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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2010

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Presented by: Peter Liloia, III Esq.

**Speaker:** Peter Liloia III, Esq. holds a civil engineering degree from Princeton University and a law degree from Boston University. He has twenty-five years experience in public and private construction and heads his own firm in construction and engineering contract law, claims, alternate dispute resolution, training, mediation and arbitration. He conducts seminars and private workshops and is an instructor for ASCE.

**Where:** La Quinta Inn & Suites  
38 Two Bridges Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004  
(973)575-1742

**Time:** Social Hour and cocktails begin at 5:30  
Dinner and presentation begin at 6:30

**Cost:** \$65 – Members, \$60 – Government Employees  
\$70 – Nonmembers, Tables of Eight – \$480

**Register:** *Please register at our new website-*  
<http://www.ascenorthjerseybranch.org>  
RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Greetings North Jersey Branch Members. Fall is in the air. Leaves are changing color; the temperature is getting cooler and days are becoming shorter. Preparation for Halloween is in full swing, and I am sure you can almost taste the turkey. Holiday season will embrace us soon, and we at ASCE NJB are busy preparing for our meetings and other relevant activities.

We had a flying start to our new season with the Annual Awards Dinner on September 23, 2010 at LaQuinta Inn & Suites. More than 100 attendees participated in our Awards dinner to honor a number of distinguished individuals for Civil Engineer of the Year (Pete Kristiansen), Government Engineer of the Year (Frank Scarantino), Young Engineer of the Year (Maidie Erickson) and Educator of the Year (Jon Miller). Life Members and scholarship winners have also been honored at the Awards dinner. Congratulations to all of you.

Our next scheduled meeting is coordinated by the Professional Issues Group. Please extend your thanks to Tom Beke and his team for organizing this event. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010 at LaQuinta Inn & Suites. Peter Liloia, III will be discussing the engineer's warranty to the contractor regarding adequacy of the design and the effect of incomplete, ambiguous or incorrect design documents. Details of the program and registration information are provided on our website: [www.ascenorthjerseybranch.org](http://www.ascenorthjerseybranch.org).

In my last president's address, I mentioned that our scholarship fund deserves a healthy revenue source so that we can offer generous scholarships to our next generation. Let me provide you with some statistics so that you have a clear picture. Since 1996-97 we have awarded a total of \$59,500 as scholarships to high school and undergraduate students. The following table shows the distribution of scholarships (including the number of recipients) over an eleven-year period.

Year	Total Amount	Undergraduate Students	High School Students
2010-11	\$4,500	\$1,000 (4)	\$3,500 (4)
2009-10	\$7,500	\$4,000 (6)	\$3,500 (4)
2008-09	\$6,000	\$4,000 (6)	\$2,000 (2)
2007-08	\$7,500	\$5,500 (7)	\$2,000 (2)
2006-07	\$6,000	\$4,000 (6)	\$2,000 (2)
2005-06	\$6,000	\$4,000 (6)	\$2,000 (2)
2004-05	\$4,500	\$2,500 (5)	\$2,000 (2)
2003-04	\$6,000	\$4,000 (6)	\$2,000 (2)
2002-03	\$4,000	\$3,000 (2)	\$1,000 (1)
2001-02	\$1,500	\$1,000 (1)	\$500 (1)
2000-01	\$2,000	\$2,000 (2)	--

Our Branch consists of about 1,700 members. Therefore each member contributes about \$3 to \$4 per year to our scholarship fund. I am sure we all know the cost of education. Every single dollar we provide as a scholarship helps our future generation tremendously. We need to develop a strategy (funding mechanism) so that we can target a minimum of \$10,000 per year as scholarships to students. I will talk about our strategy to generate funds in our next newsletter.

Let me know your thoughts on how to increase revenue for our scholarship fund. Also, if you are interested in joining our Board, please let me know or send me an e-mail. We always need help with our various programs.

Best Wishes,

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## BRANCH CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL AWARDS

On September 23, 2010, the ASCE North Jersey Branch held its annual Awards Dinner at LaQuinta Inn in Fairfield, NJ. With over 100 attendees, the Branch's Annual Awards was a night of fun and celebration. At the event we recognized our new Life Members, awarded our annual scholarships, inducted this year's board and recognized the achievements of 2010's Government Engineer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year and Civil Engineer of the Year.



The night began with the Social Hour at the newly renovated Mavi Lounge. The evening's activities then moved to LaQuinta's main room and outgoing Branch President, Kevin Doyle, welcomed the attendees and spoke of last year's goals and the current state of the Branch.

The awards then began when our new life members were inducted and both Ronald F. Parisi and A. William Rutherford spoke of the influence of ASCE on their lives and careers. Bill Rutherford reminded us all what a great resource our life members are and we at the Branch intend on getting them involved in some of our future programs – especially with YMG.



