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From School to Work: Starting Off as an Entry- Level Engineer

By Tony Cortez

Congrats! You have finished your schooling! Whether it be an Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, or a PhD, you are now ready to start your career as an entry-level engineer. Though an exciting time, there may be a handful of questions and concerns being asked—externally or internally—regarding your new job and future as an engineer. What will work be like? What is expected of me? What can I do to succeed? If questions like this have been on your mind, no worries, we were all there at some point, and some—like me—may still be there today. While I have only started my career as of August, there are already a number of tips, thoughts, and tools of the trade I have taken note of in what to expect (or what I should have expected) when starting out.

Be Proactive

One of the main focuses I have noticed since starting my job is the importance of being proactive while at work. Engineering firms, especially larger ones, often

have many employees, engineers, and managers, and with that, it can be difficult to feel more than just a 'cog-in-the-machine'. Sure, you can succeed in this field

While schooling and education provide a fantastic base in the foundation of engineering methods, concepts and techniques, there are a number of skills that are learned after starting your first job.

by doing your assigned work, submitting your time, and receiving your paycheck, but there are several opportunities and experiences you can gain by simply putting your foot in the door. In my experience, while you may be hired as a specific-type of engineer, there are almost always other (continued on page 7)

President's Notes

John G. Green, Ph.D., P.E.



The Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers has been serving its members and the residents of the northern portion of Illinois for over one hundred years. In that time, there have been many hard-working and knowledgeable people who have had the privilege of occupying the President's office, and I am grateful to now have that honor for the 2018-2019 year. I would like to thank last year's President, Dhooli Raj, for providing me with an excellent example by demonstrating that the heart of true leadership is service to others. As we begin this year together, I am hopeful for the future of our infrastructure and for the future of our profession in our great state.

A few weeks ago, we went to the polls and elected or re-elected the public officials who consider, prioritize, and fund our Illinois infrastructure. Whatever your take is on the election results, it now appears that for the first time in a long time, our state will have an Infrastructure Bill. It also appears that we will now be able to form a consensus among our state lawmakers on how to actually fund it. Therein lies both the opportunity and the responsibility for us Civil Engineers. Quite a few of the winners in our state and local elections are newcomers to the public budgeting process, and quite a few of these

new representatives of the people know little about civil engineering. You can make a difference by volunteering to become an ASCE "Key Contact" online at <https://www.asce.org/keycontacts/> and helping provide information and advice to your local elected officials, so that they make informed, wise decisions about our future.

When you do talk to people about infrastructure, an issue you can advocate is "Fair Highway Pricing". So many out-of-state trucking companies earn their profits by using, and in the process, damaging, our highways, while not paying their fair share. Without going into a lecture on equivalent single axle loads (ESAL) and calculations for engineering highway pavement, over the course of five years, 10,000 loaded trucks can do more damage to our freeways than one million passenger cars. If we are to fairly distribute the costs for damaging our roads, and therefore their repair, the best way to accomplish this would be by instituting a fee for trucks, based on the vehicle's miles travelled.

As I said at the start of this message, I am hopeful. With your knowledge and efforts, in this coming year we can be effective advocates for improving our state's infrastructure and building a bright future for us all.

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O'Hare 21

By Nihar Shah, P.E., S.E.

Chicago is a world-class city that is at the center of the business world thanks to O'Hare International Airport, one of the busiest airports in the world. O'Hare is a global hub that serves millions of passengers and provides connections to cities all over the world. In recent years O'Hare has been surpassed by other US airports, but O'Hare 21 is a plan to bring O'Hare into the modern era and reestablish itself as a world-class airport.

Leading this effort will be the recently appointed Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Jamie Rhee. She was appointed as Commissioner by Mayor Emmanuel in June 2018. Under the leadership of Mayor

O'Hare to receive \$8.5 billion dollar make-over which will be completed by 2028.

