

January 2018 Region 5 Update

The ASCE Board of Direction met in Las Vegas, NV on January 11, 2018. The main purpose of the meeting was to convene the Nominating Committee from which the two Presidential Candidates, Lou Aurigemma, P.E., F.ASCE and Kancheepuram (Guna) N. Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, were chosen. Lou Aurigemma was the Region 5 geographical candidate and Guna was a candidate for President last year.

In addition to those efforts, the Board heard updates and conducted a strategic panel with the leaders of three institutes, the Structural Engineering Institute, the Engineering Mechanics Institute and the Architectural Engineering Institute. The purpose was to increase knowledge of the institutes and their strategic initiatives and the presentations were well received.

The Board received an update from the Board Strategic Advisory Council (BSAC). BSAC noted that when they reached out for comments, they received far more comments on the strategic goals than they expected and that the nature of the comments were for the plan to be more far reaching. It was decided that the goals setting would continue and there would be sessions at each of the upcoming Multi-Region Leadership Councils (MRLCs) for feedback from each of the groups on the strategic goals.

The Board heard from the Industry Leaders Council (ILC) on their progress in preparing a proposal for the consideration of the Board. The focus of the presentation is on future planning with the goal of trying to foresee various potential “future worlds” for the purpose of understanding the role of the civil engineer in said future world’s. The effort was led by the ILC’s Innovation Forum Chair, Gerald Buckwalter, who is the Chief Strategy Officer for Northrup Grumman. The proposal will be before the Board for consideration at the March Board Meeting.

The last presentation of the day was by members of the Committee on Younger Members. They discussed both their successes and their challenges. They are looking for additional support and representation on the Board and their proposal will be considered at a future date.

UPCOMING DATES:

- February 8-10, Region 1, 2, 4 and 5 MRLC in sunny Buffalo, NY
- March 1-3, Southeast Regional Student Competition, Gainesville, FL
- March 13-14, ASCE Fly-In, Washington, DC
- March 16, OPAL Awards, Washington, DC
- March 16-18, ASCE Board of Direction Meeting, Arlington, VA
- March 23-24, Deep South Student Competition, Lafayette, LA

- April 5-7, Carolinas Student Conference, Durham, NC
- July 13-15, Florida Section Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL
- July 13-15, ASCE Board of Direction Meeting, Charleston, SC

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