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ASCE Seattle Section and SEAW Joint Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Place: McCormick & Schmick's Harborside Restaurant
1200 Westlake Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Cost: \$30 per person (\$35 for late reservations)
Students Free
Spouses and guests are welcome.
Cash or checks payable to ASCE are accepted.

Meal: Lemon Rosemary Chicken with Tuscan Relish or Vegetable Stir Fry with Stick Rice. Dessert: New York Cheesecake.

5:30 Socialize

6:15 Dinner

7:15 Program: Transforming the Built Environment: From Baby Steps to Giant Leaps Forward

8:40 End

Please make your reservations by
NOON Wednesday, March 19, by calling 206-926-0482

(voice mail system only — please leave a message)
or by sending an email to:
seattleascereservations@gmail.com

Please indicate with RSVP if the vegetarian meal is preferred

Transforming the Built Environment From Baby Steps to Giant Leaps Forward

Jason McLennan CEO of the Cascadia Green Building Council, the Pacific Northwest's leading organization in the field of green building and sustainable development, will discuss the urgent need for the building industry to move beyond a paradigm of incrementalism to one of bold steps and action.

With discussions about personal change theory and the barriers to true sustainability the talk will motivate and inspire us to consider what is possible – a world of living buildings, living communities and a respectful relationship with nature.

The Living Building Challenge



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## President's Column

By Jack Bjork, PE



I would like to inform you about two noteworthy events:

### Regional Conference

Seattle area students, younger members and several officers, including myself, attended the regional meeting in Las Vegas February 7-10. I had never been to Las Vegas so it was an eye opener for me. It was also a great opportunity to learn, get energized and meet other ASCE representatives from other states and the national staff. Here is a quick run-down of some of the activities.

#### Assembly

Governors and Section Officers met with our counterparts from 10 western states to talk about what they were doing and what ideas we could take home. One of the most interesting was having a radio spot on NPR. Frankly, we're still refining the working relationships with the new governors, and I am on a committee to determine the best ways for the sections and new governors to work together. For me, the biggest takeaway from these meetings was getting reenergized from all the folks that are excited about ASCE.

#### Workshop

The national ASCE staff had several workshops to help us. The topics included conducting effective meetings, motivating volunteers, fundraising ba-

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## Bio for March 25th Speaker

**Jason F. McLennan** serves as the CEO of the Cascadia Green Building Council, the Pacific Northwest's leading organization in the field of green building and sustainable development. Cascadia is a chapter of both the US Green Building Council and the Canadian Green Building Council. Jason is known as an international thought leader in the green architecture movement and has lectured on sustainability across the US and Canada. His work in the sustainable design field has been published in several journals, magazines conference proceedings and books. He is the author of three books; *The Philosophy of Sustainable Design*, *The Dumb Architect's Guide to Glazing Selection*, and *The Ecological Engineer*. *The Philosophy of Sustainable Design* is currently used as a textbook in over 30 universities and is distributed widely throughout Europe and North America.

He is a former Principal at BNIM Architects, one of the founders of the green design movement in the United States, where he worked on many of the leading high performance projects in the country including LEED Platinum and Gold projects and zero energy projects. At BNIM he created the building science team known as Elements, which set new standards for energy and resource efficiency on many of its projects in various building types. Jason is also the founder and CEO of Ecotone Publishing the only dedicated green building publisher in North America. Jason was recently named one of the top 40 under 40 most influential individuals in the design and construction field by *Building Design and Construction* magazine and green designer of the year by *Pitch Magazine*.

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**President's Column** (continued from page 2)

sics, membership recruiting and retention, planning effective events, leveraging the national report card on infrastructure, community outreach and working with different generations. These workshops can be very helpful because it provides an opportunity to learn new skills to make our section work better. They also help me be a better manager of my project work. Consider this as a good reason to become involved in ASCE.

*National*

Past Society President Marcuson, a former member of the Corps of Engineers in the south, talked about the lessons learned for civil engineers from the disaster in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina. If you did not attend our section meeting on the subject or if you have not read a technical discussion, I strongly suggest that you do. All of us who have heard the story were amazed that so many fundamental mistakes and misjudgments could have been made on a facility that is so important to public safety.

We also met with national officers and staff. They discussed the importance of Policy 465 (BS degree + 30 credit hours for initial licensure) to meet the future challenges of our profession. The first state, Nebraska, now has a bill in their legislature incorporating this change. (By the way, Washington remains one of 16 states that has no requirement for continuing education, the first step in raising the bar of our profession).