Rahm Emmanuel and Commissioner Jamie Rhee, O'Hare is set to receive an 8.5 billion dollar make-over. The improvements will vary from additional gates to brand new terminals and satellite concourses including upgrades to the current International Terminal 5 (see Figure 1). All of this is possible because of the new Use and Lease agreement reached between the City and the Airline Partners (United, American, Delta and

Spirit Airlines)¹. The improvements planned for O'Hare will increase capacity, decrease delays and enhance the efficiency of passengers' experience at O'Hare.

Commissioner Jamie Rhee spoke at an ASCE T&DI Luncheon in Rosemont, Illinois on November 15th and discussed the O'Hare 21 plan to a group of 100 plus engineers and professionals from the aviation industry. She discussed the future of O'Hare and how the massive undertaking will provide opportunities for all businesses large and small. She emphasized that CDA would like to increase participation for Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business

Enterprises along with Small Businesses.

Terminal Area Plan (TAP) includes replacing Terminal 2 with the new O'Hare Global Terminal and two satellite concourses.

Commissioner Rhee highlighted some of the key projects under O'Hare 21 that are either completed, under construction or planned. The keystone project under O'Hare 21 is the Terminal Area Plan (TAP), which will revitalize O'Hare. Key pieces of the TAP include replacing Terminal 2 with

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OVERALL SITE PLAN



Figure 1: <https://www.flychicago.com/sites/ohare21/renderings/pages/default.aspx>

¹ <https://www.flychicago.com/sites/ohare21/newsroom/Pages/article.aspx?newsid=4a>

Suburban Spotlight: Village of Glen Ellyn

By John G Green, Ph.D., P.E.

Often overshadowed by events in the much larger City of Chicago, many of our suburban Village public works and engineering departments are quietly doing great Civil Engineering work to improve the quality of life in their communities. The Village of Glen Ellyn is one such example.

The Village of Glen Ellyn is located 24 miles west of Chicago in DuPage County, IL. It has a population of 27,450, and it has been a

major reason why the village residents love living there is its hard-working and knowledgeable staff, such as Director of Public Works Julius Hansen, Assistant Public Works Director David Buckley, and Professional Engineer Richard Daubert.

Two great projects that the Glen Ellyn team of engineers are currently leading are a new pedestrian tunnel at Taylor Avenue under the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) “West Line” tracks, and the new

including Glenbard West High School Students. The existing roughly 13-foot wide tunnel has a 10-foot travel lane for vehicles and 3-foot sidewalk for pedestrians immediately adjacent to the travel lane.

Two great projects that the Glen Ellyn team of engineers are currently leading are a new pedestrian tunnel at Taylor Avenue under the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) “West Line” tracks, and the new Metra station.

This project involves the construction a 12-foot pedestrian tunnel to the east of the existing vehicular/pedestrian tunnel on Taylor Avenue. As part of the project, the sidewalk in the existing vehicular/pedestrian tunnel will be eliminated, and the roadway widened, to provide a 12.5-foot vehicular travel lane, thereby improving vehicular passage through the tunnel. Design, letting, and award of the roughly \$3 Million federally-funded construction project was completed earlier this year.

Construction commenced in mid-August with the first three months involving utility relocation work and preparation of the railroad embankment for the installation of the new tunnel. Over the weekend (continued on page 8)



Figure 1: Overview of the construction of the Taylor Avenue Pedestrian Tunnel

great place to raise families since its first residents arrived back in 1834. Such wide-ranging authorities as CNN, Yelp, and the Patch have all declared that Glen Ellyn is one of their top places to live. Although the small, vibrant shops and fine restaurants along Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue draw many visitors to Glen Ellyn, a

Metra station. Taylor Avenue is the only grade-separated pedestrian and vehicular crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad West Line in Glen Ellyn. It serves as a critical path for motorists and pedestrians to cross the railroad line in Glen Ellyn which experiences over 100 trains a day. The tunnel is critical to many in the community

102nd Annual Awards Dinner Highlights

By Rachael K. Berthiaume, P.E., LEED AP

The ASCE Illinois Section celebrated the 102nd Annual Awards Dinner on the evening of October 11, 2018. With over 500 people in attendance, including consultants, contractors, local agency and city officials, and students from the Chicagoland Universities, the event was a great success.

