



NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM AGP

Summer 2011

## President's Message



Tales of 100+ degree days were plentiful, and everyone was glad to meet in Denver on August 6th and 7th for our Annual Board Meeting. Or was it the cooler weather? Only 96 degrees! Fortunately, the discussions were not quite so heated; and we got a lot accomplished, from the keeping-things-moving production items to philosophical discussions relative to the purpose of the Academy, and how to better get that word out to the public. Following is a snapshot of some of our discussions –

- The new marketing brochure which emphasizes the value of the D.GE certification to clients has been drafted and laid out by staff – final touches, printing, and mailing to you all for your dissemination, are not far away.
- The Academy's application continued to go through revision/simplification. Hopefully it will get lots of use with the 60+ potential candidates you all submitted in response to our recent letter. Thank you for being so responsive to the need to expand membership.
- The Admissions Committee nominated new candidates for the Diplomate designation. All were reviewed and ten were accepted by the Board. From this point forward, applications will be acted upon on a quarterly basis.
- One additional member will be added to expand the Board. If you have interest or know of a Diplomate who would be a good addition, please let Arlan Rippe, Chair of the Nominations Committee, know as soon as possible.
- Perhaps most importantly we reviewed the Academy's original business plan, including critical indicators of our success, and the measurement of their achievement. To this end, the next Board meeting in January will be dedicated solely to strategic planning and the setting of goals for the coming few years.

I am also continuing to represent the Academy in The Geoprosessionals Foundation, an effort founded by ASFE to sell the true value of geoprosessionals, and to combat their commoditization or marginalization which is all-too-often the case in today's competitive marketplace. Although there are many common goals within the

framework of the Foundation and AGP, our greater task is to identify and sell the value of Diplomate status.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your most recent President. Steve Thorne will soon be "taking over the reins" for the coming year. He is dedicated to the cause of specialty certification – I know he'll do a great job.

T.Mike McMillen, PE, D.GE, F.ASCE  
AGP President

Jose Clemente, Ph.D., PE, D.GE, F.ASCE and Kenneth Bell, Ph.D., PE, D.GE, F.ASCE, selected as Bechtel Distinguished Engineers



*Jose Clemente*

*Kenneth Bell*

Bechtel announced its first-ever group of Distinguished Engineers and Scientists. They are technical specialists from across the company who demonstrate innovative technical excellence and have made significant contributions to Bechtel's success and reputation. Bechtel Distinguished Engineers and Scientists will promote technical excellence throughout the company and take a leadership role in coaching and mentoring our next generation of technical specialists. The Global Business Unit and Central Engineering and Technology Managers of Engineering selected a total of 41 honorees from across the company for this formal recognition.

George Burke, PE, MCE, D.GE, M.ASCE wins 2010 Wallace Hayward Baker Award



Congratulations to George Burke, Hayward Baker Sr. Vice President - Engineering for being selected by the Geo-Institute of ASCE as the recipient of the 2010 Wallace Hayward Baker Award. The award was presented at Geo-Frontiers 2011 this past March.

The Wallace Hayward Baker Award was established in the year 2000 by the Geo-Institute in recognition of the creative and innovative contributions of Wallace Hayward Baker in the field of ground modification. To see a list of past winners and the criteria for the award, please [click here](#).

## Jerry A. DiMaggio, PE, D.GE, M.ASCE Wins 2011 Martin S. Kapp Foundation Engineering Award



Congratulations to the 2011 Martin S. Kapp Foundation Engineering Award winner, Jerry A. DiMaggio, P.E., D.GE, M.ASCE for greatly improving the practice of foundation engineering of geotechnical design manuals and, additionally, for the development of companion training courses instructing engineers on the implementation of these technologies.

The Martin S. Kapp Foundation Engineering Award recognizes contributions to design or construction of foundations, earthworks, retaining structures, or underground construction. Emphasis is placed on constructed works in which serious difficulties were overcome or substantial economies were achieved.

### CEC Update

Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. is in the planning stages of creating a brochure for D.GE's (as well as other Diplomates) to give to clients that will explain the advantages of hiring a D.GE. We will be distributing this to all D.GE's as soon as it is ready. Look for it in your mail and/or email in the coming months.

### AGP Booth

The Academy is in the process of ordering a new exhibit booth. We are in the design phase right now and need your assistance for photographs for the display. We are looking for photos that convey the value of advanced knowledge and it's our endeavor to use examples that depict innovations. For example, a photo of a complex foundation system that is being modified to increase seismic performance or to provide additional capacity to support a building or power plant expansion. We want to be exhibiting "advancements" and how Diplomates provide additional value. If you are interested in submitting a photo for us to use, please make sure that it is large (5 megabyte minimum) and send it to: [bsien@asce.org](mailto:bsien@asce.org).

### New Application Calendar

The Board of Trustees has decided to implement a calendar for the application process. The deadlines and important dates are listed below. Please let anyone you nominate for their D.GE be aware of the new calendar. It is also posted on the AGP website:

<http://content.geoprofessionals.org/application.html>

Spring Application Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>

Application committee will review applications in April

AGP Board of Trustees will vote on applications in May  
(teleconference)

Candidates will be invited to the next ceremony – each year in March  
at Annual G-I Conference

Summer Application Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>

Application committee will review applications in July

AGP Board of Trustees will vote on applications in August (face-to-  
face)

Candidates will be invited to the next ceremony – each year in March  
at Annual G-I Conference

Fall Application Deadline: September 30<sup>th</sup>

Application committee will review applications in October

AGP Board of Trustees will vote on applications in November  
(teleconference)

Candidates will be invited to the next ceremony – each year in March  
at Annual G-I Conference

Winter Application Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>

Application committee will review applications in January

AGP Board of Trustees will vote on applications in February  
(teleconference)

Candidates will be invited to the next ceremony – each year in March  
at Annual G-I Conference

### Young geotechnical engineers invited to seek cash prize

The Arthur Casagrande Professional Development Award salutes outstanding accomplishments in the field of geotechnical engineering by young practitioners, researchers and teachers. It was established to provide professional development opportunities to rising young stars in the geotechnical specialty. Everything from completed works to reports or papers in the field of geotechnical engineering may be submitted in support of a nominee for the award. Nominations are due Aug. 15. To learn more, visit the [Casagrande award page](#).

### FREE access to 25 award-winning Engineering Management papers

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### Linked In

Here is how to add certifications into Linked In (once you're logged in):

1. Hover over Profile in the top navigation bar and select Edit Profile.
2. Scroll down until you find Certifications and then click Add a Certification ( in blue font).
3. Fill out the necessary boxes and click Add Certification box (blue).

You can share other professional experiences, goals and professional specialties in the Summary section of your profile.

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**Do you have any comments, suggestions, announcements, topics you'd like covered, articles, news, or anything for the next AGP Newsletter?**

**Please send them to the staff contact, Brian Sien, [bsien@asce.org](mailto:bsien@asce.org)**

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