

## ASCE Region 8 - September/October 2016 Newsletter



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Hello Everybody!

It has been sometime since last writing. Missed September Newsletter (held over to join October) due to my missing a deadline and it looks like I am trying to do the same thing again. Not really and I apologize because there has been a lot going on in the world of ASCE that I would like to share with you.

August ended with a great Region 8 Board of Governors and Assembly meeting in Boise Idaho. The members of Region 8 are very well represented by their Governors and the Section officers and delegates that attended. They all participated and the discussions were extensive and showed their capabilities as an ASCE officer and a representative of the membership.

Past ASCE President Bob Stevens joined us and spent what I would consider quality time with those attending through his presentation, work sessions and one on one or group discussion during breaks.

They even put me to work by handing me a resolution to be presented at the ASCE Board of Direction (BOD) September meeting before the ASCE Convention in Portland Oregon. The resolution was a result of various discussions of the Governors and the Assembly and that Region 8 needed to have their concerns noted to the ASCE BOD concerning; readily availability of information, completeness of BOD meeting minutes. Resolution 2016-05 may be found on Region 8's website (<http://regions.asce.org/region8/>). The resolution was submitted during the September ASCE BOD meeting and the Chair referred our resolution to ASCE's Executive Committee and we await a response.

There was an ASCE National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark presentation at the site, Arrowrock Dam, with a tour of the facility. No elevators back then, so lots of stairs down and of course back up and walks through lateral pipe and drains at the various levels. Very enjoyable tour.

The Southern Idaho Section arrangements for the tour and host to Region 8's visit was outstanding.

The Boise meeting was the last for Governors Darren Hippenstiel and Tony Lau. Both Darren and Tony provided outstanding guidance and worked hard for the Region. They will be missed. Their replacements are Brent Borchers, Arizona, and Larry Magura, Oregon, and we look forward to the contribution they will bring as Governors. Larry was elected to the position of Governor and thus resigned as the Treasurer / Historian. The reverse occurred with Tony. The BOG selected Tony to be the new Treasurer / Historian. Please welcome Brent, Larry and Tony to their new rolls.

The ASCE BOD meet at the end of September and prior to the Convention in Portland Oregon. One of the first items was the review and approval of the "Meeting Minutes". This item took some time due to discussions as to what the minutes should or should not contain (extent of information to be documented) and how the minutes are to be taken. ASCE BOD does not record their meetings. Section 5.0 is the "Business" part of the BOD meeting and it was very full with reports being provided for information, discussion and action. I will note a few items here with more information to be found on the Region 8 website at "ASCE BOD September 2016 Meeting".

ASCE has a new policy statement, "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" which was submitted by the Public Policy Committee. They manage ASCE's Policy Statements and there were many revised policy statements presented to the BOD.

The Task Committee on Geographic Boundaries present their final report and the committee was discharged. The report, on website, addressed the reassignment of Mexico and Canada from being International Sections; Mexico to Region 6 and Canada to Regions 8, 1 and 3. ASCE's Executive Committee will establish a committee to complete the work of the Task Committee.

ASCE's Raise the Bar had two reports presented to the BOD, "Raise the Bar Task Committee Requesting Action" and "Raise the Bar Review Task Committee, Final Report to the BOD" both presented by Wayne Klotz ASCE President 2009 as Chair. The Review Committee present several recommendations concerning focus and for coordination with other ASCE committee, both reports are on the website.

Executive Director, Tom Smith's Report to the BOD September 2016 is on the Region 8 website. Tom's Report has a "lot" of information to read and there is a much to be said about ASCE and Tom does it very well. It provides for an understanding as to all that is taking place with ASCE. It is worth reading.

There is a "Call for Nominations - Region 8 Governor", see article in this Newsletter. Please consider or consider somebody else to be involved at the next level and submit.

