President’s Message

I have recently registered as an ASCE Key Contact (page 4), the Society’s advocacy program. I look forward to a new focus on public policies as a means of advancing our profession. In addition to my assigned duties for the following year as Past-President, I plan to direct more attention to Legislative Affairs. As a Key Contact I’ll be receiving weekly updates about policies that affect the work we do and how we can support civil engineering and the state and federal level. I’ll be relaying some of these updates on our Branch newsletter.

On that note, this article is also my last President’s Message for our newsletter. I had received much support and encouragement from many of you during the past year and for that I am grateful. Please welcome In-coming President Lauren Popescu as well as our newest board member, Brandon Reyes. I still believe deeply, as I did a year ago, that new participation and activity with ASCE will give you an increased sense of being a part of something greater than yourself. I still encourage you to consider joining the Board or participating with one of our Branch committees. Also please keep an eye on the events Calendar on our web site for events and meeting topics this coming year. I hope to see you at those meetings so that we can maintain contact for yet another year.

Civil Engineers are at home with ASCE.

(See page 4 for more information on ASCE Key Contact)

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Krieger & Stewart currently employs approximately 55 people, including 16 registered civil engineers, 3 licensed land surveyors, 2 environmental specialists, 10 construction inspectors, and a supporting staff of graduate engineers (civil and mechanical), designers, drafters, secretaries, and surveyors. Our principal and senior engineers are not just managers, but are always directly involved in the details of each of the projects they oversee to ensure that the firm’s clients are provided with the benefit of their experience and expertise. The firm’s principals include:

Your local Riverside - San Bernardino Branch would like to take this moment to thank the following companies for their continued support and involvement with your local ASCE. By simply opening your place of business and allowing the use of your facilities you have aided in the future of our ASCE chapter and the future of our industry. Your involvement within our professional community does not go unnoticed, so again we take this time out to say...

Thank you.
First Initial Point

East Liverpool, Ohio
Completed September, 1785

The "Land Ordinance of 1785" required that U.S. lands in the public domain be surveyed before sale, and that the surveys be made in accordance with a consistent, integrated system of lines grid-oriented to a true meridian (north-south reference line) and base line (east-west reference line), subdividing the land into approximately square parcels, called townships.

Thomas Hutchins, the first Geographer of the United States, drove his stake near East Liverpool, Ohio to mark the Point of Beginning of the Geographer's Line, the first westward base line.

The surveys were required by the ordinance to begin "... on the Ohio River at a point that shall be found to be due north from the western termination of a line which has been run as the southern boundary of the state of Pennsylvania." This point was chosen because the southern boundary of Pennsylvania had just been surveyed, but the western boundary had not.
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ASCE's Key Contact Program is the Society's grass roots advocacy program. Through the Key Contact Program, members can learn about public policy issues important to the civil engineering profession and help advance the priorities of the profession through interaction with elected leaders. As a Key Contact you will receive:

-This Week in Washington, an e-newsletter delivered to your inbox every Friday with the latest news and developments affecting civil engineering in Washington and the state capitals.
-Key Alerts to let you know when specific grass roots action is needed to support civil engineering issues at the federal or state level.

Grassroots Materials for Summer 2010
Find all the resources you need to represent ASCE this summer at a Town Hall meeting or a Back Home Visit with your elected officials.

Grassroots Resources
ASCE provides a number of resources for grassroots advocacy, including:
16 Ways to Get Involved in ASCE's Government Relations Program
Interacting with Elected Officials
Suggestions for Meeting With Your U.S. Representative and Senators
Suggestions for Writing Your Member of Congress
Ten Ways to Get Involved in Elections
Key Contact Webinar Series
From Town Halls to social media, join other ASCE Key Contacts on our webinar series to learn how to lead the discussion on infrastructure in your local community

Key Contact Program Feedback
What are ASCE members saying about the Key Contact Program? Hear stories of grassroots success, rewards of being a Key Contact, meeting with legislators at the Legislative Fly-In, and serving as an ASCE Congressional Fellow.