The evening began with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and networking. The awards ceremony guest emcee was WGN Chicago radio personality Steve Cochran. Mr. Cochran, always the entertaining host, presented the awards and kept the guests engaged during the evening's program.

The ASCE Illinois Section honored 27 new Life members. A Life Member is an individual who has made a lifetime commitment to ASCE and the civil engineering profession by remaining a member for the full length of their professional career and this status is bestowed on a member in recognition of his or her long-term support of the Society.

Volunteers were recognized who gave their time and effort throughout the year by serving on the various committees, technical institutes, and the Section Board. The ASCE Illinois Section Board is composed of a President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, six Directors who



2018-2019 ASCE Illinois Section board members

serve staggered 2-year terms, and seven Chairs from the technical institutes and Younger Member Group. ASCE Past President Dhooli Raj welcomed all guests to the event, recognized the generous sponsors, and spoke of the EWB Project Grant Program. Governor Darren Olson then swore in the 2018-2019 Board followed by President John G. Green, who spoke of the initiatives he has for the upcoming year as President of the Illinois Section.

Sponsors supported the engineering community by making financial contributions to support the ASCE Annual Awards Dinner at the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. We would like to thank all our generous sponsors

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the O'Hare Global Terminal including 2 satellite concourses, expanding terminal and landside capacity and combining the domestic and international terminal operations. This will allow a better flow for passengers with connections in Chicago to and from international destinations. The TAP will increase the passenger terminal area by more than 60% to a total of approximately 8.9 million square feet. The increased gate space will allow for more aircraft parking locations, which will increase the efficiency of the airfield and reduce congestion and delays that passengers experience. Also included in



Figure 2 Commissioner Rhee Speaking at an ASCE T&DI Luncheon

the O'Hare 21 improvements are upgrades to Terminal 5 including curbside, roadway and parking improvements along with repurposing of Terminal 5. The CDA plans

to complete construction of the first phase of O'Hare 21 by 2028. Modernizing O'Hare Airport is a major architectural and engineering undertaking, but one that is greatly needed. These infrastructure improvements will again give Chicago an edge over other major cities. ASCE looks forward to seeing the end result and is excited for the opportunities O'Hare 21 will bring to our members.

Nihar Shah, P.E., S.E. is a Project Manager for Rubinos and Mesia Engineers (RME) and Chair of the IS-ASCE Transportation and Development Institute.

From School to Work: Starting Off as an Entry-Level Engineer

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projects and types of work you can dabble in, should you make the effort to. To me, this is a crucial step in starting a career with engineering, as it can be difficult to pinpoint your interests from a few academic courses. Additionally, you should try to remain proactive in getting to know your coworkers. While this could mean a weekly lunch, happy hour, or social event, doing so will help alleviate the worrisome ‘new person at work’ feelings you might have; it has for me! And since you will be working with these individuals for the foreseeable future, you should try and get to know them when you can.

Ask Questions

Another important facet of starting an engineering career is to understand the importance of asking questions. While schooling and education provide a fantastic base in the foundation of engineering methods, concepts and techniques, there are a number of skills that are learned after starting your first job. Sure, you know Bernoulli’s equation, but can you model the flow of water across a watershed in order to update a floodplain? Or you have learned to design a simply supported beam, but can you design a double-composite continuous steel box girder? With cases like this, in addition to new computer programs, company policies, methodologies, unique formatting layouts, and even office-etiquette—to name a few—there can be a number of things that you do not have a lot of experience in. Trust me, I did not! And while it may seem daunting to take this all on at once, there is always

someone—coworkers, peers, or managers—willing to help. Often in the field of engineering, there is

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the concept of ‘passing on the torch’ or dispersing the engineering knowledge from those with years of experience, to those of us just starting out. Most companies nowadays offer a form of mentorship program for their younger employees, not only to receive practical engineering advice, but to also discuss career prospects. So take some time, start up a conversation, and figure out all that there is to know about your future in engineering. It all starts with a question.

