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## Region 8 Director's Column

Happy Valentine's Day!! Hope you all are able to celebrate with a significant other.

Maybe some of you will postpone your Valentine's or anniversary celebration to happen during your visit to Honolulu to attend the Region 8 Assembly meeting or the Western Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) next month. On behalf of the 900+ Hawaii Section members, we look forward to welcoming you with Aloha to our state.

During the Region 8 Assembly, the Hawaii Section will be releasing their first State Infrastructure Report Card. Hawaii will join Nevada, Washington, Montana and Idaho as states that have released their initial report cards or their most recent updates within the last six months. Oregon plans to issue their report card later this year. Region 8 is one of the few Regions that have infrastructure report cards for all its member states. Speaking of legislative affairs, the 2019 ASCE Legislative Fly-In on Capitol Hill will take place in Washington, D.C. and Arlington, VA from March 12 to 14. All Sections from Region 8 will have a participant in the program. The Fly-In program includes:

- Meetings on the Hill with attendee's Members of Congress or their staffs
- Briefing sessions on key legislation active in Congress of interest to engineers and ASCE's legislative priorities for the current session of Congress.
- Training on lobbying and influencing our elected leaders

- A program designed for younger members
- Tips on continuing relationships with our elected officials once everyone returns home

While this year's Fly-In registration period is closed, if you are interested in attending next year, the application deadline is typically in mid-November.

The ASCE Board of Direction met in Orlando on January 24. Highlights from the meeting include:

- An approved Society purpose statement – “Help you matter more and enable you to make a bigger difference.” This statement will be referenced for decision-making moving forward at all levels of the organization.
- The Raise the Bar initiative has been rebranded to Engineer Tomorrow with a tagline of “Knowledge for a Changing World”. The focus remains on advocacy for advanced education for civil engineers.

The Board Nominating Committee also met in Orlando on January 23. Two official nominees for Society President-Elect were selected. They are:

- Jean-Louis Briaud, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, Dist.M.ASCE
- Dennis Truax, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE, F.NSPE, F.ASCE

Both Dr. Briaud and Dr. Truax will be personally introducing themselves and participating in Q&A sessions at the Region 8 Assembly meeting and at the Western MRLC in Honolulu.

The Region 8 Board of Governors also interviewed and advanced three candidates for the two openings for Region 8 Governor with three-year terms starting in FY2020. The three official candidates are:

- Dan Karlin – Montana Section
- Mark Lamer – Arizona Section
- Matt Roblez – Utah Section

To read more about the candidates for office, please visit the Society website at [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) and read more about the them in this newsletter. The Society's election will be conducted from May 1 to June 1 via online balloting. Members at the grade of Associate and above in good standing as of April 1 will be eligible to vote.

We continue to search for a champion or a group of interested students, younger members, or mid to senior level professionals from Region 8's Canadian membership that would be interested in starting up a local Section. If you want to find out the benefits of a local group that would supplement your individual membership benefits, please contact me or any one of our Governors. We would provide personal mentorship to make it happen.

Don't forget that your ASCE membership includes up to 10 free PDHs from a selection of on-demand webinars. This is up from the previous 5 free PDHs. Utilize them to complete your state's continuing education requirements.

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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# Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund Announced

The Alaska Section announces that Dale Nelson's wife and children have expressed their desire that memorial gifts honoring our former Region 8 Director's memory should be used to fund scholarships for civil engineering students at the University of Alaska. Accordingly, the University of Alaska Foundation has set up a Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund holding account where donations will be gathered. The goal is to create a named scholarship fund or an endowed scholarship in Dale's name. The initial fundraising goal of \$5000, which is required to establish a named fund has already been reached. It is hoped that the \$25,000 level needed to for an endowed scholarship will be reached soon, but the main objective is to provide scholarships for needy civil engineering students. The Region 8 Board of Governors have made a \$1000.00 donation to this scholarship fund.

Donations can be directed to the University of Alaska Foundation, marked on the memo line with "In Honor of Dale Nelson", "In Memory of Dale Nelson", or "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund". Donations will be held in the foundation's memorial account until the required \$25,000 minimum for an endowed scholarship has been reached.

There are several ways donations can be made:

For online donations, go to <https://engage.alaska.edu/> select "Other" as designation and write "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the comment section.

## **Giving by Check or Wire Transfer**

### **Please make checks payable to:**

University of Alaska Foundation

**write "Dale Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo section**

### **To mail a donation, please use the following address:**

University of Alaska Foundation

2025 Yukon Drive

PO Box 755080

Fairbanks, AK 99775

or

University of Alaska Foundation

1815 Bragaw St., Ste. 203

Anchorage, AK 99508

**To wire funds**, please contact the University of Alaska Foundation by dialing (907) 450-8030 or emailing [foundation@alaska.edu](mailto:foundation@alaska.edu) for more information.

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## Hawaii Section Update

Aloha Region 8 ASCE Members! Here is a quick summary of what's been going in the later part of 2018 and so far in 2019 in the sunny & warm 50<sup>th</sup> state!

