



2023 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

- An event/activity may only be used once and cannot be repeated throughout the application. Please select the most appropriate category. There are potential negative points for an event/activity that is repeated.
- Sections should NOT include activities completed by their Branches and Branches should NOT include activities completed by their Section.
- Applications are limited to 12 pages plus a copy of one newsletter.
- Point totals are listed under each category for a maximum of 125 points.
- Only list activities from October 1 – September 30 which can be either virtual or in-person.
- Please e-mail an electronic PDF file to Nancy Berson at ASCE: nberson@asce.org by **October 30, 2023**.

BASIC INFORMATION

Award Classification (check one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Large Section/Branch (> 4000 members) <input type="checkbox"/> -Large Section/Branch (1501-4000 members) <input type="checkbox"/> -Medium Section/Branch (501-1500 members) <input type="checkbox"/> -Small Section/Branch (< 501 members)
Section/Branch Nominee:	Metropolitan
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NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING

125 points maximum

A. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS (15 Points Maximum)

- **Newsletter** (1 point per issue, 5 points maximum):
Please include one electronic newsletter with the Award nomination package or include a link to an active website. The links must be active to receive points for this section. Points will be given for the number of newsletters published either on the website, e-mailed to members or on social media.

Number of Newsletters Published Annually:	The Met Section has decided to keep our newsletters and president's messages in the same email titled the President's eNewsletter to cut down on email traffic. The president eNewsletters, includes links to our website, our event calendar, ways to get involved, and keystone programming. The eNewsletter is posted to the front of our website. This year 5 communications were distributed on, December 2022 , February 2023 , April 2023 , June 2023 , September 2023
Newsletter Links (if available):	https://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/presidents-message

- **Website** (5 points maximum):
Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

Website Link:	https://www.ascemetsection.org/
Discuss the content included on your website:	<p>The award-winning, mobile-friendly, Met Section website features the recent newsletter/president's message, highlights upcoming events, articles about previous events (e.g., technical seminars and outreach), links to relevant articles that promote or advance the civil engineering profession, a link to job postings, and quick links to other key parts of the website (e.g., national website, event calendar, recent awards and scholarships, and section officers).</p> <p>The following summarizes the key components of the Met Section website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met Section General Info: officer contacts, history, civil engineering landmarks, constitution and by-laws, email list sign-up, membership info, publications, and treasurer information. • Event calendar, Section and business news, national engineer's week info, and newsletter archive. • Links to each of our 8 technical groups. The links provide a background about each group, articles for their respective events, lists upcoming events, and provides info about how to get involved. • Links to the Lower-Hudson Valley Branch (LHVB), Long-Island Branch (LIB), and the Young Member Forum (YMF). The link for each branch includes articles on previous events, information for upcoming events, opportunities to get involved & network, and resources for younger members. • The committee's section features the mission statement, chairs' contact info, and past and upcoming activities (if applicable) for each of the Met Section committees: Diversity & Inclusion, Government Relations, Media Relations, Continuing Education, Future Cities Competition, History & Heritage, Hospitality, Life Members, Scholarship, Membership, annual Awards Dinner, Technology, Awards, Financial Oversight, Engineering Mechanics, Past Presidents, and Nominating committee. • The website has specific links for student outreach to university and high school students, which include practitioner advisors' info, student chapter info, awards, membership, and scholarship info. • We also have links specific for kids (K-12), which includes information for the Met Section outreach programs, suggested books to read, civil engineering related places to visit, and an overview of what civil engineering is.

- **Social Media Tools (5 points maximum):**
Provide screenshots in a separate document how you communicate with members on social media. The judges may ask you to give them access to your group/page to review if they are not public.

<p>Discuss all active Social Media platforms and their title used to communicate with your Section/Branch</p>	<p>The Met Section has an active LinkedIn page, which we use to share relevant industry news, civil engineering issues in local and federal government, and articles and postings for selected Met Section events & activities. Content is typically uploaded one to three times per week. The section has substantially increased our followers to over 1,000 throughout this past year.</p> <p>The YMF manages social media accounts including LinkedIn, Facebook, X (twitter), and Instagram. Each of the YMF pages advertises upcoming YMF events, provides information on how to get involved with the YMF, and highlights previous events with photos and videos. Emphasized events include outreach, technical, and events in cooperation with other societies. Discussions are encouraged on all social media accounts. The YMF Facebook page includes a section for visitor posts.</p> <p>Interesting videos that aim to educate and inspire civil engineers (construction activities, testing, and snippets of industry related talks) are typically posted on the YMF's Twitter account. The YMF also re-tweets relevant quotes from others to further dialogue for different aspects of civil engineering.</p> <p>Website Links to our social media profiles are provided here (screenshots provided in separate document):</p> <p>LinkedIn (General Met Section): https://www.linkedin.com/company/ascemetsection/ LinkedIn (YMF): https://www.linkedin.com/in/met-section-ymf/ Facebook (YMF): https://www.facebook.com/ASCE-Met-Section-YMF-302100577503/ Twitter (YMF): https://twitter.com/nycASCEymf Instagram (YMF): https://www.instagram.com/asce.metsection.ymf/</p>
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B. PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING (20 Points Maximum)

