Rispoli, P.E., F.ASCE, as the recipient of the 2009 Presidents’ Award for his more than 30 years of leadership in the design and construction of major projects and programs, including public works management, planning, design, consultation, and construction services to our armed forces and other executive agencies, especially our Department of Energy.
 17. The Board approved amendments to the Society’s Rules of Policy and Procedure to clarify that liaison representatives to liaison committees and external organizations are not authorized for travel reimbursement unless approved in advance by the Executive Committee; allow a current or past Board member to serve as Chair on the Program and Strategic Planning Committees; stipulate that the nominator for a Distinguished Member be the head of the Organizational Entity; clarify that the Past President serves on the Society Awards Committee as one of five (5) total members; replaces “former Society President” with the new title of “President-Emeritus”; and created the Industry Leaders Council.
 18. The Board received for first reading information proposed Bylaws amendment to clarify that the current Past President, declared candidates for President-elect, and the President-elect Elect are not eligible for election as a Distinguished Member of the Society; clarify definitions of Standing Committees, Standing Board Committees and Executive Committees; and clarify that only Region Official Nominees who were not selected by the Board Nominating Committee for President-elect may seek a petition route to the election ballot.

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY
October 27-28, 2009
Kansas City, MO

1. The Board received reports from the Executive Director, the Treasurer, the American Water Works Association, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, the American Council of Engineering Companies, and the American Public Works Association.
2. The Board received an update on the status of the web re-design project, including the budget of \$1,750,000 and final delivery of March 31, 2010. Neither of these targets may be exceeded without approval of the ExCom.
3. The Board received a report and updated business plan from the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. and authorized an increase to CEC's line of credit from \$700,000 to \$950,000.
4. The Board received final reports from the Task Committee to Achieve the Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025 and the Task Committee on Branding and discharged both task committees.
5. The Board received the final report of the Task Committee on the 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, approved new guidelines for state and local report cards, and extended the current task committee until July 2010.
6. The Board received the final report of the *Civil Engineering* Task Committee, adopted a mission statement for *Civil Engineering*, concurred that each issue of the magazine should include a broad range of article topics, authorized the Communications Committee to create as one of its constituent committees a *Civil Engineering Magazine Oversight Board* with a representative from the Publications Committee, authorized *Civil Engineering* magazine to continue publishing hard copies and over time continue the dialogue among stakeholders to address cost-saving issues, authorized a link-based web layout of the magazine, authorized a significant amount of online *Civil Engineering* magazine content be accessible to the general public, and discharged the task committee.
7. The Board approved the updated prioritized radar screen of association issues.
8. The Board received the final report from the No Wrist-Watch Task Committee, referred the recommendations to the appropriate committees for their subsequent action and submission to the Program and Finance Committees as potential activities for the FY 2011 budget process, and discharged the task committee.
9. The Board received the final report from the Plus 30 Task Committee, concurred that the additional 30 credit hours (or equivalents) should include a minimum of 15 credits of engineering technical courses with the remainder being in professional practice topics, concurred that Policy 465 should be modified, and discharged the task committee.
10. The Board received the final report from the Task Committee on Sustainable Design, authorized the creation of a standing Committee on Sustainability, extended the current

task committee until the standing Committee is created, and approved Sustainability Actions and definitions.

11. The Board approved amendments to the Bylaws of the Transportation & Development Institute, the Structural Engineering Institute, Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute, Environmental and Water Resources Institute, the Geo-Institute, and the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc.
12. The Board approved amendments to the Society's Bylaws on second reading to clarify that the current Past President, declared candidates for President-elect, and the President-elect Elect are ineligible for election as a Distinguished Member of the Society. The Board approved amendments to the Rules of Policy and Procedure to restructure the Society Awards Committee, remove the reference to senior office holder, exclude Presidential Officers from disciplinary sanctions for discharging their authorized duties, eliminate a monthly filing of financial expenses for candidates and nominees, revise the due dates for President-elect Candidate Biographical and Vision Statements, and allow President-elect Candidates to revise their Biographical and/or vision Statement up to two times. The Board received for first reading information amendments to the Society's Bylaws to revise election dates and create a Committee on Sustainability.
13. The Board approved three revised Public Policy Statements: PS 140 "Civil Engineering Education"; PS 377 "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education"; and PS 518 "Unified Definitions for Critical Infrastructure Resilience".
14. The Board approved the At-Large Director criteria as developed by the members of the Nominating Subcommittee on the At-Large Director. See **Attachment 1**.
15. The Board extended the Web Advisory Task Committee until April 2010.
16. The Board adopted the following ASCE Federal and State Priority Issues for 2010.

