

## ASCE Fox River Valley Branch November 2014 Newsletter

We are starting this year off a little slow. Maybe it's a reflection of the early winter season we are experiencing.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Best Western, Bridgewood Resort in Neenah on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a pretty successful turnout with around 100 people in attendance from all over the Wisconsin Section. My favorite part was the keynote speaker. He spoke about making the relationships with clients and contractors a key part of making successful projects. He took a purchasing transaction and changed it into an emotional experience. If we have a positive experience while purchasing something, then we will go back to that place to purchase more items. Make the relationship memorable.

Our new board of directors met on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the transition from last year to this year. We also discussed how we can make this year better. Your new members of the board for 2015 are: Dawn Rossmiller - President, Peter Bielen – Vice President, Ryan Betker – Secretary/Treasurer, Cory Thomson – Director, Ryan Trzinski – Director, and Matthew Galarneau – Director. We have a new email to reach the board – [ascefrv@gmail.com](mailto:ascefrv@gmail.com) – please use this when responding to meeting notices.

Peter Bielen planned the October meeting to tour the newly expanded Tiletown Brewery along with dinner at the restaurant. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. Good job Peter. That was a great meeting.

In November we are joining up with the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers. Ryan Betker set up this meeting for tomorrow night, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Rock Garden in Green Bay. The speaker will be Dr. John Luczaj, Geoscience Chair at UW-GB Professor. Please contact [Ryan.Betker@omni.com](mailto:Ryan.Betker@omni.com) if you are interested in attending. It looks to be a pretty interesting discussion about groundwater in the Green Bay area.

I also want to mention the upcoming ASCE/AEI Conference March 24-27<sup>th</sup>. I know it's a ways off, but the earlybird registration ends December 17<sup>th</sup>, which is a month away. Here is a link to the website for more information. <http://content.asce.org/conferences/aei2015/index.html> If you attend the conference, you can earn professional development hours and you can mingle with other professionals around the world. There are also short courses and optional one day attendance specials. If you work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring the conference or having an exhibit at the conference please pass this website along, as they can check it out and register right on the website.

We don't have a meeting Planned for December, as the Holiday season usually takes precedence. Please take some time to spend with your family and have a wonderful Holiday!

For January we are trying to set up another exciting meeting. Hope to see you there.