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## Region 8 Director's Column

Mele Kalikimaka and Hou`oli Makahiki Hou!! Hope this Holiday Season finds you well. The ASCE Board of Direction and Senior Staff participated in a team building retreat in Lansdowne, VA from November 30 to December 1 to determine ways that we could make our organization better. Over two full days, a facilitator helped us to attempt to re-focus our purpose and develop plans to re-align the organization and all its entities to meet our overall Society goals.

We did make some time for a fun team building exercise at Escape Room Herndon. The group was divided up into four separate teams. Each team was assigned a themed room to break out of within an hour using clues found in the room. Working together as a team to solve the riddles and use the clue was key. After the first set of rooms, the group was re-shuffled and assigned to different breakout rooms for the second hour. I happened to be paired with Legislative Affairs National Director Brian Pallasch twice, which enabled my teams to escape out of our rooms first for both shifts.

The deadline for members to declare their candidacy for Region 8 Governors has passed. For two Region 8 Governor terms beginning in October 2019, we have received interest from three members: Dan Karlin from Montana Section, Mark Lamer from Arizona Section and Matt Roblez from Utah Section. The Board of Governors will be conducting interviews with each of them shortly so we can officially submit candidacy letters to the Society by March 1.

As we move into 2019, the Hawaii Section is excited to serve as the host of the 2019 Regions 8 and 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC). The MRLC will be held on March 8 and 9 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, HI. The MRLC consists of the Workshop for Section, Branch and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), the Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) and the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL). While the registration deadline for the WSBIL has passed, registration is still open for WRYMC and the WSCL.

Hawaii will also be the location of the next Region 8 Board of Governors and Assembly meetings on March 6 and 7. One of the events planned for the Assembly meeting is the

release of the Hawaii Section's first Infrastructure Report Card at the State Capital. It has been a long time coming for us in Hawaii and we are looking forward to making a big impact with publication of our report card.

Mahalo to those of you that participated in #GivingTuesday2018 by contributing to the ASCE Foundation. If you happened to miss it, there is still time to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Society as a part of this holiday season. Mahalo for being a member of ASCE and for all that you do to help our great profession. #Region8isgreat!!!

Mahalo and Aloha,  
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**Society Director, Region 8**

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## Hawaii Section to Host 2019 Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Honolulu

The 2019 Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) meetings will be hosted by the Hawaii Section Younger Member Forum (YMF) in Honolulu, Hawaii. The meetings are scheduled for March 8 and 9, 2019 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

WRYMC consists of each official Younger Member Group (YMG) in Regions 8 and 9. Each YMG is asked to designate one member to attend WRYMC as its Delegate. The Society provides only this Delegate with partial subsidy for travel expenses. Travel subsidy includes a maximum \$350 roundtrip airfare based on minimum 14-day advance purchase and two days of \$135 per diems to assist with lodging and other travel expenses. Travel subsidy does not cover the WRYMC registration fee. To receive this reimbursement, the Delegate's YMG must have submitted an Annual Report for the previous fiscal year and the Delegate must attend the WRYMC Business Meeting.

WRYMC Registration fee is \$245 before January 17, 2019 and \$295 between January 18, 2019 and February 28, 2019. Registration for the WRYMC Banquet closes on February 5, 2019. There are also pre-conference and post-conference events available. Details are provided at <https://www.asce.org/western-region-younger-member-council/>. If you have any questions, please contact [WRYMC Co-Chair Norman Leong](#).

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## Region 8 Awards

In the September/October 2018 issue of the Region 8 Newsletter, we listed the ten remarkable individuals that were formally inducted as Distinguished Members at the ASCE Annual Convention in Denver. In addition to Dr. Edward Kavazanjian, Jr., we failed to recognize that another one of Region 8's own members, **James H. Anspach, P.G. (ret), Dist.M.ASCE**, of the Oregon Section, was one of the new **Distinguished Members**. Jim led the UESI Board of Governors during FY2018, and continues to volunteer his talents and energy to the Institute. Congratulations Jim!!

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## Alaska Section Update

The ASCE Alaska Section has kicked off for the 2018-2019 year with lots of enthusiasm and big plans for the year. The Alaska Section hosted its annual Fall Meeting, where all branches, YMF, Student Chapters, and our Region 8 Governor were invited to attend and the event was held at HDL Consultants in Anchorage. At this meeting the Section officially inducted its new officers, Carl Uchtyl (Past-President - Juneau), Tor Anderzen (President - Matsu), David Gamez (Vice-President - Anchorage), David Beiswenger (Treasurer - Anchorage), and Justin Kanouse (Secretary - Juneau). At the meeting the group discussed initiatives that it would focus on for the year, and key events in support

of these initiatives. Advocacy and K-12 Outreach were two of the topics at the top of that list.

### **Advocacy**

The Alaska Section released the first Report Card for Alaska's Infrastructure in early 2017. This effort was led by Tor Anderzen, and the Section has been sharing and presenting the Report Card regularly since its release. Most recently the section went through an update of data on several of its presentation slides to stay current with the latest news and reporting. In November, the Section presented the Infrastructure Report Card to the Alaska Professional Design Council – Member Organization Summit, the Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference, and the University of Alaska – Anchorage ASCE Student Chapter. The Section plans to kick-off preparations for the 2021 release of the Infrastructure Report Card update in mid-2019.



*Alaska Section's Fall Annual Meeting*

### **K-12 Outreach**

At the Fall meeting, the AK Section hosted representatives from the FIRST Robotics Challenge, an organization that focuses on inspiring children to explore STEM education through programs that develop skills such as teamwork and critical thinking through designing and building robots for competition. The Section unanimously approved signing a memorandum of agreement affirming the Alaska Section's support of the FIRST Robotics Challenge and agreed to promote the program and to provide volunteers from the Section to help with the competitions. The section also recently provided funds, with the support of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Matsu Branches, to purchase Dream Big DVD's for every public school in Alaska.

The DVD's were set to ship in late November. The digital version of the film has been featured at school events in Anchorage and Matsu.

The Matsu Branch is part of the Project Build, a cooperative initiative where Libraries and ASCE volunteers join forces to bring STEM activities to underserved members of our community. The target audience is 2-5 grade but all kids are welcome. Together we explore different engineering concepts from water purification to building structures resilient to earthquakes.



*Project Build*



*Dream Big Outreach Poster*

## Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Region 8 Board of Governors Winter Meeting, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1200, Honolulu, HI 96813, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Meeting Start Time: 7:30am
- ASCE Region 8 Assembly Winter Meeting, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite TBD, Honolulu, HI 96813, Thursday, March 7, 2019, Meeting Start Time: 7:30 am
- Region 8-9 MRLC (Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders (WSBL), Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) and Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL)), Friday, March 8 to Saturday, March 9 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, HI
- Legislative Fly-in: March 12-13, 2019, Washington, D.C. and Arlington, VA

Visit [Region 8 Events](#) for more information.