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New President's Message

I appreciate very much the opportunity to serve as your President. As the oldest engineering society in the United States, we are about to embark on our 131st yearly program. This program will consist both of technical activities and professional activities. At the moment our technical activities appear to be in excellent condition with over 40 meetings and two lecture series scheduled for 1979-1980 by the seven Technical Groups comprising the BSCE Section. Thus, I would like to focus attention in the coming year more on the professional activities aspects of the society.

First of all, I plan to initiate a very strong membership drive during the coming year. At the present time there are over 2,000 members of the BSCE

Section, but there are over 1,000 members of ASCE living in Eastern Massachusetts who are not members of this Section. Our specific recruiting efforts will be directed toward these individuals. I ask each of you to work with me in getting in touch with these individuals (we have the addresses) and inviting them to join in our activities and attend our meetings. I also ask each of you to take the time to sponsor a new member, bring the person to a meeting, and introduce the person to other society members. Through such action each of you can make a contribution to our success.

A second area of proposed activity in the coming year will be in continued strong support of the Design Professionals Joint Government Affairs Council, which is staffed and funded by MSPE, CECNE, BSCES, MSAA, and MALSCS. In the Council, BSCES is represented by two members of our Action Program-Professional Practice Committee. The joint committee's efforts are in monitoring legislation of concern to members of the several societies. The activity will include both the identification of proposed legislation affecting engineers and architects, and influencing the legislation toward a proper course.

A third area of activity will be the strengthening and upgrading of the BSCES Journal. Many of you have received the January issue coincident with the National Convention. This issue shows a new format but we would like to put emphasis in the coming year on a strong, technical content. Accordingly, I have asked Vice President Perkins to supervise this activity for the coming year and have each of the seven technical groups sponsor at least one written paper for the BSCES Journal in their individual programs. And lastly, at the request of many members of BSCES, we will initiate a monthly luncheon series. This program will be chaired by Mr. Brian Hogan, past president of the Massachusetts Section ASCE. These luncheon programs will deal primarily with non-technical matters affecting civil engineers and will afford the opportunity for civil engineers to meet as a group in areas of mutual interest not narrowly limited to their own technical subdiscipline.

These are my thoughts and ideas for the coming year, and I look forward to working with you to achieve these objectives. In particular, if any of you wish to serve on committees, please make yourselves known to me and I will be happy to get you involved in the above-described activities.

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