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Director's Minute

Erin Steever, PE

And just like that, 2023 comes to a close and we're off and running in 2024. Our greatest accomplishment in 2023: I'm proud to announce that the **Region 7 Board of Governors completed our Strategic Plan in 2023** and we're moving forward with our identified action items! Thank you to all of the leaders who had a hand in generating our plan, including our Region 7 Governors, Corresponding Members and our Region 7 Assembly Delegates. A special thanks to past Director, Edward Stafford, who brought his knowledge and guidance to facilitate this year-long event. Take a closer look at our approved Strategic Plan on the following page.

Region 7 Assembly: I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out for our Region 7 Assembly, which was hosted by the Black Hills Branch and South Dakota Section of ASCE in July of 2023. We had a BLAST taking in the Mt Rushmore monument, working through the Strategic Plan, and highlighting our greatest achievements and analyzing our challenges. Each Section and Branch is able to send one representative to the Region 7 Assembly each year, do you know who will be attending in 2024? Mark your calendars and start booking your travel plans! President Marsia Geldert-Murphey's will make a guest appearance as the St Louis Sections hosts us **August 16-17, 2024**.





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ASCE Region 7 Strategic Plan 2023-2028 (Approved 11/30/23)

Vision: Region 7 is a welcoming, collaborative community that offers resources, professional growth, opportunity for leadership and sets the standard of success for all regions.

Mission: Inspires, engages and connects our members and local units through communication, networking and leadership opportunities.

Strategic Priorities:

Priority 1: **Profession/Stimulate** - Engaging Sections and Branches in different areas.

- Each Section has at least one program in partnership with another unit or outside association that is connected to *Future World Vision/Cities of the Future: Reimagining Our World* by **end of 2024**.
- Increase member participation in Student Symposia

Priority 2: **Society/Innovate** - Improvements to Grants and Awards

- Each Section (can be from represented Branch, Younger Member group, or Student Chapter) submits at least one **award or grant application for 2023**, and by **2027 each unit** submit one.
- Review local award nominations for consideration at the Region level.
- Review Society awards for consideration of Regional support (ie. Region 7 pass through nomination requirements, advertisement of, etc.)

Priority 3: **Membership/Magnify** – Students and Recent Graduates

- Enlighten Student Members into ASCE after-graduation
- Focus on maintaining recent graduates who are automatically “opted in” as student member to member (M.ASCE) their first year and are required to renew their 2nd year of membership (first invoice)

Priority 4: **Membership/Deliver** - Financial Management

- Develop new revenue sources to support Student Symposia, the Region Assembly, and the Region Grant Program.

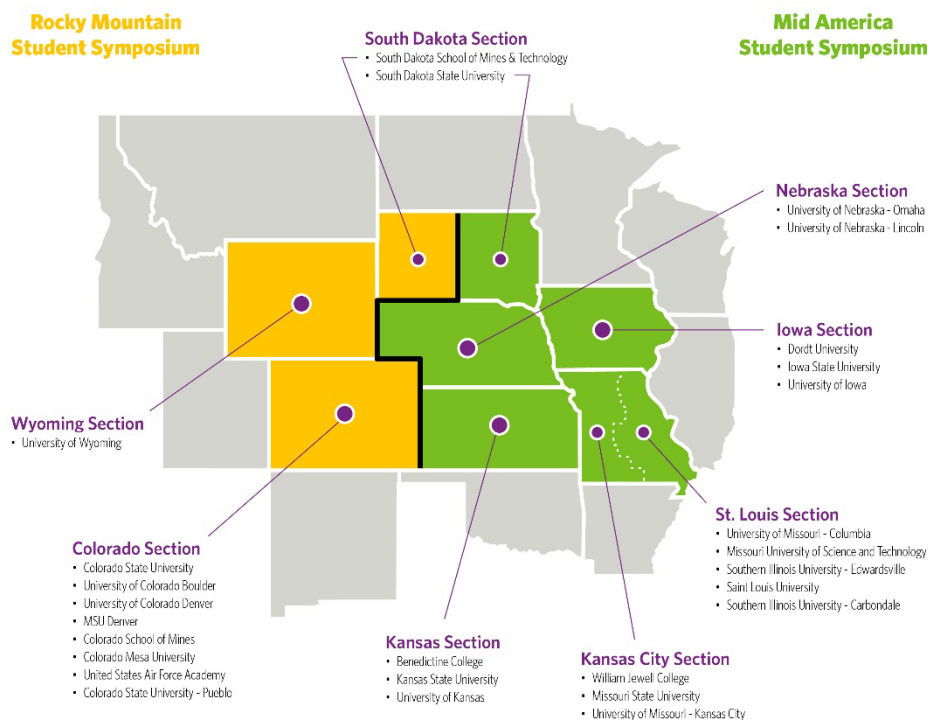
Priority 5: **Society/Advocate** - Leadership Development

- Implement an onboarding program for new governors and corresponding members and expand the program to new Section leadership.

