

Wisconsin Section Southwest Branch (<http://ascewisw.org/>)

Thursday, October 20, 2011



Project Tour: UW-Madison – New La Bahn Arena (Kohl Center Addition) AND Scholarship Presentation Banquet

On Thursday, October 20th, ASCE will kick-off its meeting with a site tour of the UW-Madison Kohl Center Addition. This project is being built by J.H. Findorff & Son, and is a 103,000 square-foot facility consisting of a concrete structure from the lower level to the main concourse and a steel structure from the main concourse to the third floor. This addition will contain locker rooms for men and women's hockey as well as for men and women's swimming, new offices for the women's hockey program, a practice facility for both men and women's hockey, and a new game facility for women's hockey. There will also be a skywalk connecting this addition to the SERF building where the swim team practices. One point of interest regarding this project is that it had the first bubble deck pour in the United States! A presentation on what bubble deck is will occur later in the evening's program after the tour is complete.

Time: 4:30-4:45 pm Registration
4:45-5:30 pm Tour
5:45-8:00 pm Scholarship Presentation
Banquet

Meal Cost: Professionals - \$15
Students – FREE

Menu: Italian buffet with a mixed greens salad, vegetarian and beef lasagna, and breadsticks. The buffet includes coffee, tea, and milk.

Tour Location:

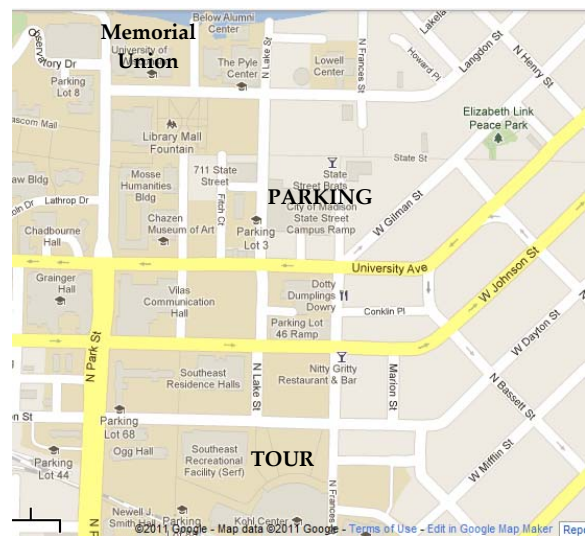
Findorff Jobsite Trailer
Dayton St.
(West Side of Kohl Center)

Banquet Location:

Memorial Union
Inn Wisconsin (2nd Floor)
800 Langdon Street
Madison, WI

PLEASE NOTE: Proper construction site apparel required for tour – bring hardhat, safety glasses and safety vest. No shorts, skirts, open-toed or high heel shoes allowed for site tour. Some safety equipment will be available, please indicate in the RSVP if you need equipment.

Parking: There are various City of Madison & UW-Madison parking structures in the area, but the State Street Ramp (415 N. Lake Street) is centrally located between the tour and banquet locations.



Larger map available at: <http://map.wisc.edu/>

RSVP:

Look for an Evite in your inbox. Please RSVP by 5 pm on October 12th so we can know how much food to order. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Stone (astone@baird.com) (preferred) or 608-273-0592).



Mark your calendars for the October ASCE Southwest Branch

Meeting:

4:30 pm Thursday, October 20.

Sign up NOW - RSVP date is Oct. 12!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! The glory of fall is upon us, and we have a great tour and banquet scheduled for this month that is sure to make each of us a bit nostalgic for the days we ourselves roamed a college campus. Our October joint meeting with the UW-Madison ASCE campus chapter will be a great opportunity to take a stroll down memory lane by conversing with the current students during the tour and banquet.

Talking to the students always reminds me of the days when I was a member of their group - a group that is still near and dear to my heart, as it was through that organization that I made some of my best friends. Come to think of it, if I had not been a member of ASCE as a student, I probably would not have met my now husband! Of course, beyond the social aspects, I gained leadership experience by serving as an officer and even landed my first internship because of my involvement.

And it is great to know that the UW-Madison ASCE chapter is still going strong! They have over 15 students volunteering as officers and committee chairs. They hold bi-weekly meetings, participate in outreach and volunteer activities, and they have been recreational co-ed broomball champions for 2 years in a row! If that was not impressive enough, the Steel Bridge team took 1st place overall at regionals and attended Nationals at Texas A&M University, and the Concrete Canoe team also took 1st place at Regionals and took 2nd place overall at Nationals with their boat "Element". These students work hard in and out of the classroom and our profession is the better for it!

So as you read this, think back to your days as a college student and as a student member of ASCE (if you were). Think of the value your education and ASCE involvement has brought to your life, both professionally and personally. Then, come to the tour and banquet on the 20th and TALK to a student (or more than one if you're ambitious)! Find out what they are interested in and what they like about ASCE. Ask them what we, as professionals, can do to help them succeed. Maybe they are looking for a mentor, or an internship, or a job after graduation. My guess is that even though they may want all of that, what is probably the most important first step (and the easiest for you), is simply a friendly conversation, mixed with a little encouragement and advice.

See you on campus!

Theresa Possley Nelson, PE

ASCE WI Southwest Branch President 2011-2012

YOUNGER MEMBER UPDATES

Hello Younger Members of the ASCE SW Branch!

Have you been wanting to get more involved in the branch and the community but didn't quite know how? Well, today is your lucky day-- the Southwest Branch Younger Member Committee (YMC) is inviting you to join us by participating in an assortment of upcoming events!

We are starting something new this year - hosting a Younger Member event every other month, which will alternate between a social event and a community/outreach/volunteering activity. Our goal is to try out a variety of activities that our Younger Members haven't necessarily done together before to increase our Younger Member involvement and to help us get to know other awesome younger engineers in the area. Our first event is coming up on Saturday, October 22nd, where we will be helping out the UW-Madison student chapter with their Adopt-a-Highway clean-up; but this will be done with a twist! Our next Younger Member event will be held in December--as a teaser, this event will involve enjoying the company of your fellow younger members while dressed to impress in ugly holiday sweaters! This will be followed by another volunteer opportunity as a group in February. Please see our website (<http://ascewisw.org/>) for more information.

If you are interested in being on the YMC to come up with ideas and help us plan these events, please contact us at ymc@ascewisw.org.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Meredith Claeys

ASCE WI Southwest Branch YMC Co-Chair

Younger Member October Volunteer Opportunity

The Younger Member Committee is kicking off the year with a volunteer roadside cleanup on Saturday October 22nd from 10 am to 1 pm. This will be a joint effort with the UW-Madison student chapter of ASCE to clean up their Adopt-a-Highway section of County Hwy MM. Prizes will be awarded for the best "trash" in various categories for those who volunteer. It will be a great opportunity to socialize with other Younger Members and student chapter members. Depending on turnout, we may organize a carpool. Also, those who are interested can grab lunch together afterwards. Watch your inbox for an E-vite/email for further details and to RSVP so we can coordinate rides. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Stone at astone@baird.com.