- **Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities (5 points maximum):**

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Committee Meetings (1 point each, 2 points max)

Professional Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
Met Section Leaders Gathering	1	Get-together of all ASCE Met Section boards and leaders of all groups, committees, YMF, branches, and the Met Section board to brainstorm ideas of how to improve how the Met Section functions and our value to our members.
Infrastructure Annual Seminar	1	Civil Engineering Leadership in the Fight Against Climate Change

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Seminars (1 point each, 3 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar:

YMF Fall Talk, 11/9/2022	70	The Fall Talk, usually held in October or November of each year, is a good networking opportunity for young engineers to meet their peers in a casual setting and listen to experienced professionals talk about how they have been successful in their careers. The topic for this year's Fall Talk was "Tips on Pivoting Your Career"
YMF Executive Forum, 4/6/2023	120	Future of Design-Build: Opportunities and Challenges: The Executive Forum provides a unique opportunity for younger engineers to draw insight from a panel of 4 leaders of the civil engineering industry. Students and younger members were able to have intimate conversations with our esteemed panelists, including a moderated Q&A session.
2023 Awards Dinner, 6/21/2023	275	The Met Section's keystone event to bring together and recognize leaders of the industry in New York City, and celebrate accomplishments of high-profile engineering projects completed in New York City.

- Awards/Recognition (1 point each, 5 points maximum):

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
Herbert Howard Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award	Gianpiero Carovillano, P.E.	This award recognizes a civil engineer who has rendered meritorious service in an elected or appointed position in government. The award is named after Herbert Howard (1934-1997), who had a 36-year distinguished career with the New York District and North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Home Gage Balcom Award	Edward M. DePaola, P.E.	This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of achievement in the structural engineering of buildings, along with advances to the state-of-the-art, and a commitment to the advancement of the structural engineering discipline of civil engineering. The award is named after H. G. Balcom (1870-1938), a structural engineer and a pioneer in designing tall structures to account for lateral wind forces.
Thomas C. Kavanagh Service Award	Eric Basu, P.E.	This award recognizes a civil engineer who has rendered exceptional service and dedication to the profession and especially for Met Section activities. The award is named after Dr. Thomas C. Kavanagh (1912-1978), a professor at Penn State University, New York University, and Columbia University and a partner with the consulting firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury.
Young Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award	Muhammad Baksh, P.E.	This award is presented to a young civil engineer in government service, in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions to the civil engineering profession. The award was first established in 1991.
Younger Member Award	Youngtae Han, P.E.	This award is presented to a young civil engineer in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions to the civil engineering profession.

Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
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ASCE President's Medal	Feniosky Peña-Mora, Sc.D., P.E., NAS, CCM, F.CIOB, NAC, Dist.M.ASCE	For leading a fast-track, volunteer effort to deliver a new ASCE transformative strategic plan that speaks both to internal and external audiences, which is comprehensive as well as highly responsive to the changing needs of the civil engineering profession.
ASCE Presidents-Emeriti Council Award	Beatrice E. Hunt, P.E., M.ASCE	For her dedicated service to ASCE and public safety as a hydraulic engineer working on bridges and bridge scour nationwide.
Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students	Eliyas Encarnacion, S.M.ASCE	For the paper, "How Does an Engineer Balance Regulations and Ethics?"
Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize	Steve WaiChing Sun, Ph.D., M.ASCE	For his fundamental contributions to computational and data-driven poromechanics.
Raymond C. Reese Research Prize	Anil K. Agrawal, Ph.D., P.E., F.SEI, M.ASCE; Sherif El-Tawil, Ph.D., P.E., F.SEI, F.ASCE; Waider Wong	For the paper "Performance-Based Design Framework for Concrete Barriers Subjected to Truck Collision," Journal of Bridge Engineering, August 2021.
Ven Te Chow Award	Upmanu Lall, Ph.D., M.ASCE	For pioneering contributions to the understanding and prediction of hydroclimatic extremes, innovations in statistical methods and water resources management techniques, and advancing risk management, hydromorphology, and hydroclimatology.

- Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:		Describe:

Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:	Describe:
Calvin Walters	\$5,000	ASCE MET Scholarship, NYC College of Technology
Jenna Manfredi	\$5,000	ASCE MET Scholarship, Cooper Union University
Qasim Akhlaq	\$5,000	ASCE MET Scholarship, Cooper Union University
Zane Amray	\$5,000	ASCE MET Scholarship, City College of New York
Stephanie Heggli	\$5,000	ASCE MET Scholarship, Columbia University

- Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
1/3/2023	10	YMF Mentoring Program
1/13/2023	20	Mentoring Social Hours
1/22/2023	10	YMF Mentoring Program - Program Introduction
2/13/2023	20	Winter Mentoring Social Hours
6/21/2023	20	Summer Mentoring Social Hours

C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / INSTITUTE CHAPTERS AND ACTIVITIES (15 Points Maximum)

Section/Branch Technical Committees or Institute Chapters (minimum of 2 technical or virtual meetings per year; 1 point each, 5 points max)

Technical Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
Geo Institute	6+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Langan Lecture: Geotechnical Challenges for the Future of Transportation 2. MRCE Lecture: Foundation Construction at the Wharf Phase 2, Washington DC 3. Kapp Lecture: 3D Slope Stability Analyses in Practice 4. GZA Lecture: Considerations for the Mitigation of Earthquake-Induced Soil Liquefaction in Urban Environments 5. RA Lecture: What Drives Building Code Requirements for Foundation Design? 6. May Seminar. Eight Different lectures in a one-day event
Structural Engineering Institute	6+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spring Seminar - Day 1-Presentation two "Construction Inspection, Engineering and Consultancy Services for the Bosphorus and FSM Cable Suspension Bridges Rehabilitation" 2. Spring Seminar - Day 2 Presentation One "Fern Hallow Bridge Emergency Replacement" 3. Spring Seminar - Day 2-Presentation Two "Kosciuszko Bridge Phase 2 - Construction / Erection Engineering" 4. Spring Seminar - Day 3-Presentation One "Evaluating Re-decking Options for Long Span Bridges" 5. Spring Seminar - Day 4-Presentation One "Cloud Computing and Civil Infrastructure"
Forensics Engineering Group	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Starting a Structural Forensic Investigation - Evidence and Data Collection 2. A Tower Crane Collapse
Coasts, Oceans, Ports & Rivers (COPRI) Group	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPRI Technical Lecture: NYSERDA's efforts in offshore wind development 2. COPRI Technical Lecture - Brooklyn Bridge Park
Construction Group	2+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovative Design and Accelerated Bridge Construction Techniques for the LIRR Expansion Projects 2. Introduction to Shotcrete

Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
11/21/22	20	Technical lecture hosted by Construction Institute: 6th Street Viaduct in Los Angeles: Largest Roadway Bridge Project ever in LA (1 PDH)
11/29/22	60+	Technical lecture hosted by Structural Engineering Institute: Truck Platooning Impacts on Bridges (1 PDH)
5/16/23	54	Technical lecture hosted by Structural Engineering Institute: Spring Seminar - Day 1-Presentation One "April 25th Bridge in Portugal Rehabilitation" (1 PDH)
5/23/23	73	Spring Seminar - Day 3-Presentation Two "Hunts Point 1 Design and Construction over Amtrak/CSX", (1 PDH)
5/25/23	60+	Technical lecture hosted by Structural Engineering Institute: Spring Seminar - Day 4-Presentation Two "Tied-Back Soldier Piles and Lagging as a Permanent Perimeter Well at the Climate Pledge Arena" (1 PDH)

Other Technical / Educational Activities and Benefits for Section / Branch Members (1 point each, 5 points max)

Describe other technical / educational activities and benefits for Section / Branch members:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPRI Met/North Jersey Fall Social, 10/11/2022 2. YMF - PE Exam Support, 11/17/2022 3. FE/PE Exam Info Panel, 2/15/2023 4. COPRI/DFI Ports and Marine Seminar, 3/16/2023 5. Technology and Tools for Measuring Embodied Carbon, 6/5/2023
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D. MEMBERSHIP (10 Points Maximum)

