

# PROCEEDINGS

## BOSTON SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS SECTION

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

#### Minutes of Meetings

##### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SECTION

*April 13, 1977* - The 129th Annual Meeting of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers (the third meeting of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section following the merger of the BSCE with the Massachusetts Section of the ASCE) was held at the M.I.T. Faculty Club in Cambridge. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Bertram Berger at which time President Berger recognized William R. Gibbs, ASCE President-Elect.

The reading of the minutes of previous meetings was waived, the President noting that these minutes would be published in the *Journal*. The Secretary, Edward B. Kinner, announced that the following members of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers became eligible today for life membership in the Section: Francis J. Alves, Russell C. Chase, Martin J. Cullity, Francis R. Dittami, Philip Dixon, Kenneth F. Knowlton, Edwin S. Rich and Forrest S. White. He also announced the names of those who had attained life membership this year in the American Society of Civil Engineers: Richard E. Burnett, James C. Deveney, Royal C. Flanders, John W. Gurry, William L. Hyland, John M. Lind, Peter R. Paladino, Damon O. Runyan, Cecil W. Robertson, Hyman B. Ullian and Roger W. Williams.

The Secretary also read the names of members who had died during 1976-1977: Arthur B. Appleton, Penneth M. Cline, Robert T. Colburn, Herman G. Dresser, Chester J. Ginder, Reuben M. Haines, Leslie J. Hooper, Gordon G. Howie, Charles E. Knox, Robert S. Larsen, Mark Linenthal, Theodore R. Mottola, Frederick N. Weaver, Howard J. Williams, Harold Zoller.

The Secretary summarized the Annual Report of the Board of Government in the absence of the treasurer, he also presented the Treasurer's Report.

Annual Reports of the Auditors and the Forum were presented, and of the following committees: Action Program-Professional Practice, Advertising, ASCE/AGC Liaison; Associate Members Forum, Constitution and Bylaws, Thomas R. Camp Fund, Clambake,

Continuing Education, Dinner Dance, Disadvantaged Youth, John R. Freeman Fund, History and Heritage, Ralph W. Horne Fund, Investment, Key Man, Membership, Nominating, Program, Operations Manual, Publications, Journal Editor, Student Chapter, 1979 ASCE Convention, Younger Members, Massachusetts Construction Industry Council Representative and Massachusetts Engineers Council Representative. It was VOTED "that these reports be accepted and placed on file."

Annual Reports of the Technical Groups were requested by the President and were presented: Computer, Construction, Environmental, Geotechnical, Hydraulics, Structural and Transportation. It was VOTED "that these reports be accepted and placed on file." The President stated that all above reports would be published in the *Journal*.

President Berger made the following announcements:

The Northeastern University Student Chapter has received the Robert Ridgway Award, which is the highest award given for student chapter activities.

The Board of Government has voted to recommend Dean Russel C. Jones as the Zone I candidate for ASCE President-Elect.

The Board of Government has voted to move its offices to 80 Boylston Street, Boston, where it will share quarters with the Consulting Engineers Council of New England and the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers.

President Berger then presented his address entitled, "Engineering - Today's Challenge," which will be printed in the *Journal*.

President Berger recognized ASCE Zone I Vice President, Joseph F. Ward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene following dinner.

President Berger called the meeting to order again at 7:45 p.m. Following introduction of the head table guests and officers, President Berger called upon the Secretary to assist in the awarding of prizes and certifi-

cates, which were in turn presented by the President:

- Award: Clemens Herschel Prize  
 Recipient: Jonathan French  
 Paper: "Flow Approaching Filter Wastewater Troughs"
- Award: Ralph W. Horne Fund Award  
 Recipient: Robert V. Whitman
- Award: Environmental Group Award  
 Recipient: Philip W. Holmes and Frederic C. Blanc
- Paper: "Anaerobic Treatment of Leachate with High Sodium Concentrations"

The Secretary read the names and brief biographies of those who attained ASCE Life Membership this year and the President presented certificates to those present. He also read the names and biographies of those who had attained BSCES Life Membership and the President presented certificates to the new Life Members present.

President Berger presented William R. Gibbs, ASCE President-Elect, who brought greetings from National ASCE.

Following President Gibbs' talk the Tellers of the Election, Maurice Freedman and Frank E. Perkins, reported on the result of the balloting. President Berger then introduced the officers of the BSCE Section for the coming year, and then turned the meeting over to the new President, Charles C. Ladd. President Ladd praised President Berger for his achievements during his year in office and briefly outlined his goals for his term in office. He then presented a plaque to retiring President Berger commemorating his year as President.

The meeting was then turned over to the program chairman, Howard Simpson, who introduced Charles W. Wyckoff, photographic scientist, who presented a fascinating lecture with visual aids on the subject of "The Search for the Loch Ness Monster."

One hundred fifty-six members and guests attended the dinner and evening meeting.

### Meetings Held Technical Groups

The following meetings of Technical Groups in January, February and March are noted here briefly. Details are covered in the annual reports included in this issue.

Computer Group: February 22 and March 16, 1977.

Construction Group: January 13 and March 2, 1977.

Environmental Group: January 12, February 2, and March 30, 1977.

Geotechnical Group: January 13, February 22, and March 22, 1977.