



# Civil Engineer

KANSAS CITY

## THE NEWSLETTER

April 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April

10th - YMCA - Volunteer with the Special Olympics of Kansas

14th - YMCA-STEM Group Networking Night

22nd - ASCE Awards Luncheon

23rd - ASB Kiosk Dedication

#### July

17-20th - ASCE Pipelines Conference

### April 2016 Awards Meeting

Event: Engineering the Future

Date: Friday, April 22nd, 2016

Time: 11:30pm

Location: Plaza III-The Steakhouse (4749 Pennsylvania Ave. Kansas City, MO 64112)

Speaker: ASCE National President-Elect Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D, P.E., F.SEI, M.COPRI, M.ASCE

#### About our Speaker:

Mattei has served ASCE for more than 20 years in local, regional, and national leadership positions. President Obama named her one of three civilian members of the Mississippi River Commission in 2012. A lifelong resident of New Orleans, Mattei is a professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of New Orleans. Her technical research interests include large watershed management, material and structural testing, sustainable reuse of spent construction/fabrication materials, and residual stress measurement. She is also interested in diversity, licensure, and ethics issues.

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## From the President

### Goodbye for now.

This spring newsletter will be the last during my term as president. I have enjoyed being able to represent the Kansas City Section for the past year. I want to thank the current board and committee members for a tremendous amount of work throughout the last year. A lot happens behind the scenes in the course of a year and it takes the dedication of a lot of individuals.

Looking ahead to next year, now is the opportunity for others to commit to being involved in the chapter. I would encourage all members to consider helping out in some capacity. Board nominations are now open and you can nominate yourself or some other worthy individual to serve on the 2016-2017 board. There are also opportunities to serve on the committees that help keep the chapter running. This May, we will be having a social event to give everyone an opportunity to sign up to help next year. Please think about what might be of interest to you, watch for the May meeting opportunity, join us for a beer, and sign up to help.

April is going to be a busy month for the section. Our Society President Elect, Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D, P.E. will be in town April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. During her visit, we will hold our annual awards luncheon Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will, of course, be our featured speaker. On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will dedicate the ASB bridge kiosk. Detailed information for both of those events are located elsewhere in the newsletter. I hope you can attend.

Those of you who know me know that I am a man of few words so it is fitting that that I have run out of them and my last president's message is the shortest of the year. Again, thanks to everyone for allowing me to serve as president. When my term is complete in May, I look forward to continuing to support the section in other ways. I hope you will too.

## ASB/ASCE Kiosk Project Completion

As previously reported, ASB/ASCE Kiosk Project is near its completion. The Section is producing informational panels that will be attached to the kiosk counterweights in April. A celebration is planned for April 23, 2016, at the Kiosk Site, located on Riverfront Heritage Trail northeast of the Town of Kansas Observation Deck. ASCE National President-Elect, Norma Jean Mattei has also been invited to attend along with local dignitaries. The tentative agenda for the celebration is as follows:

9:00 AM—11:00 AM - Children's Activities

11:00 AM - Welcoming and Brief History of the Kiosk Project

11:10 - 11:45 AM - Speeches from Officials (Dependent on number of officials who speak)

12:00 Noon - Ribbon Cutting

After Ribbon Cutting - Discussion of ASB Bridge

After Bridge Discussion - Refreshments

Come and join us! We hope to see many section members at the celebration.



Kiosk Counterweights

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## ASCE Board Nominations

The KC Section of ASCE's Nominating Committee is preparing its recommended slate of candidates for Officer and Board positions for the 2016-2017 term. Each of the Board positions (other than President) is listed below with the name of the current candidate. Each of the positions is responsible for acting as a liaison between the committees listed below and the Board of Directors. If you are interested in being considered or would like to nominate someone for election to one of the Board positions, please contact Jennifer Taylor ([jctaylor@burnsmcd.com](mailto:jctaylor@burnsmcd.com)) by April 5th. **There are many ways to serve the Section beyond serving on the Board, so as a reminder, if you're interested, the Section would love to hear from you! Find an Officer at a luncheon, email a Board member, or let a coworker who is involved in ASCE know; there is a place for you to get involved!**