Describe efforts to involve Student Members in Section/Branch Activities (2 points):	<p>The Met Section is very active with local universities. We have practitioner advisors and student liaisons associated with all local universities with ASCE student chapters, including: The City College of New York, Columbia University, Cooper Union, Manhattan College, New York City College of Technology, Hofstra University, Stony Brook University and NYU-Tandon School of Engineering. The practitioner advisors and student liaisons meet with the students typically 1 to 2 times per month (virtually since March 2020) and communicate with the faculty members to introduce ASCE and the benefits received from membership.</p> <p>The YMF reaches out to student liaisons directly to invite them to YMF meetings and events. They emphasize the benefit of networking with other younger members, meeting more experienced engineers, and participating in technical and nontechnical events that interest them. The Met Section also offers an annual \$250 grant to each student chapter to support events.</p> <p>The Met Section has held the following geared towards college students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resume review workshops, ○ Offered talks on transition from student to professionals, ○ Offered 5 scholarships, and invited students to a scholarship luncheon with professionals.
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Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points):	<p>The Met Section groups and committees inform other local professional societies of Met Section events (i.e., ACEC, ITE, SEAoNY, DFI, ASLA, EWB, CTBUH). We have had attendance from these member organizations at our events which has provided an increase in Met Section members compared to a year ago.</p> <p>Many technical seminars include a virtual option which has also opened opportunities for engineers to participate. We have tried to have more in-person technical seminars at company meeting areas. We have found that having Met Section events in company offices provides front-and-center access to engineers at those companies and nearby companies who may not typically travel to a Met Section event. We have found that this correlated to a small boost in new members.</p> <p>The YMF is the Met Section's best recruiter. Social events and opportunities for young engineers to meet other professionals of varying experience has shown young engineers and students the immediate value in the Met Section.</p> <p>New section members receive a welcome email with information on the Met Section, its benefits, and how to get involved.</p>
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<p>Describe Member retention programs (2 points):</p>	<p>Hundreds of our active members have found the benefits of being a Met Section member through the technical content offered by our committees, professional development offered by our groups such as the YMF and D&I, and networking opportunities at almost every event, regardless of in-person or virtual. ASCE members can attend many events for no cost, and other events at a reduced cost. The Met section has offered more than 100 continuing education (NYS PDH) credits, for events where there was no cost for Met Section members.</p> <p>Met Section events include participation by local government officials, agency executives, and leaders of engineering and construction firms. These events present opportunity for engineers in all these different sectors to interact and learn from one another. We emphasize and encourage this engagement in our outreach for attending events. In addition to social media, we send emails to our members (typically about one week ahead of events) with a brief event description, virtual link information, and whether PDHs will be offered. Met Section emails are sent via the Constant Contact platform which is updated monthly welcoming all the new members. The YMF also uses a Gmail email account for more frequent communication with active members. This allows for more effective recruiting of volunteers to participate in event planning, and is targeted to those who want frequent information.</p> <p>The Met Section as a whole seeks to not have young members only join, but to also get involved in leadership positions (on boards) of Met Section/YMF committees.</p>
<p>Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points):</p>	<p>Several Met Section technical groups hold lectures sponsored by employers. At the beginning of each lecture, a representative of the sponsor will speak for a few minutes about their company and their involvement supporting the Met Section.</p> <p>In all Met Section events, employers who sponsor the event are recognized with a combination of panels, logo recognition during the presentation, and in any announcements including virtual and hardcopy flyers. Sponsors are also verbally acknowledged and discussed during the lectures and seminars.</p> <p>At all award ceremonies, the recipients have a chance to talk about their employers. Many lectures, meetings and networking events are held in the offices of members' employers. This gives attendees access to see the inside and culture of the companies that sponsor and support Met Section events.</p>
<p>Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Meet the 2024 President Elect Candidates" virtual event on May 15th, 2023. We had 20 members log in who could hear the candidate's platforms and ask questions. This is a yearly event we have done the last 3 years and helps boost retention and voting amongst our membership. 5/15/2023 • ASCE YMF Holiday Party was hosted on December 5th 2023, and attended by over 50 ASCE members of all levels of experience to connect with one another.

E. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Engineers Week-Kids week at the Intrepid (2/24/23 and 2/25/23): About 10 Met Section volunteers showed kids civil engineering related activities as part of the Engineers Week festivities on the Intrepid. 2. Polytech High School Mentoring program (March and April 2023): Met section leaders volunteered in a 5 to 6-week program at Poly Tech HS in Brooklyn to share what professional engineers do. The 5-week program included interactive learning, reviewing plans for real projects, and site tours. Poly Tech high school is geared toward creating opportunity in STEM programs for underprivileged students in the city. 3. Tri-State Engineering Expo at White Plains High School (3/26/2023): Met Section volunteers had a booth and had interactive discussions with high school students interested in STEM careers. 4. Future Cities Mentorship: Met Section members mentored junior high school students around the city as they research and created their future city models. 5. Future Cities Competition Day: The Met Section sponsored, hosted, and judged the Future City competition day where about 20 schools presented their Future Cities models.
Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advertisement for Future Cities effort is in conjunction with Discover E (https://discovere.org/) 2. The Intrepid advertised ASCE as a supporting organization to help with Engineers Week on their website. 3. ASCE shared a summary about the annual awards dinner with local newspapers (i.e., Forest Hills Post) in Queens, near the venue location.
Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intermediate School 223, Brooklyn Science Day (5/20/2023): Met Section volunteers discussed civil engineering career paths with middle school students as part of this event that showcases many STEM-related professionals discussing careers with students. 2. Christ the King (Bronx) Career Day (5/22/2023): Met Section volunteers discussed civil engineering career paths with middle school students.

F. COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (20 Points Maximum for entire section) – CHOOSE #1 or #2.

1. Section/Branch has an ASCE Student Chapter(s)

List each Student Chapter and at least one current Practitioner Advisor for each school. Note if you have less than 5 schools in your Section/Branch. (2 points each if five schools or more, 10 points maximum).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City University of New York, Rudolph Tejada 2. Columbia University, Paul Roppa 3. Cooper Union, Miles Barber 4. Hofstra University, Jenny Lund 5. Manhattan College, Arthur Alzamora 6. Nassau Community College, Robert Ervolina 7. New York City College of Technology, Asheque Rahman 8. NYU Tandon School of Engineering, Nolan Mazur 9. Stony Brook University, Shannon Valentin
Describe Student Interaction Activities between each ASCE Student Chapters and the Section/Branch (2 points each, 10 points max):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University Liaison Spring Semester Meeting 2/3/2023 2. University Liaison Resume Review, 4/13/2023 3. Scholarship Luncheon, 4/27/2023 4. University Liaison Bowling Event 4/29/23 5. University Liaison Fall Semester Meeting 9/13/2023

2. Section/Branch does not have any ASCE Student Chapter(s)

Describe outreach activities with college students other than those involved with ASCE (5 points each, 20 points max):	N/A
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G. COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (10 Points Maximum)

Describe public service projects (2 points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YMF River Sweep (5/6/2023): Met Section members cleaned up marine debris along Randall's Island's shorelines. 2. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Tree Pit clean Up (6/23/2023): Met Section members picked-up trash, removed weeds, performed soil aeration & cultivation, and then mulched tree beds in Queens, NY.
Describe History and Heritage Activities (2 points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning of a dedication ceremony to mount a landmark plaque at the Ridgewood Reservoir (in conjunction with Brooklyn Waterworks). 2. A lecture titled " From the History of Tunneling in New York City: The Early Days through the East Side Access" was offered by the Geotechnical institute, 5/8/2023
Describe Government Relations activities (2 points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A presentation by a Senior Hydro-Meteorologist/Climate Science and Resiliency Lead on "How Climate Science Leads to a Policy of Climate Resilience." 2. Met Section members participated in a drive-in to Albany to discuss support for ASCE legislative initiatives with congress members representing New York. 3. Met Section members participated in the Washington DC Fly-in for ASCE Legislative Initiatives in March 2023. Met Section members were able to meet with congress members directly and chiefs of staff of senators.
Describe Sustainability Seminars held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Industry Wide Initiatives in Sustainability, 6/19/2023 2. Material and Technology Initiatives in Sustainability, 7/10/2023 3. Lightning Talks - Sustainable Practices in Construction, 8/24/2023 4. Tortuca - Sustainable and Lightweight Glass Bridge, 9/18/2023 5. Sustainability in Wastewater Treatment Processes, 9/21/2023 6. Low Carbon Concrete - Sustainability, Innovation, and 3D Printing, 9/25/2023
Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Harvest Food Drive December 2022 and January 2023: The Met Section collected over 500 lbs of food to be distributed by City Harvest to those in need. 2. Part of the Solution (POTS) Soup Kitchen Service 2/4/2023: The Met Section had volunteers help in a local soup kitchen by preparing food.

H. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (15 Points Maximum)

ASCE fosters a fully inclusive culture that celebrates individual uniqueness, engenders a sense of belonging, and promotes equitable opportunity for all people to participate as members and stakeholders of the civil engineering community. ASCE's Committee on "Members of Society Advancing an Inclusive Culture" reviews this section to select Outstanding Section/Branches for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that promote an equitable and inclusive climate in the profession.

<p><u>Inclusive Events</u> - What best practices has your Section/Branch implemented to ensure meetings/events are equitable and inclusive for all prospective participants? (1 point each, 5 points max):</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To the extent possible, events are coordinated to avoid conflict with special occasions/religious holidays, as well as with other events, so as to encourage participation of all interested parties. 2. Ticketed events are frequently paired with corporate sponsorships such that employees are encouraged to attend events that might otherwise have been cost-prohibitive. 3. To the extent possible, student chapters are invited to social functions to promote engagement, retention, and inclusion. 4. Student pricing (or free tickets) available for most ticketed events. 5. We have initiated a program for sponsors of our scholarship luncheon and our awards dinner to donate unused sponsorship tickets to interested students for free. Met Section technical groups are starting similar programs for their sponsored events.
<p><u>Leadership & Engagement</u> - In what ways has the Section/Branch/Group demonstrated a commitment to DEI? (1 point each, 5 points max):</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ASCE MET maintains a Diversity & Inclusion Committee with goals to educate and promote the ASCE Code of Ethics Canon 8. <p>The following efforts are meant to foster diversity and inclusion within the Met Section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Several Met Section members shared their career journeys at the Manhattan Bridges High School Fall Career Day Event (12/6/2022) which included students of this one-of-a-kind multilingual school serving students with Hispanic heritages. 3. Hosted a booth at the Intrepid Girls in Science and Engineering Day on 3/11/2023. The event was geared towards introducing girls (mostly K-12) to how civil engineers impact society. 4. In July and August 2023, the Met Section sponsored and participated in the Summer Engineering Awareness Program hosted by Manhattan College. This unique 10-day program introduces STEM professions to high school students from underserved neighborhoods in New York City. 5. D&I Committee General Discussion #1 - Discussed committee status, needs and goals, recruitment and identified 2023-2024 events 6. D&I Committee General Discussion #2 - Discussed ideas for the Fall 2023 D&I Kick-off event 7. Encourage participation of colleges that are Hispanic Service Institute (HSI), such as New York City College of Technology, to participate in opportunities offered by the YMF and technical groups. 8. Maintains a Hospitality committee which handles inquiries from groups of engineering students or engineers from other parts of the country or the world, who are planning a visit to New York City and are interested in visiting some of the local civil engineering projects and historic civil engineering landmarks.
<p><u>Inclusive Communications and Training</u> - In what ways does your Section/Branch ensure that communications with and about members and partners are inclusive and asset-based and discuss how you Section/Branch supports DEI related training and programs? (1 point each, 5 points max):</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings are advertised on the Section website. 2. Although in-person meetings have resumed, links are provided for virtual attendance by all. 3. Closed captioning is available upon request during virtual meetings and seminars. 4. Costs for the vast majority of PDH technical seminars are free to Met Section members.

I. ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe any other non-standard activities that are not covered under other sections of the nomination form that your Section or Branch has undertaken to promote or advance the Civil Engineering profession to either your members or the public. Note that Sections applying for the award should not include their Branch activities and vice versa for Branches. These can include other Community Service projects, hosting of Regional meetings, fundraising, mentoring, and other best practices. Describe the activity and give dates, locations and number in attendance. Also describe any activities relative to the creation of a Section / Branch strategic plan and/or efforts to support the Society's Strategic Initiatives (ie. sustainability efforts). These activities may also be eligible for the Leader Training Committee Best Practices Manual. A maximum of two (2) points will be given for each of up to five (5) non-standard activities.

Type of Activity/Event/Initiative:	Date (if applicable):	Describe:
ASCE YMF & SEAO NY Fall Happy Hour	11/15/2022	Networking event between our young members and the Structural Engineers Association of NY.
MESC Engineers Week Celebration	2/16/2023	A presentation by the retired chief engineer of the NYC MTA on the successful design-build of the Long Island Railroad Expansion project.
Site Tour of the Willets Points neighborhood redevelopment	4/28/2023	The YMF led the organization of a site tour of an entire neighborhood being built and redeveloped next to Citi Field in Queens.
Ensuring Climate Resiliency in NYC Capital Projects	5/10/2023	Review of how the NYC Climate Resiliency Guidelines are incorporated into various capital projects.
2023 Summer Mentoring Happy Hour	6/21/2023	The Met Section hosted a networking event for students, younger professionals, and experienced professionals to informally get to know each other and share their backgrounds and experiences.
YMF Social	6/29/2023	Summer social at Tailgate Outdoor Sports Bar in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. This is a networking event.
PANYNJ Low Carbon Concrete Initiatives	8/14/23	This event was an introduction to the Port authority of New York and New Jersey ambitious low-carbon concrete programs which aims to dramatically reduce the embodied carbon of concrete mixes that are approved for contractors to use in agency projects.

President's Message

President's Message - September 2023

Dear ASCE Met Section Members,

I am honored to serve as the president of our historic and prestigious Section. I am filled with a profound sense of responsibility and enthusiasm for the journey that lies ahead. Our organization has a rich history of fostering innovation, promoting excellence, encouraging inclusivity, and advancing the field of civil engineering, and it is my privilege to lead us during my term as president.

For those of you who may not know me very well, I've been an active member of ASCE since my college years at the University of Central Florida where I was the president of the student chapter. Since moving to New York, I've held many positions on the Branch level including president of the Long Island Branch as well as numerous committee positions within the Section and Region 1.



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The Metropolitan Section has been a success story for decades and I am confident we will continue to be an example for all Sections within ASCE. Through my term, I will focus on the following key pillars:

- Professional Development - Hosting top tier events for our deserving members.
- Scholarships – The Metropolitan Section provides over \$35K in annual scholarships to help engineering students with their financial burden. We will continue to provide these resources for the future of civil engineering.
- Accountability – Take a conscious look at our budget and make the difficult decisions necessary to ensure we sustain our organization for years to come.
- Diversity and Inclusion – Continue the outstanding effort of our D&I Committee by providing more resources towards this effort.
- Community Engagement - Continue to engage with our local communities, sharing our knowledge and expertise to make a positive impact on society. We will encourage our members to give back and inspire the next generation of engineers. One such way is continuing the partnering effort established by Past President Sam Singer with George Westinghouse High School in Downtown Brooklyn. We will resume our mentorship program with them in February of next year.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading this organization. Together, we have the potential to accomplish remarkable things, and I am confident that, with your support and active participation, we will achieve new heights of excellence.