The national officers also stressed the need for our section's technical committees to become directly affiliated with the national technical institutes. This is an item we will be exploring further.

I continue to be impressed by ASCE as an organization. They provide an array of resources and assistance to our section and to you. You should be proud of your civil engineering society.

**Washington Fly-In**

As the Section President, I have been selected to attend a special workshop in Washington DC on March 5th and 6th. The workshop will consist of briefing and training on the process and methods of working with political leaders, then meeting separately with Senators Murray and Cantwell and Congressman Inslee to discuss specific infrastructure funding bills currently being considered. The meetings with the senators and their staff will include me and an ASCE representative from Spokane. I will then meet with my congressman, Jay Inslee. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss infrastructure needs and funding which is becoming an increasingly

important to the Puget Sound area, the Seattle Section and ASCE and the nation. You should know that ASCE is taking a leadership role in keeping the issue in front of Congress. Specific bills I will be asking for sponsorship and support:

- *National Infrastructure Improvement Act*, which sets up a commission to develop a plan to address critical infrastructure needs in the nation over the next 20 years.
- *Water Quality Financing Act*, which provides \$20 billion for wastewater treatment
- *National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act*
- *FY 2009 Federal Appropriation* priorities including full funding which have been cut in Bush's proposed budget for:
  - Surface Transportation (SAFET-LU) - \$41 billion
  - Dam Safety Program
  - **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund**

I agree with the national ASCE leaders that advocating adequate infrastructure funding is an important role of ASCE. I am honored to serve as a spokesperson for Washington's civil engineering community.

Sincerely,  
*Jack Bjork, P.E.*  
Section President

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## Section Has New President-Elect

By Jack Bjork, P.E.

Our current President-Elect, Tom Schnitzer, has responded to a job opportunity in Washington DC and has resigned as President-Elect. The Board considered several experienced members and extended an invitation to Ann Bryant to be appointed to the President-Elect position and she has accepted.

Ann has been very active in ASCE especially with the Younger Members Forum (when she was known as Ann Epler). The usual process is that a person becomes President-Elect then automatically becomes President after a year then Past President in the third year. This process creates continuity in the office and works well. Because Ann is being appointed, the Board thinks it is appropriate that she stand for election as President in May along with the other open positions.

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# ASCE Seattle Section Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## For February 13, 2008

### ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members

Present: Jack Bjork, Perry Cole, Arthur Fleming, Jeanne Justice, Doug Knapp, Marc Schulte, Cliff Williams.

Absent With Notice: Garth Merrill, Tom Schnetzer

Quorum: YES

#### Other Members Present

Ken DeBord, Paul Grant

#### Visitors

None.

### CALL TO ORDER

Section President Jack Bjork called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Board unanimously approved January 9, meeting minutes.

### PROCEEDINGS

#### Regular Business

##### Treasurer's Report & Action Items

*Treasurer's Report*

None.

##### Standing Committee Reports

Standing Committee report posted to eRoom earlier this week.

###### *University Advisory Committee*

Eric O'Brein will be taking over as chair of the UAC, has met with previous chair Robert Parrish for download.

###### *Diversity Committee*

Diversity committee chair Diana Giraldo is looking for help and/or a co-chair from interested members.

###### *Public Relations*

Jack Bjork and public relations chair looked into placing ASCE advertisements on National Public Radio (NPR). This would be expensive, even for a 15-second spot. If the Board is interested in pursuing this, maybe a SPA Grant from ASCE National would be able to help.

###### *Nominating Committee*

President-Elect Tom Schnetzer has submitted his resignation because of a work re-location. In addition, the Seattle Section Board elections are coming up in May. Nominating committee chair Cliff Williams has been contacting potential nominees.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Whereas the current President-Elect is resigning, the Seattle Section Executive Board will appoint a new President-Elect and then hold a special election this May for the position of President 2008-2009. (Motion: Doug Knapp; 2nd: Cliff Williams.)

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Discussion: Consensus that it is important that the position of President be an elected office, and not simply appointed; any appointee to position of President-Elect should be expected to run for election as President in May. Question called.

Motion Passed.

Motion: The Seattle Section Executive Board appoints Anne Bryant as President-Elect. (Motion: Perry Cole; 2nd: Jeanne Justice.)

Discussion: Discussion included several positive endorsements of the nominee. Question called.

Motion Passed.

#### Branch Reports and Action Items

Branch report was posted to eRoom earlier this week.