Priority 6: **Profession/Inspire** - Communication to Promote and Engage

- Increase the number of LinkedIn followers by 100 per year through 2026.

Student Symposia: The future of our organization is the students, and Region 7 encompasses twenty-



seven (27) Student Chapters across our eight-state region. **Region 7 is also proud to host two Student Symposia each year.** As you may have read in our previous newsletter, the Rocky Mountain Symposium was hosted by the United States Airforce Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Mid-America Symposium was hosted by Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas in 2023. These were both fabulous events where our Student Members wowed the local and

Region leaders with their engineering knowledge and skills through various competitions. We're gearing up for 2024 competitions with Missouri University of Science & Technology hosting the Mid-America Symposium, and the University of Wyoming hosting the Rocky Mountain Symposium. There are SO MANY great competitions being offered at both of these, they are scheduled for **April 18-20, 2024**. As a member, please find a way to get involved! Links to both symposia are below along with a map of the colleges encompassed in each of our Student Symposia.

- [Mid-America – Co-hosted by Missouri University of Science and Technology & Missouri State University \(asce.org\)](https://www.asce.org) in Rolla, Missouri
- [Rocky Mountain – Hosted by the University of Wyoming \(asce.org\)](https://www.asce.org) in Laramie, Wyoming

Where are our Younger Members: Not only are our students the future of this organization, but so are the Younger Members. In fiscal year 2021, graduating student members were automatically

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transitioned to associate or affiliate member. If you haven't already, I encourage our Sections, Branches and Younger Member Groups to reach out to your recent graduates. Are they engaged in the next step of ASCE, and how can you increase their member benefit? If you are a recent grad, **we'd love to help you find your best life in ASCE**. Reach out to me (erin.steever@bartwest.com), one of the Region 7 Governors, and/or your local Section, Branch and Younger Member Group. Our At-Large Governor, Ernie Longoria, is spearheading our YM outreach, you can also connect with him at elongoria@cityofshawnee.org.



Elections: Two candidates are running for society-level ASCE President- Elect, Marsha Anderson Bomar and Kenneth H. Rosenfield. **Region 7 will be hosting a Q&A session with these two soon.** Elections open in May! Not only do we vote for President-Elect, but we also have the opportunity to voice our support for Region 7 Governors, and other

leadership. You can read their bios [here](#).

Our newsletter recaps some of the highlights from the second half of 2023. I hope you enjoy it!

Follow Region 7 on LinkedIn

Have you found us on LinkedIn yet? If not, follow us by searching for [ASCE Region 7](#). Below are a few highlights from the second half of 2023. Our mission with this page is to connect our members, share our successes, and keep our members informed. Reach out to the Governors so we can share your news too!



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ASCE ASCE St. Louis Section
554 followers
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Honoring excellence in civil engineering beneath the Gateway Arch, we're proud of this unforgettable night at the 2023 Annual Awards Dinner. Celebrating innovation, leadership, and the spirit of St. Louis in every beam and bridge. Here's some preliminary photos of our student scholarship and younger member award winners!

Special thanks for our host @Schlaflybeer

#annualawards #engineeringexcellence #civilengineering
#gatewaytosuccess #stlouis #asce #ascelocalnews #asceymg



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UW ASCE

December 8, 2023 ·

Thanks to everyone who came to our last event of the semester, HOLIDAY PARTY. It was a fun and destressed time with all friends before the finals.

Also thanks to Prof. Shawn Griffiths for hosting us at your beautiful place.

Good Luck on the finals, friends.



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It was so much fun to spend the morning with the Civil Engineering cadets and faculty at the Air Force Academy last week.

ASCE **ASCE Southern Colorado Branch**
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ASCE President Marsie Geldert-Murphy spent the morning in Southern Colorado touring the Air Force Academy Civil Engineering Department. The students, professors and staff were amazing hosts.



👤 Jenifer Bates and 2 others

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I've been fortunate to surround myself with these great leaders for the last 3 years as a Region Governor. It's always good to CONNECT and be ENGAGED in these settings as we share our triumphs and look for ways to improve. I always leave INSPIRED and know our best days are still ahead for Region 7. If you want to be part of it please reach out!

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The Region 7 Assembly is in Rapid City, South Dakota this year. We fit in a visit to Mount Rushmore. Thanks to the hard working team that helped us have a great Region meeting!



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ASCE Kansas Section
200 followers
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To start off the ASCE year, the Wichita Branch went on a tour of SippTech. and watched a demonstration of pressure pipe rehabilitations in Water Mains & Sanitary Sewer Systems.



