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Technical Region Director's Report May 15, 2006

All members of the ASCE Board of Direction are expected to communicate effectively with the constituents in their respective regions. The Technical Region is a worldwide, virtual region comprised of ASCE's seven Institutes. This report is the third in a series of brief summaries intended to keep you informed of news from the ASCE Board of Direction. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions and concerns. I would especially appreciate receiving any thoughts that you might have on how ASCE and its Technical Region can better serve you. I can also be available to participate in Institute events if (1) invited at least two months in advance, and (2) asked to make a presentation to the attendees and/or to meet with the Institute Board of Governors.

2006 ASCE Election

The election for the second Technical Region Director is quickly approaching. There are two Official Nominees, Max Porter of SEI and Tom Rachford of EWRI. Electronic brochures for these candidates have been posted on the ASCE file server and can be accessed through links that are being published in the Institute newsletters. Please remember that this election is a contest between two individuals. It is not a contest between two Institutes. ASCE's Technical Region Directors must equitably represent all seven Institutes.

Voting will take place between June 15 and August 15. Only those individuals who are members in good standing of ASCE and at least one Institute can vote. Last year, only about 5% of the electorate voted. We can do better this year! Voting can be accomplished online in less than two minutes and at no cost. PLEASE VOTE!

April 2006 Board Meeting

During April 27 & 28, the ASCE Board of Direction conducted a wide range of discussions and reached a number of decisions that might be of interest to the members of the Technical Region. It appears that ASCE might study a variety of issues next year that would directly impact the Institutes, including: ASCE "branding", Institute-only membership and pricing, and (perhaps) Institute autonomy. I intend on being at the center of any such discussions.

The following summary of ASCE Board actions is not intended to be all-inclusive. Additional information is or will soon be available at www.asce.org.

- Approved a motion to formally establish the Task Committee on the Development of the Engineering Mechanics Institute. This sets in motion a sequence of actions that should lead to the establishment of ASCE's eighth Institute in October 2007.
- Approved a comprehensive revision of the EWRI Bylaws that had been requested by the EWRI Board of Governors.



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- Approved on second reading an amendment to the ASCE Bylaws 6.1.1.2.1 to clarify that candidates for Technical Region Director must have served as a VOTING member of an Institute Board of Governors.
- Approved on second reading an amendment to the ASCE Constitution to revise the title of the grade of Honorary Member to Distinguished Member and to add the grade of President-Emeritus.
- Approved the governing documents to officially establish Geographic Regions 1, 2, and 7, and to dissolve the District 1 Council.
- Reaffirmed or rescinded more than 30 existing ASCE Policy Statements and approved three new Policy Statements; "Beneficial Use of Dredged Material", "Access to Space", and "National Levee Safety Program". All Policy Statements can be accessed at www.asce.org.
- Accepted a joint report from the Program and Finance Committees and approved a new ASCE Investment Manager, Vanguard Institutional Asset Management.
- Accepted a report from the Audit Committee and approved a new ASCE Auditor, Tate & Tryon.
- Accepted a report from the Task Committee on Strategic Planning. ASCE has recently commenced a major strategic planning process that has the potential to reshape the Society. All Institute leaders should get involved NOW.
- Accepted a report from the Task Committee on Political Involvement. In July, the ASCE Board will be asked to approve the establishment of an ASCE Political Action Committee (PAC).
- Accepted a report from the Task Committee on Engineers Without Borders (EWB), approved the extension of this Task Committee through the end of FY07, and charged the Task Committee with determining ASCE's future involvement with EWB.
- Accepted a report from the Steering Committee on the Future of the Civil Engineering Profession in 2025. This invitation-only summit will be held in Leesburg, Virginia on June 21-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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