Excellent Kitsap Branch meeting last night (February 12, 2008) featuring Engineers Without Borders (EWB).

North Branch is planning a tour of Diablo Dam later this spring.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion: The Seattle Section Executive Board authorizes the Boeing Branch to establish a checking account at the bank of their choosing. (Motion: Perry Cole; 2nd: Cliff Williams.)

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes.

#### Technical Committees

Technical committee report was posted to eRoom earlier this week.

Ports and harbors half-day seminar was a resounding success; suggestion to highlight this in a newsletter article.

Technical committee director Perry Cole described the micro-hydro program in Afghanistan, which is a program sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that promotes small-scale power generation for Afghanistan. There may be opportunities for the Seattle Section to help this effort.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion: It is resolved that the ASCE Seattle Section Board supports the installation of micro-hydro projects in Afghanistan. Support efforts on behalf of the Board will be led by the director of technical committees. (Motion: Marc Schulte; 2nd: Arthur Fleming.)

Motion Passes.

#### YMF Report and Action Items

YMF report was posted to eRoom earlier in week.

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## February Minutes (continued from page 4)

ASCE regional conference in Las Vegas was very competitive. The Popsicle Stick Bridge contest is upcoming. YMF has revisions to include with Duties and Procedures Manual update.

NO ACTION ITEMS

### Old Business

Duties and Procedures Manual Update. Still in progress. Next meeting has not been designated yet.

NO ACTION ITEMS

### New Business

Ron Borowski is one of three nominees for ASCE Region 8 Governor.

Jack Bjork distributed white paper on updating the Seattle Section web site, and sought feedback from the Board. May have a mock-up of new website to demonstrate soon.

Marc Schulte described research into methods for conducting Seattle Section elections on-line this year, and sought feedback from the Board. More research will follow, with action required from the Board at March meeting.

NO ACTION ITEMS

### Announcements for Meeting

PSEC

ASCE Outstanding Projects nominations.

Officer nominations.

Rebuilding together.

Popsicle Stick Bridge contest.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Marc A. Schulte.

## YMF Co-Ed Kickball League

The Younger Member Forum Group is organizing a co-ed kickball league team. We'll be playing at the Cascade Playground (the park between Seattle Center and I-5) on either a Tuesday or Thursday between 4/22 - 6/12.

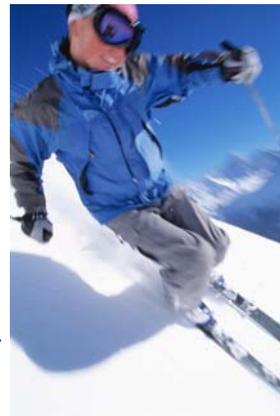
We are asking \$20/person and we need a roster of least 20 people to sign up before we can register our team.

Contact James Le at [james@kpg.com](mailto:james@kpg.com) for further details and to register ASAP. Spread the word!

## ASCE Winter Leadership Retreat & Ski Trip - Crystal Mountain

By Shane Binder,  
Younger Members Forum Social Chair

Wax your skis/boards and tighten your bindings, because the 2008 YMF Winter Leadership Retreat is coming up! YMF will be journeying up to scenic **Crystal Mountain Ski Area** on **March 7-9, 2008**. The weekend will include downhill or cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, networking, professional development, good food, fun, and friends. The cost is \$20 (ASCE members) and \$35 (non-ASCE members), which includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights, breakfasts, snacks, and dinner on Saturday.



Registration space will be limited, so sign up today! **To RSVP or for more information, contact Shane Binder at [shane.binder@parsons.com](mailto:shane.binder@parsons.com)**. When responding, please specify if you would prefer driving or carpooling and the snow sport(s) in which you are interested so we can get an accurate count for group discounts. Mountain info can be found at <http://www.crystalmt.com/>. Daily lift tickets at Crystal Mountain are \$58 and rentals range up to \$35.

## Ron Borowski to Run for ASCE Regional Governor

By Jack Bjork, P.E.

Ron Borowski, former Section President, has stepped forward to run for a regional governor. Region 8, which covers 9 western states, has several expiring terms and Ron felt this position would be a good fit for him. He attended the regional meeting in Las Vegas in February and was interviewed for the position by the sitting governors. They reported to me that Ron was an excellent candidate.

The Board is excited about Ron's candidacy because though the Seattle Section is one of the larger sections in the region, it has not had representation for some time. Ron is a senior project manager engineer with the Seattle Department of Transportation where he coordinates freight planning and activities for the city. Ron has three grown children, and has lived in the area for many years. I will be encouraging you to vote for Ron in the upcoming elections.



