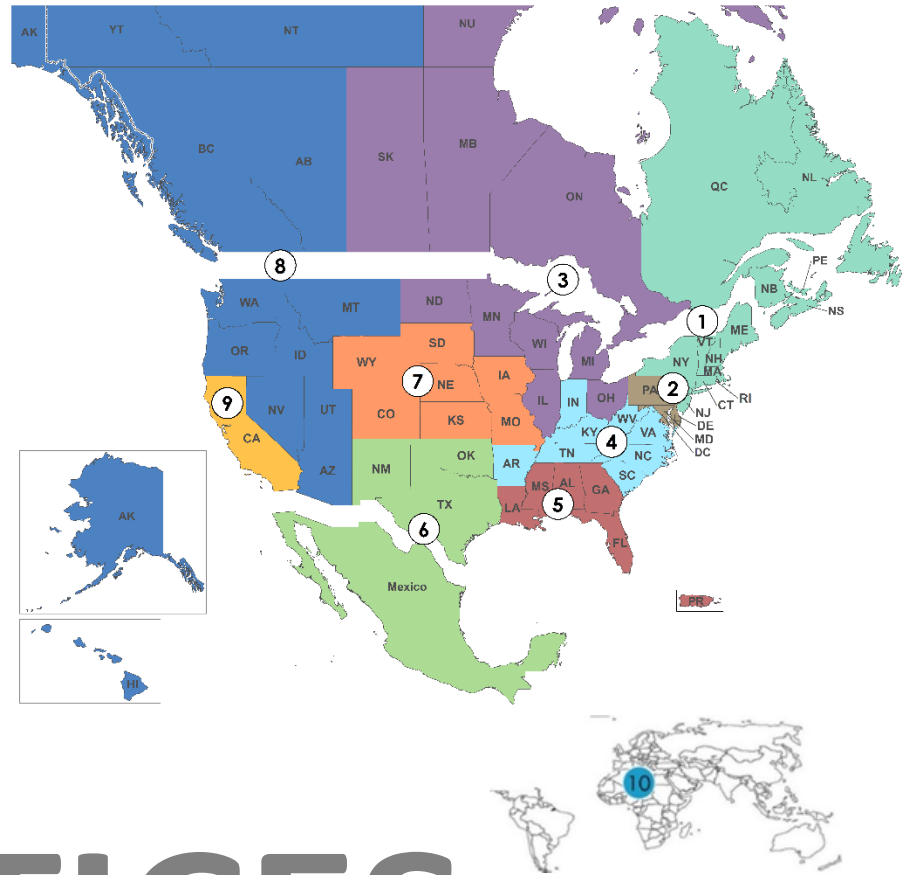


Regions



BEST PRACTICES GUIDE

*Prepared by
Leader Training Committee
Revised August 2019*



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ASCE Leader Training Committee (LTC) has collected successful activities of Regions and compiled them into this Best Practices Guide. The purpose is to provide new ideas and activities that your Region can use to expand your program initiatives and support the mission, vision, and values of the Society. This summary provides information on how to effectively use the Best Practices Guide, and contact information for comments or suggestions for future releases.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The guide currently includes **24 Best Practices** organized into the following four categories:

1. **Communication**
2. **Region Operations**
3. **Continuing Education**
4. **Government Relations**

The guide is organized into major categories of Best Practices. Regions provided general information and instructions for their activities and have shared the outcomes. They also included changes they would make the next time they organize the same activity. The contact information for a key contact from the Region is listed for each activity if you should have any questions about a specific activity.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

The Leader Training Committee is always looking for new Best Practices to include in its guide. The Committee plans to publish an updated version at least annually. If you have a Best Practice and would like to contribute to this guide or have any feedback or comments, please contact **Nancy Berson** at nberson@asce.org or at 703-295-6010. A Contact Summary of individual Best Practices follows the Table of Contents.

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1 -COMMUNICATION						
1.1	Monthly Newsletter Articles & Scheduled Quarterly Teleconferences	Region 9	Tony Akel	takel@akeleng.com	(559) 436-0600	2011
1.2	Director's Letters	Region 5	Bill Grogan	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil	(601) 634-2226	2012
1.3	Newsletter	Region 7	Elise Ibendahl	Elise.ibendahl@ch2m.com	(314) 335-3022	2016
1.4	Region Infographic Communications Page	Region 9	Kwame Agyare	Agyare.kwame@gmail.com	(602) 481-8663	2018
2 -REGION OPERATIONS						
2.1	Successful Logistical Assembly Planning	Region 2	Christopher Menna	Christopher.Menna@jacobs.com	(215) 686-5573	2012
2.2	Region Assembly Paperless Meetings	Region 1	Shawn P. Kelley	skelley@geodesign.net	(802) 272-7710	2012
2.3	Multi-Region Leadership Conference Interactive Breakout Activity	Region 9	Camilla Saviz Jennifer Epp	csaviz@pacific.edu jennifer@lupoep.org	(209) 946-3077 (Saviz)	2013
2.4	Multi-Region Leadership Conference Breakout	Region 8	Kristina Swallow	kswallow@cox.net	(702) 858-5325	2013
2.5	Brainstorming Sessions	Region 3	John Frauenhoffer	mustang2797@att.net	(217) 356-2797	2012
2.6	Meetings	Region 5	Bill Grogan	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil	(601) 634-2226	2012
2.7	Report Card Workshop	Region 5	Bill Grogan	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil	(601) 634-2226	2012
2.8	Awards Reminder System	Region 5	Bill Grogan	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil	(601) 634-2226	2012
2.9	Sharing of Web Space	Region 5	Bill Grogan	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil	(601) 634-2226	2012
2.10	Awards Program	Region 7	Marsia Geldert-Murphey	mgm@sequoiaeng.com	(618) 444-6815	2014
2.11	Governor's Welcome Packet	Region 9	Mark Norton	mnorton@sawpa.org	(951) 354-4221	2015

2.12	Awards Submission Portal	Region 9	Kwame A. Agyare	agyare.kwame@gmail.com	(602) 481-8663	2015
2.13	Online Awards Nomination	Region 9	Matt Kennedy	matt.kennedy@ghd.com	(707) 523-1010	2016
2.14	Region Assembly National Strategic Initiative Examination	Region 3	John Fraunhoffer	mustang2797@att.net	(217) 356-2797	2017
2.15	Terrell Award	Region 4	Monica Sartain Jon Keeling	monica.sartain@pca-llc.biz Jon.Keeling@stantec.com	(615) 645-9355 (859) 422-3054	2017
2.16	Fall Assembly Meeting	Region 8	Tony Lau	tlau_1987@hawaiiantel.net	(808) 372-7432	2018
2.17	Regional Corresponding Members	Region 7	Daniel Schrant	daniel.schrant@sedgwick.gov	(316) 660-1778	2019
2.18	Region "Wall of Fame"	Region 5	Katherine Gurd	Katherine.gurd@ae.com	(404) 965-7085	2019

3 - CONTINUING EDUCATION

3.1	Emergency Preparedness Training	Region 9	Doug Taylor	doug.taylor@fire.ca.gov	(559) 284-2715	2016
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4 – GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

4.1	Legislative Fly-In	Region 9	Jay Higgins	Jay.higgins@aecom.com	(818) 406-4896	2015
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Monthly Newsletter Articles & Scheduled Quarterly Teleconferences – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
Name	Tony Akel
Phone Number	(559) 436-0600
Email	takel@akeleng.com
3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	Region 9 Monthly Newsletter Articles and Scheduled Quarterly Teleconferences.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Initiated the Communication with Sections and Branches Committee.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Communication with Sections and Branches Committee was initiated by past governors Tony Akel, Jennifer Epp, Harvey Gobas and Joan Al Kazily. Tony Akel was chair of the committee from 2008-2011. Camilla Saviz, currently a Region 9 Governor, has taken the leading role of the committee.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Indefinite
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Monthly Newsletter is effective in communicating Region 9 activities. Quarterly Teleconferences provide a platform for Section and Branch officers to express concerns, share great ideas, and ask for advice.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	Coordinating a teleconference with a large group is challenging, especially if the time is limited to one hour. Introduction of the participants is important, but can be a bit challenging as some officers may join after the introduction. Some members may take more time than the teleconference can afford, etc.. This can be addressed “diplomatically” by the teleconference moderator.

10. Creativity

(This is something off the wall that we did)

This Committee was triggered by a **Membership Survey** sent to 1,000 Region 9 members including section/branch officers and members serving on national committees. There were 56 respondents, but the responses were very sobering:

- **62%** were NOT aware of the Region 9 governance structure of ASCE
- **33%** were NOT aware of any activities organized or sponsored by the Region 9 BOG.

A PowerPoint presentation of the **Membership Survey (Exhibit A)** documents the 10 questions that were asked, the top responses from section/branch officers and members.

Consequently, Region 9 BOG initiated a task committee with a decently long but descriptive name. The name was intended to remind us of the primary reason this committee was created, and to maintain its focus: "Communications with Sections and Branches Committee".

The Committee had 4 major recommendations with the top two being:

1. Region 9 should Initiate Section/Branches Teleconferences

Monthly Newsletter Articles communicating with section and branch officers as well as with our members. Each governor and critical committee chair was assigned the task to write an article documenting important Region 9 activities. The assignment is typically timed to follow a major Region 9 activity (infrastructure symposium, legislative day, etc.) and the articles are intended to connect not only with our officers, but also with our membership. Samples of Newsletter Articles are included in **Exhibit B**.

2. Region 9 should Publish Monthly Region 9 Columns to Section/Branch Newsletters

Quarterly Teleconferences with Section and Branch officers. These one-hour teleconferences proved effective in: a) informing officers on upcoming Region 9 activities and critical issues affecting our profession, b) directly listening to ideas from Branch and Section officers, 3) offering suggestions for improvements, and 4) sharing great ideas between sections. Region 9 generally holds teleconferences on a quarterly basis. A sample teleconference agenda and meeting minutes is included in **Exhibit C**.

11. Administration

(What was most Important)

Coordinating the Section Newsletter Editors and submitting the monthly articles to meet publication deadlines of the respective sections.

12. Follow-Up

(What was most important?)

Creating an annual schedule for the Monthly Newsletter Articles for all Governors and critical Committee Chairs (Government Affairs, Water Resources, Infrastructure, Emergency Response, etc.)

13. Recommendations

(What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)

Listen to section and branch officers concerns and get them connected with region or national resources that address their concerns.

14. Cautions

(What you should NEVER

do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform Section and Branch officers and our members on Region 9's activities on: Legislative Affairs, Annual Legislative Day at the Capitol, Water and Environment Policy, Annual R9 Awards, Political Engagement, Engineers Week, Educational Outreach, and other topics. • Share great ideas and successful programs between Sections and Branches. <p>Enhanced collaboration between sections</p>
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	This is an ongoing successful Region 9 program
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
18. Additional Comments	<p>This Best Practice includes the following attachments.</p> <p>Exhibit A – PowerPoint Presentation: Membership Survey of Section and Branch Needs (September 2008)</p> <p>Exhibit B – Sample Region 9 Monthly Newsletter Articles</p> <p>Exhibit C – Sample Agenda and Meeting Minutes for the Quarterly Teleconferences</p>

Exhibit A

Membership Survey of Section and Branch Needs PowerPoint Presentation

(September 2008)



The image shows the cover slide of a PowerPoint presentation. The background is a light gray with a subtle pattern of vertical lines. In the top left corner, the ASCE logo is displayed in blue, with the text "American Society of Civil Engineers" underneath. Below the logo, the text "REGION 9" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of this text, the title "SURVEY OF SECTION AND BRANCH NEEDS" is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font, with a reflection effect below it. On the left side, there is a 3D map of California in a gold color. In the bottom left corner, the text "Presented by Tony Akel, P.E. Region 9 Governor" is written in a small, gray font. In the bottom right corner, the text "Presented to Region 9 Sacramento" is written in a small, gray font, and below it, the date "September 6, 2008" is written in a small, gray font.

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**SURVEY
OF SECTION AND
BRANCH NEEDS**

Presented to
Region 9
Sacramento

Presented by
Tony Akel, P.E.
Region 9 Governor

September 6, 2008



REGION 9



TASK COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION



4 Governors



REGION 9



TASK COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION



Tony Akel



Jennifer Epp



Harvey Gobas



Joan Al-Kazily



REGION 9



PURPOSE

Identify challenges faced by Sections and Branches

Identify areas where Region 9 BOG can assist



REGION 9



PURPOSE

The responses could be used to

- gain a better understanding of what Region 9 Leaders need to succeed
- develop a plan of action

200 Region 9 Section and Branch officers

800 members
(participants in a National Committee)



SURVEY SAMPLE

56 members took part in the survey

6% participation rate

10 questions were asked

the survey

METHODOLOGY

5 Questions (1,2,3,6,8) to identify how Region 9 can help

2 Questions (4,5) to identify their knowledge of Region 9

2 Questions about who they are and their willingness to help

1 Question about the most Valuable Service



SURVEY QUESTIONS 1-5



1. **What one hot button issue** would you, as an officer of the section/branch, like Region 9 Board of Governors to address during the next fiscal year?
2. **What one thing** could the Region 9 Board of Governors do **to assist your section/branches growth**?
3. **What proactive approach** could Region 9 Board of Governors do to help your branch/section move **to new levels of performance and service**?
4. **Are you aware** of the Region governance structure of ASCE?
5. **Are you aware** of any activities organized or sponsored by the Region 9 Board of Governors?

SURVEY QUESTIONS 6-10



6. What are some of the **activities** that you know other branches/sections/regions/organizations have undertaken that would be **appropriate for Region 9 to undertake** in the future?
7. If Region 9 undertook an activity/program, **will you** as a branch/section officer **be willing to do any of the following**?
8. **What one thing** could the Region 9 Board of Governors do to help you **improve members' interaction** with your branch/section?
9. **Which services** do your members hold **most valuable** and why?
10. I am a Officer/Committee Chair/ Member from...

1. WHAT ONE HOT BUTTON ISSUE WOULD YOU, AS AN OFFICER OF THE SECTION/BRANCH, LIKE REGION 9 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO ADDRESS DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

- **Price of Gas (?) vs. Construction Costs**
- ✓ **Legislative**
- ✓ **Funding Infrastructure**
- ✓ **Infrastructure Report Card**
- ✓ **Potable Water Supplies in California**
- ✓ **Funding Green Infrastructure**
- ✓ **Roadway Maintenance**



- ✓ **Membership Involvement**
- ✓ **Region 9 Technical Support Center**
- ✓ **Mentoring**
- ✓ **Leadership Training for Section/Branch leaders**
- ✓ **Declining Enrollment in Engineering Courses**
- ✓ **Recruiting Students for Civil Engineering**
- ✓ **Middle and High School Outreach**
- ✓ **College Student Outreach**



3 respondents could not thin

2. WHAT ONE THING COULD THE REGION 9 BOARD OF GOVERNORS DO TO ASSIST YOUR SECTION/BRANCHES GROWTH?

- ✓ **Member recruitment and retention**
- ✓ **Provide Guidance to attract civil engineers to ASCE**
- ✓ **Provide Motivation for Member to be Active**
- ✓ **Work with ASCE Student chapters**
- ✓ **Website that offers posted suggestions on how to improve branch...**
- ✓ **List of New Members on a Monthly Basis**
- ✓ **Bridge Gap Between National and Sections/Branches**
- ✓ **Increasing membership participation in Section/Branch activities**
- ✓ **Communicate with Faculty Advisors**
- ✓ **Assistance and funding with local activities**
- ✓ **Discounted rates for Caltrans**
- ✓ **Assistance and funding with local activities**
- ✓ **Double the efforts for media relations**
- ✓ **Spend Less Time on Political Issues. ACEC..**

□ A total of 12 people did not answer the question.



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3. WHAT PROACTIVE APPROACH COULD REGION 9 BOARD OF GOVERNORS DO TO HELP YOUR BRANCH/SECTION MOVE TO NEW LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE?

- ✓ Communicate Proactively
- ✓ Assist Officers of Golden Gate Branch increasing membership
- ✓ Coordinate with Branches
- ✓ Interaction with Branch Executives
- ✓ Increase communication with the branches and sections.
- ✓ Contact Officers on a regular basis and ask what they are bothered with
- ✓ Annual Visit to review activities and make suggestions for improvements
- ✓ Contacting Inactive Members
- ✓ Periodically send an e-mail message to each ASCE member
- ✓ Commitment to attend local section meetings
- ✓ Section Rep come to our branch meetings
- ✓ Recognize achievement of the Section and branches
- ✓ Improve communication with ASCE institute
- ✓ Help Young Leadership become energized to participate
- ✓ Reinforce the ownership of ASCE by its members
- ✓ Communicate Proactively
- ✓ Creating a newsletter to let the branches know what was going on the Region



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Newsletter

4. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE REGION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF ASCE?

- 62% Yes
- 33% No
- 5% No answer



5. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED OR SPONSORED BY THE REGION 9 BOARD OF GOVERNORS?

➤ 57% YES

✓ Infrastructure Symposium



➤ 33% No

➤ 5% No Answer

✓ Legislative Outreach



✓ Infrastructure Report Card



✓ Awards Program



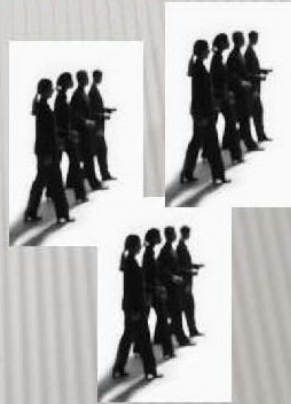
6. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU KNOW OTHER BRANCHES/SECTIONS/REGIONS/ORGANIZATIONS HAVE UNDERTAKEN THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR REGION 9 TO UNDERTAKE IN THE FUTURE?

- ✓ Keep Scope and Vision Broad, and do not focus on Sections and Branches
- ✓ Community Outreach
- ✓ Joint activities with Other Organizations (Ports and Harbors, APWA, AWWA, etc.)
- ✓ Legislative Day. Only Make it a 5-year Strategic Plan
- ✓ Life member program
- ✓ Integration of San Diego YMF with Section
- ✓ Hosting membership outreach events, younger member & student outreach.

• A total of 12 people did not list an activity.
• A total of 26 people did not answer the question.

7. IF REGION 9 UNDERTOOK AN ACTIVITY/PROGRAM, WILL YOU AS A BRANCH/SECTION OFFICER BE WILLING TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

- ✓ 21% Provide Volunteers
- ✓ 29% Encourage Members by Email
- ✓ 10% Provide Financial Support from Branch/Section
- ✓ 17% Assist in Fund Raising
- ✓ 31% Be Personally Willing to Serve



• A total of 7 people did not answer the question.

8. WHAT ONE THING COULD THE REGION 9 BOARD OF GOVERNORS DO TO HELP YOU IMPROVE MEMBERS' INTERACTION WITH YOUR BRANCH/SECTION?

- ✓ Provide Videoconference and Teleconference Capabilities
- ✓ Host a Leaders Summit for Region 9 with Best Practices Session
- ✓ Promote communication
- ✓ Maintain a Presence at Section/Branch Meetings
- ✓ Providing activities that will increase membership value
- ✓ Providing funding to local activities



• A total of 3 people had no suggestions.
• A total of 16 people did not answer the question.

9. WHICH SERVICES DO YOUR MEMBERS HOLD MOST VALUABLE AND WHY?

- ✓ Newsletter
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Meetings/Speakers
- ✓ Publications
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Technical Information
- ✓ Legislative
- ✓ Meeting with Distinguished Speakers
- ✓ Site Tours
- ✓ Legislative Efforts
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Networking/Interaction
- ✓ Interaction with Peers



A total of 26 people did not answer the question.

10. I AM AN OFFICER/COMMITTEE CHAIR/ MEMBER FROM...

- ✓ 16% Los Angeles Section
- ✓ 11% Imperial Valley Branch
- ✓ 9% San Diego Section
- ✓ 7% San Bernardino Section
- ✓ The Capital Branch, Central Valley Branch, Shasta Branch, North Coast Branch and the San Jose Branch did not have any participants



1 person was active in real-time.
A total of 7 people did not answer the question.



RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Initiate Sections and Branches Leadership Teleconference

- Frequency: Membership Focused Teleconference: Once a Year (October-November). Follow-Up Teleconferences will focus on Subjects TBD. Months.
- Invitees: All section and branch officers and committee chairs, YMF
- Next Scheduled Teleconference: TBD after Region 9 Meeting

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RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Publish Monthly Region 9 News Briefs to Section/Branch newsletters

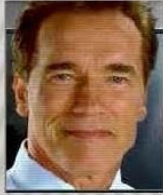
- Frequency: once a month
- Editor: Rotating between governors. TBD at next Region 9 board meeting.
- Initiate fist publication: TBD after Region 9 Board Meeting.



RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Update Region 9 website to include student outreach resources and web links

- Frequency: once a month
- Editor: Jennifer E. and her assistant
- Initiate fist publication: TBD after Region 9 Board



RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Governors to Attend Section and Branch Meetings

Exhibit B

Monthly Newsletter Articles

Samples

Sample 1

The Director's Message: A New Year (Director Chuck Spinks)

Sample 2

The Roadmap to Strategic Planning, Political Engagement, Elections, and Other Strategic topics (Governor Rich Haller)

Sample 3

Annual Infrastructure Symposium (Governor Shahn Ahmad)

Sample 4

Region 9 Government Relations Committee (GRC) Annual Legislative Day: "infrastructure is the foundation of economic recovery!" (Legislative Committee Chair Dolores Ventura)

Sample 5

Engineers Week: Inspire Tomorrow's Engineer (Governor Tony Akel)

Exhibit B

Monthly Newsletter Articles

Sample 1

The Director's Message: A New Year (Director Chuck Spinks)

A New Year

By Chuck Spinks, P.E.
Chair-ASCE Region 9 Board of Governors



October 1st is the beginning of ASCE's new year, with our new Branch, Section, Region and Society officers starting the '09 -'10 year with challenging and rewarding responsibilities. At the Region 9 level, we have two new Governors: Kathy Haynes replacing Mark Creveling and representing the San Diego Section, and Rich Haller replacing Harvey Gobas as one of the two At-Large Governors. Each new year seems to bring a more challenging schedule at Region 9 as we embark on additional projects to effectively support our Branches and Sections.

The first four months of each calendar year are traditionally our busiest, and this year we are assuming a busier schedule since ASCE was selected to lead the Engineers Week 2010 Coalition. Our major upcoming activities include:

- February 10-11: Region 9's Legislative Day, Annual Symposium, and Awards Banquet.
- February 14 -20: Engineers Week; ASCE is leading the activities this year with our president Blaine Leonard as chair of the coalition.
- February 26-27; Multi Region Leadership Conference; this is where our leadership teams from the Branches, Sections, Younger Members, and Students from Regions 8 and 9 get together. This year's event is held in San Diego.
- March 25: OPAL (Outstanding Projects and Leaders) Awards Banquet in Washington D.C.
- April 8-10: Mid-Pacific Student Conference and Competition, held this year at California State University Chico.

First on our calendar is Region 9's annual event in Sacramento, centered around our Legislative Day where representatives from the Branches and Sections travel to Sacramento to meet with their legislators, develop relationships with them, inform them on ASCE's position on upcoming legislation affecting our profession, and establish ASCE as a resource for their staff. Mike Thornton will lead the Legislative Day activities, Shahn Ahmad, Governor representing the Los Angeles Section, will Chair the Infrastructure Symposium, and Jennifer Epp, At-Large Governor, will Chair the Awards Banquet.

We are already accepting award nominations for our 2010 Awards Banquet in Sacramento. Projects that won awards from our Sections are eligible to be submitted for a Region 9 award. The nominations are due Friday, November 13 (for good luck) to Jennifer at jepp@waterboards.ca.gov.

Our region is abundant with many great projects and outstanding leaders and we hope they receive the recognition they so deserve. The prestigious Region 9 awards also come in a unique wood plaque design shaped to represent the state of California. We think this award will stand out on your awards wall! For more information on the awards, please check out our Region 9 web site.

San Bernardino/Riverside Counties Branch Update

By Brian D. Wolfe, P.E.
President, ASCE San Bernardino/ Riverside Counties Branch

It gives me pleasure to continue with our Branch Board, this time as President for the 2009-2010 year. Our Branch will continue to provide additional services and opportunities for participation this year as we work closely with the Mentorship and Stormwater Committees, as well as our Younger Member Forum. The Branch Board also congratulates Jessie Powell as he takes the helm of the successful Mentorship Committee for this year. Our increase in branch activities will include the formation of a Membership/ Welcoming Committee as we make efforts to extend our hand to those members beyond the metropolitan areas of San Bernardino and Riverside.

We are also making preparations for accommodating new ASCE student members as a new Civil Engineering Program has been established at California Baptist University, with a new student chapter soon to follow. Fortunately we have two strong entities, the YMF and Mentorship Committee available to encourage them to continue with ASCE as they exit the classroom and enter the workforce.

On the 14th of October our Stormwater Committee co-sponsored a Low Impact Development (LID) workshop in Riverside. We are fortunate to have Bill Flores continue to Chair the Stormwater Committee as they continue to provide valuable education and training services to our membership.

Please visit us at www.asce-sbriv.org to get to know our board members and committee chairpersons, and also to view our calendar for upcoming events.

Sustainability: What Does It Mean To Civil Engineers?

By Paul Callaway, P.E., M.ASCE,
Chair, ASCE Los Angeles Section Sustainability Committee

To many civil engineers it means best management practices for controlling erosion, to others it is designing into projects efficiencies that will reduce or eliminate their fossil fuel energy demands. What does it mean to you? Please join in with others interested in this evolving area and share your ideas and information on this timely subject with LA Section's Sustainability Committee. The committee is looking for a member from each branch to be assigned by the Branch's President to take part in our monthly scheduled teleconferences, so we can share what is being done throughout Southern California. We are looking forward to hearing from any one of you that is interested in the subject and we want to hear some good examples of how sustainability has been incorporated into projects in your areas. Please contact me at "Paul.Callaway@ventura.org" for information on our upcoming teleconferences and take part in a lively discussion on this topic.

Exhibit B

Monthly Newsletter Articles

Sample 2

The Roadmap to Strategic Planning, Political Engagement, Elections, and Other Strategic topics (Governor Rich Haller)

Los Angeles Section

Monthly: Est. 1913

ORANGE / SAN_BERNARDINO/RIVERSIDE / SAN_LUIS_OBISPO / SANTA_BARBARA/VENTURA / DESERT / SOUTHERN_SAN_JOAQUIN / METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES

GUEST ARTICLE

The Roadmap to Strategic Planning Political Engagement, Elections, and Other Strategic Topics

By Richard Haller, P.E., M.ASCE, Region 9 Governor-at-Large



ASCE published "The Vision for Civil Engineering 2025" (Vision 2025) which resulted in the following bold vision: "Entrusted by society to create a sustainable world and enhance the global quality of life, civil engineers serve competently, collaboratively, and ethically as:

- master planners, designers, constructors, and operators of society's economic and social engine – the built environment;
- stewards of the natural environment and its resources;
- innovators and integrators of ideas and technology across the public, private, and academic sectors;
- managers of risk and uncertainty caused by natural events, accidents, and other threats; and
- leaders in discussions and decisions shaping public environmental and infrastructure policy.

How will we develop engineers and the profession to meet these aggressive goals? That process was defined in the just published "Achieving the Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025, A Roadmap for the Profession" (Roadmap). The Roadmap is defined by a series of supporting results for each of the desired Vision 2025 statement outcomes. The Vision 2025 and Roadmap documents will be the focus of future ASCE activities and is being implemented in part through the strategic planning process. Document electronic copies can be found at <http://content.asce.org/vision2025/>.