Time Management

Though effective time management is often learned through our time spent in education; working in the field and progressing in your career in engineering often take this one step further. Whether you are on a public or private-sector career path, almost all engineering work is charged to a respective client for work and tasks performed. Due to project-budgets and the number of engineers assigned to a task, it is imperative to be conscientious of what work you are doing, and how much time you are

spending on it. On some projects, time can be of the utmost importance—depending on deadlines and allocated budget. That being said, when starting off, there is the expectation that you will need to learn how to do the work—effectively and efficiently—so do not feel as though you should know exactly what you are doing, especially if you are new to a project. After getting a feel for the project, creating self-goals and maintaining effective communication between your team can help ensure all work gets completed in a timely fashion. Overall, when starting out, just put in the constant effort to make the most of your time, and both you and your employer will be more than fine.

Enjoy it!

The last main suggestion I would have told myself before starting out would be to enjoy it! You have put in the time and effort, and in a way, it is time to see how it all pays off. While being the ‘new person’ at work can last days, weeks, or

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even months, with each passing of time you are becoming a little more proficient and experienced as an engineer. With this experience, (continued on page 9)

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Figure 2: Photo on left shows D-Construction/L.J. Keefe crews installing the tunnel. Photo on the right shows tunnel casing

of November 2 through November 4, the General/Subcontractor Team of “D” Construction of Coal City, Illinois and L.J. Keefe of Mount Prospect, Illinois worked around the clock to install the 12-foot diameter by 91.5-foot long steel tunnel under the UP-West Line. Much work remains to be completed but the project is on track for completion by the end of the year. A video summarizing the project can be viewed at YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI3iwuhaaOI>

For the new Metra train station, the Village of Glen Ellyn is working with CDM Smith and KMI Architects to complete a Phase I Study of the proposed station and grade-separated pedestrian tunnel crossing of the UPRR West Line in downtown Glen Ellyn. The approximately \$19 Million project will involve replacing Glen Ellyn’s

current, undersized train station, which dates to the 1960s, and does not serve the community’s current and future needs. In addition to ad-

allow commuters to cross under the tracks near the station. The only way to cross the tracks near the station, at this time, is to use the surface roadway crossings at Main Street and Park Boulevard; both of

The Village of Glen Ellyn is demonstrating daily that a talented and dedicated civil engineering staff can make life better for a municipality’s residents.

which are approximately 500 feet from the station. Using these crossings poses challenges for commuters and the general public when trains block the tracks and/or the inbound and use of the train platforms are reversed by Metra with little prior warning to accommodate other rail traffic. The pro-



Figure3: Rendition of future Glen Ellyn train station

ressing the need for a new station, the project will involve extensive pedestrian accommodation improvements including a new grade-separated pedestrian tunnel to

ject team is currently working on the Phase I study with the Village preparing for aggressive pursuit of grant funding for the project. (continued on page 9)

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With these two spotlighted projects and many others in progress, the Village of Glen Ellyn is demonstrating daily that a talented

and dedicated civil engineering staff can make life better for a municipality's residents.

John Green, PhD, PE is a Senior Project Manager – Rail at Mott MacDonald. He currently serves as the IS-ASCE President.

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there is no limit to what you can do as an engineer: take on various projects, work for different companies, strive for engineering-excellence, and always make your way toward your goals. Whether that

involves becoming a senior engineer, project manager, professional engineer, or something else entirely, you are the catalyst for both your career and future. The door is open; make the most of it.

Tony Cortez is a Water Resources Engineer working at CDM Smith since August. Though new to the City of Chicago, this Wisconsin-native currently serves as the Director of Social Media for the IS-ASCE Younger Member Group.

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Gold (\$1,500): Arcadis, Globe-trotters, Jacobs, Strata Earth Services, LLC, V3 Companies

Silver (\$1,000): ASCE-IL Geo-Institute, Clark Dietz, Nicholson Construction, Talman Consultants

Bronze (\$500): Bowman, Barrett & Associates, Inc., Ciorba Group, Gasperec Elberts Consulting LLC, Lin Engineering, Ltd., Orion Engineers, Spaceco, Inc., Terra Consulting Group, Thomas Engineering Group.

