



**KENTUCKY SECTION ASCE
NEWSLETTER
January 2011**

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University of Louisville Student Chapter www.louisville.edu/speed/asce/
Western Kentucky University Student Chapter..... www.wku.edu/engineering/Programs/Civil/ASCE/

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ASCE Kentucky Section Members:

Hello to all – I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season (even including all of the brutally cold and snowy weather we've been having!). This is the first Section newsletter of the 2010-2011 year and we have several initiatives at the Section level to tell all of you about! First, though, let me say a big THANK YOU to all of those members, sponsors, student volunteers, and exhibitors who helped make our annual Section meeting a success in October. From member feedback, the meeting site in Bowling Green was very well received, and our host branch (Pennyroyal) should be congratulated for putting site on a great meeting! Thanks also go out to our members for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Section President for this year.....and I also need to thank Shane Palmquist, our outgoing President, for his leadership over the past year. But now, on with the news.....

Your Kentucky Section Officers, as elected by the membership and installed at the annual meeting are as follows:

- Shane Palmquist, P.E. – Past President
- Jon Keeling, P.E. – President
- Daniel Tegene, P.E. – Vice-President
- Craig Barnett, P.E. – Treasurer
- Chris Keil, P.E. – Secretary
- Joe Young, P.E. – Newsletter Editor

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments for the Section, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed above.

The Kentucky Section is working on a complete “redo” of their website. We have been working with a consultant to get the web pages put together, along with on-line content, and hope to have the website fully functional by the first of 2011. When it does come on-line, look for an email notice from the Section!

The Section is also sponsoring a major update to the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for Kentucky. The state report card was last updated in 2003, so there is quite a bit of information and data to review this time around. The update effort is being led by our Report Card Committee (chaired by Dr. Tom Rockaway), and they have been making great progress over the past few months on completing various issue briefs, and planning the advertising and “roll out” events for this significant effort in 2011. More information and details on the report card efforts will follow on our website as well. If you have any questions or comments on this effort, or still would like to volunteer to help finish various issue briefs, please feel free to contact myself (jon.keeling@stantec.com) or Dr. Rockaway (tom.rockaway@louisville.edu).

The Section board is discussing the possibility of holding our quarterly meetings at our various branch locations, perhaps in conjunction with a local branch meeting or event. The quarterly meetings would be rotated among the branches over the year.....plans are still tentative, but if we can make the logistics work, we will give it a try! Right now, our first board meeting will be tentatively held in late January 2011 – and all members are of course invited and welcome to attend! In the meantime, I encourage you to help support your local ASCE branch by attending their meeting and events. Please see below for a list of branch websites or other branch contact information to find out more about local events in your area.

I sincerely hope everyone has a great Christmas holiday, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Jon Keeling, P.E.
President, Kentucky Section ASCE

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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This year's annual meeting was hosted by the Pennyroyal Branch of ASCE on Oct. 8, 2009 at the Holiday Inn University Plaza & Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The theme of the annual meeting was *Bridging Troubled Water*. By all accounts, the meeting was a success and the technical presentations and exhibitions were informative and well received. The final attendance was reported as:

81 total attendees, including:
17 Student ASCE Members
49 Ky Section ASCE Members
10 Speakers
5 Exhibitor groups
9 Sponsors

Level II Sponsors (\$250 minimum):

Mason and Hanger, Inc.; STANTEC; DDS; Tensar International; Mr. Mac Yowell, P.E. and Mr. Jack Wright, P.E.