The 18,000 ASCE members in California are part of Region 9. The Region 9 Board of Governors coordinates issues with the Society Board and the four Sections (Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco). I am the ASCE Region 9 Strategic Management Coordinator, serving as a corresponding member of ASCE's Strategic Planning Committee and it is my job to participate in the new, streamlined strategic planning process coordinating with Region 9 members and providing specific input to the Committee. The process, which is focused on ongoing delivery of value to members, consists of identifying and defining strategic issues, Society Board prioritization of issues and definition of desired outcomes, local (Branch, Committee, etc.) development of actions to achieve desired outcomes, budgeting by the Board for strategic priorities, and periodic progress checks of the process and results. This entire process is fast paced and will ensure efforts are focused on Vision 2025. To date the following seven priorities have been identified:

Professional Strategies

- Infrastructure
- Competency
- Role of the Civil Engineer
- Sustainability

Association Strategies

- Competition
- Student Transition
- Leader Involvement

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Region 9 Legislative Affairs

By: Richard Markuson

The Legislature continued to work through hundreds of bills, even as the State's finances continued to worsen. Early in April, hopes were buoyed that State revenue would meet or exceed the admittedly optimistic projections used when the 2011 budget was released earlier in the year. These hopes were dashed when State personal income tax revenue fell more than \$3.0 billion short of expectations which did not bode well for the May budget revisions. Personal income taxes for the 2008-09 fiscal year comprised 51.31% of all State General Fund revenues. You can watch State revenue at the Controller's web site: http://www.sco.ca.gov/april_2010_revenue_tracker.html

The Legislature did take time to confirm State Senator Abel Maldonado as the new Lieutenant Governor. The Governor's decision to schedule a special election to fill Maldonado's seat did not please the Democrats in the Legislature – or the local officials who will have to pay the costs of the special election. The Governor called the special primary election on June 22nd – two weeks after the June statewide primary. The five counties that comprise the 15th reportedly had to pay more than \$2.5 million to hold the extra two elections to fill the now vacant seat. These who ran were Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee from San Luis Obispo and former Assembly Member John Laird from Santa Cruz.

Below is a status report on bills of interest to ASCE members:

	Summary	Status
AB 1431 (Support)	Updates the name of Engineers Board and expands membership to include one licensed geologist or geophysicist and one additional public member.	Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1594 (watch)	Prohibits the construction of a peripheral canal unless certain requirements are met	Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife Committee
AB 1760 (watch)	Reenacts, until January 1, 2016, Caltrans' authorization to enter into design-sequencing contracts.	Assembly Floor
AB 1793 (Support)	Makes the governing documents of a common interest development (CID) void and unenforceable if they prohibit the use or include conditions that effectively prohibit the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. Author accepted ASCE recommendation that allows a CID to apply design and quality standards for artificial turf.	Senate Rules Committee
AB 1975 (Support)	Requires multi-unit residential structures or mixed use residential and commercial structures that are permitted after January 1, 2011, to add, as a condition of new service, water meters or submeters that measure the water supplied to each individual unit.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 2092 (OUA)	Allows the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to levy a fee upon the State Water Project and Central Valley Project contractors to pay a portion of the Council's planning and administrative costs. ASCE has suggested the bill capture all beneficiaries of Delta water as well as those whose practices impact Delta water quality.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 2336 (Support)	States Legislative findings and intent regarding striped bass, and requires the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) to assess the adverse impacts of invasive species predation on native species, to evaluate predator suppression options, and to recommend changes in laws and actions by state agencies.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 1215 (Watch)	This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish prequalified lists of firms providing architectural and engineering services.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1284 (Support)	Provides an exception to the imposition of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for a violation of an effluent limitation if the waste discharge complies with a certain time schedule order and other requirements are met.	Senate Appropriations

OUA = Oppose Unless Amended

ASCE Region 9 is a member of the Alliance for Clean Water and Jobs to help convince the public of the merits of spending on water infrastructure and to support the Water Bond at the general election in November. The Alliance website <http://www.waterforca.com/> has information on the Water Bond.

What Is Unique About Humber Bridge, England?



For 16 years the longest single-span suspension bridge in the world, Britain's Humber Bridge opened to traffic on June 24, 1981. Found in northeastern England, the bridge spans the Humber estuary between Hessle on the north bank and Barton-upon-Humber on the south bank, connecting North Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire. The Humber's total distance is well over a mile long at 7,283 feet (2,220 meters) with a center span of 4,626 feet (1,410 meters).

Today relegated to fifth place, the Humber Bridge was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge until the opening of the Great Belt Bridge in June 1997. The Humber was pushed to third place with the April 1998 opening of the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge. In recent years two longer span bridges have opened in China, the Xihoumen Bridge and the Runyang Bridge.

However, if you're looking to cross the world's longest bridge by foot, the Humber Bridge is still the span to come to.

Now that we got your attention, do you know what is the longest single-span suspension bridge in California? How about the Los Angeles area? Happy searching.

Find out the latest Section &
Branch news @
WWW.
ascelasection.org

The Roadmap to Strategic Planning Political Engagement, Elections, and Other Strategic Topics

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Through the Professional Strategies, ASCE will improve infrastructure and "raise the report card grades", raise the competency level in professional civil engineering practice, deliver the tools to civil engineers so they can be leaders for sustainable infrastructure, and create the change for civil engineers to expand their roles and impact in society (Vision 2025). Through Association Strategies, ASCE will be the premier source for producing and delivering civil engineering knowledge, ensure a smooth transition from a Student to Associate Member status, and develop engineer leaders who support participation in ASCE and share their insights.

One of the key focus areas of Vision 2025 is becoming leaders in shaping public policy. You can start this process today by being an informed voter and providing information to your friends, family, neighbors and elected officials. We had an opportunity to do this. In the June 8th Primary. There were five Statewide Ballot Measures, two of which are indirectly related to infrastructure (Proposition 13: Limits on Property Tax Assessment, Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings; Proposition 16: Imposes New Two-Thirds Voter Approval Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers). The November ballot will have several more. Be engaged!

Another important opportunity is to participate in your local ASCE Section Government or Legislative Affairs Committee which identifies issues of regional and statewide importance and provides input. Be involved!

Several ASCE Region 9 committees are engaged in statewide issues considered by the State Legislature and the activities of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). The focus is to be engaged and effective through the entire legislative process conducting an annual Legislative Day, evaluating a finite number of infrastructure related bills and coordinating the activities of the four Sections in ASCE Region 9 (California).

I would welcome thoughts and comments on ASCE's Strategic Planning initiative. I will be maintaining an email distribution list of interested members and will be coordinating with the Section Presidents. I can be reached at rhaller@sawpa.org.

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California Legislative News from the Region 9 Board of Governors

The Region 9 Board of Governors is supporting Assembly Bill 1431 [<http://tiny.cc/HKAm6>] by Assembly Member Jerry Hill (D-South San Francisco). Last year, as part of the budget package the Legislature consolidated the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists with the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). AB 4X 20 transferred all of the roles and responsibilities of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists to BPELS, but did not change the title BPELS to reflect their new role and responsibilities, nor did it include a licensed geologist or geophysicist on the Board now overseeing geologist and geophysicists. AB 1431 updates the name and expands membership to include one licensed geologist or geophysicist. In deciding to support the bill, ASCE Region 9 Governors felt it important that geologists and geophysicists be represented on the board. The bill has been approved by the Assembly and is awaiting its first hearing in the State Senate.

Region 9 has joined a broad coalition of professions licensed by the State in opposing efforts to give the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) broad authority to suspend a professional license, including an engineer's license, for failure to pay taxes. Existing law permits BPELS to suspend or deny renewal of a license if notified by the FTB. But the FTB wants to bypass the individual license boards and be permitted to revoke a professional practice license when taxes are owed. The ASCE Region 9 Board of Governors voted to oppose the bill, in part because the proponents of the plan could not explain how a taxpayer with an outstanding tax obligation could pay if they couldn't work in their licensed profession. The coalition has proposed amendments to counter the argument that license boards ignore tax claims. The proposal is part of this year's budget package and may be amended into several of the budget bills being considered by the Legislature.

Region 9 has joined a similar coalition of more than 1,000 business and professional societies in opposing a mandate that anyone employing a non-corporate independent contractor withhold 3% of any payments and remit these amounts to the State. The 3% is credited against the final tax obligation of the contractor but if it results in overpayment of estimated taxes, it becomes an "interest free" loan to the State and, if California financial problems continue, could be refunded with an IOU.

The Region 9 Board of Governors concluded that this idea is bad for engineers whether they work for a consultant engineering firm or a public agency. It was pointed out that the 3% withholding requirement makes it harder for a public agency to build a multi-disciplinary team for its projects, and would create a paper keeping and reporting nightmare requiring the agency to check if withholding is needed, then send the money every month to the State Treasurer, and then report to the consultant at the end of the year – and there is no reimbursement for these costs and no additional revenue to the State. All it does is collect the money monthly instead of quarterly. Like the license suspension bill, this idea is part of the budget package being considered by the State Legislature.

Region 9 is watching Senate Bill 189 [<http://tiny.cc/7rzTs>] by Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach). This omnibus mechanics lien bill recodifies, reorganizes, and clarifies the mechanics lien statute, and enacts separate provi-

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ASCE's 2010 Member-Get-A-Member Drive Depends on You!

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LA-Section Mentorship Committee

Mentoring Program Is Seeking "Champions" To Become A Committee Member

The Mentoring Committee is planning to hold a Training Workshop in downtown Los Angeles to jump start the Mentoring Program through out the LA-Section's Seven Branches. The goal of the Training Workshop is to provide guidelines on all aspects of mentoring. Please join me to make a substantial difference in the future of our members in general, especially members of YMF by signing up as a Committee Member, Mentor and/or Protégé.

A Mentor can be an engineer with just a few years of experience that can benefit less experienced engineers.

A Protégés could be a Civil Engineering student, recent graduate or licensed engineer with several years of experience who would like to be mentored by a more experienced engineer.

A Committee Member can be any eager member who is self motivated and enthusiastic to help out with planning, implementation and follow up activities of this very worthy Committee.

The Program Benefits: There are a number of valuable benefits (i.e., sharing our professional experience and others) from this free program that is an added benefit to our members who would like to make a difference in our organization, as a whole.

Participation: We request Mentors commit to working with a protégé for the duration of the program. It is recommended that you and your protégé contact each other via e-mail, telephone and/or in person on a regular basis.

For additional information and/or signing up, please contact Neil Nilchian, PE, M.ASCE, Chairman of the Committee at nrrn@att.net.

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Annual Infrastructure Symposium (Governor Shahn Ahmad)

FOURTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE SYMPOSIUM

By Shah Nawaz Ahmad, Region 9 Governor

ASCE Region 9 held the Fourth Annual California Infrastructure Symposium on February 9, 2010, in Sacramento. This Symposium assessed the State's infrastructure, particularly water and transportation issues, as well as fiscal concerns. The vitality of California's infrastructure is an essential key to growth and prosperity, however, investment in this infrastructure continues to be restricted due to California's poor fiscal condition and other interests competing for available funds.

The following topics were addressed during the Symposium by various California agency officials and leaders:

- California Water Bills - Impacts on the Delta and State
- California Water Bond SB2 - Funding for the Water Infrastructure's Future
- Major Levee and Water Projects on the Horizon
- Transportation and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Stimulus Package & Funding Initiatives
- California High Speed Rail

Some of the presentations are posted on the Region 9 website. I invite you to visit this site: <http://www.region9.asce.org/Region9InfrastructureSymposium2010.html>

Mark Cowin, newly appointed Director of the Department of Water Resources, gave the keynote address and provided an overview of California water resources. Senator Dave Cogdill, one of the primary authors of the water bonds, provided insight on the bonds.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. Since its enactment, \$130 billion have been spent on construction, although this is merely a drop in the bucket compared to the \$2.2 trillion needed for the next five years as indicated in the 2009 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card. In the Report Card, the Nation's infrastructure received a grade of "D".

It has been reported that a significant number of construction jobs were saved because of the Stimulus Program, although it did not create all the jobs everyone expected. The following statistics were presented on current status of the Recovery Act:

	Highways	Transit
	(\$ Millions)	
Apportioned	2,542	1,105
Obligated	2,415	1,014
Awarded	1,570	NA
Outlays	245	NA

The federal government is proposing a "Stimulus 2" Package. It is anticipated that California funding levels will remain about the same - \$2.56 billion for highway and \$1.06 billion for transit.

Kathy Caldwell, ASCE President-Elect was the luncheon speaker at the Symposium. She talked about ASCE's Vision 2025.

In the evening, a dinner was held for the 2009 Region 9 Awards Winners. Jennifer Epp, Region 9 Governor-at-Large, presented the awards which are also listed on the Region 9 website. (<http://region9.asce.org/awards.html>)

We would like to acknowledge the support of the following Symposium sponsors. Their participation is greatly appreciated:

- ACEC California, Los Angeles County Chapter
- APWA Southern California Chapter
- Akel Engineering Group, Inc.
- Diaz-Yourman & Associates
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- RBF Consulting
- SA Associates
- Simon Wong Engineering
- URS

Members of the Fourth California Infrastructure Symposium Committee that helped present the Symposium are:

- Shah Nawaz Ahmad, Chair, Los Angeles Section, SA Associates
- Lori K. Campbell, Region 9 Administrator, LKC Consulting
- Jay H. Higgins, Los Angeles Section, URS Corporation
- Karl E. Longley, San Francisco Section, California Water Institute, California State University, Fresno
- Richard Markuson, Region 9, Pacific Advocacy Group
- Patricia McColl, San Diego Section, David Evans and Associates
- Mark R. Norton, Los Angeles Section, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- Frank Sana, San Francisco Section, VSCE
- Larry J. Smith, Sacramento Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Charles R. Spinks, Sacramento Section, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Nader Tamannaie, Sacramento Section, California Infrastructure Consultancy

Mark your calendars for next year's events - California Infrastructure Symposium, Region 9 Awards Dinner, and Legislative Day - which will be held the third week of February, 2011.

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sions for private and public works. It becomes operative January 1, 2012 to allow the industry and homeowners time to become familiar with the new organization of the law and updates. Existing law allows licensed architects, engineers, and surveyors to claim a "design professionals lien" for pre-commencement design services provided for a work of improvement. Services that these design professionals provide are also governed by selected provisions of the mechanics lien statute. (Sections 3081.1 to 3081.10). SB 189 adds licensed landscape architects to the identified list of design professionals.

Region 9 supports passage and is monitoring activities related to the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Supply Water Act of 2010 (also known as the "Water Bond"). ASCE will be working to inform members and voters on the facts about the Bond which will be on the November 2010 ballot. If passed, it will provide \$11.14 Billion in funding for Statewide Water System Operational Improvement, Delta Sustainability, Conservation and Watershed Protection, Water Supply Reliability, Water Recycling and Water Conservation, Groundwater Protection and Water Quality, and Drought Relief.

Congratulations to the 2009 Region 9 Awards Recipients

Project of the Year

American River Pump Station and Restoration Project
 Owner: Placer County Water Agency
 Contractor Partner: US Bureau of Reclamation
 Engineer of Record: WHPacific and MWH Americas

Outstanding Sustainable Technology Project

Poly Canyon Village
 Owner: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 Engineer of Record: Cannon

Outstanding Architectural Engineering Project

The Cathedral of Christ the Light
 Owner: Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland
 Engineer of Record: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

Outstanding Water Project

Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant DBO Project
 Owner: San Diego County Water Authority
 Engineer of Record: CH2M HILL, Inc.

Outstanding Small Water Project

Peralta Creek Restoration Project, Oakland CA
 Owner: Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
 Engineer of Record: Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Outstanding Wastewater Project

Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility – 2005 Facility Improvements
 Owner: City of Placerville
 Engineer of Record: Owen Psomas

Outstanding Highway Project

Route 99 Widening/Hammer Lane Interchange Reconstruction
 Owner: San Joaquin Council of Governments
 Engineer of Record: Mark Thomas & Company

Outstanding Rail Project

Oceanside-Escondido Sprinter Rail Line
 Owner: North County Transit District
 Engineer of Record: AECOM

Outstanding Bridge Project

The Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge
 Owner: City of Cupertino
 Engineer of Record: HNTB Corporation

Outstanding Small Transportation Project

City of Fort Bragg Downtown Streetscape
 Owner: City of Fort Bragg
 Engineer of Record: Green Valley Consulting Engineers

Outstanding Environmental Project

Pajaro Basin Freshwater Wetland Project
 Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District
 Engineer of Record: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Outstanding Geotechnical Project

San Pablo Dam Seismic Upgrades
 Owner: East Bay Municipal Utility District
 Engineer of Record: Terra Engineers, Inc.

Outstanding Urban Design & Beautification Project

Bird Rock Coastal Traffic Flow Improvement Project
 Owner: City of San Diego
 Engineer of Record: Project Design Consultants

Outstanding Structural Engineering Project

Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco
 Owner: Contemporary Jewish Museum
 Engineer of Record: OLMM Consulting Engineers

Outstanding Energy Project

30th Street 20a Transmission Undergrounding
 Owner: San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of San Diego
 Engineer of Record: Nolte Associates, Inc.

Outstanding Integrated Design Project

Foothill Raw Water Supply Pump Station (Ophir Road Pump Station)
 Owner: Placer County Water Agency
 Engineer of Record: West Yost Associates

Individual Award Recipients

Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector

Eddie W. Kho, P.E. – Sacramento Section, Morton & Pitalo, Inc.

Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector

Johanna Wong, P.E. – San Francisco Section, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Outstanding Civil Engineer in Community Service

Ziad Y. Mazboudi, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, City of San Juan Capistrano
 Douglas Taylor, P.E. – San Francisco Section, State of California CALFIRE

Outstanding Civil Engineering Student

Kyle Burnham – Los Angeles Section, University of Southern California
 Daniel Cloutier – Sacramento Section, California State University Sacramento

Lifetime Achievement Award

Maurice Roos, P.E. – Sacramento Section, State of California Department of Water Resources

Outstanding ASCE Life Member

Joseph Kaplan, P.E. – San Francisco Section, Joseph Kaplan, Inc.

Outstanding Civil Engineering Faculty Advisor

Ali Porbaha, P.E. – Sacramento Section, California State University Sacramento

Outstanding ASCE Practitioner Advisor

Kari Wagner, P.E. - Los Angeles Section, Wallace Group

Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer

John Prince, P.E. – San Diego Section, RBF Consulting

Outstanding ASCE Section Officer

Jay Higgins, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, URS Corporation

Outstanding ASCE Branch Officer

Erik Okada, S.E. – San Francisco Section, HNTB Corporation

Outstanding ASCE Younger Member Officer

Rune Storesund, P.E. – San Francisco Section, Noble Consultants, Inc.

Outstanding Engineer in Legislative Activities

Gary Gilbert, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, Diaz Yourman & Associates

Legislator of the Year

California Assembly Member Anna Caballero
 State Senator Dave Cogdill

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Region 9 Government Relations Committee (GRC) Annual Legislative Day:
“Infrastructure is the foundation of economic recovery!”
(Legislative Committee Chair Dolores Ventura)

Region 9 Government Relations Committee (GRC) Annual Legislative Day: "Infrastructure is the foundation to economic recovery!"

by Chair of Region 9 GRC, Dolores Ventura, P.E., P.M.P., M.ASCE



Last March 8, 2011 marks the Seventh Annual Legislative Day in Sacramento! California's Legislative Day is an all day event in which we raise awareness about ASCE's priorities and advocate for infrastructure funding. Many ASCE members have developed relationships with their legislators as a result of these efforts and we continue to raise the issue of California's crumbling infrastructure. This year, the Water and Environment Policy Committee have scheduled an additional visit to the capitol to meet with committee chairs to help shape public policy and plan for the future. This is a very exciting time to get involved because we are experiencing positive results from our initial efforts!

ASCE has been issuing infrastructure report cards for over a decade now. In 2009, America's Infrastructure overall GPA was an unfortunate D and ASCE estimated that an annual investment of \$2.2 trillion was needed in the next five years to bring our Nation's infrastructure back to safe and reliable standards. Civil engineers realize that critical infrastructure systems are vital assets and that their destruction or incapacitation would disrupt the security, economy, safety, health, or welfare of the public. We have chosen to take action against our crumbling infrastructure.

One of the outcomes of ASCE's Vision 2025 was that Civil Engineers would be "Leaders in Public Policy". ASCE has excellent programs in place to train, develop, and connect you with your government representatives. The GRC members take trips to Sacramento, Washington D.C., City Council offices, and we collaborate on a monthly basis as a Region to get involved with politics.

One of our goals this year was to bring advocacy training to the local level. The vehicle in place to accomplish this has been the Metro Los Angeles Branch's traveling workshop, "Engineers and Politics." This all day seminar provides tools and techniques on how to become advocates for infrastructure in local, state, and federal government.



Infrastructure is the foundation to economic recovery!

- For every \$1 spent on infrastructure creates \$4 for California's economy.
- According to California Rebuild Coalition, "For every \$1 spent today saves as much as five times that amount in just a few years."
- According to the U.S. EPA, "The cost of protecting water quality from degradation is one tenth (1/10) to one hundredth (1/100) the cost of cleanup."

2009 ASCE National Report Card:

- 30% of California's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
- 69 of California's 1,247 dams are in need of rehabilitation to meet applicable state dam safety standards.
- California ranked 11th in the quantity of hazardous waste produced and 1st in the total number of hazardous waste producers.
- 66% of California's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition.
- 68% of California's urban interstates are considered congested.
- Vehicle travel on California's highways increased by 27% from 1990 to 2007.
- Driving on roads in need of repair costs each California motorist \$590 a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs.

Legislative Day Agenda

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Continental Breakfast/Training
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Meetings with Legislators
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch Break
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Group Picture on Steps of the Capitol
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Resume Meetings with Legislators
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Happy hour/recap session at the Hyatt

Hope to see you in Sacramento next year!



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Engineers Week: Inspire Tomorrow's Engineer (Governor Tony Akel)

Awards and Altruism

Euphoria is in the air! Our Section humbly accepts the 2009 Outstanding Section and Branch Award for Very Large Sections and Branches in recognition of the great efforts and volunteerism our Section members have put in the past year. Newsletters of our Metro Los Angeles and San Bernardino/Riverside Branches have also bagged respective awards for their significant efforts of producing an effective communication tool within their Branches. But let us not forget that these awards would not have been possible without your specific contribution of resources. Whether it is volunteering for an event, writing a short article of interest, participating in forums, or simply being a member who cares, you are part of what this Section and its Branches have become and are now recognized by ASCE National. As we celebrate Engineers Week (EWeek) this month, let us contemplate on what we have done collectively as a Section and what we can do as a profession to better everyone's lives.

In separate articles, Our Section President and Region 9 Director talk about Eweek in similar tones. They talk about the things that we can do within our own sphere of influences and if you dare venture out, within your community. They talk about resources available to us that we can tap into.

These commentaries provide a good segue' to the Curious George Let's Build series participated in by our Younger Member Forum, Metro Los Angeles Branch, and Los Angeles regional colleges volunteers last November 2009. What's truly amazing with that effort is the sheer number of our members who reached out [and continue to reach out], especially to the next generation of engineers.

February, through EWeek, is a great month to feel proud to be an engineer primarily because of the personal satisfaction this profession brings in making the lives of others better. And what better testament it is to say to others that "I helped build that" when one goes around the city pointing to the various engineering landmarks they helped build. I do that often with my 9-year old son, not necessarily because I want him to be an engineer; but specifically because I want him to know how engineers really make a difference and how those infrastructures are used to make this great region of Los Angeles more livable each day. That intrinsic spirit of altruism is the key lesson of this profession that I want to impart to him.

To all engineers, Mabuhay (Long Live)!

Enjoy this issue of your newsletter.

- Dr. Cris B. Liban, P.E.

Reminder:

Copy deadline for the Mar. 2010 issue is Feb. 1, 2010; copy deadline for Apr. 2010 issue is Mar. 1, 2010.

Inspire Tomorrow's Engineers

By Tony Akel, P.E., Region 9 Governor



"Scientists and engineers ought to stand side by side with athletes and entertainers as role models and here at the White House we are going to lead by example. We're going to show young people how cool science can be."

This was part of President Obama's November 2009 speech where he introduced the nationwide initiative "Educate to Innovate" which is intended to help scientists, engineers and teachers inspire young people to excel in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The initiative will engage 100,000 volunteers to reach more than 10 million students over the next 4 years.

Many indicators point to a serious and genuine effort by the current U.S. administration to plant the seeds of excellence in science and engineering education. Consequently, our profession will benefit with increased enrollment and achievers needed for a globally competitive technological market.

For our part, ASCE has been a very active participant and was even a founding member of Engineers Week Coalition, which includes more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies. In fact, this year our National President Blain Leonard is the chair of the coalition, and the coalition honorary co-chair corporate sponsor is the CEO of Exxon Mobil, Rex Tillerson.

Engineers Week (Eweek) activities for 2010 are scheduled between February 14-20 and are dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to the quality of life. EWeek promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy. It also motivates youth to pursue engineering careers to maintain a diverse and vigorous engineering work force. Each year EWeek reaches thousands of schools, businesses, and community groups across the U.S.

What EWeek outreach programs are available and how can you volunteer? The Engineers Week Coalition's website www.eweeek.com lists 48 opportunities where you can get involved. These intuitive and motivational sites include:

- Discover Engineering is intended for middle school students www.discoverengineering.org.
- Zoom into Engineering is intended kids ages 6-12 pbskids.org/zoom.
- Future City Competition is intended to provide fun and exciting educational programs for seventh- and eighth-grade students. www.futurecity.org
- Introduce a girl to engineering www.eweeek.org/EngineersWeek/Introduce.aspx
- Discover Engineering Family Day held in Washington D.C. on February 20. eweeekfamilyday.org
- Finally, greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century is a reminder of our contribution to enhancing the quality of life www.greatachievements.org

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K-12 Outreach Curious George: Erosion

By: Jane Tran

On November 6th, 2009 the ASCE YMF K-12 Outreach Program kicked off their 2009-2010 with a fantastic lesson on beachfront erosion and mitigation part of the Curious George Let's Build series at Clover Avenue Elementary School. Entitled "Shifting Sands", this hands-on activity showed our young engineers how natural forces can change the coastline and what engineers can do to shape them. The event was a huge success, with over 60 fifth-grade students and 26 volunteers in



attendance. Not only did YMF, MLAB, and Section have representation, but so did our local student chapters at CSULA, CSUN, UCLA, and Loyola Marymount University. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us enjoy another successful educational event!

Curious George is a joint program with PBS Kids that aims to develop math and science skills in elementary school students, and engage their natural curiosity to build and create. To learn more about PBS Kids' Curious George Let's Build Program, visit <http://pbskids.org/curious-george/parentsteachers/>, and to find out how you can help, email Jane Tran at jane.tran@hatchmott.com.

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This year's EWeek theme is "Celebrate Volunteerism". In Region 9, we have an army of engineering volunteers who donate their most valuable commodity, time, to successful and effective annual outreach activities within each Section and Branch. Each Region 9 Section and Branch holds annual award programs that recognize project and individual technical excellence, as well as volunteerism. Though most of the outreach activities are noticed during EWeek, our programs are implemented successfully throughout the year.

On behalf of Region 9, I extend our grateful thanks to those engineering volunteers for their dedication and invaluable contribution to our profession. The seeds you are planting are simply priceless and I hope your most gratifying reward is the knowledge that you are definitely making a big difference.

A wise man once said: "It is easy to count the seeds in an apple, but we cannot count the apples in a seed".

Happy Engineers Week!

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A Great Idea From the Life Members

The ASCE Life Members' Public Image Committee request that members take their (to be discarded) Civil Engineering magazines to their doctor's office or barber shop and merge them with the stack of magazines. We feel that this will be an effective way to make the general public more aware of what civil engineers do.

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Quarterly Teleconferences Sample

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Meeting Minutes

MEMORANDUM

TO: ASCE **Section** and **Branch Officers** in Region 9 (California)

FROM: Committee on Communication with Section and Branches

SUBJECT: *Region 9 Legislative Advocate*

WHEN: Thursday, **June 10th**, 2010 (12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. PST)

Call no. **1 (800) 508-7891**. Meeting no. ***4661360***. (enter * key before and after the meeting no.)

You are invited to participate in a conference call with your fellow Section and Branch officers in Region 9 (California). ASCE Region 9 made a commitment to enhance our legislative advocacy in Sacramento and this teleconference is intended to provide an educational experience to section and branch officers. Bring your questions and great ideas.