## In Memoriam Jerold B. Van Faasen (1913 - 2008)



Jerold B. Van Faasen, age 94, passed away with family members at his side February 22, 2008. He was born in Holland, Michigan on October 19, 1913. He graduated from Michigan College of Mining and Technology (now Michigan Technological University) at the top of his class in civil engineering, and subsequently worked on many projects in Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Washington and Pennsylvania. He was an active member of the Section and became an honorary (distinguished) ASCE member several years ago.



Jerold met Ruth Shanahan while working on the Fort Peck Dam project in Montana in 1936. They married in 1938, and together they raised three daughters. As a U.S. Navy officer during WWII, he supervised shipboard logistics and engaged in civil engineering, including airfield construction in the Pacific theater.

After 38 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he served as chief of construction and resident engineer on projects in various locations, he worked an additional 20 years as a consultant to Will Construction Company, founded by his longtime friend Merrill Will, retiring again at 86.

He authored two autobiographical memoirs, the first shaped with considerable encouragement from his wife, Ruth, titled *Making It Happen: A Sixty-Year Engineering Odyssey in the Northwest*. The second, *William C. Van Faasen 1923-1944: Uncle Willie, His Life, His Family and His Friends*, detailed WWII service of the three Van Faasen brothers. Both books describe his personal and professional experiences, and were widely distributed to extended family and friends, who especially cherish their family history content; but they are also preserved in various historical and engineering societies, universities, and public libraries.

Residents of Seattle will recognize Jerold's contributions in local landmarks, such as the Shilshole breakwater, that were designed and built under his supervision while with the Corps. He also worked on the Hiram B. Chittenden Locks in Ballard, both for the Corps and for Will Construction; and with Will as they built the Elephant House at Woodland Park Zoo and other local projects.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, reading, theater, music, the ballet, and playing games with family and friends. Over several years, for months at a time, Jerold and Ruth opened their home to several immigrant families to assist in their resettlement in the United States.

Jerold was a man of character and steadfast consistency and encouraged others with his optimism in solving problems. He constantly set an example in thoughtful risk-taking and using reflection to resolve difficulties. He encouraged years of musical study for his three daughters and his wife in multiple musical disciplines. An active church member wherever he resided, he always returned to re-join and serve Northminster Presbyterian Church in Seattle in many capacities, including chairing an ambitious building expansion.

A memorial service will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7706 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98117 on **March 8, 2008 at 2 p.m.** In lieu of flowers or other gifts, memorials can be made to the Puget Sound Cancer Care Foundation, 1560 North 115<sup>th</sup> Street, G-16, Seattle, Washington 98133-8402.

## Welcome New ASCE Members!

We would like to welcome 31 new members to the Seattle Section and Kitsap and North Branches during January and February. If you see someone you know, give them a call.

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Occupation</b>       | <b>Employer / School</b>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ryan Barnes        | Student                 |                           |
| John Blair         | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Michel Bouchédid   | Geotechnical Engineer   | CH2M Hill                 |
| Craig Christensen  | Student                 |                           |
| Anatalia Countiss  | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| David Doll         | Student                 |                           |
| Daniel Drahn       | Principal Engineer      | MDI Inc                   |
| Laurie Duncan      | Student                 |                           |
| Mohamed Ghanem     | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Anne Goodchild     | Student                 | University Of California  |
| Adam Isaacson      | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Sarah Jaggi        | Engineer                | Puget Sound Energy        |
| Todd Janes         | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Golnaz Jankhah     | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Joseph Jenkins     | Student                 |                           |
| Katherine Jones    | Student                 |                           |
| Kimberly Klinkers  | Student                 |                           |
| Evan Lakin         | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Cheegwan Lee       | Research Scientist      | Battelle                  |
| J Li               | Student                 |                           |
| Fady Masoud        | Student                 |                           |
| Van Nguyen         | Student                 |                           |
| Slobodan Novakovic | District Const Engineer | PCL Construction Services |
| Matthew Olsen      | Project Engineer        | DCI Engineers             |
| Aaron Olson        | Student                 |                           |
| Melissa Ribald     | Student                 |                           |
| Roxanne Russell    | Student                 |                           |
| Jessie Rykels      | Design Engineer II      | Perteet                   |
| Jason Schaeffer    | Student                 |                           |
| Jie Sheng          | Student                 | University of Washington  |
| Roger Spotts       | Student                 | University of Washington  |