- President-Elect - John Blancett (2015-2016 ASCE Treasurer)
- Treasurer - Mike Schmitz (2015-2016 ASCE Secretary)
- Secretary - Sara Somsy (2015-2016 ASCE Director III)
- Director III - Valerie McCaw (2015-2016 ASCE Director II)
- Director II - Mike Winckler (2015-2016 ASCE Director I)
- Director I - Ozzy Bravo (2015-2016 ASCE Younger Member Group President)
- Associate Member Director - Open Position

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## Geotechnical Committee

The Kansas City Geotechnical Group hosted a successful Specialty Seminar on January 15. The seminar was titled Recent Advances in Seismicity and featured experts from both academia and the industry. Photos from the conference have been posted on the ASCE Kansas City Section website (<http://www.kcengineers.org/> )

The Geotechnical Group also hosted an evening seminar on March 3 at the UMKC Diastole Scholars Center. Mr. Jeffrey Gebhard, P.E., of Braun Intertec presented a topic about optimization of drilled shaft design and the drilled shaft load testing for the reconstruction of the St. Anthony Falls I-35 West Bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Planning and preparations continue for the Annual Conference scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Ritz Charles Overland Park. For information on the conference and to register, click on this event's link in the Upcoming Events section of the ASCE Kansas City Section website (<http://www.kcengineers.org/> ).



## Younger Members Group

### Kansas City ASCE at the CRYMC!

Four Kansas City Younger Member Officers attended the Central Region Younger Member Council in Chicago January 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. During this annual leadership conference, all section and branch leaders and students of ASCE from Regions 3, 6 and 7 gather together. Our officers were able to exchange successful practices with other younger member group officers and gain new perspectives on activities that will benefit our KC YMG. This Younger Member Council in Chicago was a resounding success as two of our younger members were recognized for their dedication to ASCE and the profession: Stephen Stinger was recognized as an Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector, and Mike Winckler was recognized as an Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Public Sector.

We are very excited to have them and all our members as part of our vibrant younger member group! We are looking forward to participating in the next Younger Member Council next February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Minneapolis. This is a great networking opportunity within our profession, and the KC YMG appreciates the full support of the KC Section. Please let Ozzy Bravo ([obravo@terracon.com](mailto:obravo@terracon.com)) or Stephen Stinger ([sms5xd@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:sms5xd@mail.missouri.edu)) know if you would be interested in attending next year!



## Younger Members Group Cont'd



### Over 50 YMG Members Check Out the Mavericks!

On Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>, the YMG participated at their annual Mavericks game. This year 51 YMG members and guests enjoyed the game against the Wichita Thunder. Most everyone who participated enjoyed a pre-game party at Buffalo Wild Wings which included all chicken wings, appetizers and drinks. This event has become a success every year thanks to the networking opportunities and excitement of our YMG leaders. A special thanks once again to Emery Sapp & Sons for sponsoring and Tyler Garrett (YMG Social Chair) for organizing this event!

### A Panel of Professionals at UMKC

On Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, the YMG hosted Adrian Keller, Lori Gies, Mike Winckler, Jeff Bartz & Terry Uhl as a panel for the discussion with the ASCE UMKC Student Chapter. During this hour long discussion about expectations during the career fair, transition from students to professionals, graduate school and our panelists' careers, we had great engagement of the students with our professionals. The KC ASCE YMG appreciates the opportunity to participate with the UMKC student chapter in this annual event. We look forward to engaging with students, and wished them luck to them at the career fair the following week! If you are looking for summer interns, please connect with the YMG officers to get you in touch with UMKC students! ***The Younger Members Group is planning several summer events for your interns and young professionals!***



## Upcoming Events for the Younger Member Group

### April STEM Networking Event

On Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, the YMG will host with the Society of Women Engineers and other engineering organizations in town a STEM Networking Event. Everyone is welcome to participate at the Well in Waldo from 5:30pm to 8:30pm! Food will be provided by the organizing engineering societies. Please check the website at <http://kcengineers.org/ymg/> with further questions about this annual event!

### School Outreach Event Planning Committee

Our School Outreach chairs Sara Goebel ([sgoebel@burnsmcd.com](mailto:sgoebel@burnsmcd.com)) and Jade Rodell-Tipton ([jsrnwb@mail.umkc.edu](mailto:jsrnwb@mail.umkc.edu)) have put together a committee to organize an activity day for elementary school children to be introduced to civil engineering with some hands-on learning!

