

The Nashville Younger Member Group, Tennessee Section, is excited to host the 2012 Eastern Regional Younger Member Council (ERYMC) as part of the Region 1, 2, 4 & 5 Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC) on January 20th- 21st, 2012. We are looking forward to having the Eastern Regions of ASCE come to Nashville and showing you some good ol' Southern hospitality!

We have an exciting community service event scheduled for Thursday afternoon, January 19th prior to the conference. We will be offering "Speed Mentoring" to a group of local high school students who participate in a Civil Engineering and Urban Planning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) academy. The event will conveniently take place at the conference hotel—perfect for those of you arriving from the airport that afternoon! It will provide the students with valuable one-on-one interaction with young engineers.

We are planning a joint social event with the Younger Members and Students Chapter Leaders for Friday night, January 20th. We are going to the Wildhorse Saloon, a famous entertainment venue located in the heart of downtown Nashville. There will be live music, a dinner buffet, pool tables, and a cash bar for your enjoyment. We will provide transportation from the hotel to downtown and offer a later returning bus for those that want to explore downtown on their own after the social.

On Saturday morning, January 21st, the ERYMC Business Meeting will take place. This formal meeting is your Younger Member Group's opportunity (through the authorized delegate) to make your voice heard on the Council and to the Society as a whole. A key aim of this Business Meeting is to propose, discuss and select the location ERYMC will recommend for its 2014 Council meeting. The 2012 ERYMC Business Meeting Co-Chairs are Jennifer DiStefano and Douglas Martin.

Last but not least, we have our annual ERYMC awards! As part of the council meeting, we like to recognize exceptional young engineers. We would love for your Section, Branch, or Younger Member Group to recognize your outstanding members by applying for an ERYMC Award in one of the following categories:

- *Outstanding Young Civil Engineer In The Private Sector*
- *Outstanding Young Civil Engineer In The Public Sector*
- *Outstanding Younger Member In Community Activities*
- *Outstanding Younger Member Group Community Service Project*
- *Outstanding ASCE Practitioner Advisor*

This year's nomination deadline for the awards is Friday, December 16th. You can find more information, including the award information and applications, on the ERYMC website. The awards will be presented at a dinner banquet on Saturday evening, January 21st to which you are ALL welcome to attend. The awards banquet will be held at Ellendale's Restaurant, which is close to the hotel and the airport for those of you leaving town Saturday night.

We hope to see y'all in January!



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