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New President's Message

Under the able stewardship of President Ladd, the Section has once again completed a busy and productive year. In size and professional and technical activities, it ranks in the top seven of the 82 ASCE sections. It is also significant that in the number of members who have an active role as national officers or in national committees, it ranks in the top three sections; and that it is regarded by the national organization as the "spearhead" section of the New England region. To continue and build upon this impressive record is a formidable responsibility and challenge.

Among the areas of special interest and concern that will be receiving my attention and that of our Board of Government and our various committees are the following:

- Implementation of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee recommendations, as accepted by the Board of Government and summarized in President Ladd's address. An expanded Publications Committee under the chairmanship of Vice President Zoino will undertake the task of upgrading the format and content of the *Journal*, with the goal of making it not only more responsive to the needs of the membership, but also more attractive and readable. Vice President Perkins will chair the Program Committee, the function of which will be expanded to include general planning and coordination of our lecture series activities. These programs, which in the past have provided a valuable service to our membership and which have been enthusiastically received, will also be scheduled and budgeted to provide a regular source of income to apply to the Section's general operating expenses.
- While not included in the recommendations of the Budget Committee, I will appoint an editor for the BSCE NEWS, who, under the direction of the Publications Committee, will, I hope, continue to improve and expand this new publication.
- A new committee — the Employment Conditions Committee — will be activated and charged with the responsibility of implementing Manual 55, Employment Conditions for Civil Engineers.
- I have requested Philip Caruso and his Membership Committee to continue with its membership drive. Local nonmembers who are members of ASCE National and new engineering graduates constitute a large pool of potential new members; to the maximum extent practicable, personal contacts should be used to follow up our circular mailings.
- The Clambake Committee and the Dinner Dance Committee have been disbanded, and will be replaced by the Social Affairs Committee. The task of this committee will be to implement the recently accepted recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Functions. The new committee will work toward upgrading and improving membership participation in our two annual social functions.

I am looking forward to the prospect of serving you during this next year. I anticipate that the forthcoming twelve months will be busy for me, but very enjoyable — and, I hope, productive as well.

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