Meetings are being held every other Monday to plan this amazing event. The next meetings will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need the civil engineering community to actively participate as volunteers on the day of the event to be held in late April or early May!

***Please mark your calendars for this first-of-its-kind opportunity!***



### Looking for Officers for 2016-2017

May is fast approaching and we are looking for members interested in becoming chairs for 2016-2017 within the Younger Members Group!

We have the following chairs (each committee has at least two chairs): Golf Tournament, Communications Committee, Professional Development, School Outreach, Community Service, Social/Networking Events and Membership & Recruitment.

Given that we have several chairs, the responsibilities are shared and there is plenty of opportunity for collaboration!

Current YMG Officers: <http://kcengineers.org/ymg/officers/>

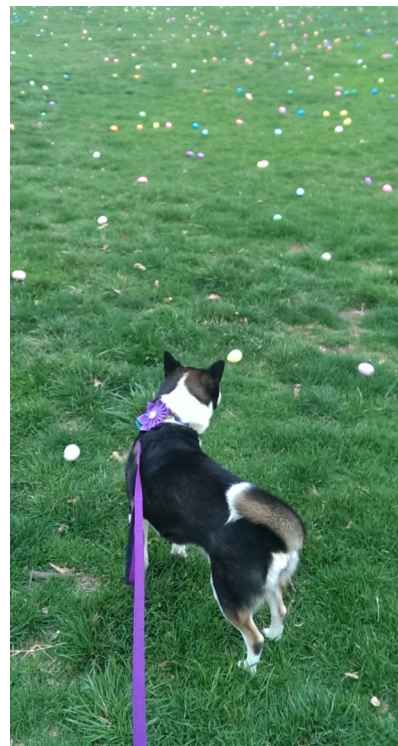
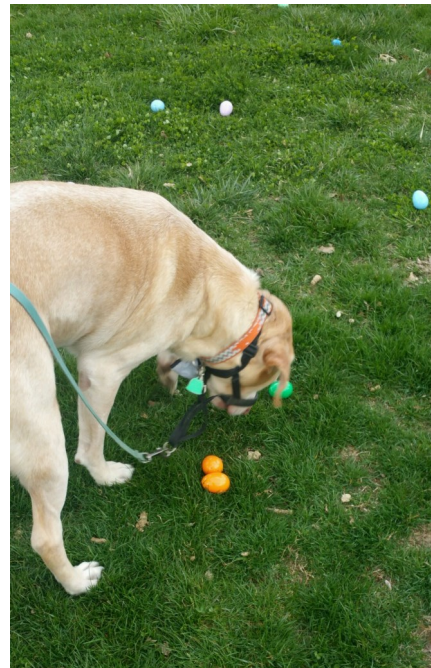
Please let Ozzy Bravo ([obravo@terracon.com](mailto:obravo@terracon.com)) or Stephen Stinger ([sms5xd@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:sms5xd@mail.missouri.edu)) know if you would be interested in learning about these opportunities!



## Other Events

### Doggie Easter Egg Hunt Delights Communication Chair

Saturday, March 19th, members of Terracon and Transystems took part in Three Dog Bakery's "Easter Egg Hunt" that involved hundreds of treat-filled eggs and years of future joy and laughter for anyone taking pictures at the event. Carmen, the 6-year-old Shiba Inu, the light of a local H&H engineer's life, caught no less than 25 Easter eggs despite weighing less than 22 pounds. The event took place in Mill Creek Park next to the Country Club Plaza and is scheduled to be an annual event. Look out for it in 2017!





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## Help Wanted

AEC Recruiting works with Civil Engineering firms to fulfill their employment needs in OK, KS, MO, TN, TX, and AR. With over 10 years' experience with most Architectural and Engineering firms in the area, AEC Recruiting has the contacts to help you get that position you're looking for. If you are interested in a new opportunity or have an opening in the Civil Engineering Industry, please contact Darren Bobbitt at [dkbobbitt@att.net](mailto:dkbobbitt@att.net).

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## Be a Part of Our Newsletter

We are always looking for new topics for our newsletters. Are you working on a fantastic project? Is there news you would like spread around the engineering community? Have a flyer that's out of this world?

We want to include you! Contact Laura Irwin at [likirwin@transystems.com](mailto:likirwin@transystems.com) and your content could be featured in our next newsletter.

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