



**California/Nevada Section  
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\* **CA/NV Section Meeting**

Mark your calendars for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for our next CA/NV Section Meeting. It will be held after the World Ag Expo/Tulare Farm Show in the Edison AgTAC Center in Tulare, CA. A hardcopy flyer will be sent to the entire section membership next week. Additional details, last year's minutes, and RSVP forms will be posted at [www.asabecanv.org](http://www.asabecanv.org) soon. Keep an eye out for your fellow ASABE members and their booths at the Farm Show! Don't forget your ASABE Centennial pin provided at last year's section meeting.

\* **2007 Section Meeting Sponsors**

On behalf of the Section, we thank our generous members who directly, or through their companies, supported our programs last year. Their support has been vital in sponsoring the poster competition, assistance to ¼ scale tractor teams, and reduced-cost student dinners.

**Ag Industrial Manufacturing**

Claude Brown, PE & Paul Burkner, PE, Lodi, CA  
[www.agindustrialmanufacturing.com](http://www.agindustrialmanufacturing.com)

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**Hydratec**

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[www.hydratec.com](http://www.hydratec.com)

**Irrigation Design and Construction**

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[www.rainforrent.com](http://www.rainforrent.com)

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Paul McFadden, Patterson, CA  
[www.robertsirrigation.com](http://www.robertsirrigation.com)

**Valley Irrigation Service**

Patrick Murray, Madera, CA

\* **Engineer of the Year Nominations**

The nomination form for California/Nevada Section Engineer of the Year can be downloaded from [www.asabecanv.org](http://www.asabecanv.org). Submissions must be postmarked by January 15, 2007. To request a hard copy of the form or for any Award related questions, please contact Richard Cavaletto at [rcavalet@calpoly.edu](mailto:rcavalet@calpoly.edu) or 805-756-2383.

\* **Section Officer Nominations**

Would you like to help run the Section? Do you know someone who may be interested? Please submit nominee names, a brief qualifications statement, and contact information to Past Chair Jim Usher who in that capacity also serves as nominating committee chair. Please refer to [www.asabecanv.org](http://www.asabecanv.org) for Jim's contact info. If you have any difficulties, feel free to contact other officers. Please email by February 8, and additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

**\* ASABE<sup>100</sup> High School Competition**

Know any high schoolers interested in a national scholarship competition? Send them on over to [www.asabe.org](http://www.asabe.org) to participate in the second running of the ASABE<sup>100</sup> High School Competition.

The contest calls students to consider our world and its needs and then form answers to specific questions: What are the great engineering challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What role will agricultural and biological engineers play in meeting them? What unique skills do they possess to meet those challenges?

First, second, and third prizes are \$4,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, respectively. Additional awards will be given to top finishers at state and regional levels. At ASABE's expense, the three national finalists will travel to the 2008 ASABE Annual International Meeting, June 29 - July 2, in Providence, Rhode Island, to make their oral presentations.

Entries comprise two media: an essay that outlines and defends the student's thoughts, and a brochure that presents that information to an audience of his or her choosing. National finalists will be invited to present their work orally, using a third media--a slideshow--to supplement their presentation.

Complete details about the ASABE<sup>100</sup> Multi-Media Competition can be found at [www.asabe.org](http://www.asabe.org). Registration is required and must be submitted by January 25, 2008. Entries may be submitted any time thereafter but no later than February 8, 2008.

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