Thank you for being a member of ASCE

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## Oregon and Seattle Section Updates

### ***OREGON***

*Mike Libby, PE, M.ASCE*

*Oregon Section President*

Hello from Oregon! The Oregon Section encompasses most of Oregon and SW Washington, has two official Branches (Capital and SW Wash), a fledgling Southern

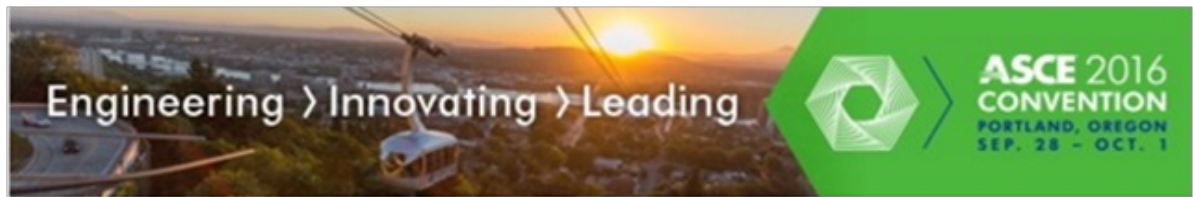
Oregon branch trying to reach critical mass, 3 technical groups (GEO, SEI, EWGRG), a YMF group, and 4 student chapters (OIT, OSU, PSU, and U of P).

We have had a great year of promoting seismic resilience for Oregon as we continue our efforts to raise awareness about the risks we face from a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. With support from a SPAG grant and a Region 8 Special Grant we have held two very successful showings of the Unprepared documentary at theatre pubs, followed by Q&A with an expert panel and emergency preparedness raffle prizes. The documentary was created by OPB and the Oregon Field Guide, with support from ASCE Oregon, and contrasts the aftermath of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake in well prepared Japan with what may happen in unprepared Oregon. Showings have been had in Portland and Salem so far; two more are planned for Bend and Ashland.



Over 300 attend *Unprepared* showing in Portland.

We continued our legislative outreach and advocacy for seismic resilience at our annual Day at the Capital event.



Oregon will be the host section for the ASCE 2016 Convention and our Local Planning Committee has been hard at work planning technical tours, short courses, optional winery tours, a community service project, and fundraising for the Welcome Reception. We look forward to seeing you in Portland later this month.

#### Around the Section:

Capital Branch - based in Salem, OR, the Capital Branch continued its strong program of monthly technical lunch meetings and Future Engineer's Day E-week program.

SW Washington Branch - based in Vancouver, WA, the SW Washington Branch has continued to rebuild their program having a full slate of officers and continuing their monthly technical lunch meetings.

Younger Member Forum - the YMF group made Welcome to the Profession presentations to 3 of the 4 student chapters, had many outings, and organized our 2nd Annual Holiday Mixer/Fundraiser with the Section.

Geo-Institute - The Geotech Group conducted two short course seminars, continued their monthly dinner meetings and sponsorship of students to attend free.

Structural Engineering Institute - This was the inaugural year for the Oregon SEI Chapter. They held a very successful joint meeting with SEAO.

Student Chapters - All 4 schools participated in the Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe competitions, as well as other events at the annual conference. The OSU teams for Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe went on to Nationals.

The OSU Student Chapter also had a surprise party to recognize Ken Archibald for his 40 years of Practitioner Advisor service.

#### **SEATTLE**

*Diana Hasegan, PE, ENV SP, M. ASCE*

This month we are happy to bring to you a few notable programs and information from our 2500 member strong Seattle Section. In addition to being a working section, we also have in our jurisdiction two branches (North Seattle and Kitsap), a very active and continuously inspiring YMF and two bright and engaged student chapters (Seattle University and University of Washington).

