

The "LTC Report" is intended to provide leaders from Regions, Sections and Branches, with highlights of recent and upcoming activities, and recommended web links to valuable relevant resources.

ASCE's Leader Training Committee (LTC) Summer Meeting

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) held its Summer meeting on September 18-19, 2017 in Reston, VA

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The next LTC meeting will be in the spring, 2018.

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Conference Calls and Webinars

Hundreds of ASCE leaders have participated in our conference calls and webinars with their peers. Similar opportunities will be offered again for the new Section, Branch, and Region leaders. If you miss the opportunity to participate, the recorded links and PowerPoints can be found on the ASCE website following the calls and webinars.

<http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

These calls/webinars will also occur in Fall, 2017

- **Section to Section Exchange**
October 17th and October 19th
- **Region Best Practices Webinar:**
November 8th, 2017
- **Region to Region Exchange:**
October 11th, 2017 and October 18th, 2017
- **Ask the President:**
November 1, 2017
- **Section & Branch Best Practices Webinar**
October 25th, 2017

Previous Webinars:

- **Social Media Webinar for Sections and Branches**
[Social Media Webinar April 2017](#)
- **ASCE Legal Webinar for Sections and Branches**
[Legal Webinar April 2017](#)
- **Geographic Services Conference Call**
[Geographic Services Conference Calls Spring 2017](#)
- **Committee Chair Training Webinar** [2016 Committee Chair Training Webinar](#)
- **Strategic Planning for Committee Chairs** May 2017
<http://asce.adobeconnect.com/pbfu3sxc1qa/>

2017 Presidents and Governors Forum

On September 17-18, 2017, 93 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors and Society Directors from across the country and abroad attended the annual Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) in Reston, VA at ASCE Headquarters. The conference included attendees from all 9 Domestic Regions as well as Region 10. We were honored to have 4 International Section and Group Leaders join us, representing Sri Lanka, Israel, India and Nigeria. This event was organized and moderated by ASCE's Leader Training Committee (LTC).

The purpose of the PGF is to provide a venue for current Section/Branch and Region Leaders to gain the knowledge to effectively and efficiently run their local units. The conference provides an opportunity for attendees to network and brainstorm with each other, gain leadership skills, learn about ASCE resources from other ASCE volunteers and staff and discuss Best Practices to take back to your Section/Branch. Networking receptions were held on both Saturday and Sunday, with a group dinner on Sunday attended by many of the conference attendees.

On Sunday, topics included an Introduction to your Presidency and How to Utilize your Governors; an Introduction to Region 10; Roundtable Discussions on Section and Branch Challenges; How to Be A GREAT Leader at Work and in ASCE and ASCE Resources. Seasoned Section and Branch leaders and Region Governors spoke about their experiences in Utilizing Life Members, and Using Social Media in their Section and Branch. President Mattei, President-Elect Swallow, and Executive Director Tom Smith also shared their thoughts and experiences. The conference continued on Monday with additional Section and Branch Best Practice breakout sessions on Developing a Section/Branch Program Committee & Being a Successful Program Chair, Struggling Sections/Branches, Developing a State Infrastructure Report Card, Creating a Section/Branch Survey, Student (K-12) Outreach and Maintaining Vibrancy in your Section or Branch. The program was topped off with a presentation on Legal issues for Sections and Branches and closing remarks by President-Elect Elect Kemper. All of this information will help the attendees effectively run their Section/Branch as they utilize their implementation plan for their Presidential Year.

The Committee continues to review feedback every year and tweak the event to make sure it provides the most value to attendees. Based on this year's feedback it appears that the conference was well received and attendees were able to take away a lot of valuable information and ideas for their Sections & Branches. LTC looks forward to next year!

For more information about the PGF, please visit LTC's new website at: <http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/pgf>



Region Recap

Many LTC actions and resources directly impact Region Directors and Governors.

LTC Participation in Region Meetings

LTC welcomes the opportunity to participate in your Region Conference Calls. We also look forward to attending your next face-to-face meeting when feasible, and extend whatever assistance you need.

Region Annual Report Content

Region Annual Reports are posted in the Region Governors Collaborate Community and we encourage all Directors and Governors to review other Region's reports.

Incoming Region Director Training

LTC continues to explore additional training opportunities for incoming Region Directors. We were involved with the Leader Orientation Program again this year. If there are specific leadership training programs that the Directors are looking for, please let LTC know.

Region Governors Qualifications

This document was updated to incorporate expectations such as expected time commitment and potential out of pocket expenses, and may be accessed at:

<http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

Section and Branch Website Support

If your Section or Branch is experiencing challenges with the upkeep of your website due to the complexity of maintaining it, you might want to consider becoming a part of ASCE's website support program which currently includes 50 participating Sections and Branches. These sites are primarily intended for Sections and Branches who lack the local resources or time to maintain websites. Participating Sections and Branches will receive a template and basic training to update their sites. The site uses Drupal software which is relatively easy to maintain. One of our sample sites can be found at <http://sections.asce.org/cleveland>.

Please remember these are basic websites with a fixed template. If you are interested in finding out more about this resource, please contact Daryl Morais at dmorais@asce.org or at 703-295-6042.