I look forward to working closely with you all and invite your ideas, suggestions, and feedback as we embark on this exciting journey together. Let us embrace the challenges and opportunities before us with unwavering determination, knowing that our collective efforts will shape a brighter future for civil engineering and our world.

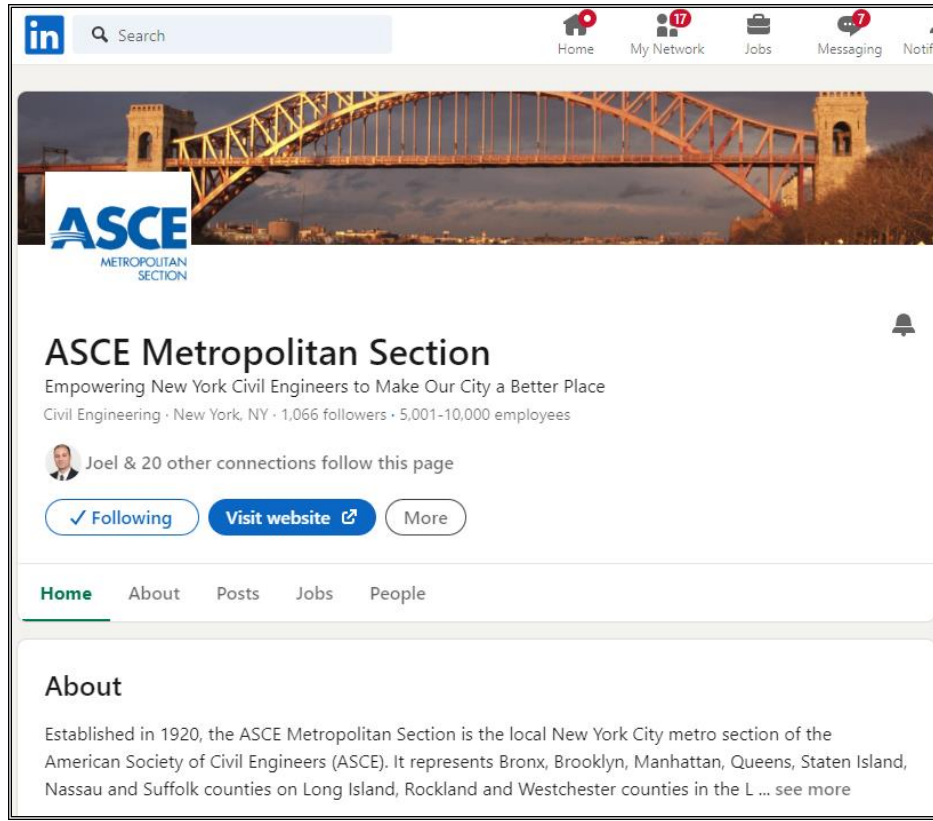
Thank you and let us move forward with purpose and passion.

