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  
Fall Meeting

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) held its meeting on May 3-4 in Atlanta, GA.

LTC Members

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Please visit the LTC website at:  
http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/ for upcoming events, Section and Branch Awards information, and a multitude of other useful resources and links. We are constantly updating the website so visit often for new topics.

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 recording links and PowerPoints can be found on the LTC website and below.

- **Section to Section Exchange**  
  Fall, 2019

- **Region Best Practices Webinar**  
  April 18, 2019

- **Section & Branch Best Practices Webinar**  
  April 3, 2019

- **Ask the President**  
  April 2019

- **Geographic Services Conference Calls**  
  Spring 2019

- **Committee Chair Training Webinar**  
  November 2018

- **Region Governors Refresher Webinar**  
  August 13, 2019, 2pm EDT

- **Legal Webinar for Sections and Branches**  
  April 16, 2019

- **Potential Governors Webinar**  
  September 26, 2019

- **Struggling Sections & Branch Webinar**  
  Fall, 2019

- **Region to Region Exchange**  
  Fall, 2019

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2019 Presidents and Governors Forum

The 2019 Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) will be held September 22-23 at ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA. Sessions will begin early Sunday morning and end Monday mid-afternoon.

A one-day subsidy has been budgeted for one attendee from each Section and Branch in the amount of $135. We realize this will not cover your airfare or total expenses, but it will hopefully help defray some of your costs.

The PGF is held annually for the benefit and training of Region Governors, Directors, Section and Branch Presidents. One of the main intents is to familiarize local leaders with Society goals, concerns, issues and current programs. The overall purpose of the PGF is to provide a venue for current Section, Branch, and Region leaders to gain the knowledge needed to effectively and efficiently run their local units. This forum provides a summary of various Best Practices developed by Section/Branch leaders, existing tools to effectively run your Section/Branch, how to utilize your Governor, and how to be a better leader. The PGF provides an excellent opportunity for networking with peers, Society leaders, and staff at ASCE Headquarters. A “save the date” was emailed to all Section and Branch Presidents and Region Governors/Directors on April 2. Watch for more details this summer and make sure your incoming President is aware of this great opportunity!

For more information about the PGF, please visit LTC’s website

Potential Region Governor Webinar

LTC will be hosting a webinar on September 26 at 2pm EDT for those leaders interested in becoming a Region Governor. The webinar will cover Region Governor duties, communication, leadership, and requirements.

Region Governor Qualifications

The linked document outlines the expectations such as projected time commitment and potential out of pocket expenses. It may be accessed at: LTC Website Resources Page

Applications and associated documents are due December 1st to the Region Chair and Society Secretary.

Section and Branch Website Support

If your Section or Branch is experiencing challenges with the upkeep of your website because of the complexity of maintenance, you might want to consider becoming a part of ASCE’s website support program. The program currently includes over 60 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 Guides include 93 Best Practices. While the Region Best Practices Guide includes 22 Best Practices. These documents are currently posted on our website at: [LTC Website Resources Page](#).

LTC is always looking for new Best Practices to share with other Sections/Branches and 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**

Best Practices articles 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:

**ASCE INITIATIVES / STRATEGIES**
1. Sustainability and ASCE
2. Grand Challenge
3. Raise the Bar

**INSTITUTES**
4. Specialty Certification
5. Committee on Technical Advancement
6. Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute
7. Establishing Local Institute Chapters

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**
8. Developing State Report Cards
9. Government Relations

**SECTION RESOURCES**
10. Best Practices
11. Reasons to Attend the WSBL and PGF
12. Life Member Involvement

**K-12 STUDENT OUTREACH**
13. Dream Big
14. Pre-College Outreach

**MEMBER RETENTION/TRANSITION**
15. Outreach to Student Chapters
16. Younger Member Retention
17. Student Member Transition to Associate Member

**PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP**
18. Developing Leaders
19. Ethics

**ASCE SUPPORT PROGRAMS**
20. ASCE Foundation
21. Public Agency Peer Review

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

PowerPoint presentations are also available to accompany the Talking Points. The Talking Points and corresponding presentations are posted on the LTC website at: [http://regions.asce.org/leader-training-committee/resources](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 skelley2154@hotmail.com
2020 MRLC’s

LTC is collaborating with the Committee on Younger Members (CYM), the Committee on Student Members (CSM) and members of the Technical Region to plan the 2020 MRLCs. These Conferences provide a good mix of leadership training and information on ASCE resources and activities. The MRLC will not only assist 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 will also continue to encourage and embrace the participation of the Institute leaders at the 2020 MRLC’s.

| Jan 31-Feb 1 | Regions 1,2,4&5 MRLC in Philadelphia |
| January 10-11 | Regions 3,6&7 MRLC in Denver CO |
| January 24-25 | Regions 8&9 in MRLC in San Francisco |

Outstanding Section and Branch Web Site Award

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2019 Outstanding Section and Branch Web Site Award. Recipients will be recognized at the 2020 Multi-Region Leadership Conferences. The award will be based on Web Format and Navigation, Web Content and Accuracy, and Special Features and Interaction as exhibited through your web site.

The award will be presented to a Section or Branch based on the following membership categories:

- Very large Sections and Branches: >2,500 members
- Large Sections and Branches: 1,001-2500 members
- Medium Sections and Branches: 501-1,000 members
- Small Sections and Branches: <501 members

The Judging Committee will review the web sites and recommend the winners to the Leader Training Committee. Evaluations of the web sites will begin in June and will be completed by October 30, 2019.

If your Section or Branch wishes to be considered for the Web Award, please notify Nancy Berson at nberson@asce.org by June 1, 2019.

Section, Branch & Region Action Calendar

| Oct. 10-13 | Annual Convention in Miami, FL |
| Oct. 30 | Outstanding Section and Branch Award nominations are due |
| Nov. 30 | Section, Branch and Region Annual Reports are due |
| Dec. 15 | Section Federal Tax Filing due to ASCE’s Accounting Department |
| June 1 | Submissions are due for the Outstanding Section & Branch Web Award |
| Sept. 1 | Section and Branch Leadership Reports Due |
| Sept. 22-23 | Presidents and Governors Forum in Reston |

LTC Social Media

The Geographic Units Facebook Group, with 399 Section, Branch and Region leaders, provides a forum for open discussion and sharing of ideas, activities, photos and other relevant posts. 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.
LTC Website Updates
Check out the recent additions to our website and resources page, including:

- Protocol for Talking to the Media
- Good Governance Policies
- Government and Media Relations Web Links
- Updated LTC Infographic

Final Thoughts from the Chair
I consider myself pretty lucky to get to work with such a great group of people on the Leader Training Committee. We work together really well and we usually have fun too. Never have I worked with a group though who so thoroughly bases their work on the benefit that it provides to others. We all want to make sure that what we do (take a look at the infographic below to see just what that is) is what the members want. So if you ever have any suggestions, let us know!

- Lauren

Region Recap
Many LTC actions and resources directly impact Region Directors and Governors. LTC continues to explore additional training opportunities for incoming Region Directors and Governors. If there are specific leadership training programs that the Directors and Governors are looking for, please let LTC know.

Region Governors Refresher Webinar
The Region Governors Refresher Webinar is scheduled for August 13 at 2pm EDT.

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 offer whatever assistance you need.

Region Report Content
Region Annual Reports are posted in the Region Governors Collaborate Community. LTC encourages all Directors and Governors to review other Region’s reports.

Region Operations Handbook
The Region Operations Handbook provide guidelines, resources, and responsibilities for your Region. The Region Operations Handbook, maintained by the Leader Training Committee (LTC), is updated as needed to ensure it aligns with current Society operations.