

# The Practice... of Civil Engineering

The dedicated team of the Editorial Board of *Civil Engineering Practice* works throughout the year to solicit, encourage, review, edit and compile the four to six practice-oriented technical papers that appear every six months between orange-colored covers. During the past seven years, our efforts have been guided by the thoughtful leadership of Professor Ali Touran who served as Chair of our Editorial Board. Ali has done yeoman's work in pursuing the vision of *Civil Engineering Practice* as an independent, practice-oriented journal. Over the past several years, with the completion of the local "super-projects" of the Big Dig and the Deer Island Treatment Facility, it has not been as easy as it once was to procure authors and topics that used to be bountifully piled up right on our doorstep. However, with Ali's dedication and hard work in guiding our Editorial Board, we have managed to continue to provide BSCES membership with a high-quality publication that is unique in the technical literature for its focus on the practical aspects of the practice of Civil Engineering. Ali has also been at the helm of the journal in a period when budgetary pressures have been mounting, and as new media formats have become widespread. Questions on information delivery at the dawning of the digital media age continue to swirl around in Editorial Board meetings. During Ali's stewardship, the Editorial Board has remained resolute to the task at hand and believes that the orange-covered print version of *Civil Engineering Practice* provides each member of BSCES with a tangible benefit of your membership in BSCES. I am happy to note that Ali will continue to serve as a journal board member as I begin my tenure as Chair of the Editorial Board.

On a more solemn note, it is with great sadness that the Editorial Board acknowledges the passing of Saul Namyet. For almost twenty years from the inception of *Civil Engineering Practice*, Dr. Namyet volunteered his time, after retiring from Northeastern University, to assist the journal's professional editor in being another set of eyes to proofread page proofs of the journal before sending an issue to the printer. His efforts helped to maintain high standards for the information delivered to readers in the journal.

*Civil Engineering Practice* continues its mission to present timely practice-oriented papers. The journal receives papers from authors across the country, and even throughout the world, for review and possible publication. The journal provides a mix of developments from throughout the nation and the world, as well as serving as a means to bring important developments and innovative techniques in the area to a larger audience. Our journal is the only known practice-related publication that covers every discipline within Civil Engineering. We members of BSCES are indeed fortunate to have *Civil Engineering Practice*.

But our search for new technical articles is never-ending and we reach out to the membership to help us identify topics and authors who are busy doing the work of Civil Engineering, and who just might be coaxed into writing about an innovative project, new technical application or advancement in materials that we use in designing and constructing the built environment of our world. Please contact me, or Brian Brenner, or any member of the Editorial Board with ideas, suggestions or draft papers on an aspect of Civil Engineering practice that you would like to see or offer for publication.

I look forward to serving as Chair of the Editorial Board, and I am committed to continue delivering the high-quality of journal that all of our members expect and deserve.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lambrechts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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