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Professor Robert Meserve 1993 Outstanding Civil Alumnus

At this year's annual alumni dinner, Professor Robert L. Meserve '51 will be honored as the 1993 Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization's outstanding alumnus. Professor Meserve joined the Department of Civil Engineering faculty in 1962 after nine years of professional practice with Whitman & Howard, Harry R. Feldman and Camp Dresser & Mckee.

The NUCEAO Annual Alumni Dinner and business meeting meeting will be held on Tuesday April 13, 1993 at the Northeastern University Ballroom located in the Ell Student Center, from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. Also in attendance this year will be Northeastern University President John Curry. This promises to be an outstanding event, so please use the reservation form inside this newsletter, or contact Bob Tillman at (617) 437-3469, to confirm your reservation.

Past Outstanding C. E. Alumni

1979  Joseph Lawler '43
1980  William H. Bruce, Jr. '30
1981  Julius Abrams '25
1982  Edwin B. Cobb '29
1983  Bertram Berger '54
       Fenton G. Keyes '39
1984  James N. Deserio '35
1985  Joseph E. Heney '52
1986  Robert B. Barton '57
1987  Stanley Shuman '48
1988  Francis M. Keville '60
1989  Charles A. Parthum '51
1990  Richard D. Smith '53
1991  Leo F. Peters '60
1992  Robert C. Marini '54

classmates Vic Kazaka '54 and last years outstanding alumnus
Bob Marini '54, share memories at last years alumni dinner
Almost every college and university has an alumni organization. Northeastern University is no exception. But how many civil engineering programs have their own civil engineering alumni organization, made up only of civil engineering graduates? At Northeastern we are fortunate to have our very own NUCEAO, The Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization.

NUCEAO is a relatively young organization. It was founded in the late 1970's by a group of ambitious graduating student chapter officers. It presented a social framework in which the members of the Northeastern Civil Engineering community could stay in contact with each other as they share the closeness of a tight academic community and ventured to the corners of the world to become practicing engineers. The organization has since developed into a thriving community of hundreds of active members. The organization meets quarterly for a social luncheon followed by a professional speaker. NUCEAO also hosts an annual dinner where the most outstanding alumnus of the year award is presented to a Northeastern civil engineer who has distinguished himself in the professional community. The recipient at the April, 1992 dinner was Mr. Robert Marini of Camp Dresser and McKee. The dinner was attended by over 125 alumni and over thirty current students.

Although NUCEAO is constantly involved in alumni services, their primary focus is on the future members of the organization, the students in the civil engineering program. The executive officers of the alumni organization meet with the student chapter officers on a bi-annual basis to see how the alumni can help the students. The alumni have provided generous financial support for our concrete canoe, steel bridge, travel expenses associated with ASCE sponsored functions, and our annual community service projects. In addition, NUCEAO provides all graduating seniors with a commemorative gift at the last student chapter meeting before graduation. This gift is a brick with an attached brass plaque bearing the individual student’s name and year of graduation. This brick signifies the cornerstone of our future professional careers.

The student chapter members consider themselves fortunate to have a supportive Civil Engineering Alumni Organization and we are grateful to them for all of their support.

Are you interested in becoming more active in NUCEAO, holding office, perhaps planning a luncheon program, editing the newsletter or helping out with the annual dinner? We need your help. Contact John Sullivan at (617) 449-6450 to become more involved.

In 1964, the self-reported annual median starting salary for graduating civil engineers at Northeastern was $6,790 per year, with a high of $7,575 and a low of $6,005. By contrast, chemical engineers had the highest annual median starting salary at $7,565 per year. This compares to civil engineers in the class of 1991 (the last year data was available) who reported an annual median starting salary of $31,000 and $33,500 for chemical engineers.

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Annual Meeting and Alumni Dinner

The NUCEAO Annual Alumni Dinner and business meeting will be held on Tuesday April 13, 1993 at the Northeastern University Ballroom located in the Eli Center, from 6:00 - 10:30 P.M. As we have done in the past a social hour will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:45 P.M. followed by the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Professor Robert Meserve and remarks by Northeastern University President John Curry. Election of new officers will be held at the business meeting.

The cost for the evening is $20.00 per person. Further information may be obtained by contacting Joanne Murphy, Alumni Coordinator at (617) 437-3186 or Bob Tillman at (617) 437-3469. Please complete and return the bottom of this letter by April 9 to insure your reservation(s).

The annual dinner provides a good opportunity to see old friends and classmates, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxing dinner. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual dinner.

Name: ____________________________________________

Class: ____________________________________________

Guest(s): ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ________________________________

Number Attending @ 20.00 per person: ________________________________

Amount enclosed: ________________________________

Please make out your check to NUCEAO and return it to:

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upcoming events

Mark your calendar now. The Civil Engineering Alumni Organization along with the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Department of Civil Engineering will host a harbor cruise on June 5. The last cruise was two years ago and it was a smashing success. Plans are well underway to make this event even bigger and better.

The annual concrete canoe competition this year will be held at the University of Rhode Island on Saturday, April 3. If you are interested in attending please call the Student Chapter office at (617) 437-3235.

membership update

R. Tillman

As of March 8, 1993, there were 249 paid members, 13 Life-time members, and 35 class of 1992 members of the Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization. Contributions received for the year included: $3,405 for dues, $1,455 for the Student Chapter Assistance Fund, and $1,595 for the Awards Fund, for a total of $6,455.

If you received a dues notice with this newsletter then you're dues have not been paid for 1992 - 1993. Alumni who do not pay their annual dues for 1992-93 will be removed from our mailing list.