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Exhibitors present:

Lynn Imaging
Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky (PAIKY)
Oldcastle Precast
Kentucky Concrete Paving Association
Western Kentucky University

Nancy Albright, Chair of our scholarship committee presented this year's student scholarships:

\$1000.00	Lauren Mudd	University of Louisville
\$1000.00	Linzy Ball	University of Kentucky
\$1000.00	Ryne L White	Western Kentucky University
\$500.00	Roy John DeRoche	University of Louisville
\$500.00	Philip Riley	University of Kentucky

The Section Awards for 2010:

2010 Distinguished Young Engineer Award	Matt Rogers, P.E.
2010 Distinguished Engineer in Education	Dr. Warren Campbell, P.E.
2010 Distinguished Engineer in Government	David Moses, PE
2010 Distinguished Engineer in Private Practice	Dennis Smith, PE
2010 Distinguished Engineer in Public Sector	Jeff Lashlee, PE

Charlie Ritchie then presented the 2009 Robert M Gillim Award for Professional Recognition, to Ms. Linda Bridwell, P.E. of Kentucky American Water Company for her outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and the community. Charlie gave a short history of this award. Charlie's comments showcased that the Gillim Award represents the best aspects of both ASCE and the Civil Engineering Profession.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASCE's Report Card

At the urging of ASCE Region Four, Kentucky Section, ASCE, has agreed to Sponsor the effort to update **Kentucky Infrastructure Report Card** last published in 2003. Organizers are still seeking members of ASCE to research one or more of the 15 Categories evaluated. Particularly needed at this time are knowledgeable parties to evaluate progress in **Roads** and **Dams**. If interested in participation you are urged to contact either Chairman Thomas Rockaway or Contact Person Frank Campbell.

State Notification Form

June 20, 2010 to reportcard@asce.org

1. Geographical Area Covered by Report Card KENTUCKY
2. ASCE Geographical Unit Sponsoring Project Kentucky Section ASCE
3. Funding Source (s) Kentucky Section has appropriated \$1,000 minimum pending other
4. Report Card Contacts:
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Terry Sullivan	Levees & Inland Waterways
Fred Byrd	Schools
Vicki Combs	Wastewater
James Ballenger	Roads

6. Methodology:
ASCE Guide Book except accelerated schedule

7. Estimated Report Card Release Date:
Calendar Year 2010

8. Schedule:

May 24 – begin!
July 2 – Progress report to Louisville Branch
August 18 – Progress review – call for Issue Briefs
September 17 – Assign grades – select graphic artist
October 8 – First presentation- Kentucky Section meeting Bowling Green

Kentucky Geotechnical Engineering Group (KGE)

KGEG has upgraded the website to include up-to-date information and new features. The website includes new membership registration; update membership information, membership status, photo gallery, upcoming events, previous events, previous event attendance sheets, ORVSS and much more. Please check out the website: www.kgeg.org

ORVSS was a huge success. There were approximately 160 attendees. Thank you for attending ORVSS XLI. Thank you to all the Exhibitors that attended ORVSS XLI. ORVSS is not possible without the support from the Exhibitors:

- Dr. Steve Poulos P.E - GEI Consultants
- Don Basham, P.E. - USACE
- Dr. Alan Rauch, P.E. - Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
- Barry Thacker, P.E. - GeoEnvironmental Services Inc.
- Keith Ferguson, P.E. – HDR Consultants
- Steve Durrett, P.E. – USACE
- Nate Snorteland, P.E. – USACE
- Mike Marasa, P.E. – Hayward Baker
- Gregg Scott, P.E. – US Bureau of Reclamation
- John Stanton – Nashville District, USACE
- Christina Nuetz, P.E.

A special thanks to the committee:

Dr. Troy S. O'Neal, P.E. USACE
Mark J. Schuhmann P.E., Malcolm Barrett P.E. ATC Associates Inc.
Stephen Bickel P.E., Richard J. Mazzoni P.E. Stantec

The January 2011 meeting will be held on January 18, 2011 at the Kentucky Engineering Center in Lexington, Kentucky. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Kalinski, and the topic will be determined prior to the meeting. Please visit www.kgeg.org for additional details and to register for the meeting.

Upcoming ASCE Events

Multi-Region Leadership Conference – January 14-15, 2011,
Portland, ME
Region 4 Governors and Delegates Meeting – March 1-2,
2011, Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, TN
Region 4 Governors and Delegates Meeting- Fall 2011 –
Memphis, TN

Multi-Region Leadership Conference – January 2012 –
Nashville, TN

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