



American Society of Civil Engineers

To: Younger Member Group Chairs, Presidents, and Contacts, Regions 3, 6, and 7
From: Carolyn T. Young, AM.ASCE, Chair, Central Region Younger Member Council Meeting
Subject: 2010 Central Region Younger Member Council Meeting
Date: September 29, 2009

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2010 Central Region Younger Member Council Meeting to be held January 22-23, 2010 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Younger Member Groups of all Sections and Branches are encouraged to send representatives to the Younger Member Council. Official Younger Member Groups (as listed in the ASCE Official Register) are entitled to have one delegate reimbursed.

Attendance at the Council strengthens and expands the programs and activities of Younger Member Groups through the interchange of ideas, information, and experiences, while it exposes incoming officers to the tools needed to be effective leaders. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to provide Society leadership with the viewpoint of Younger Members by participating in the Business Meeting. Concurrently, there will be a Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL) and a Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (WSBL). We have worked diligently to ensure the success of the program and look forward to your participation. Sessions begin at 7:30am on Friday and conclude at 2pm on Saturday; however, you are also invited to participate in the Saturday afternoon tour.

Please submit the name and address of each Younger Member delegate using the attached Nomination Form. All delegates must be current, Associate, Affiliate, or Members of ASCE in good standing. Recent graduates will need to upgrade from Student Member before registering. **The registration fee for each delegate is \$215.00; however, an Early Bird registration fee of \$200.00 per delegate will apply to member nominations postmarked by October 30, 2009.** (Payment must be received along with nomination form to be eligible for this discount.) This fee will help subsidize general expenses for meals and refreshment breaks scheduled during the meeting. Please list "Central Region YMC" in the memo portion of the check.

All nomination forms and payment should be sent to ASCE's lockbox at the following address:

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P.O. Box 79668

Baltimore, MD 21279

Please DO NOT mail the nomination form and check to ASCE Headquarters.

Within the next couple of months, nominated delegates will receive letters of authorization and other pertinent information about the Council and their individual participation. One delegate per "Official" Younger Member Group, as designated in the Official Register, will be eligible for reimbursement up to the maximum amount allowed by the Society. This individual should be listed as "Attendee 1" on the nomination form. The Society reimburses eligible delegates for the cost of transportation on the basis of a 14-day advance purchase, round trip, coach airfare. If you choose not to fly, alternative transportation such as trains or buses are covered; however, the cost cannot exceed the cost of an airline fare based on the advanced purchase. Automobile transportation is based on the mileage rate of the federal government at the time of the conference. Other expenses including lodging, meals, etc., are reimbursed at the per diem rate of \$100 (two days maximum).

In order to obtain our group discount price, the delegates must also make their reservations with the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel before Wednesday, December 23, 2009 by calling 216-696-5600. The sleeping room rate is \$119.00, single or double.

During the Council, we will present five awards intended to promote and recognize individual young engineers within Regions 3, 6, and 7. The awards include: (1) the Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector Award, (2) the Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Public Sector Award, (3) the Outstanding Younger Member in Community Activities Award, (4) the Outstanding Younger Member Group Community Service Project Award, and (5) the Outstanding ASCE Practitioner Advisor Award. Full award nomination

forms will be sent to YM contacts and posted at <http://crymc.asce.org>. Though the winners will be recognized in Cleveland, they do not need to be present in order to be eligible.

In addition to the award information, be on the lookout for the Business Meeting call for resolutions and draft agenda. Begin to think about topics the delegates should consider for formal action and whether your group would be interested in hosting the 2012 Council. Also, the FY 2009 Annual YM Group Report and Summary is due on November 24, 2009, and we will include your two-page summary in the attendee binders at the Council. The Annual Report form, attached, includes more details.

Did you know that Cleveland has a great engineering and invention history? The world's first electric streetcar (1884), the first automatically operating wind turbine (1888), the first X-Ray photograph (1896), the first successful defibrillation of a human heart (1947), and the world's first hybrid vehicle (1912) were all developed in Cleveland. Cleveland also has a rich history of cultural diversity, medical achievements, music, and sporting accomplishments. In addition to a strong past, Cleveland is an exciting place to live and visit right now with the largest performing arts center in the U.S. outside of New York City, the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, Lebron James and Shaquille O'Neal, the Lake Erie Shoreline, and many more exciting things to see and experience. We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy a weekend full of fun and learning that will strengthen your group and you personally. Join us in Cleveland, where we are looking forward to a successful Younger Member Council!

Let us know if we can help in any way as you prepare to participate. Please contact me at 216-357-3545 or ctyoung@transystems.com, or Nancy Berson, ASCE staff, at 703-295-6010, nberson@asce.org with any questions.

Attachments: Nomination Form
 Preliminary Agenda
 Annual Report Template

cc: Section and Branch Presidents, Regions 3, 6, & 7

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