Sincerely,

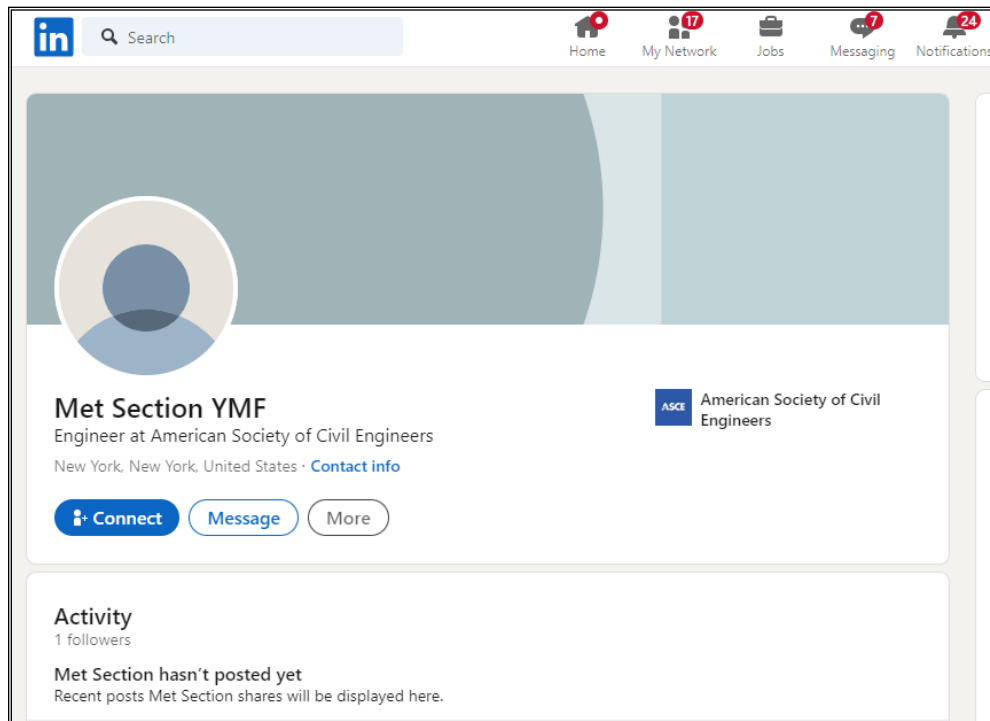
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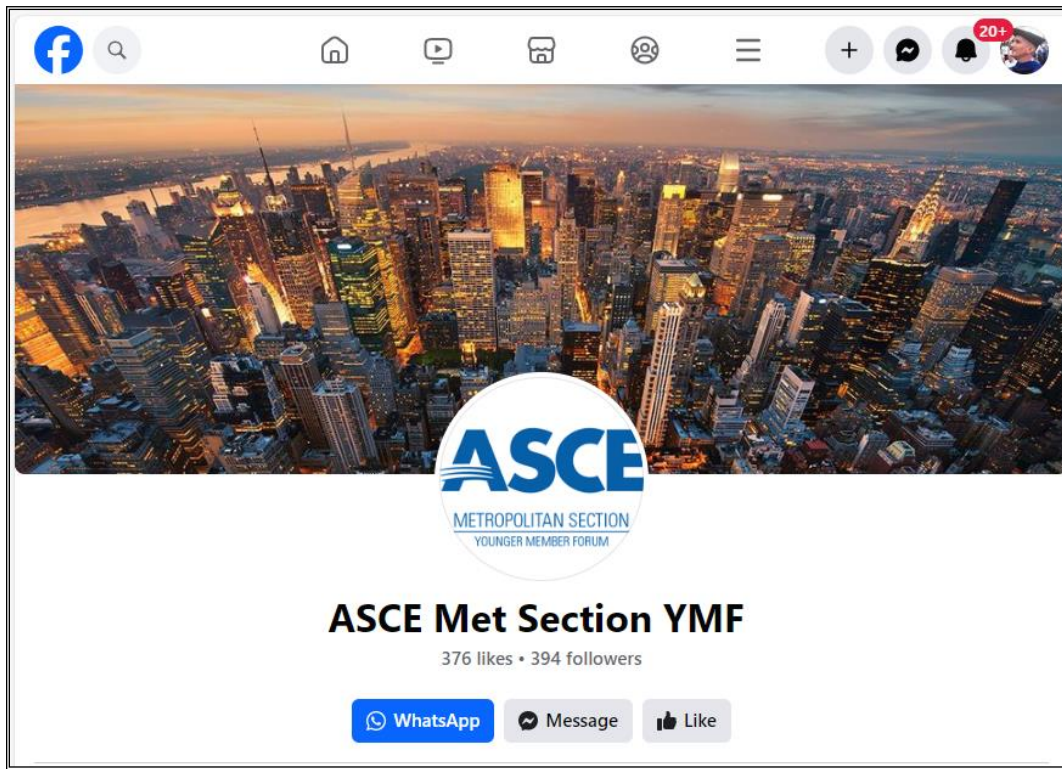
1. ASCE MET – LinkedIn



2. YMF – LinkedIn



3. YMF – Facebook



4. YMF - Twitter



5. YMF - Instagram

The screenshot shows the Instagram profile for the ASCE Metropolitan Section Younger Member Forum (YMF). The profile name is "asce.metsection.ymf" with a "Follow" button, a "Message" button, and a plus icon for more options. The profile statistics show 36 posts, 254 followers, and 199 following. The bio reads "ASCE Met Section YMF" and "The Instagram page of New York's ASCE Younger Member Forum!".

The main content area displays three posts:

- Post 1:** A flyer for a "MEET & GREET" event on Thursday, Oct 12th at 8:00 PM at Printers Alley, 218 W 40th St, New York, NY 10018. The flyer lists activities such as K-12 Outreach, Community Outreach, University Liaison, FE/PE Exam Support, Mentoring, Technical Lectures, Site Tours, and Social & Networking Events. It also mentions "FOOD AND YOUR FIRST DRINK ARE ON US!".
- Post 2:** A flyer for a "METS GAME" on Saturday, July 28, 2023, at 7:10 PM at Citi Field. The flyer includes logos for ASCE, H&E, and the New York Mets, and states "TICKET \$20 | INCLUDES FOOD & DRINK VOUCHER" and "TAGGATE @ METROPOLITAN GRILLE".
- Post 3:** A flyer for a "Riverkeeper Sweep" event on Saturday, May 27th, from 10 AM to 12:00 PM at Randall's Island. The flyer encourages joining ASCE YMF to help clean up marine debris along the island's shorelines.