

ASCE Region 8 - November 2017 Newsletter



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Hello Everybody!

Hope all is well with everybody after the Thanksgiving break and time spent together with family, friends, neighbors, ... and those invited at the last moment that you may or may not know to join you at the table. For those that know, our family table is often full on special events and there may be somebody(ies) joining us that we get to know. We have so much to be thankful for, even small things that are part of our day and we don't recognize it. Just close your eyes, smile and think happy thoughts, and BAM there it is. It might be a small thing like being glad to have not been hit with all those snow balls the kids threw during last night's surprise attack, and to remember the laughter of the event.

ASCE continues to be busy doing the things that make our Society so well recognized and part of what we do. Presently there is not much occurring as I have reported on over the past couple months. Members of our Region have been putting together their resume packets of information of intent to be a Governor or the Director (my position). We have so many well qualified members to fill either of the Region's positions and I am anxious to hear who all has submitted. Applications are to be submitted by 30 November and during the Friday 1 December Region 8 Board of Governors (BOG) conference call, the Nominating Committee will report on applications received. The December newsletter article will report as to all that have submitted.

The Region 8 BOG will be meeting on 10 January 2018 in Las Vegas which will be prior to the Assembly meeting and the Region 8 & 9 Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC). Region 8's Nominating Committee will be interviewing the Governor and Director applicants and will make a determination of names to be forwarded to ASCE for inclusion on the Society Ballot (May 2018) for Region 8.

ASCE's Board of Direction will also be meeting in Las Vegas to determine who will be on the Society Ballot (May 2018) for 2019 ASCE President-Elect. There are four candidates for this position and one of the candidates is Guna Gunalan, Region 8 Utah Section.

The 2018 Region 8 & 9 MRLC is 12 & 13 January 2018 at the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa. [Are all Sections signed up to attend?](#)

Region 8's Assembly and BOG will be meeting on Thursday 11 January, and this would be a good opportunity for the Sections' delegates to the MRLC to come a day early and participate in the Region's Assembly meeting.

In closing, I'd like to reflect on a day that we recognized this month, Veteran's Day. Hopefully you had the opportunity to say, "Thank You". They have done much for our country, are a part of our communities, and many are members of ASCE. Thank you for your service!

As a continued request to our ASCE members residing in Canada, is there something that Region 8 may do for you or that I may be of assistance? Please let me know, my contact email is shown below.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you, please continue to share your thoughts. Thank you for being a member of ASCE.

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Seattle Section Update

Hello from the Emerald City! The Seattle Section has been up to many great endeavors in the past year and we are glad to share a few of our notable programs with all of you. The Seattle Section is the only working section in the Region having technical committees, standing committees, and directly managing the YMF and student groups. We also have in our jurisdiction two branches (North Seattle and Kitsap) and two student chapters (Seattle University and University of Washington).

Ballard Locks Centennial Event

Several members took part in the Centennial plaque dedication held at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks on July 4th, 2017. President-Elect Kristina Swallow came out from Las Vegas to deliver an extremely motivating and comprehensive speech to the elected officials, Army Corps of Engineers staff (active and retired), ASCE members, and the public. In attendance were also Colonel John G. Buck, Captain Joseph Gambino, Marian Valentine, Nate McGowan and Dana Dysart, and representatives from the Army Corps with whom our devoted volunteer Cindy Hirsch coordinated for over a year to make this event happen.



Award-winning author David B. Williams took us on a journey through the history of the Lake Washington Ship Canal & Hiram M. Chittenden Locks (also known as the Ballard Locks) at one of the Section Dinner Programs this fall.

Did you know that Hiram himself was an ASCE member in the early 1900's? Hiram was in charge of the Lake Washington Canal to connect Puget Sound WA with Lake Union and Lake Washington and one of the main driving forces shaping the topography of Seattle we know today. Learn more about the story of the locks in David B. William's book, ["Waterway: The Story of Seattle's Locks and Ship Canal"](#). ["Hydraulicians in the USA 1800-2000"](#) includes reference to Hiram as an ASCE member.

Report Card Update

We are also gaining momentum in updating the Washington State Report Card this year and plan to finalize it during 2018 with an official launch in the fourth quarter.

Rebuilding Together 2017

Every year, the Seattle Section participates in the Rebuilding together program. This year, on Saturday, April 29, ASCE volunteers donated their time and skills to the 27th Annual Spring Rebuilding Day. Rebuilding Together Seattle had nearly 800 volunteers that were able to help restore 22 family homes in the Burien-Shoreline area.

Our team was tasked with two houses, which were located on the same street. The homeowners, have both lived on this same street for nearly 50 years and needed help upgrading safety features around their homes, as well as many other projects. Our 30 volunteers were able to tackle jobs, such as cleaning gutters, power washing siding, landscaping, electrical repairs, plumbing, repairing/painting walls and trim, constructing a ramp, and repairing water-damaged flooring. Many appliances were repaired or replaced, and their homes were outfitted with new fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. Many of our volunteers even stayed later into the evening to make sure all of these projects were completed. With double the workload, this year was especially challenging. Thanks to all of the volunteers we were able to make a big difference in the lives of two Seattle families.



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 a professional development session on the topic of "How to Network and Build Strong Relationships" by Anthony Fasano.

In the past year, the Seattle Section YMF has been recognized at the Western Regional Younger Member Conference in Los Angeles in January with three awards including Cal Bearman for Outstanding Member in Community Activities and Diana Hasegan for Outstanding Younger Member in ASCE Activities. At the National Convention in New Orleans in October, Cal Berman and Courtney Davis, both Past Presidents of the Seattle Section YMF, were recognized with the Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement. Don Nguyen has also been recognized as one of the New Faces of Civil Engineering for 2017. For more information about the awards and awardees, please check our [website](#).



Diana Hasegan

Region 8 Award Winners

2017 ASCE Oregon Section Annual Meeting Award Winners

At the Annual Meeting of the Oregon Section on September 28th, 2017 the Section honored:

- **Larry Magura, PE, D.WRE, F.ASCE** who received the **Engineer of the Year Award**
- **Nick Hatch, PE, M.ASCE** who received the **Young Engineer of the Year Award**
- **Tova Peltz, PE, CEG, M.ASCE** who received the **Government Engineer of the Year Award**

Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Region 8 Board of Governors Meeting (BOG) Conference Call, December 1, 2018
- Region 8 Board of Governors Meeting (BOG), Las Vegas, NV, January 10, 2018
- The Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC) 2018, Las Vegas, NV, January 11-14, 2018
- Region 8 BOG and Assembly Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, January 11, 2018
- Region 8 & 9 Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC), January 12-13, 2018

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