

Stan R. Caldwell, P.E., F.AEI, F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Halff Associates, Inc.
1201 North Bowser Road • Richardson, TX 75081
Phone: (214) 346-6280 • Fax: (214) 739-0095
E-mail: scaldwell@halff.com

Thomas M. Rachford, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Gannett Fleming, Inc.
207 Senate Avenue • Camp Hill, PA 17011
Phone: (717) 763-7211 • Fax: (717) 763-7323
E-mail: trachford@gfnet.com

Technical Region Directors' Report **May 16, 2008**

All members of the ASCE Board of Direction are expected to communicate effectively with the constituents in their respective regions. The Technical Region is comprised of the 102,806 members of ASCE's eight Institutes. This report is the twelfth in a series of brief summaries intended to keep you informed of news from the ASCE Board of Direction and the Technical Region Board of Governors. Directors Caldwell and Rachford jointly produce this report and ask that the Institutes promptly distribute it to all of their members. Please do not hesitate to contact either Director at any time with your questions and concerns. They would especially appreciate receiving any thoughts that you might have on how ASCE and its Technical Region can better serve you.

May 2008 ASCE Board Nominating Committee Meeting in Arlington, VA

On the morning of May 1, the ASCE Board of Direction Nominating Committee met in closed session to interview four candidates for ASCE At-Large Director and three candidates for ASCE President-Elect. By secret ballot, the following individuals were selected as the Official Nominees for FY2009:

- At-Large Director: Catherine Bazan-Arias
- President-Elect: Blaine Leonard

The election process for the next Technical Region Director is also underway. On January 12, the Technical Region Nominating Committee selected two Official Nominees by secret ballot:

- Technical Region Director: John Tawresey
- Technical Region Director: Ron Smith

The ASCE election opens June 15 and closes August 13. Voting can be done by paper ballot or, more conveniently, online at the ASCE website. Only those individuals who are members in good standing of at least one Institute can vote for the next Technical Region Director. Please remember that this election is a contest between two individuals. The election is not a contest between two Institutes. ASCE's Technical Region Directors must equitably represent all eight Institutes as well as the broader interests of the Society.

May 2008 ASCE Board of Direction Meeting in Arlington, VA

On the afternoon of May 1 and all day on May 2, the ASCE Board of Direction conducted a wide range of discussions and reached a number of decisions of interest to the members of the Technical Region. The following summary is not intended to be all-inclusive. Additional information is available on the ASCE website (www.asce.org).



Stan R. Caldwell, P.E., F.AEI, F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Halff Associates, Inc.
1201 North Bowser Road • Richardson, TX 75081
Phone: (214) 346-6280 • Fax: (214) 739-0095
E-mail: scaldwell@halff.com

Thomas M. Rachford, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Gannett Fleming, Inc.
207 Senate Avenue • Camp Hill, PA 17011
Phone: (717) 763-7211 • Fax: (717) 763-7323
E-mail: trachford@gfnet.com

- Approved revised Bylaws for the Technical Region, as requested by the Technical Region Board of Governors (TRBG). The revised composition of the TRBG necessitates a revision to Article 6.2.2 of the ASCE Bylaws. The revised article was received for first reading and is expected to be approved by consent on second reading at the next ASCE Board Meeting.
- Approved amendments to the Construction Institute (CI) Bylaws as requested by the CI Board of Governors.
- Extended the submission deadline for the Final Report from the Task Committee on the Response to the NTSB Initiative (related to the Boston Tunnel Ceiling Collapse) to November 2008. This Task Committee is primarily comprised of members of CI and the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI).
- Rescinded a motion, originally approved in 2004, which allowed up to \$50,000 in annual revenue sharing between ASCE and its Technical Activities Committee.
- Approved new marketing guidelines for Civil Engineering Certification, Inc, (CECI). Postponed action on a proposed expense containment program and a proposed cost sharing agreement for CECI. In lieu of the former, the Board will consider approval of the 2008 CECI Business Plan. In addition to the latter, the Board will require CECI to submit an executed promissory note covering the funding provided by ASCE. Both of these matters will be addressed at the next ASCE Board Meeting.
- Adopted three new public policy statements and one new public policy paper, adopted revisions to thirty-nine existing public policy statements, referred two public policy statements back to committee, and rescinded one public policy statement. For additional information on public policy statements, please contact Martin Hight at mhight@asce.org.
- Approved revisions to the rules for future ASCE elections. Beginning in FY2009, individual endorsements, campaign brochures, websites, PowerPoint presentations, and CDs will all be allowed. As always, candidates will be required to behave professionally, take the "high road", talk only about themselves, and limit their expenditures. The guiding principle in all elections will continue to be one of fairness to all candidates.
- Authorized the creation of a new Task Committee to review and possibly propose revisions to the procedures for the election of ASCE At-Large Director.
- Elected eleven individuals to the grade of Distinguished Member (formerly known as Honorary Member). Most of these outstanding individuals are Institute members.
- Received reports from the Executive Director, the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee, the Task Committee to Achieve the Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025, the TAC Committee on Sustainability, the Civil Engineering Forum for Innovation, the ASCE Web Update Project, Engineers without Borders – USA, and the Task Committee on Life Member Forums.

Stan R. Caldwell, P.E., F.AEI, F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Halff Associates, Inc.
1201 North Bowser Road • Richardson, TX 75081
Phone: (214) 346-6280 • Fax: (214) 739-0095
E-mail: scaldwell@halff.com

Thomas M. Rachford, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
Director, Technical Region

Gannett Fleming, Inc.
207 Senate Avenue • Camp Hill, PA 17011
Phone: (717) 763-7211 • Fax: (717) 763-7323
E-mail: trachford@gfnet.com

- As a Committee of the Whole, the Board discussed Strategy Management priorities and strategies. This included a discussion of proposed revisions to the radar screen of Professional Issues and a comprehensive update to the Infrastructure Strategy. There was also a presentation on the Impacts of Climate Change by Reid Detchon, the Executive Director of Energy and Climate at the United Nations Foundation.
- In Open Forum, the Board received a presentation from Mike Toole, a professor at Bucknell University and Vice Chair of CI's Design for Construction Safety Technical Committee (DfCS, alternately known as Prevention through Design, or PtD). Following this presentation and a discussion, ASCE President David Mongan stated that DfCS/PtD appears to go well beyond the intent of ASCE Public Policy Statement 350 and, on behalf of the Board, offered to send a letter of concern to the CI President asking CI to take appropriate actions.
- The next meeting of the ASCE Board of Direction is scheduled for July 21, 2008 in Kansas City.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stan R. Caldwell

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas M. Rachford