2018 ERYMC



Welcome to **BUFFALO**

On behalf of the 2018 Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) Planning Committee and ASCE Buffalo Section, we would like to welcome you to "Queen City," "City of Good Neighbors," and more notably, "the City of Light". The numerous names come from our bountiful history, architecture, and proud community. We encourage you to explore over the next few days. Here are some things to know:

<u>Transportation</u> – The <u>Airport</u>-Downtown Express - Metro Route 204, runs non-stop service approximately every 30 minutes between the airport and downtown making its first stop in front of the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. One-way fare is \$2.50. Pick up is before the "Arrivals" entrance at the airport. Uber or Lyft is approx. \$20. Exit the terminal doors closest to carousel 1 in the baggage claim area and follow signs to the designated pick up spots. The Hyatt does not have a designated hotel shuttle.

Hotel Parking – Valet \$25; Augspurger Parking Ramp (daily max. \$7.50, overnight \$32.00 - online) is located adjacent to the hotel across the street. Or there is an open lot located directly across the street (daily max. \$8.00, overnight \$15.00). Street parking is free after 5pm and on the weekends.

Dress Code – Business Casual for all events! There is a walking tour prior to Saturday's Awards Banquet. Wear comfortable shoes.

<u>Weather</u> – "Don't forget your booties" because winter is here! The forecast is expected to be a high of 28°F with a low of 10°F. Essentials: Coat, hat and gloves. Boots might be a good idea in case we're surprised by a sudden deluge of snow. Open toe footwear is NOT recommended; Friday's events will be outdoors!

Pearl St. is FREE – But we need to know how many of you are coming. Don't miss out on the great food at the party! Reserve your spot for this special event on the ERYMC <u>website</u>.

Skating and Curling are FREE – and will be at <u>Canalside</u>! Sign up on the ERYMC <u>website</u>. And don't get caught up in the line, sign your waiver beforehand here: https://www.canalsidebuffalo.com/waiver/

Social Media – Stay in on the action with GroupMe for <u>WSBL 2018</u> or <u>ERYMC 2018</u>. The conference app (whaaat*) will have a Twitter and Instagram link, so don't forget to use the following as you enjoy yourself a little too much: #ERYMC, #ERYMC2018, #MRLC, #MRLC2018, #ASCE



*That's right: we have a conference App for both Android and iOS called "MRLC 2018" (available February 5th).



First Timers and Veteran Attendees! – There are over **400** ASCE leaders registered! Make friends, grow your leadership skills, and gain engineering knowledge. Experience Buffalo and try something new (like curling)! Meet Society Officers and the Executive Director, ASCE staff, local volunteers and professionals, Regional Governors,

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section and branch leaders, student members, and younger members. We all have amazing stories and a wealth of advice and experience to share. Think you know it all? There's always more to learn. This schedule will give you a taste of new things you haven't experienced yet, both edible and otherwise. Most importantly, bring the energy, excitement, knowledge and diversity from this conference back to your section or branch and implement what you've learned.

Younger Member Group Delegates:

Peers Group Award Nominations: Please review ahead of time. Your votes will determine who wins. A<u>ll votes must be turned in by 10:30 am Saturday, Feb. 10</u>. Nominations can be found in the program.

Business Meeting: Saturday, February 10th. Please review the proposed resolutions attached. You may wish to discuss how you plan to vote with members of your YMG prior to the conference.

Final Recommendations for Everyone:

For the authentic Buffalo experience, be sure to try Buffalo wings, 'beef on weck,' and sponge candy (here are our Recommendations).

Recommended Coffee: Spot, Public, Café Aroma

Nearby Breweries: Big Ditch, Black Button, Lafayette Brewing Co., Lockhouse, Sato, Tommyrotter Local Brands: http://buffaloniagarabrewersassociation.org/breweries/

Nightlife: Chippewa St. District - Allen St. District - Elmwood Ave. District http://www.buffaloplace.com/nightlife

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me or any of the volunteers from the Buffalo Section. We are happy to help you in any way we can!

Sincerely,

Francis Mahaney, E.I.T. Conference Chair Clark Patterson Lee

ERYMC Networking Tip:

Write down what you were talking about when you exchanged Business Cards – reference this info to help continue the conversation later!