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ASCE Region 5 Director's Letter

Dear Region 5 Members,

Do you Dream Big? ASCE does and the Society is excited about the release of the IMAX movie Dream Big: Engineering Our World. This is not a movie full of technical jargon you have to be an engineer to understand. This movie focuses on the human side of why we become engineers and how we are changing the world. I know this movie will inspire the next generation of engineers!

Your Governors have been busy this year implementing new and exciting programs for Region 5. Our new website is full of things for you to check out at: <http://regions.asce.org/region5/>. If your Section/Branch/YMG needs help with your website, the Society has an easy to use template that can help you. Contact your Governor for more information.

Our first Region 5 Assembly was a success. It was held after the Multi-Regional Leadership Conference in Newark. Leaders from all areas of Region 5 participated in discussions about our new Region programs, best practices, and how we can increase member value in Region 5. Mark your calendar now for next year's MRLC on February 9-10, 2018, in Buffalo.

Is it hard to make ends meet in your Branch? Region 5 is making mini-grants available to help you achieve the goals of your ASCE group. A short proposal and report is required for each grant request. Funding of up to \$1,500 per projects is available. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Now is the time to celebrate the outstanding leaders in Region 5. Please consider nominating someone by June 1st for one of three award categories: Region 5 Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year and Wall of Fame (Lifetime Achievement) awards. Applications for the awards and mini-grants are available on our Region website.

The Purpose of Region 5 is Advancing the Profession by: Inspiring Members, Creating Excitement, and Promoting Excellence in Civil Engineering. Your Region 5 Board of Governors is always open to hearing about what's important to you. If you have something you want to share, please feel free to contact me at any time. I will be happy to address any issues or concerns at monthly calls. Your Director and Governors are here to help you and make your group successful. Please let us know how we can help!

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