## The State of Washington Engineers Week Proclamation

by Don Northey, PE

A delegation from the Puget Sound Engineering Council (PSEC), including four engineers from the ASCE Seattle Section, attended a proclamation signing ceremony with Governor Gregoire in her office on February 6, 2008. Attendees from the Seattle Section included:

**Donald Northey, PE, SE** - Past-President Puget Sound Engineering Council (PSEC), Past-President of the Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW)

**Paul Grant, PE**, President-Elect PSEC, Past-President ASCE Seattle Section

**Ed Huston, PE, SE**, President of the National Council of Structural Engineer Associations (NCSEA), Past-President SEAW

**William Henry, PE**, ASCE (national) Past-President

Other engineers attending the ceremony included Deborah Limb, Director of Payloads and Structures Engineering for Boeing Commercial Airplane Programs as a representative of Boeing, a Corporate Sponsor of EWEEK and Linda Thomas, Region Governor (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana) for the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

The purpose of this ceremony was to highlight Engineers Week to our community. The engineering profession is responsible for much of the quality of life that our community enjoys. Engineers are proud of their profession and look forward to this important celebration.

Governor Gregoire noted that more people are needed in the engineering profession and K-12 students need to be encouraged to study science and mathematics in order to prepare for participation in the interesting, rewarding and fulfilling profession of engineering.



*Engineers Observe as Governor Gregoire signs Proclamation – From left, Don Northey, PE SE (SEAW/ASCE); Bill Henry, PE (ASCE); Ed Huston, PE, SE (SEAW/ASCE); Paul Grant, PE (ASCE)*

## Ports & Harbors Committee Update

by Matthew P Smith, PE  
Chair, ASCE Seattle Section Ports & Harbors Committee

On January 23rd, 2008, the Ports & Harbors Committee hosted their first ever half-day seminar "Wharf Structure Alternatives." Thanks to the generous support of ASCE, GeoEngineers, KPFF Consulting Engineers, and PND Engineers Inc., we are pleased to report that our seminar was a great success.

This half day seminar examined case studies where Plaxis, a finite element modeling software, was utilized to assist in the design of a variety of wharf structures in the Northwest. Presenting at this seminar was Daniel Mageau of GeoEngineers, an expert on finite element modeling, David Phelps, a geotechnical engineer from GeoEngineers, Scott Kuebler a structural engineer from KPFF, and Garth Howlett a structural engineering from PND. Each of our speakers brought a unique aspect of wharf design issues to this seminar allowing for an complete picture of the design issues related to major port expansion projects.

The Ports & Harbors Committee was thrilled with the turnout for this seminar, with 70 attendees and guests arriving from everywhere between Portland and Alaska to attend this seminar. Represented at the conference were four port agencies, the University of Washington, and 27 different design firms.

The success of this program and the wide range of attendees could not have been accomplished without the hard work of the committee. Thank you much to the committee members who helped develop this program; Jon Keiser, Sally Fisher, and Elba Rodriguez for all of their hard work and time to put this seminar together.

The Ports & Harbors Committee meets on the last Wednesday of every month. For information on our next event including speakers, location, time, and to register to attend, please visit <http://www.asce-seaph.org/>.



## New Engineers Without Borders Chapter

by: Ron Lavoie, PE

Olympic College, a community college in Bremerton, is developing a student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB). The ASCE Kitsap Branch is providing several mentors. Looking for other ways to help the students of EWB-OC, the Kitsap Branch devoted its recent February branch meeting to bringing the EWB-OC students together with established EWB chapters from the Seattle area. The response of the established chapters was overwhelming. Attending were:

- EWB Puget Sound Professional Chapter (Kari Vigerstol)
- EWB Seattle University Student Chapter (Phil Thompson)
- EWB University of Washington Student Chapter (Jonathan Miller)

In addition, ASCE Seattle Section President, Jack Bjork, and Branch Director, Art Fleming, discussed the overarching national ASCE/EWB-USA Partnership.

We planned the evening as a series of powerpoint presentations but that fortunately fell through when the projector failed to arrive. Fortunately, because the established EWB chapters very quickly formed themselves into a panel of three and proceeded to speak from the heart about EWB and their programs in Indonesia, Bolivia, Thailand, and sharing their lessons learned getting their chapters underway.

