2015 Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award for Ohio ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs and Younger Members Groups

THE AWARD:

The Ohio Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award.

CRITERIA:

I. The Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award for Ohio ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs and Younger Members Groups is awarded annually by the Ohio Council of ASCE on the basis of papers on professional ethics. One winner will be selected from all papers submitted to receive an award certificate and a cash award in the amount of $500.00. The organization to which the winner is affiliated (Student Chapter/Club for a student, Section Younger Members Group for a younger member) will receive the cash award. The author of the paper representing the organization that is selected as the winner will receive the award certificate.

II. Younger members of any of the Ohio Sections of ASCE and undergraduate members of the ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs from any college or university located in Ohio who are in good standing at the time their papers are submitted are eligible to be the author of the paper considered for the award. For the purpose of this award, younger members are defined as associate members or members under 36 years of age on February 1 in the year of the award.

III. Each Younger Members Group from a Section located in Ohio and each Student Chapter/Club from a college or university located in Ohio may submit one paper to the competition. The author may be selected in any manner by the Younger Members Group or Student Chapter/Club according to local practice.

IV. Papers are to be submitted using the topic of the paper for the 2015 National ASCE Daniel W. Mead Prizes for Younger Members and for Students. ASCE awards two separate prizes annually. Papers submitted for the Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award may also be submitted for the applicable Daniel W. Mead Prize. Authors who plan to submit their paper for consideration for either of the Mead Prizes must ensure that they follow the criteria for that award. The 2015 Mead Prize topic for students is "Should the Engineer of Record (who has sealed a set of plans) be held responsible, to any degree, for injury or death to builders or bystanders that occurs during the construction of his/her design?" The 2015 Mead Prize topic for younger members is similar but authors need to review the entire requirement in the instructions for the 2015 Mead Prize for Younger Members. Authors should consult the ASCE website www.asce.org for specific information and instructions regarding these prizes. The student or younger member who wishes to be considered for either of the national Mead Prizes is responsible for completing the application process for the applicable Daniel W. Mead Prize.

V. The Student Chapter/Club may submit the paper that is being submitted to the 2015 Ohio Valley Student Conference to be considered for the 2015 Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award.

VI. Papers for the Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award are (a) to be submitted to the Chair of the Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award Committee by March 1, 2015; (b) to be submitted electronically as an attachment to an email message as Microsoft Word (.docx) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) files to the following email address: bredfield@columbus.rr.com; (c) not to exceed 2,000 words in length (reference citations, if used, do not count against the 2000 word limitation); (d) to be written by only one person; and (e) not previously published in other than school or section publications. Papers must be submitted by the Section President or Secretary for papers authored by a Younger Member or by the Faculty Advisor or Practitioner for papers authored by a student. The email should have as its Subject “Robert O’Shea Paper” and include in the body of the email the Section or Student Chapter/Club submitting the paper and the name, title, telephone number, and email address of the individual submitting the paper. Papers must
have the name of the organization submitting the paper and the name of the author at the top of the first page of the paper. This material does not count towards the 2000 word length limitation. This material will be removed prior to submittal of all the papers to the judges who will select the prospective winner.

VII. Papers are judged by the Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award Committee consisting of a member from each of the six Ohio Sections of ASCE (Akron/Canton, Cincinnati, Central Ohio, Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo). Committee members are nominated by their Section. The committee will select a single prospective winner from all papers submitted that meet the criteria. The Ohio Council will review the committee’s results and determine whether to make an award for 2015. The Ohio Council reserves the right to not make an award if the members conclude that none of the papers submitted warrant selection for this award.

VIII. Papers must be submitted by March 1, 2015. Papers received after the deadline will not be considered. The committee will judge the papers and the Ohio Council will announce the results of the competition after the Spring Meeting of the Ohio Council. The Chair of the Robert O’Shea Engineering Ethics Award Committee will contact the winning organization to make arrangements for presentation of the award.