

## ASCE Region 8 - May 2016 Newsletter



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Did you know that May is an election month for ASCE? The voting is electronic and runs from May 1st to June 1st.

In Region 8 we have two Governor Candidates for two governor positions and they are: Brent M. Borchers, P.E., M.ASCE with the Arizona Section and Lawrence M. Magura, P.E., L.M.ASCE, D.WRE with the Oregon Section. At the Society level there are two candidates for the position of ASCE President-Elect and they are: Robin A. Kemper, PE, LEED AP, F.ASCE from Region 1 and Kristina L. Swallow, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE from Region 8. Within this issue of the Region 8 newsletter you will find information pertaining to ASCE's voting process that has been provided by Patty Jones of ASCE's executive office.

In closing, I just want to thank all of the Students and ASCE Student Chapters for their participation in the various Student Conferences and for those moving on to the 2016 National Student Conferences. Good Luck and enjoy the fellowship with your counterparts!

And lastly, do not forget to VOTE.

Thank you for being a member of ASCE.

**Dale A. Nelson, P.E., F.ASCE**  
Director, Region 8 ASCE

### 2016 ASCE Convention in Portland, OR

Larry Magura, PE, D.WRE, M.ASCE  
ASCE 2016 Convention Local Planning Committee Chair



The Portland ASCE Convention Local Planning Subcommittee hopes that you will enhance your Portland Convention experience by signing up for one or more of the Technical Tours that we are offering. The committee's goal was to create tours that would be interesting from a technical standpoint, and also be emblematic of some of the things that we feel make the Portland area unique. Tours are scheduled for the afternoon hours of both September 28th and October 1st, to avoid conflicts with the main technical sessions of the Convention. All tours have limited availability, so you are urged to sign up now to avoid possibly missing out.

### **Wednesday afternoon, September 28th**

**Historic Columbia River Highway Tour.** Join us on Wednesday afternoon for a tour of the Historic Columbia River Highway, which celebrates its centennial this year. The tour includes stops to take in magnificent views of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, numerous waterfalls, and Bonneville Dam, and will be narrated by ODOT Region 3 Historian Bob Hadlow.

**Portland International Airport "Behind-the-Scenes" Tour.** Wednesday afternoon's other technical tour option is a behind-the-scenes tour of Portland International Airport (PDX), which will be led by Tom Peterson, P.E., the Port of Portland's Director of Engineering. PDX is one of the country's more rapidly growing airports, and recently celebrated its 75th anniversary.

### **Saturday afternoon, October 1st**

**Downtown Portland Bridge Tour.** This tour will feature a cruise on the Willamette River through downtown Portland aboard a river cruise boat to view up close the eleven bridges that span the downtown reach of the river, including the new cable-stayed "Tilikum Crossing" featured on the cover of the April 2016 issue of Civil Engineering magazine. The tour will be narrated by local bridge authorities Sharon Wood Wortman and Ed Wortman, who are the co-authors of *The Portland Bridge Book*.

**Green Building Tour.** Rounding out our technical tours offerings will be a fascinating "green building" tour of the brand-new Hassalo on Eighth high-rise apartment complex, which is located across the street from the Convention headquarters Doubletree Hotel. The complex opened earlier this year and is LEED Platinum certified.

## **Hawaii Section Update**

*Benjamin Rasa, PE, M.ASCE*

A big Aloha from the Hawaii Section, Younger Member Forum, and University of Hawaii Student Chapter. If you are visiting the islands, we invite you to join us at one of our monthly dinner meetings on Oahu or our annual Outstanding Civil Engineering Awards (OCEA) Banquet.

A great time was had by all at last year's OCEA Banquet held in September 2015 at Treetops restaurant. Attendees came early to mingle during the cocktail hour and enjoyed a delightful dinner. Region 8 Governor Tony Lau kicked things off by installing the 2015-2016 Board. A total of five

great projects were recognized for OCEA awards, with the grand prize awarded to the Stream Bank Bluff Protection and Stabilization at the Riverside Apartments. This project used innovative design and overcame difficult challenges to stabilize a steep slope close to an important building serving the needs of the community.



In November, the Hawaii Geotechnical Institute hosted a workshop with honored guest Dr. Bengt Fellenius. We were also lucky enough to have Dr. Fellenius present at our monthly dinner meeting in November on one of his interesting projects in Vietnam. It was an honor to have such an expert in the field visit and share with us his knowledge.



In early March, the student chapter, YMF and Section got together for our annual Popsicle bridge contest at the University of Hawaii. 30 teams from middle schools across the state competed in both a project presentation and bridge loading competition. Even local television news stations came to check out the event and talk to these aspiring engineers. Among the winners were Mililani Middle School and Niu Valley Middle School of Oahu.

More than 50 of members of the student chapter just got back from the Pacific Southwest Conference at the California State University, Long Beach where they participated in competitions, and had lots of fun. The UH student chapter also was recognized with a Certificate of Commendation for the chapter's health report summary.

Our individual members and volunteers have had a successful year as well, highlighted by Jon Young, a very active member and champion of all things ASCE, who made ASCE fellow this year and also by Section Treasurer Eric Arakawa, who was awarded the Hawaii Council of Engineering Society's 2016 Young Engineer of the Year. With its many dedicated and hardworking members, the ASCE Hawaii Section was very proud to be awarded the Most Outstanding Medium Section this past year as well.

Lots of new and exciting things are happening with our Section. A new sustainability task force with emphasis on Envision has been created called The Envision Action Committee Hawaii (TEACHawaii). Also the Civil Engineering Conference in the Asia Region (CECAR) is having their 7th conference in Honolulu. Civil Engineers from over 12 countries will be attending this great event.

For more information on other Hawaii Section events, please go to our website at [www.ascehawaii.org](http://www.ascehawaii.org).

## ASCE Elections

*Patricia Jones, Aff.M.ASCE, IOM, CAE*  
*American Society of Civil Engineers*

The Society-level election will open on Sunday, May 1st and remain open until 5:00pm Central time on June 1st.

Here is some general information on the election:

- In order to vote a member must be at the Associate grade or higher and be current on ASCE dues as of March 15.
- The election site will close at 5:00pm Central time on Wednesday, June 1st.
- Unique voting credentials will be emailed to eligible members with a valid email address on file starting at 12:01am Central time, May 1st.
  - Please check SPAM folders for the email message.
  - Voting credentials are different from the Members Only login, for security reasons.

- If credentials have not been received by Monday, May 2nd, please contact ASCE Customer Service at 800-548-2723.
- Members who do not have an email address on file will receive a letter from the election vendor, Survey and Ballot Systems, with their voting credentials.
- The election is conducted on-line; a paper ballot is available upon request by contacting Patty Jones at [pjones@asce.org](mailto:pjones@asce.org) or 703-295-6101.
- The Biographical Statement, Vision Statement and, where provided, Endorsement List for the Official Nominees is available on the election site and at <http://www.asce.org/elections/>.
- There is a Constitutional amendment included on the ballot to increase the term of the At-Large Director.
- Members who belong to an Institute will have the ability to vote for the 3rd Technical Region Director (TRD). The 3rd Technical Region Director will be a non-voting position for at least a year (language will be included on the ballot to briefly explain the 3rd TRD situation).

## ASCE Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners from Region 8:

- Brigham Young University ASCE Student Chapter - Robert Ridgway Student Chapter Award
- George E. Gibson, Jr. Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE (Arizona) - Peurifoy Construction Research Award
- Narayanan Neithalath, Ph.D., A.M.ASCE (Arizona) - Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize

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