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October, 2012
NEWSLETTER



Thursday October 18, 2012
University of Wisconsin - Memorial Union Renovation

Join us for our October meeting focusing on the new Memorial Union Renovation. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the UW Madison ASCE Chapter. Come show them what being a professional ASCE member is all about!

The Memorial Union Reinvestment Project will occur in two phases. Phase I of the Memorial Union Reinvestment Project will renovate and enhance the West Wing and 5th floor. This phase will address the accessibility needs of the West Wing by removing some of the level changes and adding in various ramps, lifts and elevators. This phase will also enhance the program needs of building users, most notably Hoofers, Union Theater, Craftshop and WUD. Phase I will also update the infrastructure of the West Wing by addressing aging HVAC system, plumbing and lighting. Phase I construction is set to begin in Summer 2012 and will be completed in Summer 2014. The building and Terrace will remain open throughout the project.

Phase II of the Memorial Union Reinvestment Project will focus on the Central Core and Commons Wing. The details of this phase are not yet finalized. Construction on this phase will occur sometime after Phase I is completed.

Project Architect Firms: **Uihlein Wilson and Moody Nolan, Inc.**
Structural Engineer: **GRAEF**
Construction Manager: **The Boldt Company**

Click [here](#) for the event website and to **RSVP**.

Schedule

5:15 - Memorial Union Renovation Tour

6:00 - Presentation by Boldt's Project Manager on the renovations

6:30 Presentation from Engineers without Borders - Student Chapter

6:45 ASCE Scholarship Award Presentations

Menu

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

Meal Price

Professionals: \$16.00 (please bring check/cash to the event)

Students: Free (However, if you register and do not show up, you will be invoiced \$5)

Please **RSVP** by October 11, 2012 on the event website (preferred) or email prog_arr1@ascewisw.org. Those who RSVP and do not attend will be expected to cover their meal.

Address

Memorial Union
800 Langdon Street
Madison, WI 53706

Parking

There is limited parking in the Helen C. White Library ramp just west of Memorial Union; otherwise the State Street Parking Ramp (415 S. Lake Street) offers additional parking and is short walk from the Union.

Younger Member Update

The Younger Member Committee (YMC) is off and running for the 2012-2013 year. We kicked off the new year on September 18th with a social and planning meeting at the Memorial Union. Those in attendance decided the YM Committee will organize one event each month for our Younger Members for the 2012-2013 year - that will be double the events from last year! Our plan is to keep many of the planned activities social in nature while also offering community service, educational, and outreach activities geared towards YMs.

While events organizing by the YMC are geared towards those members 35 and younger, all are welcome at our events!

Upcoming YM Events - Mark your calendars!!!!:

October 9, 2012 6 pm - 8 pm: Social at Capital Brewery - [RSVP HERE!!!!](#)

November 3, 2012 TBD: Adopt-a-Highway with UW-Madison student chapter

December 7, 2012 6 pm - 12 am: Ugly Holiday Sweater Bar Crawl

If you have any questions about YM activities or would like to become more involved, please [email me](#).

Theresa Possley Nelson, PE
YMC Chair

President's Message

Welcome to the ASCE New Year.

One very significant change has occurred since your last newsletter, particularly in Wisconsin. Engineers registered in Wisconsin must now comply with the new law in effect since August 1, 2012, requiring continuing education. Prior to July 31, 2014, each of us, as registered professional engineers, must accumulate 30 PDH credits, two of which must be for programs on ethics and eighteen of which must have been obtained in a "classroom" setting where there is interaction between the participants and the instructor. The SW Branch is committed to doing what it can to assist its members in complying with the new law. Your participation in professional activities, such as Southwest Branch meetings, can qualify for PDH credit. I urge you to attend your SW Branch meetings and to get personally involved.

This newsletter is reaching many of you by email. Those of you who do not have your email address listed with ASCE National will receive this newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. For those of you with working email addresses listed with ASCE National, this is the only means, with one exception, of obtaining the newsletter. The exception is that you can access the newsletter on the SW Branch website.

Out of curiosity how many of you have visited the Branch website? If you haven't gone to the website, please do so. It contains a wealth of information and is undergoing continual improvement. It is also a means of getting to know a bit about your officers, directors and committee members and many ASCE activities. You may access the Branch website via links on the ASCE National website or directly at www.ascewisw.org. You may be pleasantly surprised by how active some of your fellow members are. Any suggestions that you may have for improvement of the website are welcomed. You may contact any of the officers or directors listed on the website.

There are two initiatives being undertaken by ASCE that are of critical importance to our membership. There are others, but my focus is on two. One, of which the implementation of the continuing education requirements in Wisconsin is a part, is "Raise the Bar." It is an effort to keep Civil Engineers current with ever-changing technological advances and to improve our image among the general population. The second, "Failure to Act", addresses the "cost" to all of us if we do not adequately address our deteriorating national infrastructure. These are two, very important and critical initiatives to the profession and to all of us. Learn more about them by going to the ASCE website at www.asce.org. Having preached long enough, I'll end this newsletter by once again urging you to attend your Branch meetings and to get personally involved in ASCE.

Let's have a great year!

Larry Ryan, P.E.
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!!

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