Agenda

1. Introduction of Region 9 Government Relations Committee (see attached)
2. Introduction of Special guest **Richard Markuson**, our Region 9 Legislative Advocate
3. How to influence legislation affecting the Civil Engineering Profession
4. How legislative advocacy can enhance our representation in Sacramento
5. How legislative advocacy can assist you with your local government
6. How you can get involved

Region 9 Director and Governors are looking forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Chuck Spinks, Region 9 Director
Kathy Haynes, Governor San Diego Section
Rich Haller, Governor at Large
Shahnawaz Ahmad, Governor Los Angeles Section
Jennifer Epp, Governor at Large
Joan Al-Kazily, Governor Sacramento Section
Tony Akel, Governor San Francisco Section

If you have questions regarding this teleconference, please do not hesitate to contact us takel@akeleng.com or at 559-436-0600.

American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9

Teleconference for Section and Branch Leaders Topic – Government Relations

By Joan Al-Kazily
DRAFT 2 (6/15/2010)

Teleconference Date: June 10, 2010 (12:00 PM to 1:00 PM)

Teleconference Participants:

Joan Al Kazily, Region 9 Governor
Jennifer Epp, Region 9 Governor
Kathy Haynes, Region 9 Governor
Rich Haller, Region 9 Governor
Shahn Ahmad, Region 9 Governor
Tony Akel, Region 9 Governor
Richard Markuson, Region 9 Legislative Advocate
Jay Higgins, President LA Section
Dolores Ventura, Chair Region 9 GRC
Kari Wagner, Vice Chair, Region 9 GRC
Phil Bordenave, Region 9 GRC
Serge Haddad, president MLAB
Jeff Girard, chair Government Affairs, MLAB
Phil Johnson, MLAB
Oscar Serrano, President-Elect Sacramento Section
Matthew Addington, Riverside-San Bernardino Branch Secretary
Josh Rhodes, President Fresno Branch
Paul Gallaway, President, Ventura Branch
Patricia de Leon, OC Programs Chair
Gary Gilbert, LA Section
Guillermo Flores, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

+ 14 others

Total Participants: **35**

Teleconference Agenda

- Introduction of Region 9 Government Relations Committee
- Introduction of Special guest **Richard Markuson**, our Region 9 Legislative Advocate
- How to influence legislation affecting the Civil Engineering Profession
- How legislative advocacy can enhance our representation in Sacramento
- How legislative advocacy can assist you with your local government
- How you can get involved

Teleconference Minutes

Governor [Tony Akel](#) opened the teleconference with self-introductions by the Region Governors. Due to the large number of people on the call Tony asked those on line to send him an e-mail to record their participation in the teleconference.

[Kari Wagner](#), later joined by [Dolores Ventura](#), represented Region 9 Government Affairs Committee. Kari spoke briefly on the Committee's status and plans for the coming year, which include additional training workshops.

Announcement: Governor [Rich Haller](#), serving on the Society's Strategic Planning Committee informed participants that the Society is looking into what can be done to help members who are unemployed because of the current financial crisis. One service that is offered by the Society is a Career Connections link on the ASCE web site. The link found on the main page connects to a site where available jobs and résumés of job-seeking members can be posted.

Main Speaker: Tony introduced [Richard Markuson](#), Region 9 Legislative Advocate, noting that he has worked for many years in the legislative arena, serving as a spokesperson for several organizations. Richard first gave the group a synopsis of his background. As a graduate student of Political Science at Long Beach State, where he also worked as a lecturer, Richard took a 9-month position as a Senate Fellow in Sacramento. Finding his niche, he decided he would rather practice political science than study and teach it. He continued to work for the legislature until term limits were introduced in 1990. Not relishing the idea of changing bosses every 6 years he moved into the private sector. Richard has had several clients, most notably the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), whom he has represented during the past 13 years. When approached by ASCE Region 9 in 2008, he was happy to renew a relationship with civil engineers in California

On behalf of his clients Richard reads all new legislation and subsequent amendments. About 3000 new bills are introduced each year. Richard identifies those that have relevance to his clients, in our case those that impact engineers or engineering work. Richard keeps ASCE Region 9 informed about the status of these bills. When a bill becomes law he reads all proposed regulations based on the statutory authorization and keeps Region 9 informed of any potential issues. Another aspect that Richard keeps track of for ASCE is the Attorney Generals official opinions interpreting the law in particular cases.

Richard presents his findings to appropriate Region 9 ASCE committees such as Government Relations, Infrastructure, and the Water Policy Committee. The Committees deliberate and make recommendations for action (support, oppose, watch, support if amended, and etc.) to the Region 9 Board. If the Board takes a position on a bill or issue, that position is recorded in writing in the form of letters as appropriate. If Region 9 Board votes to seek amendment to a bill before taking a position they will, through Richard, work with the author to improve the wording of the legislation. In a recent case involving a bill to require artificial grass instead of turf in certain types of construction, Region 9 raise the issues of aesthetics and increased storm water run-off,

proposing wording to provide some flexibility. The author of the bill welcomed the suggested changes, which were incorporated into the bill.

Another aspect of Richard's service to Region 9 ASCE is coalition building with ACEC, PEGC and other players in the design-construction community. Working on our behalf, he can show that ASCE is becoming more involved with legislative issues, and he can let others know which issues are important to ASCE.

Richard stressed the important of the 20,000+ members of ASCE in California engaging more actively with the political process. He believes that ASCE has an important role in bringing issues such as the environment to the forefront of the debate that has recently been dominated by the issue of contracting out, on which ACEC and PEGC are divided. Politicians are welcoming civil engineers participation on issues beyond this.

Although Richard's active participation is at the State level, he can also advise Sections and Branches on their advocacy efforts at the local level. He can provide tips on engaging local officials and how state legislators may be able to help. For example he was present at the recent Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) daylong advocacy preparation meeting, talking to members and providing hands on instruction on how to be an effective advocate with local politicians.

MLAB Experience

Tony asked [Serge Haddad](#) to talk about their experience. The first "Engineers in Politics Workshop" was held almost a year ago and a second is planned for August 7, 2010, in downtown Los Angeles. Yesterday MLAB visited City Hall and met with the 15 Council Members and the Mayor's Office. Pending the next council meeting a resolution proclaims:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Los Angeles do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 9, 2010" **American Society of Civil Engineers Day**" and encourage all Angelenos to recognize the contributions of ASCE professionals to maintaining and improving their quality of life.

Tony suggested that other Branches follow the lead of MLAB to obtain similar proclamations. Serge acknowledged the hard work of the committee and members who participated in the drive in: including: [Jacquelin Reed](#), [Erik Hoffman](#), [Jeff Girard](#), [Anthony Beauchamp](#), [Darwin Vargas](#), [Genaro Mejia](#), [Serge Haddad](#), [Alex Geyer](#), [Michelle Leonard](#), [Neil Drucker](#), [Avygail Sanchez](#), [Joanne Zhang](#), [Clark Robbins](#), [Philip Johnson](#), and [Julia Moye](#).

What can we do as individuals?

1. Richard suggested that Sections and Branches establish Government Relations Committees with a specific charge (activity). Regional training is available.
2. Individuals are encouraged to sign up for the Society's Key Contact program. Alerts are sent out that enable participants to follow and engage in legislative issues as bills are going through the process.
3. Individuals are also encouraged to give serious consideration to running for office. Be prepared for some frustration because politics is not as methodical an understandable as engineering! Richard can provide one on one advice and point people in the right direction. His advice is to find something that you are

- interested in doing – not necessarily directly related to engineering – and try to get on the appropriate board. Recently an engineer successfully ran for and was elected as Insurance Commissioner in LA (and without having a huge budget)
4. There are also appointed positions. Region 9 ASCE has charge Richard with identifying the positions and developing a pool of people who are interested.

The meeting was opened up for questions.

[Paul Gallaway](#) mentioned that Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties Branch, said that they have just appointed [Mike Posey](#) Legislative Committee Chair and asked how they can coordinate their efforts with the Region 9 committee.

Dolores responded that it would be great to have Mike on Region 9 Government Affairs Committee to provide for the coordination.

Richard noted that Region 9 is looking into setting up a regular means for communicating Region 9 positions to Sections and Branches. Richard also offered to meet with the Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties Branch Legislative Affairs Committee when he is down there.

Interaction with the Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS)

Governor [Joan Ai Kazily](#) was asked to comment on Region 9's interaction with the BPELS and promptly disconnected herself from the meeting while attempting to turn off the mute button! Richard took up the question and when Joan became reconnected he was saying that she attends BPELS meetings to show ASCE's interest in registration issues. Tony again asked Joan to comment. She noted that the original impetus for attending the meetings, which started two years ago, was to convey ASCE's interest in mandatory continuing education as a requirement for re-licensing. It soon became apparent that there are other important reasons to continue to develop the relationship between ASCE and BPELS. The issue of mandatory continuing education will be pursued through the legislative path.

Public Relations

[Phil Johnston](#) noted that the Mayor of Los Angeles (at the legislative visit organized by MLAB) asked what ASCE is doing on public relations and accessing media outlets.

[Jay Higgins](#) reported that Los Angeles Section has just appointed a Public Relations Committee Chair ([Josh Feffer](#)). Josh has attended the PR University in Reston. A charge for the committee is being fleshed out and contacts are being established in all the Branches. Josh has been tasked with coming up with a way to identify technical experts who are willing to speak with the media, and then find a way to provide them with training.

Tony noted that San Francisco also has a committee but it may need to be strengthened. He also pointed out the importance of being ready with these committees in place and active when the new Region 9 report card is released. Advice and training is available at the Society level but local talent is needed to implement public relations activities.

MLAB made an effort to contact the media for their legislative visit to the City Council. Karen Albers in Reston helped to draft a press release and it was e-mailed to Downtown LA News. They did not hear back and don't know if it was published.

Section and Branch positions on issues:

[Gary Gilbert](#) asked how a Branch could find the Region 9 position on an issue so that there is no conflict with Region 9 at the Section and Branch level. Tony responded that this is a very important issue.

Sections and Branches are encouraged to take their own position on local issues. If the issue is statewide it is important to coordinate with Region 9. Gary asked about the "process" that Sections and Branches should follow. The process has not yet been defined but Region 9 has asked Jay to draft up a policy that will outline the steps Sections and Branches need to follow. Meanwhile it is appropriate for Section and Branches to contact Region 9, or one of its committees, directly when they are considering a statewide or regional issue. Jay enlisted Gary's help drafting the policy.

In bringing the meeting to a prompt 1:00 pm close Tony reminded participants to send an email to record their participation. He asked if there were any ideas for future teleconference topics but hearing none ended by thanking Richard Markuson and Serge Haddad for their presentations and time.

Suggestions for future teleconference topics and other requests and ideas received by email

1. [Serge Haddad](#), President MLAB:

I request that Region 9 purchase "[Gotomeetings.com](#)" membership for \$40 per month. This great tool could then be used by any section or branch within Region 9 for free. [Gotomeetings.com](#) can record the conference call and any questions that were typed in. It is a very helpful tool and one that I use regularly.

At a future teleconference I recommend we discuss the fifth goal of ASCE Vision 2025. This talks about leadership in making policies.

Another topic would be an informational session on the history of ASCE's pursuit of adding a 501c6 Political Action Committee. Wayne Klotz, Kevin Womack or Brian Pallasch could probably be a guest speaker.

2. [Jeffrey C. Girard](#), Government Affairs Chair, ASCE - MLAB and LA Section

A possible topic might be what we should be doing (if anything) regarding the upcoming Water Bond and/or specific state legislation we need to act on in our state assembly and senate offices.

3. [Jeannette Lindemann](#), OC YMF President

One thing I would be interested in is suggestions on how to get YMF members involved in the government affairs committee.

Director's Letters – Region 5

1. Region	5
2. Project Contact	
Name	Bill Grogan
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3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	Director's Letters
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	As region 5 Director, I have been composing letters on a regular basis and shared with the Region. I try to keep the letter to one page and address an issue or issues of general interest that the Board of Direction has been instrumental in effecting. I share these with the governors to share with their section. The Louisiana section includes it in their newsletter, some sections send out as an email, and most post on their section web page.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	I have had a lot of positive feedback from members in that they appreciate some direct communication on what is going on from their local Director.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	

13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	

Newsletter – Region 7

1. Region	7
2. Project Contact	
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3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	<p>Region 7 had just launched a new website in fall 2015, and acknowledged that there was little regional information to share on the newsletter page. Rather than requote information already shared by Society in weekly emails, the Region realized the opportunity existed to develop a newsletter with regional content focused on the sections, branches, younger member groups, and student chapters. Elise Ibendahl, Governor At-Large, volunteered to be editor and to develop the first newsletter. She brainstormed for content and solicited feedback from the Region 7 Board of Direction. A standard outline for the newsletter was developed, including the following optional “standard” news items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director's Corner 2. Meet the Governors/Director <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List everyone each month in a sidebar b. Feature two governors with photos and bios in each newsletter 3. Calendar: Governor/Director Visits 4. Meet the R7 Section & Branch Leaders: Feature 2-3 leaders from one or two Sections/Branches each month. Provide a link to a website with additional bios if available. 5. Section/Branch Feature: Provide an opportunity for one or two Sections/Branches each newsletter to contribute an overview of their Section/Branch. This could be derived from their annual report to the Region Assembly.

6. Meet the Student Leaders: Feature 3-4 student leaders each newsletter.
7. Best Practice Feature
 - a. Pick one each month to feature-link to where it is on Geographic Services
 - b. Choose best practices relevant to topics identified at the Region's annual meeting
8. Special Feature - could include:
 - a. Regional Award notice
 - b. Regional Award winners
 - c. Assembly
 - d. MRLC recap
 - e. National Award winner recognitions (from Region 7)
 - f. Grant applications notice
 - g. Grant recipient recaps
 - h. Student conference winners
9. Section News
 - a. As submitted by Sections
10. Link to R7 News from ASCE News
11. Clickable map with links to section/branch websites

An additional list of typical Region activities by month was compiled to aid in identifying special features to include in the newsletter.

She solicited new content in the form of bios for a variety of region leaders (with a focus on a specific section, St. Louis, for the first version), along with an update from the Region Director, short articles on upcoming calendar events (student conferences), and recycled content from other sources about award winners and other regional news.

6. Those in Charge
(Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)

Elise Ibendahl, Editor, and Aaron Frits, Webmaster

7. Time Frame
(When Started, When Completed)

The process started with the Region 7 Board Meeting at the MRLC, and culminated in the first version being distributed in May 2016. The newsletter will continue as an ongoing activity.

8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	1) Announcing society award winners, and in particular, highlighting more detail about those winners and their accomplishments. 2) Providing a more in-depth look at one of Region 7's programs, the Grant Program, by detailing one of the grant recipients, their use of the grant, and the success of the activity.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	It became quickly apparent that there are some limitations. The first limitation is the time available to edit the newsletter; it's important to rely on content developed by others, with a few exceptions for direct Region 7 activities, and to limit actual content development by the newsletter editor. The second limitation is ability of those providing content to the editor to do so in a timely manner. An important lesson is to learn that if something isn't provided by a deadline, it's OK to produce the newsletter without it. The third lesson is that not every newsletter will have content from everything in the outline, and that is fine. Volunteer time limitations might dictate that some newsletters won't feature a best practice, or a section description. It's OK to include those when time allows.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Many newsletters are simply attached to an email distribution list, and sent to all recipients. We considered and researched different options for distribution, and in the end, we chose to distribute to the section and branch officers a link to the website to view the document, and relied on others to post and distribute to the membership of Region 7 the newsletter.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Having a current email contact list of leaders for all sections, branches and student chapters within the Region. Geographic Services was able to assist us by providing a current contact list the day we distribute each newsletter.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	To know the reach of our newsletter, Google Analytics was used to evaluate site traffic to the Region Webpage before and after posting the newsletter for viewing. Minimal page views, less than 10, occurred prior to the distribution of the newsletter. Using Google Analytics, we observed that website views jumped to over 71 after posting the newsletter. Determining the reach and readership not only helps tailor the content of the articles, but helped us determine if the method of distributing the newsletter was successful in reaching our members.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Highlight activities that are occurring throughout the region, and recognize a range of groups from Governors to Sections, Branches and Younger Member Groups. By providing variety through a range of topics, everyone can find something of interest in the document, and then they will continue to read this in future installments because of that variety.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Only provide Society or Region level information. The regions members will not find interest in a document that doesn't acknowledge the local activities and the members involved. Also, you have to realize that you'll never have a perfect newsletter with full content, that's the nature of relying on busy volunteers!
15. The Outcome	A good newsletter that was widely read and can be maintained on a quarterly basis.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes, the Region plans to distribute the newsletter quarterly.
17. Speaker Contact information	

(person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)

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18. Additional Comments	<p>This Best Practice includes the following attachments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletter Article, May Edition• Newsletter Article, September Edition• Google Analytics Feedback



Director's Corner

F. Jay Burress, PE, F.ASCE

We are in the midst of a very interesting time within your Society, that is, ASCE. I have just a few bullet points for you to consider:

- The election for your next ASCE President-elect runs online (and online only) from May 1st to May 31st. Robin Kemper is running against Kristina Swallow (listed alphabetically). Please look at their credentials at ASCE.org or ask whomever you think might offer a knowledgeable opinion. By-laws prevents me from endorsing a candidate in print, however I do know who I am voting for, and if you ask me I will tell you. Most importantly, take the 5 minutes and vote!
- I am going to Reston this month to sit on the committee which will set the 2017 budget. The Board, the ASCE staff, and the thousands of volunteers work diligently to provide value to all our members, to the profession and to society. All this effort takes money. Frankly, we have a budget crisis because we are having problems retaining members transitioning from college to the work force. If you are an engineer a few years (or more) out of school, take a new grad under your wing. Mentor them. Show them (as opposed to telling them) why ASCE provides YOU value.
- Lastly, a success story. On April 23rd, President-elect Norma Jean Mattei, numerous Kansas City Section members, project chairman Roy Bravo and I dedicated an ASCE kiosk on the banks of the Missouri River in the shadow of the ASB Bridge in Kansas City. This kiosk has literally been a 20 year labor of love which cost hundreds of hours of volunteer time, tens of thousands of dollars of contributions and the navigation of a lot of red tape. This was a story of a little vision and a lot of bull-doggedness finally paying off. Congratulations to all involved.

Jay Burress, Region 7 Director
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Region 7 Board of Governors

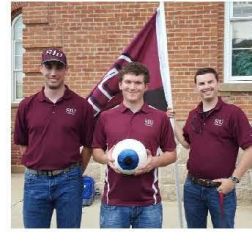


Our Region 7 Board of Governors is here to connect you, the ASCE members of Region 7, to ASCE at the Society level. You can learn more about each of us on the "Contacts" tab of our [Region 7 Website](#), and you can contact us via the contact form at the bottom of the "About" tab on the website. We want to hear from you!

- F. Jay Burress, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE, Director/Chair
- Scott Tagge Asher, P.E., M.ASCE
- Claman, P.E., M.ASCE
- Aaron Michael Frits, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE
- Elise Marie Ibendahl, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE
- Jeffrey Young, P.E., M.ASCE
- Gene L. Rovak, P.E., F.ASCE
- Edward Wilson Stafford, P.E., PTOE, F.ASCE

MS&T Hosts Mid-Continent Student Conference

Missouri S&T hosted the 2016 Mid-Continent Student Conference in Rolla, MO from April 21-23. This year the conference promoted Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe, Geo Wall, and Concrete Bowling. It was a beautiful weekend for a conference full of 500 student participants gathered from seventeen schools.



Thursday was in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building and held all of the steel bridge teams in display, construction, and load testing. Only five of the seventeen teams passed all of the tests, with Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and University of Missouri going on to represent the conference at the national competition.



Friday was held on campus at the infamous “puck” and supported the display and dunk tank portions of the concrete canoe competition, as well as concrete bowling. The GeoWall event was held in the Materials Lab in Butler Carlton Hall and the canoe presentations were in Toomey Hall. Fourteen teams competed with canoe, eight in concrete bowling, and three in GeoWall. Friday was also a social with representatives from ASCE STL attending at Lions Club Park.

Saturday held the concrete canoe races out at Little Prairie Lake. It was a perfect day for canoe races and the event ran really smooth. Many supporters were also able to make it out to the lake, including friends, family, and faculty members from the universities. Southern Illinois University Carbondale won the concrete canoe competition, going on to represent the conference at nationals. Saturday night was the awards banquet at Columbia College Rolla campus where students ate a catered dinner and received their handmade trophies.

Region 7 Annual Meeting, July 2016

This year's ASCE Region 7 Annual Meeting will be held in Sioux Falls, SD on July 29 & 30, 2016. Every Section and Branch is encouraged to send a delegate to the meeting for collaboration and information sharing.

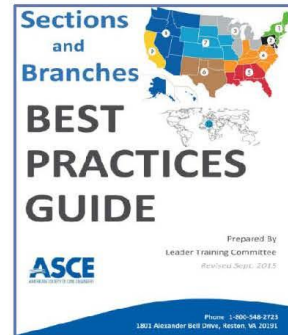
On Friday afternoon, the assembly delegates will meet for 3 to 4 hours to discuss issues and concerns they have experienced with their Sections and to provide topics for discussion with the Region. The Region 7 Board of Governors will concurrently have their Board meeting on Friday afternoon and a social gathering is planned for all that evening.

On Saturday, the assembly delegates will present the highlights of their Section/Branch followed by a roundtable discussion of areas where they are successful and where they struggle. The goal is to provide a venue for Society and the Section and Branches to discuss issues of concern and to develop action items

for improving ASCE at the local level. The conference will also allow participants to learn about the resources available from Society and the public awareness and promotion of the Dream Big Movie.

Section & Branch Best Practice Resources

Did you know that a Best Practices Manual is available at the Geographic Services Region, Section, and Branch Resources page, courtesy of ASCE's Leader Training Committee? A series of recorded webinars on [Best Practices](#) is available on the resources page (scroll down to "Best Practices") along with the [Region Best Practices Guide](#). Did you know that you can also [submit your own best practices](#) to be included in the guide? This is a great way to share your successes with other Sections and Branches.



Meet our Leaders

Region 7 relies on volunteers at many levels—students, sections, branches, younger member groups, and our Board of Governors. This issue will focus on Section and student leaders from the St. Louis Area.

Michael T. Buechter, P.E., St. Louis Section President



Michael received his BSCE degree from the University of Missouri at Rolla and his MSCE degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a Program Manager at the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District where he works with a diverse and talented team responsible for in-house design and small construction projects. He originally joined the District in 2003 and has been heavily involved in the region's MS4 permit, Green Infrastructure topics, trenchless technology and private inflow reduction projects.

Mike is a past Director of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis, President of the local section of ASCE, past-chairman of the local chapter of EWRI and serves on several Society level ASCE/EWRI operations, technical and standards committees. Mike has published and lectured extensively on technical and historical topics, and is also an adjunct faculty at St. Louis University. Mike and his wife live in Webster Groves with their four boys where he recently completed near a decade as CubMaster of Pack 315.

Matt Harper, PE, St. Louis Section President-Elect



Matt is a water resources engineer at Water Resources Solutions. Matt received his Bachelors of Science degree in Mathematics from Webster University in 2001 and his Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Washington University in 2003. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas. Matt is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the Engineer's Club of St. Louis. Matt grew up in Columbia, IL and currently lives in Waterloo, IL with his wife and two young sons. In his free time, he enjoys sports, fishing, coaching his sons' sports teams, and spending time with friends and family.

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I am the Road Design Leader for the Kansas Department of Transportation and one of our Region 7 Governors, representing Kansas and Kansas City Sections. I have worked for KDOT for the last 13 years, all in the Bureau of Road Design. I have risen through the ranks, from a Road Designer when I started to my current position of Road Design Leader (Project Manager). My staff and I manage anywhere from 20-30 projects at any given time, both preliminary engineering and those under construction. Projects range from bridge replacements and intersection improvements to large system-to-system interchanges, all on the state highway system, all across the State of Kansas. In addition to managing projects, I have several other duties at

KDOT. I teach the PE review courses in Geometric Design and Roadside Safety, monitor research on transportation topics funded by KDOT and performed by the University of Kansas and Kansas State University, serve on 2 NCHRP Research Panels, act as a KDOT's Diverging Diamond expert, and serve as an AASHTO Committee Member for the Technical Committee on Geometric Design. This is what a get paid to do.

What I don't get paid to do, and who I really enjoy volunteering for, is ASCE. I currently serve as a Region 7 Governor, in addition to being a corresponding member with the Leadership Training Committee. I also have served on the Key Contact Committee, and Web Oversight Committee. I have been part of the ASCE Legislative Fly-In the last 4 years, and have greatly appreciated that opportunity to interact with our national legislators. It gives you a true appreciation of the effort it takes to make meaningful impacts on national policy. And lastly, I've judged the steel bridge competition for the ASCE Mid-Continent Conference 6 of the last 9 years. (Yes, a Road Designer enjoys judging a bridge competition). But of all those roles, the activities I enjoy the most are with the students and younger members of ASCE. Visiting with students at their chapter meetings, and seeing them at the student conferences and competitions has been a great way to see the future of our profession. I like to see the progress students make, from their first days as members, through roles as officers and competition captains, to entering professional practice after graduation. I regretfully didn't get involved with ASCE as a student, so that is probably why I love engaging the students in my current ASCE role now. I also relish the opportunities I have had as a Younger Member serving as a Governor; not often do younger ASCE members get that opportunity to serve on a society level at such an early part of their career. I am very thankful for the fact that someone asked me to serve.

While the above appears to show my time is solely occupied with work and ASCE, I really do spend most of my time with my family. My wife Brianna and I have been married for almost 12 years; she makes it possible for me to do all the ASCE activities I am involved with. I frequently describe her role in the family as both the COO and CFO; she takes care of us all. And she does this while managing her career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, working for the Veterans Administration as the Homeless Veterans Coordinator for Northeast Kansas.

Lastly, I have 3 kids: Nolan age 8, Olivia age 5, and Colin, 8 months. They keep me busy with their activities, soccer and basketball for Nolan, dance and soccer for Olivia, and swim lessons for all; Colin truly loves being in the water. We all enjoy being outside: Nolan and I play disc golf, I play softball, we visit local playgrounds, and we all attend various sporting events together (we are Iowa State, Chicago Cubs, and Sporting KC fans). Every day in the Frits household is a different adventure!

Edward Stafford, P.E., PTOE, F.ASCE PE, Region 7 Governor



I have spent the last 18 years working in local government in the Denver Colorado area, providing communities with expertise in land development, traffic engineering, regional stormwater management, capital improvement program management and general public works leadership and management. Currently I work for the City of Boulder as the city's Public Works Development Review Manager.

I have been actively involved in ASCE since college, where I started my service to our profession as the first webmaster for the student chapter at the Colorado School of Mines. After graduation I became actively involved in the Colorado Section as the membership committee chair and was subsequently elected to terms of treasurer, secretary, vice president, and finally serving as section president in 2006. At the Society level I have been active on many committees over the years, including the Committee on Student Activities, Committee on the National Concrete Canoe Competition, Committee on Scholarships, and the Student Transition Implementation Task Committee.

One of my passions in ASCE has been working with college students throughout the nation. I currently serve as the chair of the Committee on the National Concrete Canoe Competition and have been involved in the competition for more than 10 years. Beyond the canoe competition I have also been a practitioner advisor to student chapters and have attended student conferences throughout the U.S. and have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many students through the years that are now practicing engineers.

As a native of Colorado I enjoy spending time in our beautiful mountains when I am not spending my time serving our great communities or ASCE.

Britt Marron, PE, St. Louis Section Younger Member Chair



Britt is a transportation/site engineering working for WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff. She is a 9 year professional and has been active on and off with ASCE since college. Community involvement has been very important to her since high school and she actively participates in Rebuilding Together St. Louis, Operation Food Search, and volunteering through her church. It has been a privilege for her to represent the St. Louis Younger Members within our section and externally to ASCE.

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Michael Donnelly, St. Louis University Student Chapter President



Mike is a junior and has been a member of ASCE since joining the SLU community as a freshman. Previously the treasurer, Mike is excited to see how he can help ASCE evolve and become a true force to be reckoned with come conference in the spring. When he isn't working with ASCE, you can find Mike working closely with the first-year population as he splits his time with Housing and Residence Life as a Resident Advisor.

