

Diverging Diamond Interchanges December Meeting

*Wednesday December 18, 2013
Noon to 1:15pm*

*Vintage Brewing Company
674 South Whitney Way
Madison, WI 53711*

[Register Here](#)

Come join us at the Vintage Brewing Company to learn about Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDI) and the first project in WI between I 39/90 and WI 11/Avalon Road.

Professional Engineers attending the event will receive .5 PDHs. Lunch will be a build your own sandwich bar. The total cost of the event is \$18 per person and can be paid either via PayPal (when you register) or will be collected at the door.

If you have any questions about registration,
please contact Francesca at 917-282-8866

We look forward to seeing you there!

Steel Bridge Regional Competition Judges Needed!

UW-Platteville will be hosting the regional steel bridge competition this year on March 28th-29th. They're in need of help from the professionals for judging! You can volunteer for one or both days. Contact Jake Gregerson (gregersonj@uwplatt.edu) if you'd like to get involved.

Holiday Message from the Region 3 Director John Fraenhoffer

I Am Thankful For You

It is my honor as the Region 3 Director to wish you the happiest of holiday seasons. For me, the entire month of December causes me to reflect upon my blessings. I am so very thankful for a healthy family, for new and lifelong friends, and for a civil engineering industry that was so good to me.

ASCE is the home of my beloved civil engineering profession. My career allowed me to make a difference for the traveling public, help owners solve their problems with infrastructure, buildings, and structures, save money for retirement, and now during retirement, concentrate on my ASCE Region.

We have so many accomplishments for which we are proud. Last month, I awarded the University of Akron ASCE Student Chapter with the Ridgeway Award, the highest national award for a student chapter. Earlier this year, I presented the University of Wisconsin Platteville with the Region 3 Distinguished Student Chapter Award. This summer, I engaged with the University of Illinois Student Chapter as they hosted the National Concrete Canoe Competition. These students are our future, and from my vantage point, the **future is bright.**

I am thankful for our Younger Members. They manage terrific programs for our younger member groups, and for some branches such as my home branch, they manage the branch. Region 3 would be weak without them. I am thankful for our Section and Branch Leadership. Each year, they strive to formulate a meaningful program for our members, and **these local programs are critical to the sustainability of ASCE.**

I am thankful for my Board of Governors and for my past governors who continue to participate in our Region 3 Infrastructure Initiative. I ask much of my Governors, and they are very productive. I am thankful for my fellow ASCE Directors who labor all year endeavoring to steer ASCE along a productive and prospering course. No amount of available time is ever enough.

I am thankful for the ASCE Staff. It is not easy to serve association membership, and it requires giving up nights and weekends. A demanding Region 3 Director does not make it easier.

I am thankful for you, for being an ASCE member. Membership brings strength to the civil engineering industry, so important to our public. Enjoy December! It's the most wonderful time of the Year!

President's Message

We've had a very successful fall season here at the Southwest Branch with the Wisconsin Section meeting being held here in Madison, our annual bowling social night, and scholarship banquets at both UW-Platteville and UW-Madison. I want to thank everyone who was able to come out to one of our events, our great speakers, and the generous firms and individuals who donate to the scholarship fund for the SW branch students.

The UW-Platteville student chapter is looking for help from the professionals in our branch with the upcoming regional steel bridge competition. The chapter will be hosting this year's competition and is in need of professionals to help judge. The dates are Friday March 28th and Saturday March 29th, however you can volunteer for just one or both dates depending on your availability. Please contact Jake Gregerson (gregersonj@uwplatt.edu) if you'd be interested in volunteering or would like more information.

We've got a great program for our December lunch meeting at Vintage Brewing Company on the west side where we'll learn about the diverging diamond interchanges (DDI) being implemented in large transportation projects in the area (more about them [here](#)). You're likely to encounter some in southern Wisconsin with many of the new transportation projects coming in the near future. You'll also be able to earn 0.5 PDH credits toward licensing requirements. Visit the event website to get more details and [RSVP](#). You can even pay via PayPal through the event website before the meeting!

Looking for a New Year's resolution that will help others while getting more involved in ASCE? Please consider volunteering through some of our volunteer opportunities coming up this spring. We'll be scheduling a Habitat for Humanity day coming up where we are always looking for eager volunteers. We're always looking for new ideas, so let us know if there's anything you'd be interested in getting involved with. We also have a vacant position as the liaison to the UW-Madison student chapter that we would like to fill with a professional member willing to provide guidance. I hope you all have a happy holiday time with your family and travel safely. See you in the new year!

Amanda Stone, P.E.
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President

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