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ASCE South Dakota ASCE
109 followers
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We're proud to welcome President [Marsia "Marsie" Geldert-Murphey, P.E., F.ASCE](#) back home to the [South Dakota State University](#) and the South Dakota School of Mines this week to speak with our Student Chapters, faculty, and membership. CONGRATULATIONS Marsia!

Chuck Tiltrum, her biggest supporter and former professor, was honored to introduce her to the SDSU Student Chapter on Wednesday evening. One of the many things that Marsia spoke about that struck me was how ASCE has changed the narrative...[#civilengineers](#) are directing the future; we are not sitting back and reacting. Civil Engineers are part of the narrative in developing our future with [#FutureWorldVision](#) and [#CitiesoftheFuture](#)

We look forward to the coming year with you as president of ASCE and we look forward to developing a more sustainable and safer built environment for years to come!



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P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, Vice President at SCI Engineering, Inc., ASCE Regio...

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to your class today Maria Fidalgo. It was a great class with fantastic questions and bright futures! I look forward to doing it again soon.



Seth Scheitz, P.E. and 5 others



ASCE Nebraska

130 followers

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Thank you to everyone who attended the ASCE Nebraska Section Structural Technical Dinner at Aksarben Beacon Hills on Thursday, September 14th. Around 35 attendees came to learn about tornado shelters (meeting the ICC 500 standard) and safe rooms (meeting the FEMA P-361 criteria) presented by Dr. Marc Levitan, who is the Lead Research Engineer for the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The presentation covered a brief history and overview of the tornado protection options, explained the differences between tornado shelters, safe rooms, and best available refuge areas, summarize code and standard requirements for shelters, and explain why shelters can't be designed using only the new tornado load chapter in ASCE 7-22. We would like to thank Dr. Levitan for sharing his knowledge and experiences with us!



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The R7 Governors are so proud of our very own At-Large Governor, [Marlee Walton, PE, PLS](#), for winning the very prestigious Distinguished Service Award from NCEES. She is deserving of this award for her commitment to advancing the engineering profession through licensure and education. Thank you, Marlee, for all you do to inspire your students! [#ASCE](#)

Since 2009, Marlee Walton, P.E., P.L.S., has contributed to the work of NCEES committees, including most recently the Committee on Education, the Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors, and the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) Exam Development Committee. Previously, she served multiple terms on the Advisory Committee on Council Activities, the Committee on Nominations, and the Special Committee on Bylaws. She is also the NCEES representative to the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET.

Walton is an emeritus member of the Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board. She also serves in leadership roles in the



with Marlee Walton, PE, PLS



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Glad to see SEI having a great kickoff event.

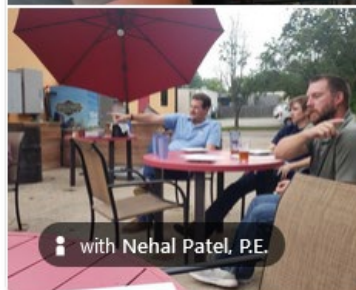


Ernie Longoria, P.E., PTOE (He/Him) • You

Senior Project Engineer - Storm Drainage at City of Shawnee, Kansas

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Thanks [Nehal Patel, P.E.](#) for hosting the SEI kickoff meeting / Happy Hour at the Flying Horse Taproom! There were some good ideas for future technical tours that I'm looking forward to seeing.



with Nehal Patel, P.E.





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ASCE Partners Program

While many of us renew our membership on an annual basis, did you know that ASCE has a new program that provides a one-stop renewal for all members in a consulting firm or government entity? Our Partner Program delivers exclusive benefits to all sizes and types of organizations. Gain access to memberships, training courses, recruiting services, and technical content—all at exclusive discounted rates. Find out more at

www.asce.org/membership/corporate-engagement/organization-partners

ASCE Collaborate has been updated to the THRIVE platform

ASCE Collaborate, an online forum exclusively for Society members, allows us to connect with other members, participate in discussions with subject matter experts; access a library of resources; and post images, videos and documents to share with others. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to visit www.collaborate.asce.org/home and view the video tutorials (see the green bar at the top of the page) to familiarize yourself with the new features. Logging in is easy – members just input their ASCE username and password at asce.org or directly at collaborate.asce.org. For questions about the ASCE Collaborate experience, contact ASCE Online Community Manager Tirza Austin, taustin@asce.org

We want to hear from you!

To contribute to the Region 7 newsletter, send articles edited exactly as you'd like them to appear, in Microsoft Word format, to elongoria@cityofshawnee.org. Include R7 Newsletter in your subject line.



Are you future ready? Join us at the ASCE 2024 Convention Oct. 6-9 in Tampa to find out. See what's in store for you at [#ASCE24: https://convention.asce.org/](https://convention.asce.org/).