The following day, Dr. Jeff Brown, advisor to the developing EWB-OC chapter summed up the evening best, "I think the panel was the best way to do this – they had to speak from their hearts and the passion they have for EWB came through loud and clear." All in all, projector or no projector, a very good evening. Thank you to all.

## Volunteers Needed for World In Motion Science Program

By Ken Porter, MSAE

Calling all Engineers! Even if you are retired, your math and science skills are still needed to spark interest in engineering among elementary and middle school students. Isaac Newton said, "If I see farther than others, it is because I sit on the shoulders of giants." You can provide that shoulder for young future engineers and scientists, because you have benefited personally from those who traveled the science path before you.

Come to free informational and instructional meetings on Friday, March 21st, 2008, to find out about "A World in Motion," a physical science program for stimulating the imagination of our next generation of scientists and engineers. And bring along with you the teacher of that brilliant son, daughter, or grandchild that you care about.

The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. at Room W206 in the West building, at the Lake Washington Technical College, 11605, 132nd. Ave. NE, in Kirkland, (take the Totem Lake exit from I.405 to the East parking lot at the College).

The meetings will be focused for grades 4 thru 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and for grades 7 thru 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please come, and bring a colleague and a teacher with you. Instructors from the SAE Foundation and others will give demonstrations and describe how you can get involved in helping teachers to obtain free innovative science resource materials and AWiM teaching kits, shipped directly to schools from the SAE.

For more details, please contact Ken Porter, MSAE, at (206) 232-8204 or e-mail [kenpor2@mac.com](mailto:kenpor2@mac.com).



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## 2008 Western Region Younger Member Council

By Josh Shippy, PE, M.ASCE

The Southern Nevada Branch Younger Member Forum – Las Vegas hosted the 2008 Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) on February 8-9 at the South Point Hotel and Casino. The theme of this year's WRYMC was "What Happens in Vegas stays in Vegas... but let's keep it Civil!" With 130 attendees, this year's attendance topped the record of 110 set in Seattle last year. We were fortunate enough to send 10 younger members from the Seattle Section to Las Vegas for the conference.

Friday morning, the conference began with several joint sessions with the Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (WSBL). The morning sessions focused on ASCE insights and government relations. After a short break, WRYMC learned about the Committee on Younger Members (CYM) and the Committee on Critical Infrastructure (CCI).

Following lunch, we had the 2008 WRYMC Business Meeting. In addition to the meeting, we were able to hear from the three candidates for the ASCE President-Elect position. The other interesting afternoon session presented the "Supercharged 5-Year Career Plan." The new program targets the younger member crowd and coaches them on developing their "intermediate" career goals.

Bright and early Saturday morning, we had the opportunity to listen to 2008 President-Elect Wayne Klotz. Following breakfast, there was "Saturday Morning Live" – an interactive session with President Mongan, President-Elect Klotz, and Executive Director Natale.

Saturday lunch provided us with the opportunity to listen to and interact with a panel of highly successful individuals at a CEO Forum. This year's panel consisted of Robert Kallenbaugh, Co-President of RBF; Joseph Farre, President of Sigma Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Leslie Henley, Deputy Director of Clark County Public Works; and Dr. David James, Associate Professor at UNLV.

Saturday afternoon we were treated to our choice of several exciting tours: Hoover Dam, The Las Vegas Springs Preserve, and the Wynn Resort Properties. Afterwards, the program was concluded with a banquet and awards presentation held on the top floor of The Riviera Hotel and Casino.

The Seattle Section YMF had a great time meeting and learning from people across the western region! I'm sure any of us will be happy to bend the "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" rule to share what we learned from the great events and experiences of this year's conference.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

### March 3–7, 1:00– 8:30pm

#### **FAST Course**

Location: San Diego Mesa College

Cost: \$680 OR \$85/session

Contact: <http://www.funkaarstudios.com/arefastsd.php>

### March 7– 9

#### **YMF Ski Trip**

Location: Crystal Mountain Ski Area

Cost: \$100 for ASCE members by Dec. 15 (\$125 after)

Contact: Shane Binder, [shane.binder@parsons.com](mailto:shane.binder@parsons.com)

### March 21, 9am – noon (grades 4 – 6) and 1pm– 3pm (grades 7 – 8 )

#### **World In Motion Science Program Informational Meetings**

Location: Room W206 in the West building, at the Lake Washington Technical College, 11605, 132nd. Ave. NE, in Kirkland, WA.

Contact: Ken Porter, (206) 232-8204 or [kenpor2@mac.com](mailto:kenpor2@mac.com)

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