There were many outstanding project nominations and the Awards Committee wishes to thank all those that participated by submitting a nomination.

The feature of the evening's program is the presentation of awards to the individuals and the project winners in the Sustainability in Civil Engineering Achievement and Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement award categories. There were many outstanding project nominations and the Awards Committee wishes to thank all those that participated by submitting a nomination. Below are the 2018 award recipients:

- **CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** Kris Salvatera, P.E.
- **GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** Clarita Reambillo Lao, PE, F. ASCE

- **CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** Christopher King, PE, SE, F. ASCE
- **YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** Megan McDonald, P.E., LEED AP
- **YOUNG GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** Katie Bell, P.E.
- **PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering
- **SUSTAINABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT:** Loyola Univ. Chicago Lake Shore Campus, Stormwater Management Master Plan
- **OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT – UNDER \$10 MILLION:** McDonald Road Bridge Replacement, South Elgin
- **OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT – \$25-\$100 MILLION:** Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel, Chicago
- **OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT – OVER \$100 MILLION:** Wilson Station Reconstruction Project, Chicago
- **OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT – MEGA PROJECT:** Chicagoland Underflow Plan - McCook Reservoir



ASCE Illinois Section Past President Dhooli Raj hands over the reins to 2019 President John G. Green

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who came to celebrate and support ASCE and the exceptional people and projects that were recognized. The Illinois Section also appreciates the Life Members who have committed themselves to the success of ASCE through their membership, sup-

Check out the videos of the Project and Employer of the Year Award Winners.

<https://www.isasce.org/2018-award-winner-videos/>

port, and contribution to the Society, as well as the student members who keep the Illinois Section moving into the future as they enter the industry

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102nd Annual Awards Dinner Highlights

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*The Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier –
Ready for the Awards Dinner*

And finally, thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to the Board, the individual institutes, and committees that make up the Illinois Section. Their energy, dedication, and commitment to ASCE are the backbone of the organization and how the Illinois Section provides value to our members.

Rachael K. Berthiaume, P.E., LEED AP is a Senior Environmental Engineer and Project Manager with V3 Companies, Ltd. She is an IS-ASCE Director to 2018 and the Annual Awards Dinner Chair.

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Photography

See more pictures of the 2019 Annual Awards Dinner at the IL Section Website

[\(https://www.isasce.org/2018-annual-awards-dinner/\)](https://www.isasce.org/2018-annual-awards-dinner/)

Paul Kovacs recipient of the ASCE 2019 Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) Award

The ASCE Illinois Section would like to congratulate Mr. Paul D. Kovacs, P.E., M.ASCE, Chief Engineering Officer at the Illinois Tollway, as the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) Awards. The OPAL award honors Mr. Kovacs as an outstanding civil engineering leader whose lifetime accomplishments have demonstrated leadership of public sector projects and programs.

Mr. Kovacs oversees a Tollway system that includes 294 miles of critical infrastructure that serves more than 1.6 million drivers on a daily basis on the five roadways it maintains and operates. As the



Illinois Tollway Chief Engineering Officer, he manages a staff of more than 560 technical and administrative staff. Seven years ago, the Illinois Tollway embarked in an ambitious 15-year, \$14 billion capital program called Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future. Mr. Kovacs is responsible for

delivering these improvements that will dramatically enhance transportation for millions of people living in or traveling throughout Northern Illinois each day.

In leading the Illinois Tollway's engineering efforts, Mr. Kovacs exemplifies the highest level of professionalism and integrity. He has been a good partner with the engineering community and shows genuine care for the safety of Tollway customers. Mr. Kovacs routinely participates in ASCE-sponsored events, as a speaker and attendee. Mr. Kovacs is a past recipient of the Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award from the ASCE Illinois Section.

Winter 2018

In an effort to inform Illinois Section members of the discussions at the monthly Board meetings, the Section Secretary contributes this article to the newsletter. Any questions or comments on the Board activities are welcome by contacting Andrew Walton at <mailto:awalton@orionengineersllc.com>.

■ Treasurer's Report

▲ A treasurer's report was presented at the September, October, and November meetings. All reports were approved.