Claire McLaughlin, St. Louis University Student Chapter Vice-President



Claire will be a junior and has been an active in ASCE since freshman year. As past historian and secretary she is looking forward to taking on more responsibilities as the vice president. Outside of ASCE Claire enjoys working and taking care of her new dog.

Michelle Bresnahan, SLU Student Chapter Conference Chair and Past-President



Michelle is a senior this year and has been involved in ASCE since her freshman year. Previously Michelle has served as historian and president. As conference chair, Michelle is looking forward to advancing Saint Louis University's rankings and creating an exceptional experience for everyone. Outside of ASCE, Michelle serves as a peer mentor for the MLK Scholarship Program and is actively involved in the First-Year Experience Group as a peer mentor for the Engineering and Innovation Learning Community and peer instructor for a University 101 course. Claire will be a junior and has been an active in ASCE since freshman year. As past historian and secretary she is looking forward to taking on more responsibilities as the vice president. Outside of ASCE Claire enjoys working and taking care of her new dog.

Region 7 Awards Announcements, Coming Soon!

The end of April marked the deadline for submitting nominations for our Region 7 Awards, and we thank Gov. Asher for coordinating our annual awards process. The Board of Governors will review the nominations and winners will be announced soon. Good luck to all nominees, and thanks to all of you for your service to the Society. Region 7 awards include:

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding Faculty Practitioner Advisor
- Younger Member Award

Around Region 7

Did you know that you can access Region 7 updates from the Society on [ASCE's website](#)? Here's what's going on this month.

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT CHAPTER **Students 'canstruct' creative structures**



Photo courtesy of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Student Chapter

[South Dakota School of Mines and Technology](#) students show off their "canstructions" of Bob the Minion with his birthday cake. The sculptures include 1,517 cans.

COLORADO SECTION **Environmental-remediation expert elected Fellow**

Charles D. Shackelford, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, an expert with 30 years of experience in the geoenvironmental aspects of waste management and environmental remediation, has been named a Fellow by the ASCE Board of Direction. A professor and head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO, Shackelford had served as director of the EPA's Rocky Mountain Regional Hazardous Substance Research Center, focused on remediation of abandoned mine lands. Discover more about [what made him deserving](#) of Fellow status.

COLORADO SECTION **Wastewater and mine-water treatment specialist named Fellow**

Linda Ann Figueroa, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, has been named a Fellow by the ASCE Board of Direction. Figueroa's primary focus throughout her 30 years in environmental engineering has involved wastewater reclamation and mine-water treatment. In the last decade, her work has focused on synthesizing knowledge to develop and demonstrate sustainable technologies. Read more about [what made her deserving](#) of Fellow status.

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COLORADO SECTION **Colorado State water resources grad program coordinator named Fellow**

John W. Labadie, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Colorado State University and coordinator of the water resources planning and management graduate program, has been named a Fellow by the ASCE Board of Direction. Labadie specializes in the application of decision-support systems, decision analytics, mathematical programming, artificial intelligence, knowledge-based systems, and geographic information systems to complex problems in water resources and environmental-systems management. Read more about [what made him deserving](#) of Fellow status.

Great outreach event or other activity? Let the whole Region know!

If you're a local ASCE leader and your Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, or Student Chapter has staged any special events, engaged in outreach from grade-school kids to lawmakers, done charity work, fund raising or anything of the sort, let *ASCEnews Weekly* know and we may include it in next month's Region report. You may already have written about it and posted pictures in your newsletter, website, or social media. Share the details and any photos at [asce.org/localnews](#). Got questions? Write to [submissions@asce.org](#).

Region 7 Grants in Action

St. Louis Younger Member Group - Meet A Professional Luncheon



YMs Alison Graves, Britt Marron & Brandi

On Wednesday April 13th, the St. Louis Younger Member Group held the “Meet a Professional Luncheon” at Il Monastero at Saint Louis University. The luncheon matched 24 ASCE Student Chapter Members from Saint Louis University (SLU), Southern Illinois University (SIU), and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUe) with local professionals in their same field of civil engineering.

We began with lunch and a brief presentation on the Society, St. Louis Section & YMG. We had a group introduction using The 5 S’s of Meeting People: Stand, Smile, Say your name, Shake hands & Say “Nice to meet you!” The pairs then had free discussion time to discuss careers, their chosen field, goals, etc.

Organizations Represented:

- ESI
- DreamRunners Ltd.
- TAP Engineers LLC
- Horner & Shifrin
- Burns & McDonnell
- Alper Audi
- Metro St. Louis
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- HNTB
- Hanson
- David Mason & Associates
- SCI Engineering, Inc.
- Reitz & Jens
- Gateway Geotechnical
- Alberici
- SCI Engineering, Inc.
- Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- Wade Trim
- Black & Veatch Corporation
- Geotechnology
- Jacobs Engineering
- AECOM



The event was organized by Alison Graves with assistance from YMG Chair Britt Marron, Brandi Jones & Melantha Norton. A huge thank you to the Michelle Bresnahan from the SLU Student Chapter for reserving the facility, and to the YMG, Region 7, and the ASCE Foundation for sponsoring the event!

Did your group receive a Region 7 Grant? Send us an article for the next newsletter at eibendah@ch2m.com!

Congratulations to our Region's Society Level Award Winners!

Student Chapters

The **University of Wyoming Student Chapter** was awarded the 2016 ASCE Distinguished Chapter Award by the ASCE Committee on Student Members, the Richard J. Scranton Outstanding Community Service Award, and is a Robert Ridgway Award Finalist this year.

The **University of Kansas and St. Louis University Student Chapters** were selected by the Committee on Student Members to receive a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding activities as recorded on the 2015 Chapter Annual Report. This is a distinction earned by only the top 5% of all student organizations. The SLU student chapter was also awarded the "Above and Beyond" award from SLU's Parks College of Engineering!

The **United States Air Force Academy Student Chapter** was awarded the 2016 Most Improved Chapter by the ASCE Committee on Student Members.

The following eight Student Chapters were awarded Honorable Mention by the committee on Student Members:

- Colorado School of Mines
- University of Iowa
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln at Omaha
- South Dakota State University

Institutes

The **St. Louis Chapter of EWRI** was named the 2016 Outstanding Technical Group/Institute Chapter by the ASCE/EWRI Local Activities Council.

Members

Dr. Noriaki Ohara, Ph.D., M.ASCE from the Wyoming Section has been selected by the Society Awards Committee to receive the 2016 J. James R. Croes Medal as a co-author for the paper, "Physically Based Estimation of Maximum Precipitation over Three Watersheds in Northern California: Atmospheric Boundary Condition Shifting," *Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*, April 2015."

Bruce R. Ellingwood, Ph.D., P.E., F.SEL, Dist.M.ASCE, NAE, selected by the Engineering Mechanics Institute to receive the 2016 Alfred M. Freudenthal Medal "For the unique role that he has played in introducing concepts of

probability, statistics and structural reliability to structural engineering and for transforming structural reliability from academic research specialty into a mainstream of structural engineering practice." In selecting you for this award, the committee particularly noted your research on probabilistic aspects of low-cycle fatigue and fracture.

Mr. James L. Barnard, Ph.D., C.Eng., M.ASCE, NAE of the Kansas City Section has been selected to receive the 2017 Simon W. Freese Environmental Engineering Award and Lecture "For his contribution to the environmental engineering profession and particularly

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developing the BARDENPHO (BARNard DENitrification and PHOsphorus removal), Phoredox (later AO and A2O), Modified Balakrishnan/Eckenfelder (later called the MLE) and Westbank Processes.”

Dr. Thomas J. Trout, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE of the Colorado Section has been selected to receive the 2016 Royce J. Tipton Award “For research contributions that have enhanced our understanding of irrigation-induced erosion, the effect of irrigation and soil management practices on the fate of soil fumigants, and the impact of deficit irrigation on crop productivity.”

Mr. Steven R. Abt, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE of the Colorado Section has been selected to receive the 2016 Hydraulic Structures Medal “For his substantial leadership and contributions toward the advancement of hydraulic engineering by conducting experiments and directing students in experimental hydraulics to help establish hydraulic structure design practices.”

John Stansbury, P.E., M.ASCE of the Nebraska Section has been selected to receive the 2016

Rudolph Hering Medal “For co-author of the paper, “Contributions of Internal and External Fouling to Transmembrane Pressure in MBRRs: Experiments and Modeling,” Journal of Environmental Engineering, June 2015.”

Dr. Tian C. Zhang, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE of the Nebraska Section has been selected to receive the 2016 Rudolph Hering Medal “For co-author of the paper, “Contributions of Internal and External Fouling to Transmembrane Pressure in MBRRs: Experiments and Modeling,” Journal of Environmental Engineering, June 2015.”

Prof. Larry W. Mays, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, F.ASCE of the Colorado Section has been selected to receive the 2016 Ven Te Chow Award “For his research on watersheds, water resources, water infrastructure and hydro systems addressing their design, management and optimal operations, and his popular and authoritative textbooks and handbooks that have had an international impact.”



Director's Corner

F. Jay Burress, PE, F.ASCE

On Friday, September 30th at the Annual Business Meeting which is part of ASCE Convention in Portland, Oregon, I will be turning over my role as Director of Region 7 to your newly-elected Director, Marsia Geldert-Murphy. This will be the end of my three year term, which began on a similar Friday in 2013, in Charlotte, North Carolina.



As with many farewell letters, I first would like to take the opportunity to thank some people for their support. My company, Shafer, Kline &

Warren, understands the importance that ASCE and other professional societies provide to the engineering profession. As such, the SKW ownership has graciously provided me with the time-off and resources to serve as Director. This generosity is another example of the degree to which Engineers are committed to helping others, our Profession, and society on the whole. Secondly, I would like to thank the governors who served under me on your regional board for these last three years. Without exception, they performed at a level higher than should or would be expected in a volunteer organization. Their ideas, efforts and passion enabled us to achieve a great deal. Lastly, I want to thank my family for their love and support. There have been numerous trips on behalf of ASCE, some just for an evening, others for up to a week away from home. Their acceptance of that time away made my job easier, and allowed me to devote my efforts to this great organization.

Next, I would like to reflect upon the places I've been fortunate to go, the people I've been privileged to meet, and the things I've been able to do. I was able to visit every section within our region during my term, most more than once. I thank all the sections,

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Region 7 Board of Governors



Our Region 7 Board of Governors is here to connect you, the ASCE members of Region 7, to ASCE at the Society level. You can learn more about each of us on the "Contacts" tab of our [Region 7 Website](#), and you can contact us via the contact form at the bottom of the "About" tab on the website. We want to hear from you!

- F. Jay Burress, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE, Director/Chair
- Scott Tagge Asher, P.E., M.ASCE
- Claman, P.E., M.ASCE
- Aaron Michael Frits, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE
- Elise Marie Ibendahl, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE
- Jeffrey Young, P.E., M.ASCE
- Gene L. Rovak, P.E., F.ASCE
- Edward Wilson Stafford, P.E., PTOE, F.ASCE

branches and student sections for the invitations to visit and speak. I appreciated the opportunity, and would ask that everyone continue asking Marsia and all the governors to continue visiting their meetings. I finish my last month with visits to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the St. Louis section. Another director responsibility was representing Region 7's interests at Society-level Board meetings. Those meetings have literally been in every corner of the country, (Miami, San Diego, Vermont and now Portland). The meetings have been interesting as I have discussed and debated with my fellow board members what, when, where and how ASCE should represent its members and the profession. I have also had the opportunity to meet interesting people. The ASCE staff in Reston is a talented, dedicated group of individuals and we are all lucky to have them working for us. Many of the industry leaders with whom I've been able to meet and interact are, and should be, inspirations to us all. Lastly, some of the things I've been able to do because of ASCE will stay with me for the rest of my life. One example is taking a tour to the floor of the new locks of the Panama Canal. Civil engineering doesn't get much more amazing than that. A non-engineering event my wife and I were able to attend as a result of being in New York for the ASCE Convention was a performance of Hamilton on Broadway. I consider that a bucket-list item.

In conclusion, while my term is over, my commitment to ASCE is not. I plan on remaining active, locally and at the Society level, through committee work and in any other manner they see fit. And my final words and request is that YOU, as an ASCE member also consider getting involved. ASCE has as much or as little for you to do as you can. Everything you muster will help make a difference, to the profession, and more importantly, to our communities around the world.

Jay Burress, Region 7 Director
 jayburress@members.asce.org

Region 7 Annual Meeting, July 2016

This year's ASCE Region 7 Annual Meeting was held in Sioux Falls, SD on July 29 & 30, 2016. Our Sections and Branch sent delegates to the meeting for collaboration and information sharing.



Region 7 Board of Directors hard at work!

On Friday afternoon, the assembly delegates met to discuss issues and concerns they have experienced with their Sections and to provide topics for discussion with

the Region. The Region 7 Board of Governors concurrently had their Board meeting on Friday afternoon, followed by a social gathering with the Delegates.



Region 7 Delegates, Sharing and Networking

On Saturday, we were joined by ASCE President Mark Woodson P.E., L.S., D.WRE, F.ASCE, and the assembly delegates shared the highlights of their Section/Branch with the Board and delegates. This was followed by a roundtable discussion of successes and struggles

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Region 7 Board of Direction and Delegates

throughout the Region. The goal was to provide a venue for Society and the Section and Branches to discuss issues of concern and to develop action items for improving ASCE at the local level. The annual meeting also gave attendees an opportunity to learn about the resources available from Society and the public awareness and promotion of the Dream Big movie. The Region Board of Direction looks forward to supporting Section and Branch activities related to Dream Big through our Grant Program!

Region 7 Sections Win Society Diversity Awards

The Section and Branch Diversity & Inclusion Award was established in July 2003 by ASCE's Committee on Diversity and Women in Civil Engineering (CDWCE), the predecessor of the current committee on Diversity and Inclusion (CDI).

The award was established to recognize Sections & Branches that demonstrate stellar & noteworthy efforts in promoting diversity and furthering of inclusion within the civil engineering profession. CDI selected several honorees this year, with that two honorees are from our region: Kansas City Section and the St. Louis Section.

The Kansas City Section's Diversity and Inclusion Committee collaborated with local groups from the Society of Women Engineers, the American Public Works Association, the National Society of Black Engineers, the Women's Transportation Seminar, and student groups from The University of Missouri-Kansas City for a meet and greet networking event. The section also donated money to an Engineers Without Borders project in Joyabaj, Guatemala.



Tom Jacobs accepted the Diversity Award on behalf of the Kansas City Section. Also pictured are Jay Burress, Region 7 Director; Elise Ibendahl from CDI; and Mark Woodson, ASCE President.

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Mike Buechter accepted the Diversity Award on behalf of the St. Louis Section. Also pictured are Jay Burress, Region 7 Director; Elise Ibendahl from CDI, and Mark Woodson, ASCE President.

The St. Louis Section has long made diversity and inclusion a priority. The Greenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 to honor Aaron Greenberg, a longtime section volunteer who worked extensively with minority youth.

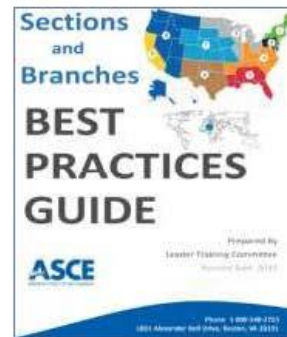
The section's Committee For Diversity And Inclusion organized several events throughout the year, including a joint luncheon with members of The National Society of Black Engineers, work with Cor Jesu High School (an all-girls school), coordinating with Girl Scout STEM,

providing sponsor support of NSBE's annual scholarship and awards program, cosponsoring a walk for education, and participating in the Expanding Your Horizons In Mathematics And Science Conference.

Congratulations, St. Louis and Kansas City!

Section & Branch Best Practice Resources

Did you know that a Best Practices Manual is available at the Geographic Services Region, Section, and Branch Resources page, courtesy of ASCE's Leader Training Committee? A series of recorded webinars on [Best Practices](#) is available on the resources page (scroll down to "Best Practices") along with the [Region Best Practices Guide](#). Did you know that you can also [submit your own best practices](#) to be included in the guide? This is a great way to share your successes with other Sections and Branches.



Welcome to our Incoming Governor, Erin Steever!

Erin is a project engineer with Banner Associates, Inc. in Sioux Falls, SD. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering (2001) and a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering (2005) from South Dakota State University. Her experience includes consulting engineering for municipalities involving water and wastewater treatment, piping and pump stations, industrial wastewater treatment, and project facility plan development. The aspect Erin enjoys most is working directly with the operators and community leaders in order to identify their day to day challenges and long-term needs. Gaining this understanding allows her to identify the most effective plan to improve their facilities through operation and engineering to bring their systems back into compliance. She is also a certified wetland delineator in South Dakota and Minnesota.

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Erin's involvement in ASCE began as the Community Service Chair for the Student Chapter of ASCE at South Dakota State University (SDSU). She rekindled her involvement in ASCE several years ago moving through Section leadership positions including Vice President, President Elect, President and Past President, South Dakota Delegate and now the Region 7 Governor representing Iowa and South Dakota. She still maintains strong ties to the South Dakota Eastern Branch as Member Chair.



Erin enjoys involvement in the community and profession through engineering outreach activities. Her decision to become an engineer occurred after high school, and she may be making up for missing out on all the outreach activities she missed growing up. Erin serves as the E-Week Events Coordinator for the South Dakota Engineering Society. Her favorite venue for out-letting these creative STEM activities is at the Kirby Science and Discovery Center in Sioux Falls. For several years she was in charge of developing the E-Week curriculum for the afterschool program encouraging girls in 3 underserved middle schools to pursue STEM careers.

One of the most enjoyable curriculum she's put together was inspired by the Disney Pixar movie Big Hero 6®. Volunteers and students built, tested and re-designed paper plate "Speed Racers" to tie in with the with supersonic fast magnetic-levitation bike that the female industrial technology and mechanical engineering student GoGo Tomago's character develops in the movie. The group then moved on to the main build with Baymax as the inspiration. For those of you not familiar with this amazing movie Baymax is a home health aide robot. Volunteer engineers assisted the girls in building a "junk drawer robot" using Popsicle sticks, syringes and pencil erasers to make a Hydraulic Gripper Robot. While she'd like to take

credit for the hydraulic gripper, this was her first adventure with a hydraulic experiment. The robots were part of a grant provided by the SDSU Extension. Another favorite was laying out highway paint striping using students. You just don't realize how long the paint tick marks are until you have students head to foot in the hallway. As you can imagine, she's extremely excited for the South Dakota Section to bring ASCE's Dream Big to the Science Center. This is a wonderful platform to demonstrate the unique facets of engineering and will be a source of inspiration for years to come.

Erin stays connected to the water and wastewater profession as well. She manages a quarterly publication for South Dakota water and wastewater professionals through AWWA, WEF and WWA and serves as the Technical and Education Council Chair for AWWA.

Region 7 Grant Program Returns!

It's that time of year again! No, not for Pumpkin Spice Lattes. No, not the return of football. No, not back to school activities.

We're talking about the Region 7 Grants Program!

Region 7 will be releasing the FY2017 grant application forms in the next few weeks. They will be posted on the Region 7 website (<http://regions.asce.org/region7/resources>), and an email will be sent out as well.

So keep an eye on your inbox in the coming weeks. And this year, grants are accepted (and encouraged) for Dream Big! Activities.

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Outside of engineering, Erin loves running, yoga and spending time skiing, hiking and ice skating with her family: husband, Todd, and two children, Keira (9) and Charlie (7). She's pretty adventurous and likes trying new things, one of the most adventurous may be paddleboard yoga. This is a combination of yoga and Pilates on a 12-ft long paddleboard in the water. She enjoyed this so much she now owns two paddleboards of her own. The family loves to visit the local lakes to paddleboard together. The kids are partial to diving off the boards while mom finds her sense of balance and inner peace.

Meet our Leaders

Region 7 relies on volunteers at many levels—students, sections, branches, younger member groups, and our Board of Governors. This issue will focus on Section leaders from the South Dakota and Iowa Sections and student leaders from the University of Wyoming. We've profiled some leaders from each group—you can view bios for the full Iowa Section Board on their [website](#)—check it out!

Justin Bucher, EIT, President, South Dakota Eastern Branch



Justin is a Staff Engineer at Banner Associates in Brookings, SD. He received his BS in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University in 2014 and has been involved with ASCE since 2010. At Banner Associates, Justin works in the Civil/Municipal department, focusing on land development, site design, drainage, and construction administration. Outside of work, Justin enjoys traveling, golfing, and watching SDSU Jackrabbit Football.

Jedidiah Reimnitz, Vice President, South Dakota Eastern Branch



Jedidiah earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University in 2012. He then went on to graduate school at South Dakota State University focusing on hydraulic and environmental engineering. In June of 2014 he joined HR Green as a Staff I Engineer in Sioux Falls, SD while finishing his master's degree. He has been active in ASCE and EWE. His project experience at HR Green includes storm water design, wastewater collection system rehabilitations, and utility infrastructure studies. He enjoys running, biking, swimming, reading, cinema, and playing board games with close friends.

Kent Ode, Treasurer, South Dakota Eastern Branch



Kent is a Staff Engineer for HR Green, Inc. in Sioux Falls, SD. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University in 2015. Prior to HR Green, he worked for the City of Sioux Falls Engineering Department. His professional experience is in waste water projects including WWTP and lift station design.

Bret Llingwall, PhD, Vice President, South Dakota Section



Bret received his BS, MS, and PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Utah. Bret specializes in geotechnical and earthquake engineering; with 11 years of consulting and 4 years of teaching experience. Bret's consulting days were spent with Kleinfelder, Inc. working on projects across the United States out of the Salt Lake City office. His active research and consulting portfolio includes static and dynamic numerical modeling of geologic materials, dams and levees, liquefied soils, seismic hazards analysis, very soft soils, retaining walls, geosynthetics, paving materials, laterally loaded foundations, and ground improvement. Bret's global design experience includes serving as a technical advisor for a variety of projects in Canada, South Korea, Guam, and across the US. He continues to serve the profession as a consultant and peer reviewer of numerical modeling based geotechnical designs and research. Bret is currently mentoring PhD candidates at the University of Utah and SDSM&T. Bret serves on multiple ASCE Geo-Institute technical committees and is a member of both EERI and the Seismological Society of America. He is the current Vice President of the South Dakota Section of ASCE. In college, Bret was a two time chapter president of Chi Epsilon. Bret is the father of 2 wonderful daughters (7 and 9) and a 3-yr old son Dane who is affectionately nicknamed "Hurricane" after his boundless energy. His wife and he reside in the pine forests of the Black Hills near Rapid City, SD. Bret is an avid outdoorsman, gardener, and lover of really good food.

Tevis Holzer, EIT, Past President, South Dakota Section



Tevis Holzer is a structural design engineer in the Video Product Engineering Systems department at Daktronics. His responsibilities include providing the structural design of sign support structures and foundations. Designing, prototyping, and testing Daktronics products against environmental conditions, wind and seismic loads. Holzer also conducts site surveys to evaluate existing structures and conditions to assist the sales team in estimating associated costs.

Holzer received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 2012 from South Dakota State University and is an active member of both the American Society of Engineers

and American Institute of Steel Construction. When not at work, Tevis enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

Aaron Granquist, PE, President, Iowa Section



Aaron earned his A.A. in Liberal Arts from Waldorf College. He then went on and graduated from the University of Iowa with degrees in Mathematics and Civil Engineering and obtained an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa in 2010. He has been very active in ASCE since 2000. Aaron is a Project Manager for HR Green, Inc. in Cedar Rapids, IA and resides in North Liberty with his wife, Alyssa, and two small children. He enjoys physical training, pick-up basketball, golfing, mountain biking, snowboarding, reading and watching the University of Iowa sports teams.

Brian Boelk, PE, Vice-President, Iowa Section



Brian A. Boelk joined HBK Engineering, LLC in 2013 with more than 14 years of practice as a civil engineer. His experience in municipal and consulting engineering encompasses project management, design engineering, contract plan and specification preparation, and construction inspection oversight for public agencies and municipalities as well as for privately owned corporations. Areas of design experience include sanitary sewers, storm sewers, storm water management facilities, storm water runoff analysis, roadway improvements, roundabouts, water mains, site development, EPA and IDOT audits, and agency permit application. He sits on the ISWMM technical committee and also served

as a committee member for SUDAS in terms of Stormwater Management.

Gene L. Rovak, P.E., CFM, F.ASCE, Region 7 Governor



Gene Rovak is a governor of Region 7 of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). One of the Society's 10 regional governing boards, Region 7 represents members from Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Rovak began his term in October 2011. Rovak is a senior consultant with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Washington University with graduate work at University of Missouri – Rolla (now MST)

Within ASCE, Rovak has been very involved with the St. Louis Section, where he is a past-president and held all officer positions and several support positions. As newsletter editor he began the practice of electronic newsletter distribution and then developed the Section's website in the 1990s. He is an active member and past chair of the St. Louis Chapter of EWRI. His related service includes the steering committees for SAME-ASCE Midwest Levee Conferences and for the annual St. Louis Earth Day Symposium.

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Non-ASCE volunteer activities include civic boards and committees including stormwater committee chair, current service as a Planning Commissioner in Creve Coeur, MO and previous the service on the executive board of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army, including active duty in Vietnam and several years reserve duty in engineer units. Other interests include optics and aviation.

He performs watershed analyses, master planning studies, drainage design and construction documents for infrastructure systems, working with many hydraulic and hydrologic computer models and network flow simulations. Rovak developed original computer models for analysis of multi-basin two-way unsteady flows prior to their availability from commercial vendors or public agencies.

He has presented at numerous symposia, conferences and workshops on hydrology, hydraulics and site drainage topics. He is a registered professional engineer in Missouri, Illinois and Maryland, and is a resident of St. Louis, Missouri and a Certified Floodplain Manager.

Ellen Studebaker – UW Student Chapter President



Hello! I am Ellen Studebaker, President for 2016 of the University of Wyoming ASCE Student Chapter. I am originally from Billings, Montana and will graduate in December 2016. I love traveling, crafts, and being outdoors when the weather allows it. I have spent my summer 2016 with the Montana Department of Transportation on a construction crew and I think the DOT is a good start to my career, so we will see where that will take me. I will try for a Department of Transportation job somewhere in the US, as I enjoyed the diversity of the work and could see the difference I was making for the travelling public.

Will Rich – UW Student Chapter Vice-President



Will is a senior in the University of Wyoming's Civil and Architectural Engineering Department, and is emphasizing in structural engineering. He will be graduating after the 2016 fall semester and plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2017. He is originally from Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he lived with his mother, father, and younger sister until he began his undergraduate studies in the fall of 2012. Away from the classroom, Will enjoys both watching and playing sports. Tennis, basketball, and soccer are a few of the sports he enjoys playing; however, his favorite sporting event is professional football, where he lives and dies by the fortunes of his beloved Kansas City Chiefs. While Will's immediate goals after graduating include not starving and finding somewhere to live, his eventual goal is to obtain a P.E. in structural engineering.

Gordon Murphy – UW Student Chapter Secretary



For the year of 2016 the members of the University of Wyoming's ASCE student chapter elected Gordon Murphy as their secretary. He is from the small mountain town of Basalt, Colorado and is about to begin his fourth year as an undergraduate in Civil Engineering. While he grew up with an interest in Architecture, he eventually decided to become an engineer due to his history of Legos, computer games, and mathematics. He originally came to the University for its Engineering Program and had enjoyed the many opportunities to be involved that ASCE has offered. For the past few years he has been involved in Concrete Canoe Competition and was one of the University of Wyoming's 2016 co-captains. In the few moments Gordon is not studying or involved in ASCE, he enjoys writing short stories and reading books. When he graduates he hopes to work as an environmental or structural engineer in a large city, helping the world as it evolves in the future.

Kelsey Vandenberg – UW Student Chapter Treasurer



My name is Kelsey Vandenberg, a junior at the University of Wyoming and treasurer of ASCE. I participated on the steel bridge team during the regional conferences and was our chapter's conference chair last year. Besides being in ASCE, I am a member of the Western Thunder Marching Band on the baritone. I don't have a plan yet after I graduate, but I do want to intern at a company for at least four years as an engineer in training. I also wish to travel and see the world.

