

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

## SPRING 2010

I hope the semester is going well for all of you! I'm certain you are just as ready as I am for Spring Break.

I want to start off by thanking the people that volunteered for E-Week. For those of you that are unaware, E-Week is a week dedicated to teaching the community about Engineering and Science. Some of our members went to middle schools and discussed the opportunities available in Engineering. UAA held engineering activities and our chapter helped with the balsa towers. It was a lot of fun.

We've been working hard to prepare for the ASCE Northwest Regional conference (April 22-25). This year it will be in Pullman, Washington. Our bridge is nearly complete and our canoe will be poured this month. Next year we are hosting the conference, so it's time to start planning. Don't be shy! Come help out!

In February, a group of 7 people toured the new airport construction. It was very educational. We will have many more field trips and activities throughout the year. I hope you can make it to some of them!

Also in February, four students attended the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders [WSCL] in San Diego, CA. They learned how to improve our student chapter and had excellent networking opportunities. If you're interested in becoming an officer, keep this opportunity in mind for next year!

A list of current club donors can be found on the back of this newsletter; be sure to show your appreciation to our sponsors!

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing break. See you at the meeting on March 23!

Best wishes,

*Brittany Barkshire*

UAA ASCE Vice President

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- COREY ROCHE

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*"To develop and maintain personal relationships within the student body and community while providing opportunities for success by expanding academic principles into a professional setting."*

-2010 Club Officers

## 2010 CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Anna Ferntheil

**Vice President:** Brittany Barkshire

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**Club Council Representative:** Kris Homerding

**Conference Coordinator:** Rachel Kidwell

**Activities Coordinator:** Kim Anderson

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**Webmaster:** Danielle Dance

### CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

- <http://asce-uaa.com>
- Facebook Group: ASCE UAA-Student Chapter

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATES**

With the 2010 NW Regional Conference just over a month away, all construction teams have been diligently working.

Steel Bridge captain, Taylor Harper and his team, have spent countless hours cutting, grinding, and welding; the steel bridge is finally coming together. It should be completed in just a few more days.

The canoe form has been finished and the team has been waiting on mix results. The test

batches have finally been broken, and the canoe will be poured the first weekend of March. The canoe needs to be shipped by mid March to ensure it arrives to Washington on time.

The club has purchased tickets for 13 people to travel. They will represent UAA in Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe, Technical Paper, Surveying and various supplemental competitions. If you would like to be more involved but are unable to help with the bridge or canoe, we are

certainly looking for people to help prepare for the supplemental activities.

Keep in mind that we are hosting next year's conference! If you want to be involved with the planning of this huge task, please contact Rachel Kidwell ASAP!

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*See you there!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
[LOCATIONS] AND  
DEADLINES:**

**MARCH:**

- 1: Mead Paper Deadline
- 9-12: Spring Break
- 16: ASCE Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]
- 23: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 26: Social Event [TBA]  
Concrete Canoe Report Due

**APRIL:**

- 5: Class Registration Opens
- 13: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 20: ASCE Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]
- 22-24: NW Regional Conference [Pullman, WA]
- 27-30: Finals

**MAY:**

- 2: Commencement
- 15: Bowl-A-Thon [Lucky Strike]
- 18: Host Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]

**MORE TO COME!**

**HELPING HAND**

In 2007, ASCE nationally partnered with Engineers Without Borders [EWB]. At UAA, EWB is working on a water and kitchen improvement project for the Rhema Grace Orphanage in Tiko, Cameroon, Africa. They plan to implement this project in May 2010. To learn more about the project and what you can do to help, come to a meeting (or contact Kris, below). Meetings are held at 7:00 PM every Tuesday in the Lyla Richards Conference Room (across from Subway).

Also, Kris Homerding will be fighting in "Thursday Night at the Fights" to raise money for this project. If you'd like to sponsor him (even a few dollars helps!) contact him at khomerding@gmail.com.

**BOWL-A-THON!**

UAA will be hosting its first Annual Bowl-A-Thon! The event will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at Lucky Strike. Registration is \$60 per person, but it includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, a t-shirt, and an opportunity to win awesome door prizes! If an entire team registers (4 people), a discount will be provided.

This should be a great fundraising opportunity for the club, so invite everyone you know to come along! It is not strictly for engineers or engineering companies; everyone is welcome! Also, we're currently accepting donations for door prizes, so please help us look for these!

Registration forms can be received from Brittany (bdbarkshire@uaa.alaska.edu) or found on the club website. Registration forms and donations must be returned no later than April 22!

Come show off your bowling skills!

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!**

The student chapter of ASCE functions primarily on donations from people and companies within the community. Without their support, none of the successful activities we are involved in would be possible. The following sponsors have contributed to our club this year (as of February 28, 2010). We would like to thank them for supporting our organization and further aiding our education:

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