Best Practices

The latest editions of the Section and Branch Best Practices Guide include 79 Best Practices and the Region Best Practices Guide include 20 Best Practices. These documents are currently posted on our website at:

<http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

LTC is always looking for new Best Practices to share with other Sections/Branches or Regions. If you have an activity, event, or process you would like to share, we encourage you to complete and submit a “Best Practices Guide Information Request Form” – also available on the website. You may also contact LTC member Tony Akel, P.E., M.ASCE, who coordinates the Best Practices effort, at takel@akeleng.com

Best Practice of the Month Articles

The Best Practices articles have resumed and may be found in the monthly Section Informant portion of the Leadership Letter. These articles are put together by LTC Corresponding Members and highlight a Best Practice that you may wish to implement in your Section or Branch.

Talking Points

Are you using our Talking Points? LTC maintains a series of 21 Talking Point documents. These are 1-2 page summaries with PowerPoint presentation templates on the following topics:

1. *ASCE Foundation*
2. *Best Practices*
3. *Committee on Technical Advancement*
4. *Developing Leaders*
5. *Dream Big*
6. *Establishing Local Institute Chapters*
7. *Ethics*
8. *Government Relations and Infrastructure Initiatives*
9. *Grand Challenge*
10. *Life Member Involvement*
11. *Outreach to Student Chapters*
12. *Pre-College Outreach*
13. *Public Agency Peer Review*
14. *Raise the Bar*
15. *Reasons to Attend the WSBL and PGF*
16. *Specialty Certification*
17. *Developing State Report Cards*
18. *Student Member Transition to Associate Member*
19. *Sustainability and ASCE*
20. *Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025*
21. *Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute*

These are excellent resources, and we strongly recommend using them when addressing Sections/Branches, Student Groups, or other constituent groups. You can also develop talks to revolve around the programs and activities of the Society.

LTC has also worked with ASCE staff to develop PowerPoint presentation templates which accompany the Talking Points.

These presentation templates are posted in the Region Governors Collaborate Community and in the Section and Branch Presidents Collaborate Community. They are also available on our website:

<http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources>

If you have new ideas for a future Talking Point, please contact LTC member Shawn Kelley, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE at skelley@geodesign.net

Region Governor Training Webinar

LTC is developing a webinar focusing on the roles and responsibilities, and duties and expectations of Region Governors. This webinar will be scheduled for Fall 2017.

If you have ideas for future training that you'd like to see, please let us know. LTC is here to serve you as the Leaders within ASCE!

Outstanding Section and Branch Award

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) invites you to nominate your Section or Branch for the 2017 Outstanding Section and Branch Award. This program recognizes Sections and Branches that have made an outstanding contribution to the Society and their community through their programs and activities.

Your Section or Branch may have several programs that are worthy of recognition. Please take this opportunity to be acknowledged for your accomplishments. The nomination form may be downloaded at <http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/awards>. Please note that the deadline is October 30, 2017.

Potential Region Governor Webinar

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) is planning to host a webinar this fall for those leaders interested in becoming a Region Governor. The webinar will cover Region Governor duties, communication, leadership, and requirements. Please look for more details soon. LTC is also discussing a webinar for potential Region Directors to brief potential candidates on the roles and responsibilities of this position.

LTC Resources

[Region Operations Handbook](#)

[Section Operations Handbook](#)

[Web Site Short Cuts](#)

“**Energizing an Inactive Section or Branch**”: 3 Easy Steps”
This brochure can be found at [Energizing Inactive Sections and Branches](#)

2018 Multi-Region Leadership Conference

LTC is collaborating with the Committee on Younger Members (CYM) and the Committee on Student Members (CSM) to plan the MRLCs. These Conferences are intended to provide a good mix of leadership training and information on ASCE resources and activities. The MRLC not only assists you in your leadership role, but also provides Professional Development opportunities. Invitations will be sent this fall, so start deciding now who will represent your Section or Branch!

LTC is in the process of developing the 2018 MRLC programs, which include the Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders, the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders, and the three Younger Member Councils. Potential session topics and joint activities are being identified, based on the feedback received from the 2017 MRLC attendees. LTC will also continue to encourage and embrace the participation of the Institute leaders at the 2018 MRLC's.

Jan. 12-13	Regions 8 & 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 26-27	Regions 3, 6, & 7 Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Omaha, NE
Feb. 9-10	Regions 1, 2, 4, & 5 Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Buffalo, NY

Don't forget to mark your calendars, as we are looking forward to seeing you or representatives from your Region, Section or Branch!

LTC Fall Meeting in Reston, Virginia



LTC member, Tony Akel, updating notes following an event at the PGF to incorporate during planning of the 2018 PGF.



LTC members meeting in the President's Room at the ASCE Headquarters in Reston, Virginia.

Section and Branch Action Calendar

2017

Oct. 8-11	Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA
Oct. 30	Outstanding Section and Branch Award nominations are due
Nov. 30	Section and Region Annual Reports are due

2018

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Mar. 13-15	ASCE Fly-In, Washington, DC
June 1	Submissions for the Outstanding Section and Branch Website award are due
Sept. 1	Section and Branch Leadership Reports Due
Sept. 23-24	Presidents and Governors Forum in Reston

LTC Social Media

The Geographic Units Facebook Group with over 200 Section, Branch and Region leaders also provides a forum for open discussion and sharing of ideas, activities, photos and other relevant posts by Sections, Branches, and Regions. The URL is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSDASCE>. If you are not a member, please visit this link and click on the "join" button. The Geographic Services staff will verify and activate your request. Join in on the conversations, add to the discussions, and learn from your colleagues from around the country. For information on joining, please contact Nancy Berson at nberson@asce.org.

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As an ASCE Leader, you are encouraged to use these tools to engage other ASCE leaders on issues or challenges you are facing.