Federal Priority Issues

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

State Priority Issues

- Licensing
- Math & Science Education (K-12)
- Qualifications Based Selection for Engineering Services
- Sustainability
- Transportation & Infrastructure Issues

17. The Board received the final report from the Task Committee on Life Member Involvement, assigned ongoing Life Member coordination and distribution of materials to the Committee on Geographic Units, and discharged the task committee.

At-Large Director Process / Criteria
(For election in 2010)

PROCEDURE

Qualifications. Candidates for the office of At-Large Director shall be Society members in Good Standing and any grade except Student Member and shall have demonstrated expertise or special perspective deemed desirable by the Board of Direction. *Society Bylaws 6.1.2.1*

Nomination Procedure of At-Large Directors. The Standing Board of Direction Committees shall receive Board approved criteria for the review of At-Large Director candidates not later than November 15 of the year prior to that in which the vacancy shall be filled. Using this criteria, the standing Board Committees shall determine nominations for submission to the Secretary not later than December 31. *Rules Amendment Pending*

Selection of Slate of Nominees for Review. The At-Large Director Subcommittee may receive nominations from any Standing Board Committee and may also provide additional candidates. Using the Board approved criteria, the At-Large Director Subcommittee shall submit the names of no more than five (5) individuals to the Secretary. The Secretary shall contact the individuals regarding their willingness to serve, if elected.

Letter of Intent to Serve. The At-Large Director Candidates consent to their nomination by submitting a written letter of intent to serve, with acknowledgement of and intent to comply with the duties and responsibilities of the office. The letter of intent shall be submitted to the Society Secretary not later than February 15. *Rules Amendment Pending*

Biographical Statement. Candidates for the office of At-Large Director shall submit a Biographical Statement, in a format stipulated by the Society Secretary, not to exceed one thousand (1,000) words. Content of all Biographical Statements shall be reviewed and approved by the Society Secretary prior to distribution to the At-Large Director Subcommittee and shall be received by the Society Secretary not later than February 15. *Rules Amendment Pending*

Vision Statement. Candidates for the office of At-Large Director shall submit a Vision Statement not to exceed one thousand (1,000) words. Content of all Vision Statements shall be reviewed and approved by the Society Secretary prior to distribution to the At-Large Director Subcommittee. The Vision Statement shall be received by the Society Secretary not later than February 15. *Rules Amendment Pending*

Photograph for At-Large Director Candidates. Candidates for the office of At-Large Director shall submit a professional head shot, in color and of a resolution suitable for publication. The photograph shall be submitted to the Society Secretary not later than February 15. *Rules Amendment Pending*

At-Large Director Candidate Non-Acceptance. If none of the five (5) recommended Candidates for At-Large Director is able or willing to serve then the Board of Direction Nominating Committee At-Large Director Subcommittee shall propose additional At-Large Director Candidates until there is an acceptance.

Interview of At-Large Director Candidates. The At-Large Director Subcommittee shall conduct telephone interviews with those At-Large Director Candidates who have agreed to serve, if elected, not later than March 10. *Rules Amendment Pending*

Submission of At-Large Director Nominees. Upon completion of the interview process, the At-Large Director Subcommittee shall present no more than two (2) Nominees to the Board of Direction Nominating Committee for consideration and selection at the Spring Board meeting.

2010 CRITERIA

Specifically, to aid the current Board in pursuing the Society’s Infrastructure Strategy and to further its effort in putting forth innovative solutions to improve the condition of infrastructure in the United States and abroad, consideration should be given to At-Large Director candidates who have some of the following skills and experience:

- An individual from the public sector with a practical grasp on the condition of the water/wastewater side of infrastructure and its economic impact.
 - Preference for career experience in regional, state or local U.S. agencies.
 - A clear vision for the future of infrastructure and its role in society.
 - An understanding of emerging technologies and techniques for sustainable infrastructure development.
 - Experience with new solutions and best practices on infrastructure management, construction, maintenance and renewal, and innovative financing mechanisms.

**Board of Direction Composition October 2009-October 2010
 (Total of 17 Members)**

AGE

Age Range	<= 35	36 – 44	45 – 54	55 – 64	>= 65
Board Members	0	2	8	5	2

GENDER

Gender	Male	Female
Board Members	13	4

RACE/ETHNICITY

Race/Ethnicity	Afr Amer	Asian	Caucasian	Hispanic	Ntv Amer	Other
Board Members	0	1	14	1	0	1

TECHNICAL SPECIALTY (primary INSTITUTE)

Institute	AEI	CI	COPRI	EMI	EWRI	GI	SEI	TDI
Board Members	0	5	0	0	2	4	3	4

Not all Board members belong to an Institute.

PRACTICE AREA

Employment Setting	Government	Education	Consulting	Retired
Board Members	4	3	9	1