Region 7 Award Winners

The end of April marked the deadline for submitting nominations for our Region 7 Awards, and we thank Gov. Asher for coordinating our annual awards process. The Board of Governors reviewed numerous high-quality nominations and selected the winners, who are listed below. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all our nominees for your dedication to ASCE. Region 7 award winners include:

Outstanding Younger Members

Mr. Vincent Bongioanni, P.E., M. ASCE, Southern Branch, Colorado Section
Ms. Nicole Franken, P.E., M. ASCE, Wichita Branch, Kansas Section

Outstanding Faculty Advisor

Dr. David C. Mays, Ph.D., P.E., M. ASCE, University of Colorado - Denver, Colorado Section

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lt. Col. Chris Senseney, Ph.D., P.E., M. ASCE, Southern Branch, Colorado Section

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Around Region 7

JULY ASCE BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ASCE Board Sets Strategic Direction; Approves Policies, Budget

F. Jay Burress, P.E., M. ASCE, your Region 7 Director is a member of the Kansas City Section. Jay represented you at the ASCE Board meeting in San Diego, CA, July 8-9.

At its July meeting, the ASCE Board debated a host of key civil engineering and ASCE issues and set direction on how to advance the profession and strengthen the organization in the coming year and beyond.

In addition to deliberations on strategic initiatives, adopting new policies, and passing a budget (see story in [ASCE News](#)), the Board addressed additional items on its extensive agenda.

As part of its fiscal year 2017 budget, the Board approved a **new print ASCE News newsletter** that will be mailed to members 10 times per year in conjunction with Civil Engineering magazine. Beginning in November 2016, this publication will deliver timely highlights of ASCE activities in a vibrant, brief format that provides both at-a-glance updates and guides readers to more content that can be found online. In a survey of randomly selected ASCE members who received sample copies, some 80% said they learned something new about ASCE activities from going through the newsletter.

The Board continues to debate how best to align the Society geographically and to most effectively constitute itself as a Board. After studying options for realignment, the **Board elected to retain the Society's existing Region structure, alignment, and representation**, for the present. A **new task committee** will be formed to examine a number of proposals that were raised during the Board's discussion.

The Society's Member Communities Committee (**MCC**) **outlined its strategic planning process** and received endorsement of its mission to enable members "to advance the profession and enhance their career growth by integrating member support and promoting member engagement." MCC oversees such successful programs as the Multi-Region Leadership Conferences and younger member and student programs.

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The Board heard progress on **ASCE's Global Strategy**, which aims to enhance ASCE's global image, global voice, and global footprint; reserve a seat at the table for ASCE in global civil engineering forums; and expand products and services for international members. Currently 25,870 of ASCE's more than 150,000 members live outside the U.S.

The ASCE Public Policy Committee (PPC) held its strategic discussion with the Board, highlighting that:

- ASCE successfully advocated for infrastructure issues on Capitol Hill, such as the passage and signing into law of the **Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act** last year, and progress toward passing a new **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**. The Senate WRDA bill would authorize \$9 billion for new projects and studies at the Army Corps of Engineers, add a dam rehabilitation component to the National Dam Safety Program, establish a new Water Infrastructure Trust Fund, and provide \$220 million in aid for Flint, Michigan.
- ASCE worked closely with Congress as a founding member of the STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) Education Coalition to help achieve enactment of the **Every Student Succeed Act**, which maintains a strong focus on STEM subjects.
- ASCE has been active in monitoring and addressing recent **threats to professional licensure** in several states. During the 2015 legislative sessions, six states considered measures to eliminate all professional licensure. While none of these measures were enacted, ASCE views this as a serious threat to public safety and continues to mobilize in opposition.

ASCE Speakers Bureau

Have you chosen a speaker for your next event?

Check out ASCE's Speakers Bureau now live on the web!

Scan the over 110 available speakers at:

<http://www.asce.org/online-speakers-bureau>

For additional information on the Speakers Bureau, contact Laurie Hanson: lhanson@asce.org

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology races to Concrete Canoe nationals

The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology canoe was named “Milkywave.”

The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology was among the 21 schools to qualify for this year’s [National Concrete Canoe Competition](#), hosted in June at the University of Texas, Tyler.

École de technologie supérieure finished first in the overall standings, following the school’s steel bridge team national championship two weeks earlier. UCLA finished second, followed by the University of Nevada, Reno.

SDSM&T notched the eighth-best oral presentation in the competition and finished 13th in the final overall standings.

View more photos and see complete [2016 NCCC results](#).

Nebraska Section News

AEI Student Design Competition leads to prestigious award for Nebraska engineering students
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Charles W. Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction recently won the 2016 National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education.

The department’s submittal, “888 Boylston Street-Interdisciplinary Team Design,” was the result of a new two-semester capstone class using the ASCE Architectural Engineering Institute Student Design Competition.

The project united electrical, structural, and mechanical engineering students on a team with faculty members and more than 50 licensed



Photo by Brandon Wade for ASCE

professional engineers and architects to design a proposed 17-story mixed-use highrise building.

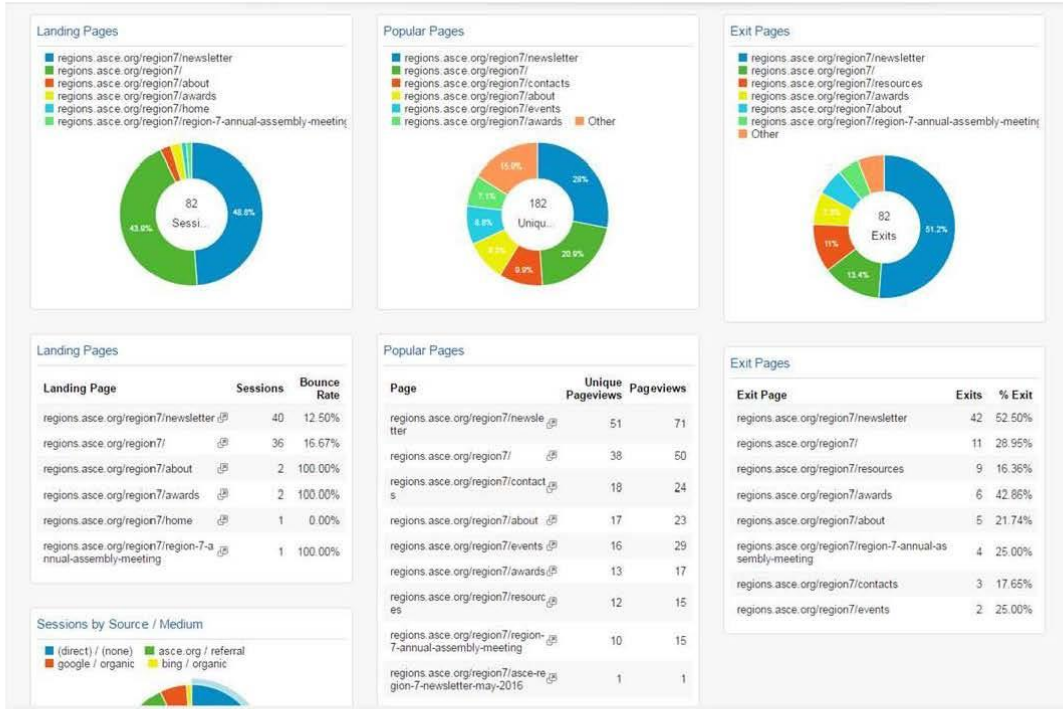
The award jury praised the project for “its strong interaction with professional engineers as well as the complexity and multidisciplinary aspects of the project.”

St. Louis, Missouri Stan Musial Bridge named OCEA Finalist

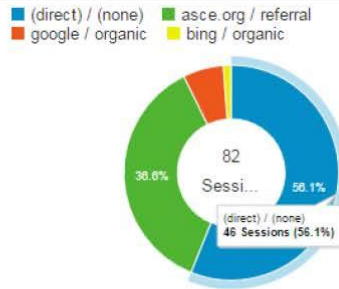
When a new bridge connects two different states, building a sense of community and ownership around the project is about as important as the engineering details themselves.

The Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge has achieved it all. The four-lane, cable-stayed bridge spans the Mississippi River to connect St. Louis, MO, and St. Clair County, IL, and is one of six projects to be honored as finalists for the 2016 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award.

Learn more about the bridge [here!](#)



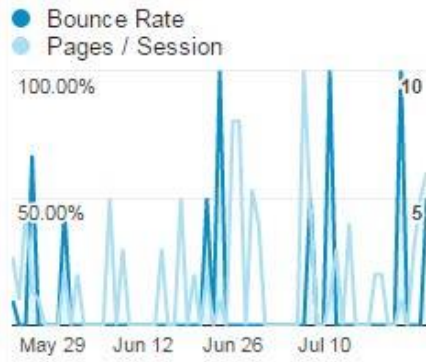
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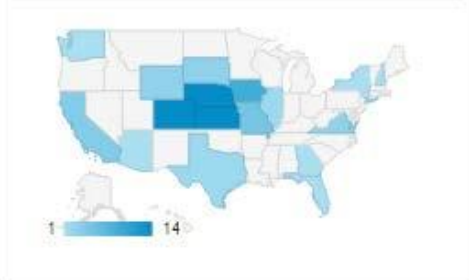
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Geo Report



Region Infographic – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
Name	Kwame Agyare
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3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	A One-Page Infographic on Region Operations that can be inserted into PowerPoint Presentations or used as a Handout at meetings.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Borrowing ideas from the infographic created by the ASCE Leader Training Committee in 2017, Region 9 created its own infographic to demonstrate member value provided by its Board of Governors
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Region Director, with assistance from Tony Akel of the Leader Training Committee
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Began in May 2018, and concluded in August 2018
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	A draft was presented at the August 2018 Region Board meeting, and the July 2018 Society BOD meeting, with positive feedback received on the concept.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	None
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	The original design that was created in Adobe ID was converted to Microsoft PowerPoint to enable the infographic to be more widely created.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	A complete assessment of the Region’s activities should be conduct prior to drafting the infographic. This will enable all activities to be included.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	After completing a draft circulate it among Region members and others for feedback.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER	

do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	A portable and effective communications tools to highly member value created by the Region Boards.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes. Will also encourage Regions, Sections, and Branches to utilize an infographic to succinctly highlight their accomplishments.
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
18. Additional Comments	See attached infographic.



REGION 9 (CALIFORNIA)



Other Region Board Initiatives

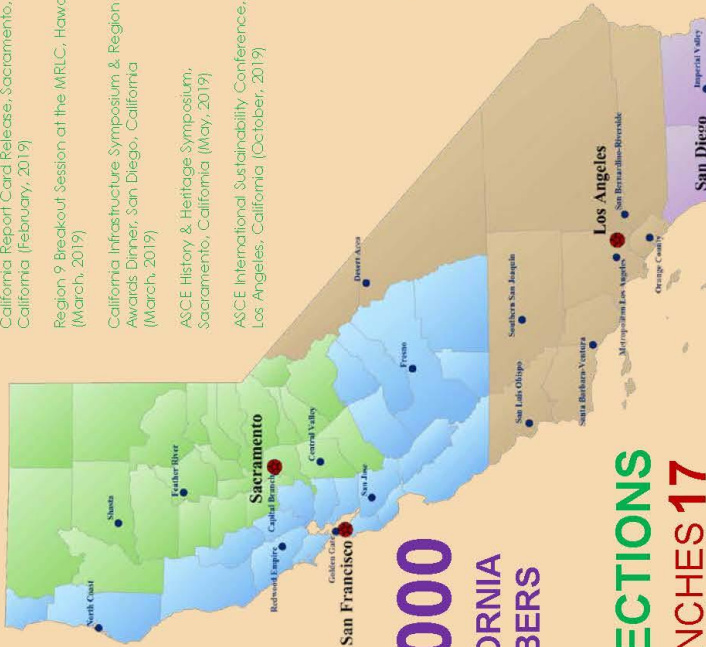


- All Day Event
- 150+ Attendance
- 2 Conference Tracks
- 3 Keynote Speakers
- 2 Conference Tracks
- 16 Speaker Sessions
- 30+ Speakers

“ENHANCING REGION MEMBER VALUE”

UPCOMING 2019 REGION EVENTS

- California Report Card Release, Sacramento, California (February, 2019)
- Region 9 Breakout Session at the MRLC, Hawaii (March, 2019)
- California Infrastructure Symposium & Region 9 Awards Dinner, San Diego, California (March, 2019)
- ASCE History & Heritage Symposium, Sacramento, California (May, 2019)
- ASCE International Sustainability Conference, Los Angeles, California (October, 2019)



19,000 CALIFORNIA MEMBERS

4 SECTIONS BRANCHES 17 12 YOUNGER MEMBER GROUPS

STUDENT CHAPTERS 24 1 LIFE MEMBER FORUM 2 STUDENT CONFERENCES MID-PACIFIC CONFERENCE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Region Governor Activities

- GOVERNORS 6**
- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
- 1 LEGISLATIVE STAFF
- REGION BOARD 17 COMMITTEES**
- Audit
- Awards
- California PE Board
- Disaster Resp. Preparedness Report Card (Task)
- Government Relations
- Grant Challenge
- Infrastructure Policy
- Infrastructure Symposium
- Membership
- Nominating
- Raise the Bar
- Sustainability
- Transportation & Development
- Water Resources Management
- Younger Member Forum

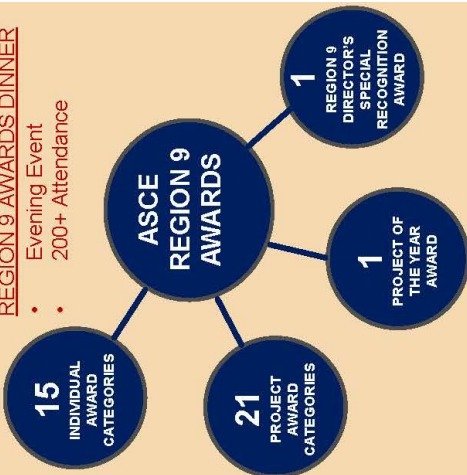
- REGION BOARD 8 TELECONFERENCES**
- 3 REGION BOARD FACE TO FACE MEETINGS**
- ANNUAL GOVERNOR VISITS TO THE REGION'S 50 GEOGRAPHIC UNITS
- 20 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES PROVIDED TO THE SECTIONS

Region Legislative Activities

- 2018 LEGISLATION CONSIDERED
- 500+** BILLS CONSIDERED
- 15** BILLS SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED
- 2** BALLOT PROPOSITIONS ENDORSED TO DATE

2018 REGION FLY-INS AND DRIVE-INS

55+ ATTENDEES	9 ATTENDEES
15 ATTENDEES	50 ATTENDEES



REGION 9 AWARDS DINNER

- Evening Event
- 200+ Attendance

REGION INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARDS

- 2006 CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD
- 2012 CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD
- 2019 CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD

VISIT US: asce.org/Region_9
regions.asce.org/region9
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Successful Logistical Assembly Planning – Region 2

1. Region	2
2. Project Contact	
Name	Christopher Menna, R2 Governor
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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Successful Logistical Planning
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Ensured that Assembly content met the requirements of our Strategic Plan. Developed agenda covering key topics to be covered, focused on targeted issue and attendees we wanted to attract (integration of Student Chapters into Sections; Section, YM and student leaders, and Faculty Advisors respectively). Secured ASCE national staff and/or national committee members to be speakers during planned sessions. Assigned a R2 Governor to help facilitate each session.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Robert Victor – Overall Supervision/Guidance Christopher Menna – Communication Plan and meeting logistics, i.e. location, food, AV, etc. Gregory Scott – Agenda and Correspondences. All other Governors – Communication and Session support
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Planning started approximately three months in advance. Started after Christmas Holiday. Assembly held in early March at ASECE HQ in Reston. This particular event was a re-schedule from the fall of 2010. Without prior planning, adjust start time to 6 months in advance.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Separate YMF leaders meeting; networking lunch; organized tours of ASCE Headquarters; ASCE Institute Integration talk; had attendees move around to break up groups of familiar faces prior to ice breaker which was oriented to get attendees talking vs. group exercises. Very successful in lining up in-demand, relevant speakers.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	Breakout session topic assignments, having more breakout session groups than Governor moderators, reporting, and data collection could have been done better. Ethics session went too long. The video segments were a little long, but the discussion was quite good with people on both sides of the table taking

	different viewpoints. Should ensure that Section leaders had enough interest tracks to participate in.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Offered \$200 travel stipend to entice all 25 R2 Student Chapters to attend. We also waived all registration fees for all attendees.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Save the Date Notice, Official Invite Notice, Emailing/calling schedule assigned to all R2 Governors. Each Governor was required to contact a specific list of Chapters, Sections, Branches, and/or YMFs.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Managed communication plan with milestones and interim conference calls. Attendance goals were set and closely monitored.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Be persistent with follow-up phone calls
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Only rely on email communication
15. The Outcome	We had the highest attendance ever with nearly 100 people in attendance. 15 of 25 Student chapters participated. Several new PA/FA volunteers and new Branch leadership attended as well.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes. We do it annually.
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
18. Additional Comments	R2's effort attracted the praise of many staff at ASCE National.

Region Assembly Paperless Meetings – Region 1

1. Region	1
2. Project Contact	
Name	Shawn P. Kelley
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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Region Assembly meetings that are paperless
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Every Fall and Spring, Region 1 hosts an Assembly in which the Sections of the Region get together to share best practices, successes and failures of operational procedures, meeting ideas and topics, and leadership challenges. At the meeting, each Section is asked to bring a Section report and present this report to the Assembly. The format of this report has been standardized so that each Section can provide similar Section details (i.e., list of officers, size of Section, number of members, current budget, awards, committees, etc.). Each Section began printing multiple copies of these reports to hand out to assembly delegates. At our last assembly meeting in April 2011, an announcement was sent out to each Section to provide a digital copy of their report so that it could be put onto a main computer that was hooked up to a projector. A screen was used at the assembly and the report was shared with the group electronically. A second screen and computer was used to project the Section's location within the Region so the delegates could see where this Section was located within the Region.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Mr. Tony Puntin, Region 1 Society Director and Region 1 Governor Board Chairperson, and Shawn P. Kelley, Region 1 Governor Board Vice Chairperson
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Started April 2011 and this is on-going for future assemblies
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Electronically sharing the report and having it on one computer during the presentations
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	The report format was in WORD and should be changed to POWERPOINT

10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Giving each Section ample time to send in their reports digitally before the meeting.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Making sure each Section president was aware of the request for a Section report at the Assembly meeting and when the report should be sent in prior to the assembly meeting
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Communicate deadlines to the Section delegates and follow up with them prior to the meeting. Make sure each Region Governor is in touch with their Sections.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Assume each Section will send in their report given only one email announcement about the Assembly meeting and the reporting requirement.
15. The Outcome	There was positive feedback by most attendees.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
18. Additional Comments	The next assembly will have reports in POWERPOINT format and use bigger fonts for presentation purposes. The WORD document report will be included in the Assembly meeting minutes.

Multi-Region Leadership Conference Interactive Breakout Activity – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
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Email	csaviz@pacific.edu; jennifer@lupoepp.org
3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Structured breakout activity to encourage Governors, Section/Branch/Younger Member/Student Chapter members to discuss strengths, areas for improvement, and ways to collaborate. This can also be used at the start of a regular Section or Branch meeting.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Ran a 75-minute breakout session with specific questions, allowed participants to discuss the questions, then asked for a volunteer to report back. During the activity, the coordinators circulated around the room to gage progress, clarify questions, and to ensure that all (especially students and Younger Members) were contributing to the conversation.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Region 9 Board of Governors.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	MRLC Region breakout session; 45 minute activity
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Director Epp welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the Region (with a map) – especially helpful for students. Moderators only provided instructions, but did not speak too much otherwise. Interaction between members, seating Governor/Section/Branch/YM/Student members from the same Section together and encouraging exchange of contact information. Broke up large tables into smaller groups to allow all to participate in the conversation. Time the activities and keep things moving.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	A bit too loud with everyone talking, although the participants did not seem to mind. Having smaller groups helped them to hear one another despite the noise.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Candy for those who volunteered to report back – they were promised “Fame and Fortune” (they got to say their name, and got a 100 Grand candy bar). We also had candy for those who took notes and submitted their sheet at the end.

11. Administration (What was most Important)	Having clear directions projected on the screen – used a PowerPoint presentation.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Provide focused and clear instructions in manageable pieces.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Allow the conversation too run too long on each topic. Do not wait for all tables to be done, otherwise people sitting at the other tables will tune out.
15. The Outcome	Conversations among members within a Section.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes – I hope so!
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
Name	Camilla Saviz or Jennifer Epp
Address	Univ of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA 95211
Phone Number	(209) 946-3077
Email	csaviz@pacific.edu
18. Additional Comments	This Best Practice includes attachments on the following pages.



MODERATOR NOTES
REGION 9 BREAKOUT

MULTI-REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JANUARY 13-14, 2012 PORTLAND,
OREGON

Preparation: Moderator and other Governors; Put signs at each table corresponding to the Section (e.g., 3 tables for each: Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco.) Governors stand at door and throughout the room to welcome people and direct them to sit at a table corresponding to their Section. Ask people to not sit with people they know. Have Governors sit with their Section. If there are several under-populated tables, then combine them. If there are over-populated tables, break them up for the exercises that involve the whole table.

Use the projector to project the PowerPoint version of these instructions. You can also leave ~3 copies at each table.

Welcome – Jennifer Epp, P.E., Region 9 Director

Meet the ASCE Members at your Table

1. At your table, divide into groups of 3. Mix it up! Groups should be diverse (i.e. mixture of representatives from a Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, and/or Student Chapter).
2. Within your group, quickly interview one other person (for no more than 1 to 2 minutes) while the others listen. Rotate to the next person in the group until all 3 members have been interviewed. Things to ask can include: name, occupation/school, hometown, ASCE position, hobbies, favorite ice cream flavor, pets, Be creative! Take notes! (5 mins, give warning to rotate to next person every few minutes. Moderators should walk about and gauge the progress of discussion.)
3. Rejoin the others at the table. Going around the table, take turns introducing one another. Each person should introduce the person he/she interviewed. Make the other person look good! At your table, take a vote on who did the best job introducing another. (10 to 12 mins. Moderators should walk about and gauge the progress of introductions.)

Have reps from 2-3 tables stand up and do their intro – ask tables to nominate someone who did a particularly good job. Incentive: give candy or ASCE prizes to the introducer.

**What Makes my Region/Section/Branch/Younger Member Group/Student Chapter GREAT,
... and how others can help!**

Moderators should walk about and gauge the progress of discussion in each of the following:

1. Going around the table, describe one particular strength of your Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, or Student Chapter. (R/S/B/YM/SC). Start with a Younger Member. (~10 mins)
2. Starting with a Student Member, go around the table again, describe one major area for improvement for your R/S/B/YM/SC and if possible, discuss (as a group) how this area can be improved and how other groups (R/S/B/YM/SC) can collaborate to help. (~20 mins)
3. Once all have had a turn, identify top ways in which each R/S/B/YM/SC can help or be helped by each of the other entities. For example, if you represent a Younger Member Group, identify one way in which the Branch can help your group, one way you can help the Section, and one way you can help the Student Chapters. How can your group simplify that collaboration and make it work? (~20 mins)

Take notes! One person from each table may be asked to report back to the whole group. (Pick 2-3 tables to report back, depending on time – 6-10 mins)

4. On person from each table: On a piece of paper, please write the top three ways in which a R/S/B/YM/SC can help or be helped by the other entities. You only need a total of 3 items – not 3 for each. Just pick the best ones! Ask them to please turn in the paper at the end of the session (Governors to review at the next meeting).

(HANDOUT FOR TABLES, BUT POWERPOINT SLIDES ARE PREFERRED)

REGION 9 BREAKOUT



**MULTI-REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JANUARY 13-14, 2012 PORTLAND,
OREGON**

Please sit at a table corresponding to your Section (Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco)

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ones!

Meet the ASCE Leaders at Your Table

- Divide into groups of 3 at your table. Mix it up!
- Take turns interviewing each group member for 1-2 mins. Things you could ask: name, occupation/school, hometown, ASCE position, hobbies, favorite ice cream flavor, pets, Be creative! *Hint: Take notes! (You have 5 mins!)*
- At the table: Each person introduces one other person to the group. Make the other person look good!
- Table votes on the best introducer at the table. *Fame and fortune may await you!*



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What Makes my Group GREAT, ... and how others can help!

- Go around the table: identify one strength of your Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, or Student Chapter. *Younger Member starts the discussion.*
- Go around the table again: identify one major area for improvement for your group. How to improve? How can the other groups help? *Student Member starts the discussion.*
- Identify top ways in which each Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, or Student Chapter can help or be helped by each of the other entities.
- Take notes and be ready to report back on your top 3!



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THANK YOU!!!



Multi-Region Leadership Conference Breakout – Region 8

1. Region	8
2. Project Contact	
Name	Kristina Swallow
Phone Number	702-858-5325
Email	kswallow@cox.net
3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Region Breakout at MRLC
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	<p>Provided a fun way for members of Region 8 to learn about the Region and to engage with each other</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Region 8 Breakout (in three parts)</p> <p>The Region 8 breakout has approximately 150-180 attendees annually. There are 7 governors in Region 8 in addition to the Director that assist with the breakout. The entire activity was conducted in approximately 1 hour.</p> <p>Intro - Distribute the attendees so that they are at diverse tables – mix of YMs, Students and Section/Branch Leaders and geographic mix (ie preferably not a table from all one state, one university or one section). We did this by distributing playing cards as they entered the room. Then attendees with the same cards gathered at tables (i.e. Diamonds 1-4, Spades 10-King etc.). It worked well except we didn't have enough tables and didn't put any signage on the tables in advance.</p> <p>Part 1 – Meet Region 8 – This part is intended to demonstrate diversity in the room and also help attendees identify similarities or people they may want to connect with later at the reception. For instance students may identify practicing professionals in an area (technical or geographic) they are looking to work in upon graduation.</p>

Brief intro of Governors – Share a quick anecdote or fact (preferably interesting/funny that may give attendees an ice breaker for the reception later) that hadn't been shared previously in the MRLC.

Brief intro of attendees – stand (and be seated) if you are:

1. Section leaders
2. YMs
3. Branch leaders
4. Students
5. By State
6. By number of MRLCs attended
7. By years of experience
8. Practice area – geo, water, transpo, structural, land development, enviro...
9. Consultant
10. Government

Part 2 – Region 8 Trivia – This part is intended to help the attendees learn a bit more about the Region, have fun, win prizes, and break the ice at the table they are at in prep for Part 3. Have each table pick a team name and team scribe. You can assist with the choosing the team scribe by providing guidance for example: “Who has the birthday closest to today? The person to your right is the table scribe”. Make sure everyone knows that they cannot google the answers and then start the game.

10-20 questions – some multiple choice, some not

For example –

1. Region 8 is one of a total of 8, 9, 10 or 11 geographic regions?
2. Region 8 is comprised of 9 states. How many sections are in Region 8? How many branches? How many student chapters?

3. Region 8 is home to 3 notable (ie tallest, largest) dams. Name 2 and their locations...

At the end of the game, the tables exchanged papers with a neighboring table for scoring. Prizes (\$1 or so per prize) were given out to the top 2 or 3 tables (and the losing table).

Part 3 – Guided (sort of) discussion.

The last part of the breakout was intended to facilitate sharing and conversation amongst the members at each table. Each person completes each statement from the list below with their individual answer. Once all questions have been read and individually answered on paper, the table decides whether they want to discuss one or more of the statements or if they would prefer to go around the table and let each person share a statement/answer of their choice and then discuss... Either way – start with a student...

Statements –

1. This weekend, I would like to
2. The main reason I am here is ...
3. I joined ASCE ...
4. I wish ASCE would...
5. I think my (or my Section/Branch/student chapter/YMG’s) best quality is ...
6. Students who volunteer are...
7. I wish Region 8 would...
8. If I could change the world I would

6. Those in Charge
(Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)

The Region Director, as narrator, keeps the activity moving. Governors act as a liaison for 1 to 3 tables (depending on size of group/number of governors) and encourage interaction among the table members.