### **Civil Engineers Receive Highest State Awards**

The Hawaii Section is pleased to announce that two of its members have been

recognized as the State's top engineers.

**Dr. Roger Babcock Jr.** has been awarded the prestigious Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE) Engineer of the Year for his significant contributions to the profession and his many years of service with ASCE and community involvement. Dr. Babcock, who is a past president for the Hawaii Section was also recently selected for the 2018 College of Engineering Faculty Service Award at the University of Hawaii and the 2018 ASCE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Award.

**Ms. Amanda Tanaka** has been named the 2019 Young Engineer of the Year by the Filipino American League of Engineers and Architects (FALEA) on behalf of the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies (HCES). Amanda is well deserving of this award for her commitment to improving the engineering community and society at large.

Both recipients will be honored at the 2019 Engineers Week Banquet on February 23, 2019 at the Koolau Ballrooms and Conference Center.

### **Report Card**

During this year's winter Assembly Meeting, the Hawaii Section is gearing up to release it's first Hawaii State Infrastructure Report Card. The official release is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held 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 the publication of our report card.

### **Outreach**

Each year in March, the annual student popsicle bridge contest is held in conjunction with college of engineering's Jr Engineering Expo for middle school kids around the Island. Last year there were a total of 12 teams from 6 different schools that participated in the event. The winning team from Maryknoll, had a bridge that held a maximum weight of 133.1 lbs. We are looking forward to this year's event which is right around the corner.



### **UH Student Chapter**

The University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa ASCE Student Chapter shows immense appreciation towards the 18 sponsor companies, the College of Engineering, and to UH Manoa SAPFB who together made donations/grants totaling over \$30,000 to allow the students to prepare for the 2019 Pacific Southwest Conference (PSWC) being held on

April 3 - April 6. This year's PSWC will be held at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where 45 of our students and their faculty advisor, Dr. Roger Babcock will be attending. The technical teams have begun their projects. The Concrete Canoe is in the process of curing and is expected to ship to California in March. Our Student Chapter will be participating in 9 technical and 10 non-technical events at this year's conference.

Congratulations to the UH Manoa ASCE Student Chapter for all their hard work and impressive achievements so far this year and good luck at this year's PSWC.

### **Younger Member Forum**

We're proud of our YMF and their accomplishments as they were awarded the Society's 2018 Younger Member Group Award for Small Groups.

The YMF continues to be active in the community through our participation in Outreach events, such as the Girl Scout STEM Fest, held at the Pearl Harbor Pacific Aviation Museum. This annual event promotes the diversity of careers with female STEM professionals. The YMF volunteers taught girls about loading and structural stability through the Spaghetti Strength Challenge.





The YMF's next monthly meeting is planned for February 6<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will feature a talk by ProService Hawaii about Communication Styles. This year the YMF is working on organizing more technical talks/tours and soft skills presentations for its young professional members.

Great Job Young Members!

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## FY20 Region 8 Governor Candidates Announced

The Region 8 Board of Governors (BOG) interviewed the three declared candidates that submitted their qualifications to serve as a Region 8 Governor for a three-year term beginning October 2019. The BOG determined that all three candidates were well-qualified to serve and have recommended to the Society that all three individuals be included on the Society election ballot. Voting in the Society election will be from May 1 to June 1, 2019.

The three official candidates for Region 8 Governors are Mark Lamer, Arizona Section; Daniel Karlin, Montana Section; and Matthew Roblez, Utah Section. There will be two open positions to replace outgoing Governors Larry Magura, Oregon Section, and Brent Borchers, Arizona Section. The two highest vote-getters will be elected to the Region 8 Board of Governors. Photos and brief bios of the candidates appear below. More extensive information about each candidate will appear on the Society's election website and in a future issue of this newsletter, along with voting instructions.



*Mark Lamer, PE, Arizona Section*

Mark is a Lecturer in the civil and environmental engineering programs at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and lives in Flagstaff. He is also currently serving as the Associate Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs. He has been active in ASCE affairs since his days as an undergraduate at NAU and has gone through the leadership of both the Northern Arizona Branch and the Arizona Section, serving as Section President in 2016-17.



*Daniel Karlin, PE, Montana Section*

Daniel is a 2006 graduate of Montana State University (MSU) with a degree in civil engineering. He has also been active in ASCE since his student days at MSU and served as President of the Montana Section in 2017. He is currently serving as County Engineer for Lewis and Clark County, Helena, MT.



*Matthew Roblez, SE, Utah Section*

Matthew (Matt) is a 1993 graduate of the University of Utah, where he obtained his BS in Civil Engineering. He has been very active in the affairs of the Utah Section, where he has served as Section President three times (2004-05, 2011-12, and 2016-17). He is a board-certified structural engineer and co-owner of McNeil Engineering in Sandy, Utah.

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## Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ASCE Historic Civil Engineering Landmark plaque dedication, February 23, 2019, Grand Canyon National Park, Shrine of the Ages in Grand Canyon Village on Grand Canyon South Rim
- 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 601, 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 12-14, 2019, Washington, D.C. and Arlington, VA

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

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