Branch Treasurer, Scott Lubarsky, then spoke about the upcoming future cities competition and began the dinner portion of our event.

Region 1 Governor, Len Cilli updated the audience on the current happenings in ASCE National and the significant changes and movements that were going to occur this year. Upon his conclusion the new board was sworn in and the gavel was past to new president Golam Kabir, Ph.D., P.E. Golam spoke of his goals for the year and reminded the membership to participate and reach out to the board with any requests or idea for events. He also talked about upcoming events such as the Professional Issues Technical Group Presentation in October and the plans for the Branch's 1st Scotch Tasting Event.



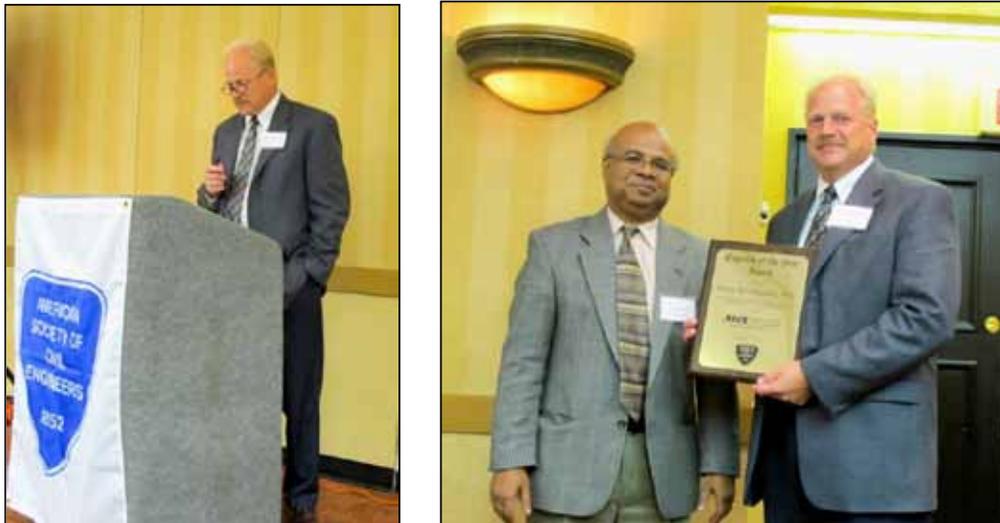
Golam then invited Jeannie Roman, our Scholarship Chairperson, to present this year's scholarships. This year's recipients were Jessica Voytik of Stevens Institute of Technology and Angela Zidziunas and Tien Tran, both of New Jersey Institute of Technology. Jeannie also spoke about the upcoming 50/50 Raffle Scholarship that we will be introducing this year.



At this point in the evening the long anticipated awards were presented. The first award presented was the **Government Engineer of the Year** which went to **Frank Scarantino, P.E.** of Ocean County Engineering. Frank was unable to attend that night, but Mark Jehnke, Principal Engineer for Ocean County graciously attended and accepted Frank's award on his behalf. Alicia Mahon, the Branch's YMG President then presented the **Educator of the Year award** to **Jon K. Miller, Ph.D.** of Stevens Institute of Technology. Our next award, **Young Engineer of the Year**, was presented to **Maidie Erickson, P.E.** of Jenny Engineering. This was not Maide's first time in front of the Branch; she was one of our presenters for our February, 2009 presentation on NYC Water Tunnel #3.



Finally, John Keller of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority entertained the crowd with a slightly modified version of Engineer of the Year's Biography. All in good fun though, and our **Engineer of the Year, Peter S. Kristiansen, P.E.** of HNTB Corporation graciously accepted his award and John's "mini-roast".



Our annual awards dinner can be a somewhat anxious time for the board. Voting on the numerous nominations received, setting a date where all awardees can attend and making sure all the details of the event are in place can be quite a balancing act. But it always turns out to be one of the best events of the year and allows us to celebrate our profession and the people who inspire us all.

We would again like to congratulate our award winners, our life members and our scholarship winners and thank all of you, our members, for your participation. We look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.



## THE YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

The Younger Member Forum and  
North Jersey Branch Younger Member Group  
Invite you to join us for a *special* Networking Event  
at



Saturday, November 13, 2010, 12:00 PM

Recommended by several of our members, the venue is among America's top 40 breweries, and their very own Brooklyn Lager is among the top draft beers in New York City.

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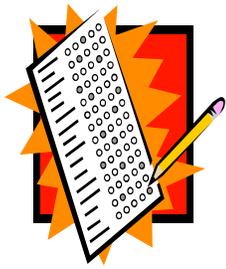
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Please register by Wednesday, October 13th.

For more information or to sign up\*, contact:

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