Join the Program
Congress 2011 Call for Abstracts

The organizing committee of the World Environmental & Water Resources Congress 2011 welcomes abstract submissions for this year’s event, being held May 22-26, 2011, in Palm Springs, California. Submissions are due by the deadline of September 7, 2010. In terms of requirements, abstracts must be in English, contain material not previously published or presented, include the title of the paper, a 250-500 word abstract of the paper or extended abstract and the author or a list of authors if appropriate. Please be certain to identify the expected presenter. For each author, please include their name, affiliation, mailing address, e-mail, and phone number. It should also be noted that the author who uploads the abstract is expected to be the same author that would ultimately submit the final paper.

A variety of tracks and sessions will be hosted at the 2011 Congress, and EWRI anticipates strong participation and a diverse sampling of technical content in the conference program. Visit the Congress website for a list of sub-topics to supplement the above-listed subject matter. The website also provides additional information on housing, international attendees, tours, and opportunities to sponsor or exhibit in Palm Springs.

For questions, or more information about the 2011 World Environmental & Water Resources Congress, visit the website, contact the Congress Technical Chair at ewri2011tc@asce.org or send inquiries to ewri@asce.org.

If you would like to exhibit or cosponsor the conference please contact our professional congress manager at 1-800-548-ASCE or by mail at LKing@asce.org.

the following link will provide sub-topics:
http://app.message.asce.org/e/er.aspx?s=1360&lid=565&elq=348434b1a28f4403a217c8239151987e

July 2010 meeting recap

On Wednesday July 21, 2010, the ASCE San Bernardino & Riverside Counties Branch had our monthly meeting at the Hilton, San Bernardino. Mitch Alderman, the Director of Transit & Rail Programs for SANBAG spoke about the Passenger Rail Extension to Redlands. The turnout to the event was amazing, bringing in over 40 engineers and professionals from all over the area. The San Bernardino & Riverside Branch will continue to offer interesting and dynamic topics that cater to the local happenings in engineering, and hope to see you at future luncheons.
AN ENGINEER IS LOST IN A HOT AIR BALLOON WHEN HE SPIES A MAN ON A HILL. HE HOLLERS DOWN AND ASKS HIM IF HE KNOWS WHERE HE IS.

THE MAN ON THE GROUND SAYS "YES, YOU ARE IN A HOT AIR BALLOON, ABOUT 40' OFF THE GROUND AT LATITUDE 40 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 80 WEST."

"WELL," SAYS THE ENGINEER, "I CAN TELL THAT YOU ARE A LAND SURVEYOR."

"AND HOW IS THAT," THE MAN ON THE GROUND REPLIES? "YOU GAVE ME A PRECISE ANSWER THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NO HELP TO ME."

"AND I CAN TELL THAT YOU ARE A CIVIL ENGINEER!" SAYS THE MAN ON THE GROUND. "YOU ARE LOST, ASK ME FOR HELP AND NOW IT'S MY PROBLEM!"

Lighter Side

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ASCE National Election Results

The 2010 national election ended on Friday, August 13. The Tellers Committee convened to verify the election results. The following persons are elected to serve the upcoming year.

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Transportation systems should benefit from gas tax

Thursday, March 11, 2010
The March 5 editorial which called for a higher federal gasoline tax, made two important points and missed the mark completely on an equally important one.

Unquestionably, Americans must change their transportation behavior. Traveling by car will be part of our culture for years, but so increasingly will mass transit, telecommuting and fuel-efficient vehicles. Equally unquestionable is the fact that we cannot continue to use vital roadways and expect to pay the same gas tax we did 20 years ago. That's just economic common sense.

The editorial missed the mark, however, on how to use the funds generated. Americans understand the importance of sound investments. We also understand the importance of good transportation systems. So why would we ever consider investing the money we all faithfully pay at the pump each week in anything other than improving the transportation systems it was generated by? Don't we owe ourselves at least that much?