7. Time Frame
(When Started, When Completed)

The entire activity was completed in approximately 1 hour.

8. Success Factors
(The Parts that Worked)

Not sure what the attendees liked the best. I would recommend that the evaluation forms for the MRLC include Region info so that feedback can be given to the appropriate Region Director.

Really Well)	
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	The distribution of attendees to tables – will need to rework this for next year (also need to have enough tables for everyone – we were short by 2-3).
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Everything was a little different than in past year’s breakouts in an effort to better engage the attendees while acknowledging the differences between the various groups in attendance.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Developing the questions for parts 2 and 3. I asked for support from the Region governors, which was a HUGE help.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	This is a ‘pick what works and edit as appropriate’ type event....
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	See above
15. The Outcome	Good reviews at the MRLC – though we don’t have specific feedback (see note above about evaluation forms).
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	<p>Yes, but with modifications. We need to rework table assignments. This year I provided all of the awards due to the short time frame in coming up with something for the breakout, next year I will ask the governors to bring a couple/several awards each and will contact ASCE for some.</p> <p>Next year I will also create a powerpoint for the various parts. The room was too big for everyone to hear well and there were enough questions (can you repeat that statement? that question?) that a powerpoint would’ve helped. I will also include intro information on the Region in the powerpoint – our structure, our goals/vision/activities.</p> <p>Additionally, next time, I will involve the governors more during the various parts. This year they made sure that attendees were participating and prevented cheating (use of phones/tech during trivia) but they could’ve done more, if I had been more prepared. Finally, I need to figure out a way to capture the discussions during Part 3 without doing an extended whole group report out session.</p>
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	

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18. Additional Comments	

Brainstorming Sessions – Region 3

1. Region	3
2. Project Contact	
Name	John Frauenhoffer
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Email	mustang2797@att.net
3. Project Category	Section and Branch Brainstorming Sessions
4. Project Description	<p>The brainstorming session is intended to be conducted by a governor, a director, or a national officer. The following components are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask each Officer to name one attribute, success, or program of which they are proud or of which they believe have merit, or of which they believe is successful. 2. Ask each Officer to name a struggle or challenge for the unit. 3. Build upon the successes and challenges to facilitate the identification of a Step Up in the unit program. 4. Facilitate a discussion regarding the individual nature of the unit. <p>Help the Officers discover new opportunities based upon based upon the above feedback:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing Education 2. New Program Opportunities 3. Collaborations with other engineering groups, and with neighboring Sections and Branches. 4. ASCE Strategic Initiatives 5. Membership Development, including using the ASCE Pizza Initiative 6. Large Civil Engineering Employer Engagement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Life Members 8. Young Member Groups 9. Student Chapters 10. Public relations 11. Sponsoring a Civil Engineering Club 12. Mobilizing Reserve Funds directed at Membership Recruitment 13. Establishing Institute Chapters 14. Holding Local Infrastructure Updates in collaboration with Local Municipal, County, and State Engineers 15. Family Friendly Social Events 16. Create Legislative Forums with Local Legislators, State Senators, and Congressmen
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Governor, Director, or National Officer
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Single, two-hour event
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	The session is successful if the Unit Officers discover a new initiative that generates excitement.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	No ideas are bad.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Plan ahead, schedule a mutually convenient time, and feed the participants.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Communicate to assure the Step Up happens.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Be positive and inspiring

14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Learn from the negatives and failures. Strengthen them. Don't dwell on them.
15. The Outcome	Stronger Unit Programs
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	

Meetings – Region 5

1. Region	5
2. Project Contact	
Name	Bill Grogan
Phone Number	601-634-2226
Email	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil
3. Project Category	Meetings
4. Project Description	Not a project – more a “policy”
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Region 5 Governors meet at least three times a year face- to-face. We hold one meeting at the National convention to provide an opportunity for our governors to meet with others throughout the society, national officers, and ASCE staff. We also have one of our meetings in conjunction with one of the Region’s section meetings and invite officers from all the sections in the Region to provide an opportunity for cross region communication.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	It has provided an opportunity for section officers to meet and communicate with like situated members and share ideas, etc.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS	

do with this project?)	
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	

Report Card Workshop – Region 5

1. Region	5
2. Project Contact	
Name	Bill Grogan
Phone Number	601-634-2226
Email	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil
3. Project Category	Legislative
4. Project Description	Report Card Work Shop
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Invited participants from each section in the region. Identified those with experience in developing a workshop to facilitate, invited national level folks, and invited participants from sections that had not done a report card or needed to update theirs.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Fraser Parker, Region 5 Governor from Florida led the effort as he had just completed the Florida report card
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	A one day workshop was held.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	It really worked well to have a recent report card developer there. Also, national folks provided information and guidance on resources (a SPAG grant was applied for and approved for the MS section to complete their report card)
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	IT was slow getting started, but the folks that attended the workshop were committed to the process before they attended and they followed through
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Status report by the section at annual meetings kept the process in the fore front and alive as it took about two years for MS
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	

14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	A report card by MS and an updated report card by LA.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Address	9 Lafayette Circle, Clinton, MS 39056
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18. Additional Comments	

Awards Reminder System – Region 5

1. Region	5
2. Project Contact	
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Phone Number	601-634-2226
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3. Project Category	Awards
4. Project Description	Awards reminder system
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Region 5 Governor Chad Gartrell with support from the Mississippi Section is finalizing a system where region section officers will be reminded of deadlines for National level awards.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Chad Gartrell, Region 5 Governor
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	This was started in January of this year, expect it to be completed by the end of the calendar year
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	We hope it will work well to get more competitive candidates for national level awards and recognize those individuals that are deserving
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Follow up with Chad and MS Section
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	

14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	We'll see
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Phone Number	601-634-2226
Email	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil
18. Additional Comments	

Sharing of Web Space – Region 5

1. Region	5
2. Project Contact	
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Phone Number	601-634-2226
Email	William.p.grogan@usace.army.mil
3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	Sharing of Web Space
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	As the region 5 board of governors was trying to figure out how to best communicate with the region members, the idea of a web page was discussed. However, with all the information members are inundated with from ASCE, we were concerned it would be lost in the noise. Therefore we share web space with the sections as we believe that is the predominate source most members turn to for finding out what is happening locally. We provide content (such as director’s letters as submitted as another best practice) calendar items, opportunities to participate across the region, etc.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	

13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	

Awards Program – Region 7

1. Region	7
2. Project Contact	
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3. Project Category	Annual Region 7 Awards for; Outstanding Younger Member, Lifetime Achievement and Practitioner/Faculty Advisor Awards
4. Project Description	
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	We requested a copy of Region 9’s award nomination forms and used their format to create our own. The nomination form is submitted to all Section, Branch and Student Chapters in our Region. The initial email is sent out the last week in November. Two follow up email are sent out one in late January and a final reminder email one month prior to deadline. All applications must be in by April 30 th . The nominees are provided to all members of the Region 7 Board of Governors for review. A conference call is held in May where the Board selects the award winners.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	A member of the Board is assigned Awards Chairperson.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Started in November, Applications due April 30 th , winners selected in May and Award plaques are given to winners at their 1 st Section or Branch meeting occurring in September or after.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	We encouraged our Sections to institute an awards program and use our application and then forward the nominees from the section along for a Region award. One Section implemented this process and it works very well.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	We originally offered Community Service award however after the first year we did not receive nominations and chose to abandon that award and focus on the other three.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	We originally paid for award winners to attend the annual meeting, however, this proved to be too costly.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	It was a great help to use the same application used in Region 9 for their awards program. It is very helpful to have an awards Chair responsible for all notifications and receipts of all nominations.

12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	It has been our experience at least two reminders are necessary to encourage completion of the nominations.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Simplify the process so the investment of time to complete the application is not too cumbersome.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Award someone who does not meet your criteria even if it is your only nominee for that category. We have not awarded a winner in some categories and we have decided we need to have more than one winner in other categories. All decisions were based on the merits of the nominee(s).
15. The Outcome	
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes, it is a regular part of our Region process.
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	This Best Practice includes a sample nomination form and award plaque images on the following pages.



REGION 7

Individual Nomination Form Lifetime Achievement Award

Due Date: Nominations must be received by April 30, 2014

Application Materials Required

Individual Nomination Form and Electronic Photo of Nominee

Entry Instructions

Electronic submittal is requested. Please e-mail the following 2 electronic files (less than 10 MB per e-mail):

File 1: Filename = nominee's last name.pdf Individual
Nomination Form

- File 2: Filename = nominee's last name.jpg
Photo of the nominee to be used in the awards program

e-mail to: mgm@sequoiaeng.com
E-mail subject line = ASCE R7 Award Application – Lifetime Achievement for
(nominee's last name)

Or mail a CD containing the 2 files to: ASCE Region 7
Attn: Marsia Geldert-Murphey ASCE
Region 7 Awards Committee
P.O. Box 78262
St. Louis, MO 63178-8262

For more information contact:

Marsia Geldert-Murphey, P.E - ASCE Region 7 Awards Committee
mgm@sequoiaeng.com or 618-444-6815

Award Criteria

This award is intended to recognize the lifetime efforts of civil engineers service to further advance the field of civil engineering through their contributions, innovative concepts, research, and materials.

The nominee for this award shall be a Registered Professional Engineer and be a member of ASCE in Region 7.

Awards Ceremony

The selected individual will be recognized in 2014 at awardee’s Section or Branch meeting.

Nominator Contact Information (person making the nomination - self nomination encouraged)

Name: Employer: _____
Address: _____
Street City State Zip
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
ASCE Membership#: _____
P.E.? Yes or No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Employer: _____
Address: _____
Street City State Zip
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
P.E. Registration State P.E. Registration #

Nominee ASCE Membership Information:

ASCE Section nominee belongs to:

- Colorado Section
 - Northern Branch
 - Southern Branch
 - SW Branch
 - Western Slope Branch
- Iowa Section
- Kansas Section
 - Wichita Branch
- Kansas City Section
- Nebraska Section South
- Dakota Section
 - Black Hills Branch
 - Eastern Branch
- St. Louis Section
- Wyoming Section

Lifetime Achievement Nomination Information:

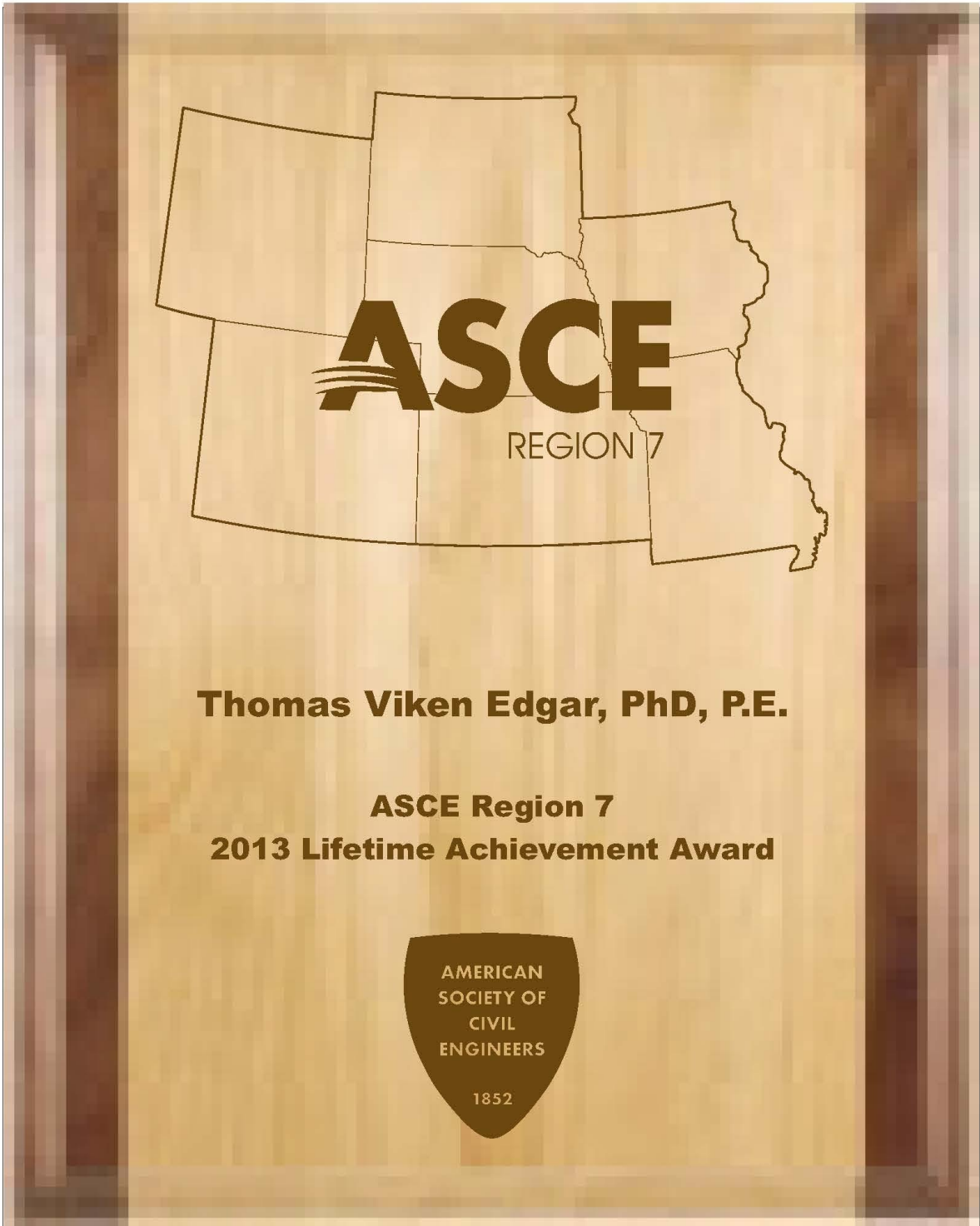
Please answer the following questions. Brevity is encouraged - please keep the information to 3 pages or less.

1. Describe the nominee's ASCE involvement.

2. Describe the nominee's other professional activities.

3. Describe the nominee's contributions to the Civil Engineering Profession.

Provide any other information regarding the nominee to be considered for this award

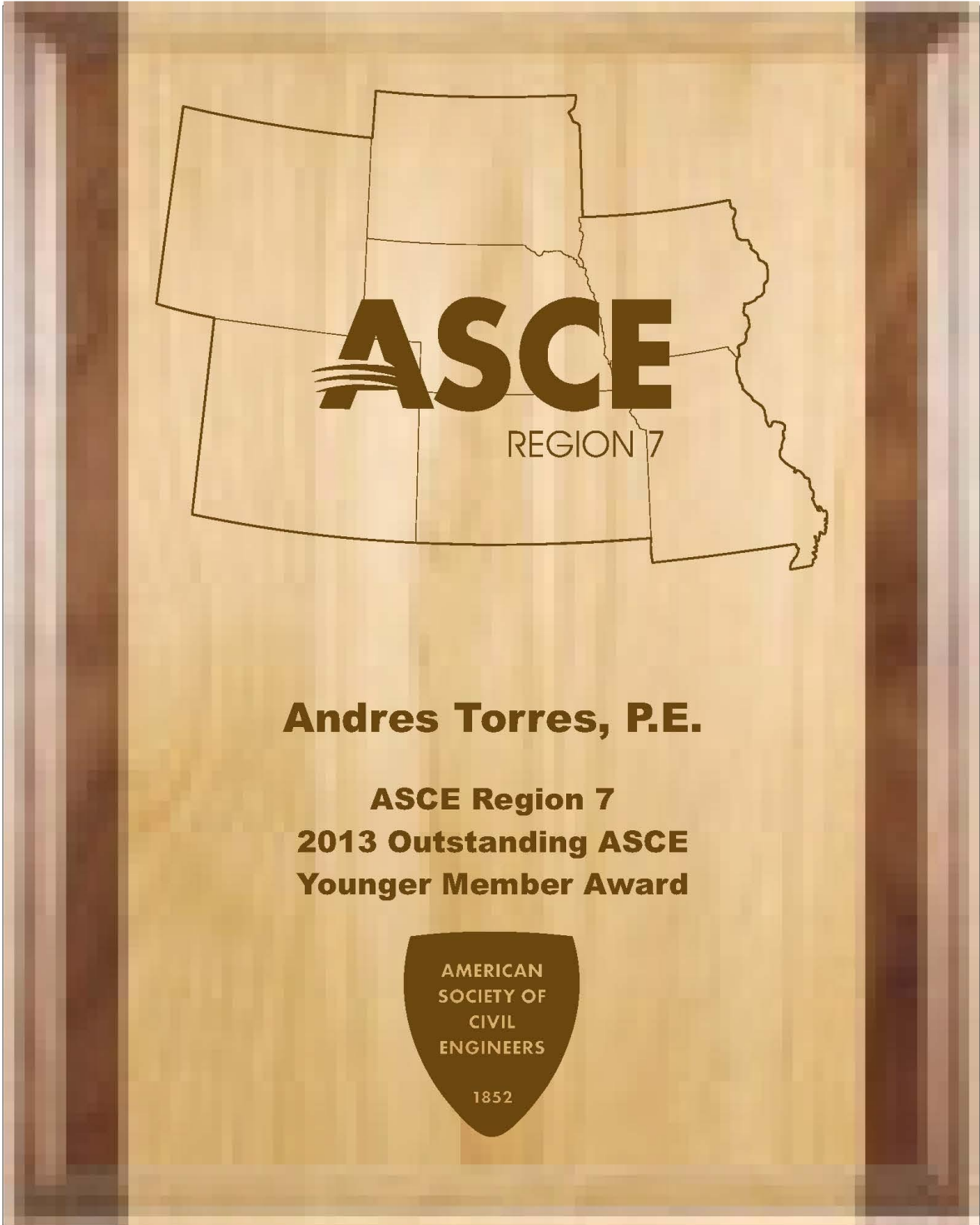




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Region 7 Board of Governors
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Governor’s Welcome Packet – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
Name	Mark Norton P.E., F.ASCE
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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	An orientation or welcome packet of information is provided to inform and educate incoming Regional Governors and Section Presidents to the ASCE Region about their duties, responsibilities, and expected events and meetings to participate in. Also, to further ensure a commitment to this calling, a new Governor commitment/signature form has been prepared that outlines new Governor’s expected duties, responsibilities, and meetings and events so that a nominee considering this volunteer ASCE position is aware of what they may anticipate doing and is committed to doing it over their three year term.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	This was prepared in Nov. 2012 by reviewing and identifying roles and responsibilities from past Region 9 operations manuals and other professional association commitment forms to create a more concise and focused welcome or orientation packet.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	New governor assignment by ASCE Region 9 Director.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Started October 2012. Completed and used regularly since Nov. 2012
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Good tool to ensure understanding of new Governors and Section Presidents in new ASCE Region roles and responsibilities.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	As with any tool, it must be shared particularly by Nomination Committee with new nominee or incoming officer. Ensuring that ASCE Region Nomination Committee members understand the value of the Welcome Packet and Nomination may require some time of previous Governor or Director to train them in their duties when first assigned to Nomination Committee.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	The nomination form concept was borrowed from U.S Green Building Council chapter for their local chapter officer position recruitment.

11. Administration (What was most Important)	The commitment form is sent only after a friendly phone call to invite and inform a Governor nominee of the opportunity to serve as Governor by the Nomination Committee. It is intended to inform and educate the new nominee of roles and responsibilities, not intimidate them. The Welcome Packet is provided to incoming Section Presidents and Governors annually just prior to their first meeting with the ASCE Region.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Training Nomination Committee about this information and process
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Make sure the tool is shared.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Forget to provide these tools to the new Governor or Section President.
15. The Outcome	Better informed incoming Governors and Section Presidents
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	This Best Practice includes attachments on the following pages.



ASCE Board of Governors Commitment

If elected to the American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9 Board of Governors, I commit to actively participate in the growth and development of the Region 9 Board and will satisfy the following duties and requirements:

1. Remain in good standing as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers;
2. Insure that the Board of Governors operates with legal and ethical integrity and is accountable to its Members and obligations to the ASCE Society at all times;
3. Be accessible and contribute knowledge, experience, contacts, and resources to help assure success of Region 9;
4. Provide input to ASCE Board of Direction, facilitate communications, help implement the Society's Strategic Plan, promote leadership development, support the local geographic units, and improve member service within the Society;
5. Be proactive in supporting the ASCE Region strategic goals and objectives and work to develop and/or strengthen the programs and services required to achieve them;
6. Serve as the ambassador of ASCE and work to enhance the organization's public standing;
7. Serve on ASCE Society or Region 9 Board Committees as appointed;
8. Help secure funding for the Region 9 programs through sponsorship, corporate and charitable sources, grant funding, fundraising events, and personal donations;
9. Help encourage, support and recruit new Society Committees, Governors, Directors, President-Elect Nominees;
10. Attend all monthly Region 9 Board meetings (typically monthly conference calls and three face-to-face meetings per year held throughout the State);
11. Attend and participate in annual Multi-Region 8 & 9 Leadership Conference as a facilitator and session moderator;
12. Attend Leader Orientation as a new governor held by ASCE Society in Reston, Virginia.
13. Attend annual ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum held by ASCE Society in Reston, Virginia (recommended);
14. Attend annual Region 9 Infrastructure Symposium and Region 9 Awards Dinner;
15. Attend annual ASCE Society Convention and provide updates to the Board of Governors on information received (recommended);
16. Attend as many local ASCE Section, Branch, YMF, LMF, Student Chapter, local Institute Chapters and technical and professional group events as possible in support of ASCE Region 9 Board goals and objectives;
17. Section/Elected Governors – Attend Section Board meetings of your assigned Section and participate as voting members of the Section Board.

Submitted By:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

ASCE Region 9 Governor Commitment Form 5/3/2017



ASCE Region 9 Board Governor and Section President Welcome Packet

(Approved Jan. 24, 2013)

Revised May 3, 2017

On behalf of the ASCE Region 9 Board of Governors, we wish to welcome you to the Board. We are excited to have you as a part of our team as we continue to support the ASCE membership. Our Board has embraced the ASCE Vision, Mission and Goals as part of our major tenets and look forward to your participation in realizing the ASCE Region 9 Strategic Plan.

We hope the information below will provide you with the guidance and information you will find helpful either as a new ASCE Region 9 Governor, serving on the ASCE Region 9 Board, or as an incoming Section President participating in ASCE Region 9 Board meetings.

1. ASCE Region 9 is unique among all ASCE Regions in that we represent just one U.S. State, the State of California. All the other nine ASCE Regions cover multiple States/territories/countries. This is due to the high population of ASCE members in California (over 20,000 as of 1/1/17).
2. ASCE Region 9 is one of ten geographic regions within the ASCE Society, nine within the United States and one for the International Members. The Regions were established and defined under Article V of the ASCE Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules as management entities of the Society. Sections, Branches, and all other geographic units fall within these Regions as subsidiary entities.
3. Society Directors are elected by the members in these Regions to serve on the ASCE Society Board of Direction. Each Geographic Region has a Board of Governors, elected from within the Region and chaired by the Society Director from the Region.
4. Regions have been organized to provide input to the ASCE Society Board of Direction, facilitate communications, help to implement the Society's Strategic Plan, promote leadership development, support the local geographic units, and improve member value within the Society. Regions may have committees and assemblies to facilitate their purposes.
5. The ASCE Region 9 Board is comprised of six Governors, four (4) Elected Region 9 Governors representing each Section and two (2) Appointed At-Large Region 9 Governors. Each Section President from each of the four (4) Sections in Region 9 is a voting member of the Region 9 Nominating Committee for Region 9 Board elections and appointments of Region 9 Governors.
6. The largest source of funding for the ASCE Region 9 Board comes from allotment contributions from each of the ASCE Sections (4) within the State of California. The largest secondary source of funding for ASCE Region 9 is from the Society allotment.

Duties of ASCE Region 9 Governors

The Duties of ASCE Region 9 Governors are generally defined for the following areas:

- Nominations / Elections
- Region Management
- Region Leadership
- Communication
- Advise
- Award Nominations
- Advocacy
- Strategic Planning and Implementation

Nominations/Elections

- Search for, encourage & support GREAT candidates for Society Committees, Governors, Directors, and President-Elect
- Manage the nomination process for Governors
 - Identify open positions
 - Review and nominate candidates
- Facilitate the process for Director nomination and election
- Participate in the process for Society President-Elect election

Region Management

- Manage the affairs of the Region as a Board
- Prepare and submit the Annual Report
- Manage Region Funds
 - Make use of the Funds – Provide Member value
 - Perform an annual Audit
- Establish, reform, dissolve Geographic Units within the Region
- Maintain Region Governing Documents
- Install Officers in Sections/Branches

Region Leadership

- Visit/Connect with Sections, Branches. . . .
- Provide leadership for Region programs...
- Provide technical, educational, professional, and management
- Serve as a Resource to Sections/Branches...
 - Society-level programs
 - Training
 - Problem-solving
 - Sharing of Best-Practice Ideas
 - Assess their needs, act on their needs
- Participate in Society Training / Conferences
 - Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC)

- Presidents and Governors Forum
- Region and (if applicable) Assembly meetings
- Involve Members in Region Committees
 - Mentor and train new Region leaders
 - Get more people involved and help “bridge the gap” of need

Further details about Governor’s roles and responsibilities on the Region 9 Board for Communication, Advise, Award Nominations, Advocacy and Strategic Planning and Implementation can be found in the following sources available in the ASCE Region 9 Board of Governors Collaborate Community (collaborate.asce.org).

- Best Practices Manual
- Talking Points
- Region Operations Handbook
- Geographic Services Staff

Role of Section Presidents in Region 9 Board Meetings

- Participate in Region 9 monthly conference calls and face-to-face meetings to:
 - Provide input and guidance to Region 9
 - Vote in Region 9 Nominating Committee actions
 - Update Region 9 on Section activities and support needs
 - Share and collaborate with other Sections

Events to Attend as Governors and Section Presidents

- Region Board Meetings (monthly conference calls and three (3) face-to-face meetings at various locations throughout the State)
- Leader Orientation at ASCE Headquarters, Reston, VA, (new Governors only) -First Fall of three year term
- Presidents and Governors Forum at ASCE Headquarters, Reston, VA – Fall, annually (encouraged)
- ASCE Society Convention – Fall, annually (encouraged)
- Multi-Region Leadership Conference for your Region – (Governors only), Winter, annually
- Region 9 Events (e.g., Symposium and Awards Dinner) – Spring, annually
- Section/Branch/Younger Member/Student Chapter visits – Throughout year
- ASCE Society Committee meetings – if appointed

Region 9 Board Calendar

Jan./Feb.	Attend Multi-Region Leadership Conference and Face-to-Face Region 9 Board meeting (participate in Nominating Committee voting for elected Geographic Governors and Region Director, in appropriate years)
March 1	The slate of proposed Region nominations for Region Director nominations, in appropriate years, and all nominations for elected Geographic Governors shall

be provided to the Society Secretary.

March 1	Deadline for submitting committee names of the President-elect Official Nominee(s) selected shall be forwarded to the Secretary by the Chair of the Region Board of Governors.
March 31	An Organizational Entity may endorse one (1) Nominee for any given office. The endorsement should be provided directly to the Nominee by official correspondence, signed by the Chair.
June	Attend Face-to-Face Region 9 Board meeting and participate in Nominating Committee voting for Governor At-Large.
August 30	Submit Leadership Report to Geographic Services for web update and Official Register
September 1	Board of Governors listing shall be provided to the Society Secretary
September	Attend Face-to-Face Region 9 Board meeting
Oct./Nov.	Attend ASCE Presidents and Governors Forum and Annual Convention
November 1	Candidates for the office of President-elect shall submit a Letter of Intent to Serve, along with required election materials, to the Chair of the Geographic Region Board and Society Secretary. Geographic Region Board Nominating Committee shall convene in November to recommend candidates for President-Elect and the Board of Governors shall meet to vote on the recommendation
November 30	Region Annual Report is due to the Society
December 1	Geographic Region Board Nominating Committee selected candidates for President-elect shall be submitted to the Society Secretary. Candidates for the office of Region Director and for Geographic Region Governor shall submit a Letter of Intent to Serve to the Geographic Region Nominating Committee.

