Welcome to Buffalo!

On behalf of the 2018 Eastern Region Younger Member Council (ERYMC) Planning Committee and ASCE Buffalo Section, welcome to the Queen City, the “City of Good Neighbors” and more notably “the City of Light”. The numerous names come from our bountiful history, architecture, and proud community; which we encourage you explore over the next few days.

**First timers!** – Get ready for a memorable weekend. Explore with others, meet new friends, network with your ASCE counterparts, try something new (like curling), learn new skills and strategies, and meet a variety of engaged and diverse individuals. There are over **400** attendees! We are all here for the same objectives, to improve a variety of skill sets including: engineering knowledge, leadership, networking and professional development. Critical components to our careers that will ultimately lead to projects and interactions that improve the lives of so many. So get out there and talk to any of the following: ASCE National leadership, local volunteers and professionals, Regional Governors, section and branch leaders, student members, and younger members. We have amazing stories and a wealth of advice and experience to share. Most importantly, bring the energy, excitement, knowledge and diversity from this conference back to your section or branch and implement what you’ve learned.

**Veteran Attendees** – there is always more to learn and we believe this schedule will give you a taste of new things you haven’t experienced yet, both edible and otherwise. And just like the first timers…bring the energy, excitement, knowledge and diversity back to your section or branch!

**News:**

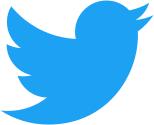
Skating and curling will be happening at [Canalside](https://www.canalsidebuffalo.com/)! So don’t forget to sign up on the [website](http://ascebuffalo.org/register), which will also have all the other conference information.

\*We have a conference App! Available February 5th for both Android and Apple called “ERYMC 2018”.



**Reminders:**

* [Weather](https://weather.com/weather/tenday/l/USNY0181:1:US) – “Don’t forget your booties” because it’s cold out there. Winter is here! One activity is outdoors. The forecast is expected to be a high of XX°F with a low of XX°F. The essentials: Coat, hat and gloves. Boots might be a good idea if we expect a sudden deluge of snow. Open toe footwear is not recommended.
* Dress Code – Business Casual for it all! There is a walking tour prior to Saturday’s award dinner.
* Business Cards – write down what you were talking about when you exchange them for reference later.
* [Transportation](https://buffalo.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/our-hotel/map-and-directions.html) – There isn’t a designated hotel shuttle, however, before the “Arrivals” entrance at the airport is the [Airport](http://www.buffaloairport.com/)-Downtown Express - Metro Route 204, which 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. OR grab an Uber or Lyft for approx. $20 by exiting the terminal doors closest to carousel 1 in the baggage claim area and follow signs to the designated pick up spots.
* [Hotel Parking](https://buffalo.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/our-hotel/map-and-directions.html) – Valet $25; Augspurger Parking Ramp (daily max. $7.50, overnight $32.00 - [online](https://secure.bcarparking.com/)), located adjacent to the hotel across the street, or the open lot located directly across the street (daily max. $8.00, overnight $15.00). [Parking on the street](https://www.buffaloroamapp.com/) is free after 5pm and on the weekends.
* Social Media – Stay in on the action with GroupMe for [WSBL 2018](https://app.groupme.com/join_group/37224384/uQD1AK) or [ERYMC 2018](https://web.groupme.com/join_group/33044875/JACRv8). 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

**Section Delegates:**

* Please review the Peers Group Award Nominations ahead of time.  Your votes will determine who wins and all votes must be turned in by 10:30 amSaturday, February 10.  The nominations can be found in the program.
* The Business Meeting will take place on 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.

Lastly, you have to try wings, beef on weck, and sponge candy (our [Recommendations](http://ascebuffalo.org/recommendations/)). If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to myself or any of the volunteers from the Buffalo Section.  We are happy to help you in any way we can!

Sincerely,

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Clark Patterson Lee

P.S. Recommendations

Coffee: Spot, Public, Café Aroma

Breweries: Big Ditch, Community Beer Works, Flying Bison Brew Company, Buffalo Brewing Company, Resurgence Brewing Company