Recently, our energized membership has participated in exciting talks related to the next phase of political will in the Puget Sound region as voters tackle passing a 25-year transportation plan for the expansion of light rail and bus rapid transit where population increases continue to rise for job and educational opportunities. Leadership from Sound Transit provided a comprehensive and technically detailed peek inside current legs of the new light rail lines from UW to Northgate and describe where the agency wants to go to serve local residents. It is inspiring to see that our regional leadership has developed such a comprehensive 25-year plan to optimize delivery and adequately fund many projects that will add considerable services under one initiative.



At our most recent membership meeting, the leadership from Washington State Department of Transportation's SR520 Program provided members with a fascinating presentation of storm water conveyance, pollutant collection and disposal, geotechnical optimizations, and unique structural refinements used to complete work on the eastside and floating bridge parts of the corridor program including construction of a highly complex floating bridge system.

The presentation touched on multiple technical areas and provided collaboration insights about multiple project partners such as municipalities, neighbors, utility systems, and system users; while managing to educate the membership about past and current political and funding realities in the corridor. Members were educated about the remaining work still to be done on what is known as the "rest of the west corridor." A project at this scale requires a wealth of technical expertise and many local engineering firms were mentioned who helped delivery this amazing infrastructure.

The Seattle YMF is continuing to foster strong relationships with other local engineering organizations, with events such as the joint golf tournament with SEAW in August. This summer, the YMF also focused on their career development by hosting another Supercharge Your Career Series with session topics such as personal marketing, career planning, and work/life balance.

In the past year, Seattle Section YMF has been recognized at the Western Regional Younger Member Conference in Anchorage in February with three awards including Don Nguyen for Outstanding Member in Community Activities, Younger Member Group Project for the Green Apple Day at WRYMC 2015 planned with the Sustainability Committee and the Outstanding Support of a Student Chapter Award. At the National Convention in Portland in September, two members were among the few awardees recognized for their achievements: Tarelle Osborn, President and Principal Engineer of Osborn Consulting, and Roger Millar, Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. For more information about the awards and awardees, please check our website at [www.seattleasce.org](http://www.seattleasce.org).



Seattle ASCE Younger Members with ASCE President Mark Woodson at WRYMC 2016 in Anchorage

We've also been working hard and planning new and interesting opportunities for our membership. This year, our leadership has been very active in setting up student and mentoring outreach as well as preparing for the Dream Big move debut in February.

## Farewell to Two Region 8 Governors

The terms of two ASCE Region 8 Governors has come to an end; Tony Lau and Darren Hippenstiel. See their parting messages below:

Aloha Oe

I can't believe that it is almost pau. Time sure flies when you are having fun.

Thinking back to my University of Hawaii days, I would never dream that I would be in a position to be a leader. I was so introverted back then. ASCE helped to get me a job out of college and brought out my inner self to display what I truly am - a quiet, extroverted leader. The last three years as Region 8 Governor has allowed me to continue my mission in life which is to make a difference.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Governor. When I first started out, I must admit that I felt a little out of place, overwhelmed and intimidated because I was serving with a great group of leaders. How am I, a quiet guy from Hawaii going to contribute?? As we were going through Strategic Planning for the Region 8 Board of Governors during my first Board of Governors meeting, a turning point for me was when the great ASCE leader Col. Jim O'Brien (retired) pulled me aside and told me I needed to say more because I have a lot to offer. That provided me with confidence that I could really do this. I hope that I was able to do the same during my interactions with you. If I can do this, surely you can.

I appreciate the hospitality that the Hawaii Section, Nevada Section, Southern Nevada Branch and YMF, Truckee Meadow Branch and YMF, Capital Branch, and UH and UNLV Student Chapters have shown me during my visits with their boards and membership. While the Hawaii folks are my homies, the Nevada membership made me feel like an adopted son. I learned as much from each of you as I hope you have learned from me.

