

Region 6 Report: March 2017

## **ASCE: MRLC – Minnesota, ASCE officer elections, Dream BIG IMAX Film**

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- **Region 6 Director 2016-2019**

This is a busy time of year for the officers on the ASCE Board of Direction and the staff at ASCE Headquarters. The Board of Direction met in January in Los Angeles. We slated two candidates for President-Elect of ASCE and I hope each of you will become familiar with their vision, goals and qualifications. They are Kancheepuram (Guna) Gunalan, PhD, PE, DGE, T. ASCE and Robin Kemper, P.E., LEED AP, F.SEI, F. ASCE. Voting for members will be from May 1 – June 1, 2017. Voting can be completed by logging into the ASCE website using your usual login and password and clicking on the Vote button. If you have any questions, please contact me or ASCE. There will also be a Constitutional amendment on ballot for ASCE members to vote on whether to approve a Society Constitutional amendment that would increase the size of the Board of Direction by one in order to allow the third Technical Region Director a voting position on the Board.

The Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) for Regions 3, 6 and 7 was held in Minneapolis Minnesota on February 2-4. It was good to see the members from Texas participating in the Member, Younger member and Student leadership training. We enjoyed a sneak preview of the Dream Big! Film on Friday night. Also, some enjoyed an outing of curling on Saturday.

Committees are working hard to accomplish the goals set for the year, and the budget process for FY 2017-2018 is in full swing. Membership in ASCE has declined slightly and the Board is working to prepare a budget that is responsible. ASCE has made sound investments that have led to a stable, if not conservative, budget. The Board of Direction has actively supported new programs which will strengthen the society, add value to membership and increase revenues in the long term.

The Board of Direction voted at the Annual Meeting in Portland in the fall to place several international countries (Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico) back into Regions associated geographically and typically adjacent to them. Mexico has been placed back in Region 6. Region 6 is currently preparing revisions to the Region 6 by-laws to add one more Region 6 Governor (to be a representative from Mexico). This is an exciting opportunity for Region 6 to work together with Mexico as we have in the past.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to attend the memorial service that friends of Vernon Wuensche organized in Corpus Christi to honor Vernon's memory. Stories were shared of his generous spirit and kind heart. Thank you Allan and Patty Hayes, Joe Minor and numerous others for the opportunity to hear and remember all of the accomplishment of Vernon Wuensche.

And last but not least, the ASCE Board of Direction was excited to preview the Dream Big! Engineering Our World movie at several MRLC's this winter. Additionally, the Dream Big!

IMAX movie has premiered in numerous theatres across the county for Engineers Week in Feb. 2017. Additionally, educational tools are being made available to promote civil engineering. Please check the Dream Big! Website for locations and times when the movie can be viewed. It is a great movie and might bring tears of pride to your eyes.

The ASCE Board of Direction will meet on March 17 - 18, 2017 in Washington DC as part of the Legislative Fly-In. ASCE Goals and Strategic vision will be discussed at the meeting. Also, the Region 6 Board of Governors will meet on April 19 - 20 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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