Attachments:

ASCE Region 9 Bylaws
ASCE Region 9 Rules of Policy and Procedure
ASCE Region 9 Policy Statements
ASCE Region 9 Contact List
ASCE Region 9 Org Chart

Awards Submission Portal – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
Name	Kwame A. Agyare
Phone Number	602-481-8663
Email	agyare.kwame@gmail.com
3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	A Comprehensive Online Submission Portal for Annual Region 9 Awards, www.asceregion9awards.org
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	To build upon the successful Region 9 Awards process in which each year over 150 nominations are submitted for Region 9 awards, and to help streamline the awards judging process, the Region 9 Awards Committee developed a comprehensive online electronic submission portal to facilitate the receipt of Region 9 awards. This portal is meant to facilitate and encourage each of the four California Sections of ASCE to submit nominations for each of the available categories of awards, and to provide an easier process to accomplish this task. The online portal was developed based on similar work that was done by the Orange County, California-Branch, and the Los Angeles Section. The web portal allows for instant electronic transfer of awards from all the Los Angeles area Branches into the Los Angeles Section online portal, and subsequently into the Region 9 Awards system. A similar process is envisions for the remaining three Sections.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	The Region 9 Awards Committee
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Since June 2014, and on-going
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	A written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Region 9 Director and each Section president, committing each Section to be responsible for the data entry and upload of the awards from each Section into the Region 9 awards portal. This effectively helped clarify the roles and responsibilities.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the	

wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Collaboration with the individual Section presidents is key to adequate solicitation of nominations for the Region 9 awards
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Must have extensive conversations with the web service provider, to ensure that all the necessary desired features are included and the desired timelines are met.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	The new awards submission portal will help encourage the Section and Branches in California to seek to recognize their peers and colleagues by facilitating the submission of award nominations at the local level, which may eventually lead to winning a Regional award.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	I would encourage the other Regions to seek to develop tools to facilitate awards submissions in those Regions, to effectively recognize the great work being done by civil engineers.
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Address	Fremont, California
Phone Number	602-481-8663
Email	agyare.kwame@gmail.com
18. Additional Comments	This Best Practice includes attachments on the following pages.

Region 9 Awards Portal – Awards Submittal Home Page

ASCE Region 9 Awards Home Project Awards Individual Awards

ASCE Region 9 Awards


2015 ASCE REGION 9 AWARD NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND OCTOBER 31, 2015. CLICK THE LINKS TO THE NOMINATION FORMS ALONG THE RIGHTHAND SIDE OF THIS PAGE.

Awards Home
Project Award Nomination Form
Individual Award Nomination Form
Review Committee
Export Nominations
2015 Awards Ceremony
Archive


Administration

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2015 ASCE San Diego Planning Committee Members



ASCE Region 9 Governors at the 2015 Awards Ceremony

Region 9 Awards Portal – Project Award Data Entry Screen

ASCE Region 9 Awards Home Project Awards Individual Awards

You should see a "thank you" message upon completion of your submittal. If you do not receive that message, please contact Lori Campbell, ASCE Region 9 Administrator, at (916) 965-1536.

Section *

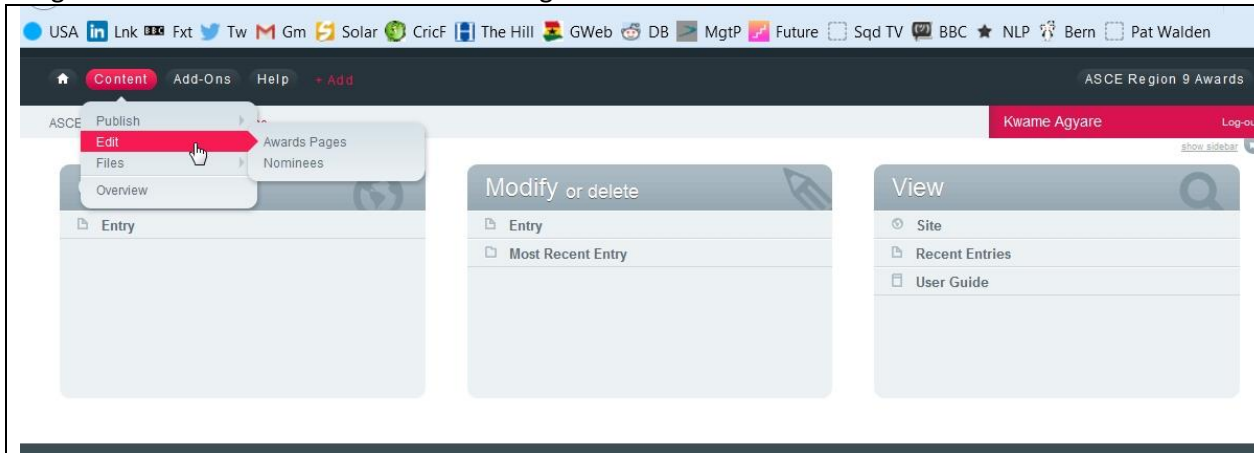
- Los Angeles Section
- Sacramento Section
- San Diego Section
- San Francisco Section

Project Category *

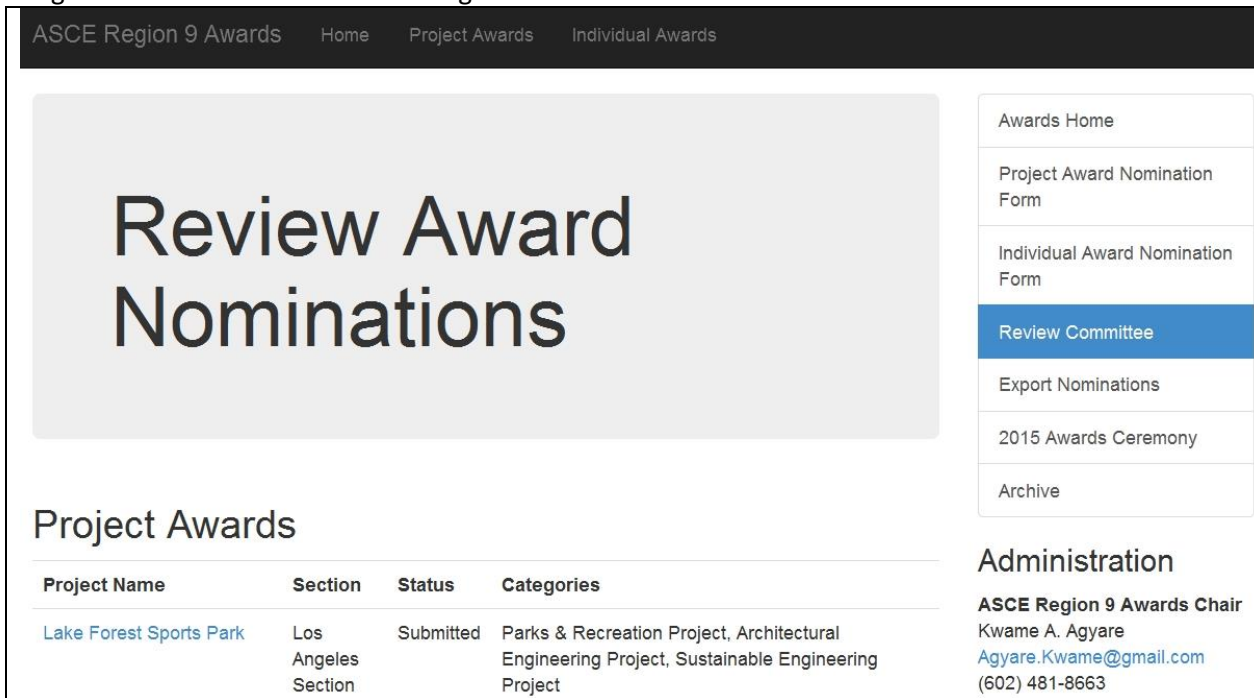
Please select the category or categories that you believe your project could fall under. Select as many categories as might apply. This will allow us to submit your project to the Region for consideration for a Region 9 Award.

- Airports and Ports Project
- Architectural Engineering Project
- Bikeways and Trails Project
- Bridge Project
- Community Improvement Project
- Construction Project
- Energy Project
- Environmental Engineering Project
- Flood Management Project
- Geotechnical Project
- Historical Renovation Project
- Parks and Recreation Project
- Roadway and Highway Project
- Small Project

Region 9 Awards Portal – Administration Page



Region 9 Awards Portal – Review Judges Screen



Online Awards Nomination – Region 9

1. Region	9
2. Project Contact	
Name	Matt Kennedy, P.E., T.E., ENV SP
Phone Number	707-523-1010
Email	matt.kennedy@ghd.com
3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Establishing a coordinated online awards nomination and review system.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	<p>Region 9 implemented an awards program about 10 years ago to recognize the outstanding individuals and projects in the Region. The program currently comprises 15 individual award categories and 21 project award categories. Each of the four Sections in Region 9 (Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego) also hold separate annual awards programs. The Region 9 awards program is organized such that the award winners from each of the Sections are the official nominees for both individual and project awards.</p> <p>The development of an online awards nomination portal began with the Los Angeles Section, particularly the Orange County Branch. The primary goal of the online system is to facilitate the nomination process and improve the flow of nominees from the branches, to the Section, and up to Region 9. The secondary goal is to standardize the nomination information received in each award category in order to simplify the judging process and provide a fair practice for all nominees.</p> <p>Through 2016, each of the Sections organized and maintained their own award nomination forms and process. Not all Sections used an online nomination portal and the information requested for each nominee varied between the Sections. These inconsistencies resulted in differing formats and content within and between the Sections, creating challenges for the judges when evaluating nominees for Region 9 awards.</p> <p>Region 9 followed the example of the Los Angeles Section, and in 2014 implemented an online web portal to receive nominations. The Region 9 Awards Committee hired a web developer (JubJub Interactive, www.jubjub.com) to obtain a web domain (http://www.asceregion9awards.org) and develop the web portal, forms, and fields. A key feature of the web portal that facilitates the upward nomination</p>

	<p>of Section award recipients to Region 9, is that it has all of the award programs on the same or compatible online system architecture. This feature aligns the various information fields included in the nomination portal, such as criteria for each category, nominee information, and nominator (sponsor) information.</p> <p>Region 9 and each of its Sections maintains their own respective online awards nomination portal. Administrative credentials are provided to each awards committee allowing annual updates to their program, including key dates, photos from previous awards ceremonies, and contact information. This feature allows each Section to customize the online nomination portal to their program. Each committee is allowed to internally designate their section’s award winners and nominate them for consideration of Region 9 awards. Judges are also provided a set of credentials, which allows them to log in to the portal and review the nominees online. This avoids the need for the Awards Committees to email or otherwise transmit numerous nomination files to each judge.</p>
<p>6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)</p>	<p>Region 9 and Section Awards Committees and administrators.</p>
<p>7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)</p>	<p>The online nomination portals were first developed in the 2012 – 2014 timeframe and are continuously evolving. 2017 is anticipated to be the first year where all of the Sections and Region 9 are on the same awards portal web platform.</p>
<p>8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)</p>	<p>The online nomination process and review of nominees by the judges for each of the Sections has worked very well. It has simplified the nomination process and helped reduce the amount of time judges need to spend evaluating each nominee.</p>
<p>9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)</p>	<p>Having all of the Sections on the same online platform has taken some time, effort and cost. Each year there are some nominations that are emailed in various formats, which often necessitates additional efforts by the Awards Committees to enter the information into the portal.</p>
<p>10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)</p>	<p>Sponsors for the Region 9 Awards Ceremony are sought each year from the pool of award winners. Obtaining the contact information of the nominees and award winners, particularly the project award winners, has proven to be very valuable in helping to secure sponsorships for the occasion. The sponsors, who are typically the engineering firms that designed the award-winning projects, help to maintain the financial solvency and continuation of the awards programs. It is also an excellent way for companies to improve their visibility and highlight their services to the attendees of the event.</p>
<p>11. Administration (What was most Important)</p>	<p>Implementing an annual awards program, and then setting-up and maintaining the online nomination portal takes effort. It is really important to have, at a minimum, a Chair and Co-Chair for the awards committee. Maintaining close relations with each of the Section Awards Committees helps to ensure a smooth process each year.</p>

12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Regular communication between the Region Awards Committee and Sections' Awards Committee is important to the success of the online nomination process. The timely receipt of nominations assure judges have sufficient time to review them.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Identify a competent, qualified, and responsive web developer who can assist in establishing the online portal. Their assistance in setting-up the website, portal, forms, and fields the way you want them is critical to the successful implementation and maintenance of an online nomination system.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Never move ahead without first obtaining the buy-in of those who need to be involved- coordinate closely and correspond often. Obtain the buy-in from those involved (Section Awards Committees, administrators, etc.) before implementing the system or making changes. Stakeholder buy-in helps assure the success of the program.
15. The Outcome	The outcome of the online awards nomination system and the overall Region 9 Awards Program is multi-faceted. These benefits include the organization of the Sections' and Region Awards Programs and the civil engineering community's recognition of the prestigious Region 9 Awards Program. The program plays an important role in recognizing the achievements of civil engineers and benefits civil engineers make to society through the projects they design.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Absolutely!
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Address	GHD Inc., 2235 Mercury Way, Suite 150, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
Phone Number	707-523-1010
Email	matt.kennedy@ghd.com
18. Additional Comments	This Best Practice includes the following attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCE Region 9 Awards Committee Operations Manual

ASCE Region 9

Awards Committee Operations

Definitions

- **Individual awards** – awards given to a person. For example “Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector” or “Excellence in Journalism”. Currently all ASCE members in Region 9 are eligible for these awards. If, at some point in the future, all Sections in Region 9 give the same individual awards, Region 9 can select its recipients from the pool of individuals that were selected by their Section. However, since currently not all Sections in Region 9 give awards to individuals, it’s not fair to only select from members that have been selected by their Section for an award. However, as of August 2014, all Sections have committed to have at least the Region 9 award categories offered at the Section level.
- **Project awards** – awards are given to an outstanding Civil Engineering Project. Both the project owner and Civil Engineer of Record (entity and engineer) should be recognized. Eligible projects are projects that received a project award from one of the 4 ASCE Sections in Region 9 during the award year.

Award committee membership

Two members from each Section – one member from each Section shall judge the individual award applications and the other member from the Section shall judge project award applications. All members can assist with logistics including ceremony planning.

The Section Board or President can nominate members to serve on the Committee.

Committee Tasks

Schedule

- Typically the constraints on schedule include beginning the judging after the San Francisco and Los Angeles Sections have made their project award selections. Typically this is in late September.
- Have selection complete such that the Board of Governors can approve the committee recommendations 1-2 months prior to the awards ceremony. Typically the ceremony is held in the first or second week of March.
- Letters to selected candidates to go out 2 months (minimum – the earlier the better) prior to the awards ceremony.
- Example schedule:
 - May of previous year: Send a note to Patty Jones at ASCE – Save the Date for President-Elect or President to attend Awards, Symposium, and Leg Day. There is currently a coordination effort between Section presidents to decide which Section receives the attendance of the national officers.
 - May of previous year: identify a date and book the hotel banquet room. Since the symposium now rotates among the Sections, each hosting Section will make the hotel booking arrangements.
 - August 1 – Updated nomination forms posted on website and sent to Sections to include in September Section newsletters. In 2014, a new web-based awards submittal tool is being

developed for the September 8 to October 31 submittal period. A flyer will be developed for each Section newsletter with this information.

- Section Awards: As early as available: Obtain a list from each Section of all the awards given by the Section. This list can be used to track which applications have come in and to identify which individual award categories a Section didn't give (so you can request a nomination from the Section). Make sure the Region Awards are consistent with the Section awards.
 - Los Angeles (www.ascelasection.org)
Due: June 30, Reviewed in August, Awards Ceremony: early October
 - Sacramento (www.asce-sacto.org)
Awards Ceremonies: Projects (February); Individuals (late September)
 - San Diego (<http://www.asce-sd.org/>)
Awards Ceremony: Mid-May
 - San Francisco (<http://www.asce-sf.org/>)
Due: Mid-August, Awards Ceremony: Late September.
- As early as available: Notify all Section award recipients of Region 9 Awards; send them the application directly
- August/September: Determine members of the committee.
- August: identify a way for people to register for the event. In 2014, we used the San Francisco Section's online registration site. In 2015, the San Diego Section will create the registration web site. Determine the price per guest. Discounts to consider and work out: discount for combined registration for symposium and awards; reduced fee for booking an entire table, discount for students, half price for YMF.
- August/September: Work out contract with the hotel for banquet room, food, service, cash bar, audio-visuals. In 2015, this will be coordinated by the San Diego Section.
- September: identify a way to receive, organize, and transmit applications to Awards Committee members. The web-based system will handle this.
- September 1: Website for awards applications, signups and sponsorship should be up and ready to use.
- End of October - Applications Due, distribute to committee for review.
- Nov 15 – scoring due to committee Chair
- Thanksgiving week: Committee conference calls: one for individual awards, one for project awards. Allow 2 hours for the calls (esp. project awards)
- December BOG meeting: BOG votes on awards
- December: notify all of the outcomes, invite winners to awards event. Post on website. Ask for contact information of all team members if not provided with nomination (engineer, contractors, CM) to invite to the Awards Banquet.
- December to mid-January: make program and PowerPoint presentation. Get information from award recipients if needed. Prepare Script for ceremony; identify 2 Governors to alternate on reading script. Ask one Governor to help with distributing plaques at the ceremony.

- December to mid-January: Work with Infrastructure Symposium planning committee to get event and awards dinner sponsors.
- Mid-January – create Word template for each plaque, send to recipient to check spellings, names, etc.
- Late January – should have all plaque information finalized, sent to engraving company. Additional plaques – allow 3 weeks for delivery.
- Late January: Program contents should be ready to send to graphic designer. In 2011 and 2012, Patrick Ramos at Kimley–Horn prepared the programs, In 2014, Renee Remillard of GHD, Inc in Santa Rosa prepared them.
- Mid-February – print certificates of appreciation for the judges
- Mid-February – Get raffle tickets and prizes (gift cards). No raffles have been offered since 2014.

Nomination form

Includes standard information to be obtained from all nominations including:

- For project awards
 - name of person/organization making the nomination (nominator) including ASCE member number
 - have a listing of typical award categories on the form for the nominator to circle potential applicable categories they think the project may be selected for
 - name of entity and contact (phone and email) for project “owner”
 - name and contact (phone and e-mail) of Civil Engineer of Record (Company and Engineer)
 - contact information (phone and e-mail) for nominator if different than above
 - ASCE Section and Branch project is located in
 - 3 electronic project photos (minimum)
 - short paragraph with information that would be put into the awards program booklet (include an example template and limit of 150 words)
 - a copy of the same application and documentation submitted to their Section for the Section’s awards selection process
- For individual awards,
 - name of person/organization making the nomination (nominator) including ASCE member number
 - nominee contact name, phone number, employer and e-mail address and ASCE member number if required for the category
 - have a listing of award categories on the form for the nominator to circle which category the nomination is for.
 - ASCE Section and Branch nominee is located in
 - electronic photo of nominee (good resolution)
 - short paragraph with information that would be put into the awards program booklet (include an example template and limit of 150 words)

Marketing and Advertising

- Post forms and information on Region 9 website [Aug 1].
- Distribute to Sections to be included in Sept and October newsletters.
- Work with Section Presidents, Branch Presidents, Section Awards Committee Chairs and Region 9 Governors to encourage nominations for the individual awards. Try to work with Sections to get one individual for each category from each Section [as soon as Section Awards are given]
- Obtain the list of award selections from each of the 4 Sections. Contact (or have the Section's contact) award winners to obtain a copy of their application and have them complete the Region 9 Nomination Form described in the "Nomination Form" section of this document. Applications should come directly from applicant and not be forwarded by Section otherwise people don't know they applied and will be confused when they win. [as soon as Section Awards are given; mid-October at the latest]
- Send reminder notes to applicants and nominators a week ahead of the deadline.

Awards Email address

- All correspondence should be sent to asce.r9.awards@gmail.com
- Password: Region9ASCE

Nomination Processing

- Track applications received on a spreadsheet or using the online nomination portal. Check each application for completeness. Contact applicants regarding incomplete applications.
- Compile applications into packets and send to each judge (can post to FTP site or send "thumb" drive to most judges). In 2012: we created an Awards folder on DropBox.
- Keep all submittals in the gmail account so you can check and re-check that all have been downloaded and entered into the spreadsheet.
- See 'Tracking summary' spreadsheet – one worksheet is sorted by section, and the other sheet is sorted by award type to ensure that all categories have at least one nominee.
- If there are only a few nominees from a Section, follow up with the Section Presidents. If no nominations for Legislator of the Year: ask Richard Markuson for recommendations.

Awards Selection

- If several nominations are received that may be deserving of awards:
 - We gave 'honorable mention' awards several years ago but more recent committees preferred not to give them and thought it was better not to.
 - Create new categories, e.g., small water, small transportation, etc. to recognize all the deserving projects.
 - Identify projects that are the cream of the crop and deserve awards. Then create categories match those deserving projects so we don't give awards in all categories all years, but tailor the categories to match the exceptional projects. For example, if there are two great water projects, instead of giving one an honorable mention, you give two categories of water projects, whatever

is appropriate for the specific project. It's also good to recognize smaller great projects that can't compete with the mega-projects. Give approximately (give or take some) the same number of awards we have given in the past.

Scoring and choosing the award winners

- Develop and update the score sheet for judges
- Send the committee members copies of the applications and a score sheet
- Have the committee members (judges) fill out the score sheet and send to the committee chair or administrator
- Compile the results from all the judges into one spreadsheet and send results to the judges
- Hold a conference call with the award committee judges to discuss the judges scores, the nominations and formulate recommendations for award recipients
- Ask the Government Relations committee and Region 9 lobbyist to provide input on the Legislator of the Year award.

Region 9 Board of Governors' approval

- Present Board of Governors the list of proposed award recipients at a regularly schedule conference call for their approval

Letters

- Send award letter to recipients
 - CC the Section Presidents where the person or project is located
 - CC the nominator
- For the project awards, if the owner is not the submitter, cc the owner as well.
- Send regrets to project and individual award candidates that were not selected.
- Include with the letters: additional plaque order form, registration form, symposium advertisement, sponsorship form, request for program write up and photo (if not included as part of the application), example program page from previous year (or post last year's program on the web and provide them with a link). Explain that one complimentary plaque will be given to the project owner (or individual for individual awards) at the banquet, but that additional plaques can be purchased.
- Project owners are encouraged to invite guests, project team members, etc. (but must pay for the meal). Include an option to buy a table at a slightly reduced rate. Determine the fee schedule ahead of time as part of the registration process.
- For project awards: invite owner and civil engineer of record to accept award jointly, if possible.
- Once letters go out, post the winners on the webpage (along with the sponsor form, plaque order form, registration form).
- Invite the legislators personally.

Slideshow/Presentation for the awards ceremony

- Develop a PowerPoint presentation or video that contains photos and information about each recipient. Check for consistency with plaque information sent to recipients.
- Invite the Project of the Year recipient to make a short (5 minute) presentation. Get ppt file for Project of the Year presentation ahead of time; incorporate into ceremony PowerPoint.

- Invite ‘Lifetime Achievement’ Award recipient to make a short presentation.
- Develop script for all presenters and MC (include company names and bullet points about the project). Include introductions of BOG, legislators, awards committee members, all special guests, ASCE Pres-Elect (or other representative).
 - Script for projects: Include a 1 sentence description of the project, 2-3 highlights, then 2-3 particular challenges
 - Script for individuals: Include 3-4 bullet description of the person’s contributions. Include 1-2 statements from the nomination letters.
- At banquet: 2 governors alternate on reading the script.
- In the banquet room: Put all plaques in order consistent with the program
- Invite Pres-elect to make a short (2-min) Ask the President-Elect to make a short speech: welcome, congratulate the award recipients, and briefly whatever else they feel like saying (5 mins).
 - Put that segment right before the first award so the Pres-elect can remain up front to hand out plaques and take photos.

Program book for awards ceremony

Need to identify a graphics person early on!!

Create a program book to include

- Agenda
- List of Governors, Section Presidents and Awards Committee Members. Include photos of each, if space allows.
- Picture: Project photo or photo of individual recipient
- Write-up on each award winner. Project awards to list both owner and Civil Engineer of record. Write ups to be 150 words or less, 200 words or less for the project of the year.
- Include all awards dinner sponsors.
- In the banquet room: Put program at each place setting (e.g., on chair)

Hotel Logistics

- Arrange for the pricing, food, schedule, room size, layout, screen, ,cash bar, audio visual, etc. with the hotel.
- Coordinate with the Infrastructure Symposium planning committee on room/venue, timing of use between Symposium and Awards.

Registration

- Track RSVP’s and payments
- Complimentary tickets:
 - Governors, ASCE Pres-elect, Region 9 lobbyist, Region 9 Admin, members of the Awards Committee
 - Student tickets, but ask Sections/Branches to help fund Student’s travel costs
 - Carefully review Individual requests that demonstrate hardship (e.g., retired, students, unemployed, gov’t employee who is not reimbursed by organization)
 - Consider complimentary tickets for ASCE Gov’t relations staff.

- Legislators: Typically they want to pay the cost of the meal so they don't have to report it. Have them pay just the food cost from the hotel, not the full fee, that way neither we nor they have to report as a contribution.

Check-in

- Have nametags and table signs for table purchases made up ahead of time. Put meal choice ticket inside name tag and put name tags in alphabetical order.
- Have at least 3 volunteers staffing the table for check in.
- Provide a raffle ticket to each guest when they check in and put the 2nd half of the raffle ticket in a bowl. That way any no-shows will not be drawn from the bowl during the ceremony. Buy raffle ticket roll if not left over from last year.

Sponsors

- Recruit sponsors for raffle tickets and/or the ceremony. Add raffle ticket sponsorship to registration/donation form. This was discontinued since 2014.

Plaque Order (one copy for each award order a month before the ceremony)

- Send the plaque text to each recipient to check the content and spelling (mid-January). This would also be a good time for them to order extra plaques, if desired.
- Project award plaques to be given to project owner paid out of the Region 9 Awards Committee budget. Plaques are large and in the shape of California. Honorable mentions get smaller plaques shaped as California.
- Current company being used is "Stenson's Engraving" at approximately \$100 apiece including shipping.
 - Order from Celeste or Ward (stensonengraving@comcast.net)
 - Stenson's Engraving, 6231 Pacific Ave, Ste-7, Stockton, CA 95207
 - (tel) 209-476-9991
 - (fax) 209-476-9992
- Cost of plaques in 2014:
 - Large plaques: Cost to Region 9: \$90 before tax
Charged for additional plaque: \$150
 - Small plaques: Cost to Region 9: \$60 before tax
Charged for additional plaque: \$110
- Order plaques so they arrive at least two weeks ahead of time. Check for accuracy.
- Have plaques delivered enough ahead of the ceremony to correct any mistakes.
- Double check all the plaques upon receipt. Order the plaques enough ahead of time that any plaques with mistakes can be shipped back for the company to fix.

Additional plaque order

- SUGGESTED CHANGE FOR 2015: Have all plaque orders be made online through the Infrastructure Symposium registration website. Place a line to the plaque order form on the Region 9 Awards web portal.
- Include a copy of the form for additional plaque orders with the selection letters.
- Have them shipped directly to person ordering.

- For project awards, the additional plaques will usually include the name of the entity ordering the additional plaque and the owner entities name.
- All project plaques must include the project owner’s name. Any requests for not including the project owner’s name on the plaque shall be denied, regardless of the employment status or affiliation of the person/entity ordering the plaque. This policy has been reviewed by the Board of Governors and been upheld.
- Project plaques must include the company or agency name, never individual people names.
- For some projects, many of the participants will want plaques, so you may end up ordering several that say “owner name + designer firm’s name”, “owner name + geotech firm’s name”, etc.
- Charge more for the additional plaques than the plaques cost. Typically, the awards committee has profited \$50 each on the additional plaques. This helps offset the cost of the awards program and the scholarships for the students.