With my recent appointment as Region 8 Historian/Treasurer, I will have the continued opportunity to serve at the Region level. Maybe the continued interaction with the Region 8 leaders will inspire a future run for Region 8 Director to continue serving you all at the Society level. Mahalo and Aloha everybody. Aloha Oe - until we meet again

*~ Tony*

It's cliché to say but it is truly amazing how fast three years has past. That's the term for a region governor and mine has come to an end. I started in the role in September of 2013 and concluded in September of this year when the new governors took the oath of office and were installed to the position. I've thoroughly enjoyed my experience serving in this role and have appreciated the opportunity the members of region 8 gave to me by electing me to the position. I've visited many of the Sections and Branches within the region, meeting leaders at the local level and members alike. There is a lot of passion out there for the profession and I'm encouraged and excited for the work that is being done.

As I move on to new adventures and make room for new leaders I was asked to reflect on my time as governor for Region 8 and provide some takeaways from my experience. I think the key takeaways for me and what I might offer to future leaders is to listen to the membership, maintain regular communication, and actively participate with the assembly. It's critical to understand how the region board of governors can serve the membership and the only way to do that is to listen to Section and Branch leaders and to the members we interact with about the issues that are important to them. Maintaining regular communication is important to keep discussions and initiatives fresh and moving forward. We're all pretty busy and it's easy to go weeks, or even months without talking or emailing. Staying connected regularly is key to building relationships and keeping momentum. Finally, I encourage current and future section and branch leaders to attend regional assembly meetings. The assembly is the best place to exchange ideas and build relationships between sections as well as developing relationships with the governors. It's also the best way to collaborate and to pass information from the Sections, through the board of governors, to the ASCE Board of Direction.

I am sad that my time as governor has ended and I hope that those I've interacted with over the last three years feel I've represented the region well. I am excited for the Region

as you've voted in two great governors and I think this board will continue its success. I look forward to continuing my involvement with ASCE by serving on local and society committees and I thank all the members of Region 8 for the opportunity to serve as one of your governors.

Sincerely,

**Darren Hippenstiel, P.E., M.ASCE**

## Call for Nominations

The ASCE Region 8 Board of Governors' Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the office of Region 8 Governor to serve a 3-year term beginning October 2017 and ending September 2020. There are two positions to be filled by election, there will also be an appointed position after the election which is handled by the Region 8 Board of Governors. The Region 8 Bylaws state that there cannot be more than two governors from a single section, and at least two governors must be from small sections (less than 1000 members)

Nominees must meet the following requirements per the ASCE Bylaws:

- Be a Society member in good standing;
- Have an Address of Record within Region 8;
- Have served as one of the following: Section officer, Branch officer, or member of an ASCE Standing Committee; and
- Will not exceed the two-term limit for Region Governor.

Duties of a Region 8 Governor include, but are not limited to:

- Attending the 2017 Region 8 Fall Assembly in Utah, in August;
- Attending the Governor Orientation the third week of September 2017 in Reston, VA;
- Attending Region 8 Assemblies held twice a year;
- Participating in the Western Region Multi-Regional Leadership Conference each year (typically January/February);
- Participating in monthly conference calls; and
- Visiting assigned Sections and Branches (typically two to three visits a year).

Geographic Governors do not receive compensation, but may receive reimbursements for travel expenses. Those that meet the requirements stated above must email an electronic application package by 5:00 PM PST, November 15, 2016, to the Region 8 Nominating Committee Chair, Greg Kinney, at [gregkinney0357@gmail.com](mailto:gregkinney0357@gmail.com). The application package must include:

- A one-page cover letter stating the intent and commitment to run for Region Governor and indicating that the nominee meets the nomination requirements;
- A biographical Statement limited to 200 words;
- A narrative Vision Statement limited to 200 words.
- A Letter of Endorsement from the nominees home Section or Branch; and
- A digital photograph (JPEG) of a professional headshot of the nominee to be used in print and online materials for the election.

The Region 8 Nominating Committee will review nominations and will hold interviews via phone or video chat on January 11, 2017. Candidates will be notified at a later date of the exact interview time. Questions regarding the nomination process may be directed to Greg Kinney.

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