Blaine D. Leonard, Reston

Retraction:
Between the many hardworking and creative minds responsible for the design and layout of your ASCE San Bernardino/ Riverside Counties Branch Las Angeles Section, Region 9 Newsletter. We make every attempt to print without mistake or blemish. In the unlikely event any mistake could get past us, we are not unable to admit to our mistake so without further ado we shall retract. In our July 2010 newsletter we mistakenly printed:

Government engineer of the year: Manuel Delgado

where it should have read:

Private Engineer of the Year: Manuel Delgado, Manuel A. Delgado & Associates

Again congratulations and we do apologize for the misprint.
Let’s go DODGERS! was all we heard on the evening of August 21, 2010. Seventeen members of the San Bernardino-Riverside YMF and Seventeen members from Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch YMF attended a joint picnic and Dodgers game. People from San Diego, San Bernardino and Los Angeles gathered at the park and had chicken and carne asada along with many delicious sides, such as beans, rice, salad, coleslaw and brownies. It was a great networking experience and even allowed time to plan future joint events. “Civil Engineers” displayed on the big screen at the stadium, singing ‘take me out to the ball game’ during the 7th inning stretch, and watching the home runs by Theriot, Ethier, Gibbons and Kemp helping the dodgers win the game 8-5, made for a GREAT evening.
DEPUTY MANAGER OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Chino, California

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The Position
Reporting directly to the Manager of Construction Management, this position is a management level classification responsible for managing the day to day operation of various projects including oversight of 14 employees. Additional responsibilities include contract administration, quality control, inter-departmental and multi-agency coordination. The Agency is seeking an effective leader of people and processes, able to utilize and develop the talents of staff and subordinates, to advocate on behalf of the Department and Agency, and to facilitate a participative team environment. Candidate must be a good listener, and a person with imagination, vision, and flexibility.

The Ideal Candidate
The ideal candidate will be an experienced professional with outstanding communication, organizational and leadership skills. This position requires an approachable person with a high energy level capable of operating with significant independence and initiative. The successful candidate will have highly developed interpersonal skills, political astuteness, deal effectively with diverse groups, have effective written and oral communication skills, and the capability of making sound business decisions.

Qualifications
The individual must possess at least 15 years of increasingly responsible experience in civil engineering, construction management/inspection in industrial or public works projects and/or water and wastewater facility operations including 10 years of supervisory responsibilities. A Bachelor’s degree with major course work in civil, mechanical, electrical engineering or a related field is required. A Masters degree and/or CMAA, and/or water/wastewater operator certification is desirable.

APPLY BY: Friday, September 17, 2010, no later than 5 p.m. You may submit an Agency application, supplemental questionnaire, cover letter and resume to: Human Resources Department 6075 Kimball Ave., Chino, CA 91708; an application packet is available on the Agency’s website: HYPERLINK "http://www.ieua.org" www.ieua.org and click on job openings. For additional information or assistance, please call our office at 909-993-1600 - EOE.
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Over the summer your ASCE San Bernardino – Riverside Branch will be contacting you for a business card advertisement in your monthly newsletter. The proceeds from the business card ads defray the costs of newsletter so that the Branch funds can be used for purposes of providing student scholarships, Engineer’s Week in February where the Branch volunteers make presentations to the local high schools to generate interest in the field of engineering, and other community programs. The cost of the newsletter advertisement is $250 for a one-year subscription of 10 issues. Included with the Business Card advertisement is a business spotlight in the monthly newsletter where one or two businesses are highlighted. If you would like to reserve your spot early for next years newsletter please contact your Treasurer for next year – Matthew Addington at (909) 477-2710 ext 4202 and let him know which month you would like your Business Spotlight (1st in line gets first choice).
Professional Directory

If you’d like to have your business card or company information listed in the Professional Directory, Please Contact: The Branch Treasurer, Rita Escobar, at (714) 567-2498 or email at rita.escobar@aecom.com
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September Meeting

Latest Legislation - Board Of Professional Engineers and land Surveyors

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