Awards Ceremony Logistics:

- Follow up with all recipients to confirm attendance at the ceremony (if someone hasn’t responded, they may not have gotten the letter).
- Preparation for Awards ceremony:
 - Bring cloth to wipe the plaques.
 - Make a poster (on poster board) of all sponsors to place near the check-in desk. Bring stand or check that the hotel can provide one.
 - LCD projector and computer. Bring back up computer.
 - Scholarship check for ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Student award – Get Check from Region 9 Treasurer before the ceremony.
 - Bring copies of plaque order form to ceremony, and incorporate into program.
 - In the banquet room: Put all plaques in order consistent with the program
- ASCE President-elect (or if unavailable, Region 9 Director) should hand plaque to recipient. Ask one governor or committee member to assist with handing plaques to President-Elect
- People to contact:
 - Invite the ASCE President-Elect to the Awards. (contact Patty Jones at ASCE) This should happen in September as their schedule fills up fast. Ask the President-Elect to make a short speech: welcome, congratulate the award recipients, and briefly whatever else they feel like saying (5 mins).
 - Invite Region 9 Governors and Committee members to dinner (complimentary)
 - Arrange for a photographer – preferably a volunteer that has a camera that can take rapid-succession flash photos.
 - Three volunteers to help with the registration—two for the pre-registered guests and one for the on-site registration.
 - 2 Governors to alternate on reading script for awards.
 - 1 Governor to hand correct awards to President Elect
- Things to order through the facility:
 - Projection screen through the hotel. Before the banquet, make sure the projector works, the screen is visible from all sections of the room, and not shining in the eyes of the speaker.
 - Podium with microphone. Check that it works before the banquet.
 - 4 side tables to lay out plaques before the ceremony.
- Ceremony program:

- 6 p.m. – seating
- 6:15 p.m. – start serving dinner, make ‘Welcome’ remarks, recognize BOG, Awards committee. President –Elect gives 5 mins of remarks, then everyone can eat.
- 6:40 p.m. – start Awards Ceremony. Plan to end by 8 p.m.

After Awards Ceremony:

- Post photos to Region 9 website. Easiest to post to Photobucket or Picasa web-album with a link on the Region 9 sites.
- Update operations manual.
- Thank you notes – ASCE Pre-elect, anyone else who helped with the event.

Run-of-Show – General Region 9 Awards Banquet

Before ceremony: If at all possible, podium / lectern should be set to one side so the award winners can take center stage to receive their award. Three 8’ tables should be set up on the floor off the stage on the side next to the podium for plaques. Plaques will be laid out in order right after lunch if the room is available.

- Committee Chair and Co-Chair will place programs at each setting.
- Committee Chair and Co-Chair to place table signs in sign holders for reserved tables.
- Committee Chair and Co-Chair to place “thank you” table sign with Awards Sponsor logos.

5 – 6 p.m. *A/V: Powerpoint presentation should be on the looped project award slideshow as people enter.*

- Check-in by Committee Chair and Co-Chair, reception.
- Have at least 3 people staffing the table for check in.
- Provide a raffle ticket (if having a raffle) to each guest when they check in and put the 2nd half of the raffle ticket in a bowl. That way any no-shows will not be drawn from the bowl during the ceremony.
- Pre-set salad, rolls.

6 p.m. Welcome and introductions (Committee Chair MC Event)

A/V: Queue up the introduction and awards Powerpoint presentation slideshow.

- Committee Chair – Welcomes guests, brief background on the awards selection. Introduces Awards Committee. Introduce Region 9 Director.
- Region 9 Director – Introduce Region 9 BOG. Thank the Symposium Committee, Awards Committee, Symposium Committee. Introduce the ASCE Section President or President-Elect.
- Section President or President-Elect – Brief remarks on importance of infrastructure, importance of recognizing CE excellence
- Committee Chair thanks Section President or President-Elect, Introduce Symposium Chair
- Symposium Chair – Brief remarks on Symposium.

6:15-6:20 p.m. Start serving dinner as soon as video starts.

A/V: As soon as video is done, go back to the powerpoint presentation.

Tables to serve first: Board of Governors with Agyare and President or President-Elect.

Please let Committee Chair know as soon as all tables are served. 10 mins after all tables are served, Committee Chair, 2 Governors, and President or President-Elect (and maybe Region 9 Director), will get up to present the awards.

6:45 p.m. Awards presentation starts, starting with Projects.

- Individual Awards Presentation
- Project of the Year Presentation
- Project Awards Presentation
- Committee Chair and 1 Governor will read info about each.
- 1 Governor or Administrator will give plaques to President or President-Elect to present in the order that the awards are listed in the program.
- Awardees come up to stage to receive award. President or President-Elect to hand each recipient their award, take photo.
- Raffle drawings will be held after every 10 awards. One of the Governors will help give out the prizes.
- 10 minute break after Individual Awards. The break can be used for photo opportunities against the backdrop of the Awards Dinner banners. Then Project of the Year presentation. Then immediately begin the Project Awards.

8:45 p.m. Program ends

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Region Assembly National Strategic Initiative Examination– Region 3

1. Region	3
2. Project Contact	
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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Region Assembly National Strategic Initiative Examination
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	<p>During the six months prior to the Region Three Assembly, the Governors examined a National Strategic Initiative. Research included review of National Strategic Documents, development of a summary of the history of the Strategic Initiative, interviews with ASCE Leaders and Staff leading the Strategic Initiatives and with critics, and canvassing Sections and Branches to determine the level of member understanding of the Strategic Initiative. Section and Branch Leaders were encouraged to perform their own study and to develop their unit’s position regarding the Initiative. Two months prior to the Assembly, the Governors would prepare and disseminate a draft Region Resolution for Section and Branch consideration at the Assembly.</p> <p>Very early in the process with the confirmation of the Assembly date, time, and location, invitations to ASCE Leaders and ASCE Staff assigned to the Strategic Initiative were invited to attend and present at the Assembly, offering the PRO viewpoints and arguments supporting the National Initiative. The Assembly Program commenced with the PRO viewpoints. Governors then offered the results of their examination in a fully open, honest, and transparent manner, which could be PRO, CON, or both. Subsequent to the presentations, ample time was allowed for Section and Branch Leaders to question to the presenters, to offer their Unit’s opinion, and to offer their personal opinions.</p> <p>The final result culminated in a group debate regarding the Resolution content. Upon reaching substantial consensus, a vote was taken to ratify the Resolution. The Resolution was then submitted to the ASCE Board of Direction and disseminated to the Sections and Branches.</p>
6. Those in Charge	The Board of Governors

(Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Begin 6 months prior to the Assembly
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Dramatic increase in Strategic Initiative Understanding
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	Criticism of the Initiatives are sensitive at the National Level
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Begin early. Invite early
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Reporting back to the Sections and Branches the results and effects of the Resolution.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Be open, honest, and fully transparent.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Shade the Governors' presentation to the Section and Branch Leaders in any form.
15. The Outcome	First, the Section and Branch Leaders gain a strong understanding of the Initiative. Second, worthwhile National Strategic Initiatives will gain traction at the Section and Branch level.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Regularly
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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Terrell Award – Region 4

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4. Project Description	Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition – Region 4 Ethics Paper Competition for Younger Members
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	Every year Region 4 sponsors an Ethics Paper Competition for Younger Members modeled after the Society’s Mead Award. Once the Mead topic is announced, the Terrell Award Co-Chairs put together the announcement for the Award for approval by the Region Governors. The Region does reserve the right to select our own topic, but normally do not, so that participants can enter both the Mead and Terrell competitions. Once approved the announcement is sent out to the Region e-mail list via Constant Contact. This usually occurs in late Fall/early Winter timeframe. The deadline for submittals is March 1. Entries must be submitted by the Section President and each Section can submit up to two papers. The evaluation of entries has two components, written paper and oral presentation. The papers are judged by independent judges, which typically include college professors. The oral presentations are judged by participants in the Assembly meeting where the entries are presented. The competition offers cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, and in addition the 1st place recipient receives a bronze plaque. All entrants have their Assembly of Delegates meeting and dinner expenses covered by Region 4.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Monica Sartain & Jon Keeling – Committee Co-Chairs
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Announcement sent out in the late Fall/ early Winter time frame and the response deadline is March 1
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Submittals for the Competition varies by year based on the interest level of the topic selected for the Mead Competition.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not)	Submittals for the Competition varies by year based on the interest level of the topic selected for the Mead Competition.

Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up! Send multiple e-mails and reminders. Make sure entrants know the Mead Award is separate. Make sure that your chair (or co- chairs) are able to dedicate some time throughout the year to keep this competition going (for us, the majority of time is needed in early Fall to coordinate getting announcement put together, and then in the Spring to coordinate communication with entrants, grading of papers, and coordination of oral presentation at the Region 4 Assembly of Delegates meeting).
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Make sure the winner receives their award/plaque at a public event.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up! Send multiple e-mails and reminders. Make sure entrants know the Mead Award is separate. Communicate that Student Members have opportunity to enter other competitions (Terrell is for Younger Members within the Region only).
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Assume people will submit without multiple reminders, and for certain topics multiple direct asks.
15. The Outcome	Successful program that's been running for decades (originally established at District 9 Council in the 1950s).
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
18. Additional Comments	See attached for photo of plaque, and an example competition announcement



TO: Younger Members in Region 4

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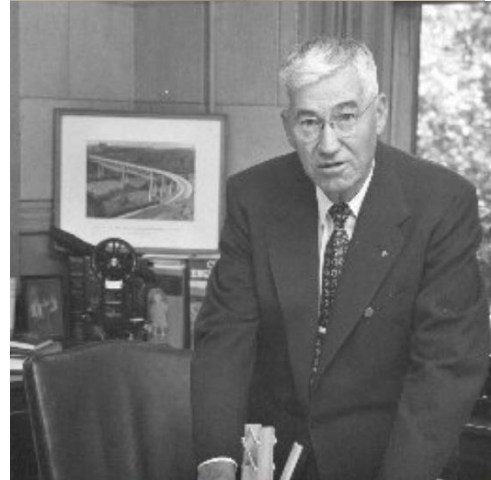
RE: 2017 Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition

The Region 4 Assembly, which includes all members of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in the states of Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, sponsors an annual competition and award for a Younger Member who resides within Region 4. A Younger Member is defined as a member, associate member, or affiliate of ASCE (not including student members) not over 35 years of age on February 1, 2017.

The award is named after Daniel V. Terrell of the Kentucky Section. He was Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and President of ASCE on the Society level in 1954. This award is presented annually for the outstanding paper submitted on a topic established by the Region 4 Assembly. The winner of the D.V. Terrell award receives Society and peer acclaim as well as an impressive bronze plaque and cash prize in recognition of the time and effort put into this competition.

If one chooses to enter the Daniel V. Terrell competition, the paper must be submitted to the Terrell Committee, by the entrant's Section President, by March 1, 2017. Two (2) papers per Section may be entered in the Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition. The entrant must then present their paper during the Spring 2017 Meeting of the Region 4 Assembly to be held in May 2017 (specific dates and location to be determined). Financial assistance to travel and attend this meeting (i.e. travel stipend) may be available from the entrant's Section and/or Branch and should be requested by the entrant to their respective Section/Branch (entrant's registration and award dinner is covered by Region 4). Travel arrangements to the meeting should be coordinated with the entrant's respective Branch and/or Section.

For additional information on the Daniel V. Terrell competition, please contact your Section Officers or the Committee members noted above.



2016 DVT Award Recipient Matt Lovell (on right)

THE DANIEL V. TERRELL PAPER COMPETITION

The Region 4 Assembly of the American Society of Civil Engineers is proud to conduct the Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition for Younger Members. This prestigious competition has been held for over 60 years and commemorates Dean Terrell's many years of work and service to the Society and especially his leadership in the establishment of the District Council System, the predecessor of the Region 4 Assembly. All members, associate members or affiliates of ASCE (not including student members) who are 35 years of age or less on February 1, 2016, residing in Region 4, are eligible to submit papers in this competition. The following rules are to be observed:

The Daniel V. Terrell competition topic (same as the topic for the society's Daniel W. Mead Contest) must address professional ethics with respect to the following question or statement:

"Is it ethical for university engineering faculty to teach technical subject matter to engineering students without obtaining professional licensure?"

The following can be used to stimulate, but should in no way limit, the discussion:

- Some states require this (such as Idaho) while some states do not. How does that affect the success of a university program?
- Should all 50 states be consistent with this?
- Should there be additional routes to obtain professional licensure, such as through research and a doctorate degree?

The following rules apply to the Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition:

- No individual may submit more than one paper in a given year.
- Please include your ASCE member ID number, your name, and Section/Branch on the paper.
- The paper shall be of such length that it can be presented orally in not more than fifteen minutes and contain no more than 2000 words.
- Submit one electronic copy of the paper, preferably a PDF, with a cover letter to your Section President so that he/she can meet the March 1, 2017 submittal deadline. **Entrants should coordinate with their respective Section well in advance of the submittal deadline, as the official submittal to the competition must come from the Section.** Late submittals will not be accepted. Each Section is limited to two entries.
- The paper must be presented orally, by the author, before the Region 4 Assembly at the Spring 2017 meeting to be held in May 2017 (specific date and location TBD).

(Contestants are encouraged to seek financial support from their Sections and Branches for travel expenses to present their papers.)

Reference citations of the papers should conform to official ASCE Journal Submission Guidelines, which can be found on the ASCE Publications website:

<http://ascelibrary.org/page/authors>. Plagiarism is not acceptable and reference citations will be considered under scoring for Originality.

AWARDS:

- **First Place** - Bronze plaque (see picture on front) + \$500 cash prize
- **Second Place** - \$250 cash prize

COMPETITION SCORING:

Presentation of Paper - 35% (Delivery and Effectiveness - 20%, Choice of Words, Literary Style Pronunciation and Enunciation - 10%, Timing - 5%) **Content of Paper** - 65% (Material - 40%, Acquaintance with subject - Scope - 10%, Originality - Independence - 10%, Arrangement - 5%)

Note:

While the topic for D.V. Terrell competition is the same as for the Daniel W. Mead Contest, it is not necessary that an entry be made to both competitions. The deadline for entry into the Society's Daniel W. Mead Contest is February 1, 2017.

For more information on the Mead Contest please go to the ASCE YMG website at:

<http://www.asce.org/templates/award-detail.aspx?id=1487>

Fall Assembly Meeting – Region 8

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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Prior to each Region 8 Assembly meeting, the Region 8 Board of Governors (BOG) polls the 12 Region 8 Sections to find out areas of interest and concerns. The BOGs led by the Director develop the agenda for the meeting based on the feedback.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	<p>The Region 8 Assembly meets face-to-face twice annually. The Fall Planning Assembly Meeting is held in the August/September time frame over two days. The Winter Assembly meeting is held the day prior to the Regions 8 and 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference. We typically invite one Presidential officer to attend our Fall Planning meeting.</p> <p>About two months prior to the Assembly meeting, registration opens. With the registration, the R8 BOG polls the Region 8 Section leaders with a handful of questions. The feedback is used to develop the sessions for the Assembly meeting.</p> <p>A sample of typical questions asked are listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What do you hope to get out of the meeting? b. In what ways are Region 8 Assembly meetings beneficial to your Section? How can they be improved? c. What topics would be of value to you for breakout sessions? d. Do you have any specific questions for the BOG, Region 8 Director or Society-level visitor? e. What do you expect from the BOG? How can we improve Section interaction? f. What is the greatest issue ASCE is facing? g. What is the biggest challenge facing you as a Section officer? h. Have you implemented any local activities to address the Society's strategic initiatives? i. Do you have any ideas that could help struggling Sections/Branches? Or any other ideas you wish to share? j. Would your Section be interested in hosting a future Fall meeting? <p>The agendas for the meetings typically consist of speakers and breakout</p>

	<p>sessions to address and discuss the feedback from the attendees. The breakout sessions allow Sections to share successes and challenges with other Sections. Also, it helps the Governors really under the issues that our Sections are facing and to focus our research to try and help solve their problems.</p>
<p>6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)</p>	<p>Region 8 Board of Governors. A Region 8 Governor serves as the Conference Committee Chair who sets up the registration and survey questions. The BOG assists with the list of survey questions.</p> <p>The Region 8 Director prepares the draft agenda and receives feedback from the BOG on the sessions planned.</p> <p>Region 8 Governors are assigned to facilitate the breakout session topics.</p>
<p>7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out registration and survey questions two months prior to Assembly meeting. Request feedback within two weeks. b. Prepare draft agenda a minimum of 45 days prior to Assembly meeting and present to Board of Governors for approval. c. Send out agenda one month prior to Assembly meeting. Agenda would include breakout session topics.
<p>8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)</p>	<p>Requesting topics from Assembly delegates provides greater value to the delegates.</p> <p>Letting the delegates know the breakout session topics ahead of the meeting allows them to select which topics they want to participate in and prepare accordingly.</p>
<p>9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)</p>	<p>In some years, we start the process too late and don't allow enough time to get Section feedback or advertise the dates and the agenda. As a result, we don't receive an attendee from each Section.</p>
<p>10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)</p>	<p>We work with the host Section to organize a fun activity so that we are not stuck in a meeting room for the entire time. In 2018, we toured the Grand Coulee Dam near Spokane, WA. In 2017, we received a presentation on and toured Mt. Zion National Park in Silverdale, UT. In 2016, we toured the Arrowrock Dam and participated in a National Historic Landmark Ceremony in Boise, ID.</p>
<p>11. Administration (What was most Important)</p>	<p>Make sure each Section knows the dates of the Assembly meeting at least six months early. Distribute the survey and registration early enough.</p>
<p>12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)</p>	<p>Remind Sections to register and provide feedback.</p>
<p>13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)</p>	<p>Not repeat the exact format and types of sessions year after year. Mix it up but at the same time keep Sections informed on what to expect so they can prepare accordingly.</p>
<p>14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)</p>	<p>Not get feedback from the Sections.</p> <p>Do not distribute the agenda late.</p>
<p>15. The Outcome</p>	<p>Member value is achieved.</p> <p>An active relationship between the Board of Governors and Sections are achieved.</p>
<p>16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)</p>	<p>Fun activity.</p> <p>A session about the Region so new delegates understand the organizational relationship between the Region and the Sections and how the Governors and</p>

	Director can help them.
17. Speaker Contact Information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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18. Additional Comments	

Regional Corresponding Members – Region 7

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4. Project Description	Engagement by Section and Branch members as Corresponding Members to the Region by including them in monthly conference calls and other Region functions to foster better communication and expose active members to the governance structure of ASCE and future advancement opportunities.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	In addition to Region Assembly delegates from each Section, Region 7 has invited ASCE leadership from Sections, Branches and Student Chapters to attend Region Governor’s meetings.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Region 7 Director and Governors are the voting members of the BOG and the Corresponding Members are non-voting members who attend non-executive sessions with the BOGs.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Starting in Fall 2017, Region Delegates attending the Region Assembly in Lawrence, KS were asked to participate in the Region 7 Board of Governors monthly conference calls. This activity is ongoing. Region 7 Board of Governors meet once a month, two meetings are face to face and the remaining are conference calls.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	The Regions purpose is to provide a pipeline between the Society and the Geographic Units. The Corresponding Members are active members in leadership roles at the Section and Branch level. This helps expedite a more direct communication of Society initiatives, tools and activities to the Branches and Sections and likewise a more direct communication of the Section and Branch issues, needs and successes to the Region. Continued engagement from the Sections and Branches on a more frequent basis allows Corresponding Members to assist with the newsletter, website, planning assembly events, feedback on award and grant rules, etc.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	Consistency from year to year, as Sections and Branches determine their delegates, and there can be yearly turnover. As well, the pool of corresponding members were attendees at the annual Assembly who volunteered to become a corresponding member. Therefore, the Sections and/or Branches who attend the Assembly and volunteer are in the

	Corresponding Member ranks. Those Sections and Branches who either did not participate or their delegate did not volunteer do not have a Corresponding Member for the following year.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Corresponding Members assist with certain region activities (ie: management of the Region website), which other Regions may not allow for, giving local leadership more direct involvement with Region affairs.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	The most important part of having Section delegates or representatives of other Branches and Student Chapters becoming involved in the Assembly, monthly conferences calls and Region administration, is having individuals excited about ASCE engaged at another level. That helps the Region, but more importantly, it's another line of communication to ASCE leadership at the lower levels.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Finding a Champion that would participate and communicate back to their Section and/or Branch. Including everyone in correspondence and invite all to participate.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Stress the importance of the Corresponding Members and thank them regularly for their time and efforts. Encourage Sections, Branches and Student Chapters to attend the annual Region Assembly meeting and increase your pool of leadership succession.
14. Cautions (Recommendation What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Never assume that the Section delegate is the only one interested in attending or knows of the activities of all Branches and Student Chapters in the Section.
15. The Outcome	<p>Provides an enhanced mechanism for Region priorities, programs and activities to be effectively communicated at all constituent levels of the Regions. This resulted in a widespread distribution of the Region 7 Grant Program and ultimately allowed for Branches to benefit from the program.</p> <p>Since all Sections and Branches at the Region 7 Assembly report on their yearly activities and budgets, a secondary outcome was hearing about Section and Branch successes directly from the leaders themselves. This exercise can lead to new ideas and more efficient programs for other Sections and Branches. Branches and Sections can ask in depth questions about activities that interest them that someone else is already doing successfully and they have a personal contact to reach out to gain more insight</p> <p>The Wichita Branch felt that the benefits of attending the region assembly were so important to the success of the Branch that he offered to organize and host an Assembly meeting in Wichita so that other officers could attend.</p>
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes. I am currently a Corresponding Member to the Region.
17. Speaker Contact information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	

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18. Additional Comments (We strongly recommend attaching relevant photos and graphics)	The monthly BOG meetings focus largely on the administration of the Region, Sections and Branches. Attendees can gain a lot of good information about Society initiatives, Region outreach, and other activities going on with other Sections and Branches in the Region.

Region “Wall of Fame” – Region 5

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4. Project Description	Region 5 introduced an awards program in 2017. In addition to recognizing an annual Civil Engineer of the Year and Young Civil Engineer of the Year, the Region wanted a way to recognize members that had made substantial ongoing contributions to the Region; thus we developed the “Wall of Fame”
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Region 5 Wall of Fame - a designation to honor Civil Engineers that have made a substantial contribution to ASCE, Region 5, and the Civil Engineering community. Nominations will be considered annually, with no more than 3 candidates selected for the honor in a given year.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	Nominees for the Region 5 Wall of Fame must be a Fellow or Life Member of ASCE, at least 55 years or older, made significant contributions to the Civil Engineering Profession, supported and promoted ASCE, Region 5, and the Civil Engineering Profession, and be endorsed by two Licensed Professional Engineers not on the Board of Directors of the nominating branch.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	The Region developed a universal award application (for Civil Engineer of the Year, Young Civil Engineer of the Year, and Wall of Fame) in 2016 that was rolled out for 2017 nominations. To develop the application, existing awards programs from Sections throughout the Region were reviewed to highlight similarity in an attempt to streamline the application process, allowing Sections forward materials from Section/Branch award winners to the Region for Region Award Consideration. The first Region 5 award recipients were selected in the Fall of 2018.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	When developing the Wall of Fame program, the Region wanted something similar to a Lifetime Achievement award, but did not like the connotation that someone’s career was reaching the end that Lifetime Achievement often conveys. We decided that if the Region had a physical headquarters, these are the faces we’d like to recognize on our walls to say thank you to

	their service, so we did the same with a virtual “wall” on our website.
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Ensuring the information on the new Award was made available to all Sections and Branches is critical to getting adequate response. The Region made the award applications available on their website and used the Region Governors as a resource to reach each Section and Branch.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	After a nominee is selected for the award, it is important to work with them to identify where and how they would like to be recognized. The closest Governor should visit their Branch, Section, Annual Meeting, Conference, and/or Employer to ensure they are properly recognized.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Additionally, it is important to collect their biography and picture for posting on the Region website.
15. The Outcome	Always make sure your inductees are recognized and thanked for their contribution.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	After the first two years, minor modifications to the awards nomination and application process were made.
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18. Additional Comments	Applications can be found at: http://regions.asce.org/region5/resources Past award winners are highlighted at: http://regions.asce.org/region5/awards

Emergency Preparedness Training – Region 9

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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Evaluator Training held in Fresno on 10/24/15.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	California’s Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CAL-OES) has a well-established program of training volunteers and State government employees who are either civil engineers, structural engineers, architects or building officials/specific inspectors to do rapid assessments of structures and infrastructure after a disaster (earthquakes primarily, but can be wind, flood, explosions, etc.). ASCE is one of five organizations (AIA, SEAOC, ACIA and CALBO) that maintain databases of trained and certified SAP Evaluators and SAP Coordinators who would be called out in the event of a disaster. A very successful training session was conducted in Fresno on 10/24/15 at CSU-Fresno from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	As the ASCE Disaster Preparedness committee chair, I was in charge of coordinating and promoting the training session and reporting trainee information to CAL OES.
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	Coordination to set up the event, get a classroom at CSU-Fresno and request an SAP Trainer to conduct the training began in early September.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	28 people were trained, which is a fairly large class. Much of the success was due to the training being FREE to participants (history has shown that charging a substantial fee results in small classes). Popcorn, soft drinks/water and snacks were provided to promote a learning atmosphere. The trainer came from Bakersfield and did a good job, charging only \$300 for travel and time. Name placards were provided so students could be addressed by their name... these placards also being used in photos taken of each individual so that OES can produce Disaster Service Worker identification cards subsequent to the training.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	The room was a bit crowded... a larger room may be better suited.

10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	Nothing drastic... I did demonstrate a 'popper' or two that I threatened to use if I saw anybody nodding off (just keeping learning fun!).
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Promote the event and personally invite people if possible.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Put pictures and a 'blurb' of the training in a newsletter so that more ASCE members will be interested in signing up for the next training session.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Try to keep the student cost FREE or very inexpensive (maybe \$10 if lunch is provided). Snacks and drinks are a good idea on only cost ~\$1 per person if bought at a 'dollar store'. Also, the training session itself must be lively, perhaps adding some humor... this way students are engaged and learning.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Charge too much for volunteers already taking a Saturday to get trained so they can volunteer in the future.
15. The Outcome	28 students completed the training. Only two weren't PEs yet, but they will get their identification cards once they become PEs.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes... probably once or twice each year in Fresno.
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Legislative Fly-In – Region 9

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3. Project Category	Region Operations
4. Project Description	Region 9 Sacramento Legislative Fly-In
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	The purpose of the day was to train Region 9 members who had never participated before in a Region 9 Legislative Day Fly-In. The goal was to train members who were interested in the legislative process in a morning training session and provide them with an opportunity to meet with their State Senator and Assembly member or their staff. This experience will prepare them for the next legislative activity, the Region 9 Legislative day Drive-In to be held in the fall of 2015. It will also place members in the “pipeline” as potential members of the Government Relations Committee.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	The date of the event was May 15, 2015.
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	<p>Out of the 30 participants in the legislative day event, approximately 20 were new to the event. There were several members from the Sacramento Section (approximately 8 members) and their interest has the potential to involve them more in the Section’s activities.</p> <p>Three of the strongest attributes of our unit’s program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide a new event for those who have not previously attended a Government Relations Event 2) Place members in the pipeline for involvement in the Government Relations Committee. 3) Strengthen Region 9’s support of the Society’s Infrastructure Advocacy initiative.

9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	
11. Administration (What was most Important)	Region 9 really appreciates that Maria Matthews, ASCE’s Manager of State Government Relations, came to California from Washington to provide training for our event.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Next year would be a great opportunity to have another introductory training session and also have the experienced “veterans” from the previous year’s training attend the event. This would provide an opportunity for the experienced members to visit with more legislators during most to the day, after short briefing on the current pending Senate and Assembly bills. The experienced members could also be teamed with the new participates for their afternoon legislator visits.
13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	ASCE staff and volunteer committees need to continue to support Region 9 by providing Government Relations staff for the morning training session. A dual session, the introductory training, and the experienced members’ participation, next will allow this annual event to grow and reach more legislators.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	
15. The Outcome	Region 9 now has 20 members that are potential members of the Government Relations Committee and participants in the Fall 2015 Legislative Drive-In to visit the State Senator and Assembly members in their local district office.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	The plan is to continue this event on an annual basis. (In 2014 it was dropped for budget reasons and the legislative drive-in was held instead. Region 9 plans to hold both events in the coming years.)
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