Board Positions ASCE to Lead Civil Engineering's Future



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ASCE's Spring Week is always an exciting time. It begins with the <u>Legislative Fly-In</u>, which this year saw 210 ASCE members in Washington, DC, to meet with their elected officials about infrastructure investment. The OPAL Gala celebrates the <u>best of the best</u> in our profession. And the Board meeting caps off the week.

This year Board members were treated to a tour of the nearby DC Water Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant – a great way to remind us that our civil

engineering innovations and successes don't happen in a vacuum; they have real, tangible effects on our communities every day.

Highlights of the Board meeting

- The Board of Direction discussed and approved more than 40 strategies to implement as we work toward our six goals for the Society. (See story in <u>ASCE News</u>.)
- The Board also acted to put ASCE at the forefront of the profession's future –
 exploring new credential and certification options to drive the Raise the Bar
 initiative forward, as well as approving an exciting new Industry Leaders
 Council program called Future World Vision.)
- The Board received an interesting presentation from Roy E. Wright, the deputy associate administrator for insurance and mitigation at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Building and rebuilding resiliently remains one of our profession's top priorities, particularly in the wake of the extreme events worldwide last fall, so it was good to hear how ASCE and FEMA can work in collaboration and alignment in the future.
- The ASCE Task Committee on New Revenue also reported to the Board, presenting some interesting options to consider, including potential leadership training courses, online streaming subscription options, and opportunities to monetize market intelligence.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July13-14 in Charleston, SC.

To share your views or provide ideas on how ASCE can better serve its members and the profession, please <u>email **Tony**</u>.