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Mele Kalikimaka and Hau`oli Makahiki Hou!! Hope this Holiday Season finds you well.

Around this time of year, ASCE starts to plan for our future Society and Region leaders. Deadlines recently passed for members interested in running for Society President-Elect and Region Governors.

This year, we have a record five candidates declared for Society President-Elect. The Board Nominating Committee will be meeting in Detroit to interview and determine which candidates will advance to the election ballot. The candidates under consideration are listed below.

- John Casana, P.E., D.WRE, LEED AP, F.ASCE
- Marsia A. Geldert-Murphey, P.E., F.ASCE
- Maria C. Lehman, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE
- Brett C. Phillips, Ph.D., CPEng, D.WRE, F.EWRI, F.ASCE
- Dennis D. Truax, Ph.D., DEE, D.WRE, F.NSPE, F.ASCE

For the 2020 election, we have two Region 8 Governor openings. Thank you to the four members that declared their candidacy. The Board of Governors (BOG) will be conducting interviews with each of them during our Winter meeting on January 22 in San Francisco, CA. The candidates under consideration are listed below.

- Tor Anderzen, P.E., F. ASCE, Alaska Section
- Fausto Burruel, P.E., MPA, M.ASCE, Arizona Section
- E. Scott Huff, P.E., M.ASCE, Oregon Section
- Daniel Karlin, P.E., M.ASCE, Montana Section

Also this year, the BOG will be appointing a member to fill the At-Large Governor position for a three-year term starting in October 2020. The intent of the At-Large Governor is to fill a need on the Board. The BOG will be determining the criteria for the At-Large position shortly.

The 2020 Regions 8 and 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) will be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront on January 24 and 25. 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). Registration for all three meetings are open via the [ASCE website](#). San Francisco is also the location of the next Region 8 Board of Governors and Assembly Winter meetings on January 22 and 23, respectively.

Mahalo to those of you that participated in #GivingTuesday2019 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. Let's increase our numbers so others can also realize that #Region8isgreat!!!

Mahalo and Aloha,
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Alaska Section Update

The Alaska Section has several exciting programs coming up for the 2019-2020 ASCE year. We have been in the process of gearing up for the 2021 Alaska Infrastructure Report Card refresh. Alaska Section released its first Infrastructure Report Card in 2017, efforts of which were led by Tor Anderzen, PE, F.ASCE. Tor will be leading the efforts for the release in 2021 and is anticipating to get the refresh process started, December 2019. The last report card gave Alaska's infrastructure a cumulative grade of C-. The new release will have a renewed focus on some of Alaska's biggest infrastructure issues, but will also capture a closer view of infrastructure in rural Alaska. With a new partnership between the Alaska Section and the Alaska Federation of Natives, we will be able to gather more data and get more first-hand information from our most rural communities.

Another important initiative in which the Alaska Section has embarked is the scholarship fund in memory of Dale Nelson, PE, F.ASCE. Those who knew Dale knew that he was a friend to all, and was a strong advocate for the advancement of the Civil Engineering profession. The Alaska Section, in partnership with the Nelson Family launched the Dale Nelson Memorial Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund. The goal of the fund is to be able to provide scholarships to top Civil Engineering students at UAA and UAF beginning February 2020. In order to become endowed and provide the scholarship, the fund must reach \$30,000. The fund currently has nearly \$26,000 pledged and is nearing its goal. If you are interested in contributing to the fund to help reach our goal you can contribute at: <https://engage.alaska.edu/> (select "Other" as designation, and write "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the comment section). See the flyer below for more information.

Lastly, we have begun our efforts to recognize our Life Members. We will be conducting interviews and questionnaires with our Life Members to showcase their experience and contributions to Alaska and the profession over their careers. The interviews will be used as spotlights in our upcoming Alaska Section quarterly newsletter which will be released in January, 2020. The Life Member spotlights will also be highlighted during our 75 year anniversary in 2026.

Support the Endowment of the Dale Nelson Memorial Civil Engineering Endowment Fund

Support the Endowment of the Dale Nelson Memorial Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund



Dale Albin Nelson, PE, F.ASCE 14 December 1944—01 January 2019

Growing up in Washington, Dale worked at his parents' logging and sawmill business as well as at his grandparents' cattle ranch. Completing his degree in Civil Engineering, Dale realigned his dream and moved to Alaska, where he worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Richardson. Soon after, Dale married Elaine, and they were blessed with two children: Garth Nelson, a registered civil engineer, and Lesa Zimnawoda, an environmental scientist.

Committed to strong family values, Dale was a strong role model for Anchorage youth, teaching positive work ethic, compassion, and community involvement, and a stalwart proponent of young engineering professionals, providing powerful mentorship and advocacy. He distinguished himself as an active and influential member of ASCE, assuming leadership responsibility within ASCE beginning in 1971, serving all positions within the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Branch and the Alaska Section, and as a Regional Governor and Director. In October 1999, Dale was elevated to the ASCE Fellow status and he became a life member in 2009. Throughout his career, Dale was admired and well respected by the engineering community he so passionately served.

Dale Nelson Memorial Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund

In his honor and memory, Dale's family established the Dale Nelson Civil Engineering Memorial Scholarship, which is currently gathering funds through the University of Alaska Foundation in a holding account. Current funding has reached \$22,000, and it is hoped that the \$25,000 level needed for an endowed scholarship will be reached soon.

Your Financial Support

If you are able to contribute, you may do so online (<https://engage.alaska.edu/>, select "Other" as designation, and write "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the comment section), by check (checks payable to "University of Alaska Foundation" and write "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo section), or by wire transfer (contact the University of Alaska Foundation at 907-450-8030 or foundation@alaska.edu for details).

Checks may be mailed to:

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Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Region 8 Winter Board of Governors Meeting date of Wednesday, January 22, 2020
- Region 8 Assembly Winter Meeting date of Thursday, January 23, 2020
- 2020 Region 8 and 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC), San Francisco, CA, January 24 and 25, 2020
- Legislative Fly-In, March 11 and 12, 2020

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