■ Highlights from Illinois Section Activities and Group Reports.

▲ **Construction Institute (CI)** – The Illinois Section has officially launched the new Construction Institute. If you're interested in joining this institute, please contact CI Chair Zach Pucel at zjpucel@transystems.com.

▲ **Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI)** – The EWRI Annual Holiday Dinner is back this year and is planned for Tuesday 12/18 at Greek Islands, located at 200 S. Halsted. Please contact EWRI Chair Megan Elberts with any questions at melberts@geconsultllc.com.

▲ **Geo-Institute (GI)** – The next GI dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1/8 at Pazzo's, located at 311 S. Wacker. For more information please contact: asceilgeotech@gmail.com.

▲ **Urban Planning & Development Group (UP&D)** – The UP&D is recruiting for new members. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact UP&D Chair Bill Cussen at wucussen@gsg-consultants.com.

▲ **Engineers Without Borders (EWB)** – The ASCE Student Chapters at IIT and Northwestern were awarded grants for their projects in Bolivia, Guatemala and Kenya.

▲ **ASCE Holiday Party** – The ASCE IL Section Holiday Party will be held on Thursday 12/13 at Cochon Volant, located at 100 W. Monroe. The party will kick off at 6:00pm and members are again encouraged to bring a toy to donate for the Toys-for-Tots charity. Please contact Director Matt Kirby with any questions at mkirby@hntb.com.

▲ **ASCE Bylaws Update** – The ASCE IL Section will be updating its Bylaws this year which will be posted in a forthcoming newsletter and on the website for a 30-day review by Section members. The new Construction Institute (CI) will be added to the Bylaws.

▲ **2018 Annual Awards Dinner** – The 2018 ASCE IL Section Annual Awards Dinner was held on Thursday 10/11 at The Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier. See the newsletter article for a re-cap of the event.

▲ **Future Cities Competition** – The 2019 Future Cities competition in Chicago will be held in January on Saturday 1/19. Volunteer mentors and judges are needed in addition to sponsorships from local businesses. Section members are encouraged to ask their employers to contribute and to volunteer as student mentors and judges. More information can be found at www.futurecity.org/illinois-chicago or by contacting Future Cities IL Regional Coordinator Don Wittmer at dwittmer@hntb.com.

The Illinois Section Board Meetings are held every first Monday of every month, except for holidays. The next board meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Mott McDonald's office located at 10 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60603. Future meetings will be held on January 8, February 5 and March 5. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact President John Green.

By Andrew Walton
ASCE Secretary 2018-2020
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Illinois Section

Activities

ASCE IL Section T&DI Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 13
Time: 5:00-5:30pm
Place: Hyatt Centric
100 W. Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60603
RSVP: NShah@RME-I.com

ASCE IL Section and Institutes Holiday Party

Date: Thursday, December 13
Time: 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Place: Cochon Volant
100 W. Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60603
Cost: \$40-ASCE Members
\$50-General
\$35-Government
\$30 Student
\$60 Walk-ins
All attendees must bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.
Includes appetizers and drinks
RSVP: [Register here](#) by Monday, December 10th

ASCE IL Section EWRI Winter Social

Date: Tuesday, December 18
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Greek Islands
200 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL
Cost: \$35 per person
Click [here](#) to sign up
Contact: Jeana Gowin at jgowin@cbbel.com
Saki Handa at Saki.Handa@mottmac.com

ASCE IL Section UP&DG December Meeting

Topic: Discussing the Spring Seminar
Date: Thursday, December 18
Time: 5:30pm
Place: Chandlers
401 N. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL
RSVP: Bill Cussen: wcussen@gsg-consultants.com; 630-529-8000

For all Section, Group and Committee events, check out the Section website at:

www.isasce.org/calendar/

ASCE GI January Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 8
Time: 5:15pm Cocktails
6:15pm Dinner
Topic: TBD Combined Meeting with AEG
Place: Pazzo's
311 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL
More Information contact: asceilgeotech@gmail.com

Women in the Built World Symposium

Date: Thursday, February 1
Time: 8:00am-5:30pm
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