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Region 8 Director's Column

Aloha and mahalo for your membership in ASCE. Your membership dues support the civil engineering profession and the development of leaders to help us all matter more.

One of the things I enjoy about being a Society Director from Region 8 is the interaction with our local Sections, Branches, Younger Member Groups and Student Chapters. Since our last newsletter, I had the opportunity to visit with members in Utah and Washington.

On June 6, I met with the officers of the Utah Section Younger Member Forum (YMF) in Salt Lake City, UT. They organize a decent amount of activities for a relatively small group. They are hoping to host the 2022 Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) meetings. I hope that they get the support to do so because Utah last hosted WRYMC and the rest of the Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) in 2006 - over 13 years ago. Mahalo to YMF President Heather Hamilton and the rest of the offices for welcoming me.



Utah Section Younger Member Forum

On June 7, I had the opportunity to visit with the incoming and outgoing officers of the Utah Section and present an overview of ASCE and Region 8 at their Annual Meeting in Provo, UT. Each of the Branches are doing great work to support their members and are looking to improve relationships with the Younger Members and Student Chapters. Congratulations to the Utah Section award winners below and the other volunteers recognized for their service to the Utah Section this year. Congratulations to Utah Section President Craig Friant on a successful year. I look forward to working with new President John Diamond this year.

- Engineer of the Year – Mark Christensen
- Educator of the Year – Nick Sasfai
- Fresh Face of the Year – Layton Asmus

On July 8, I met with the officers of the Seattle Section YMF and the Student Chapter Presidents of the University of Washington (UW) and Seattle University (SU) over bratwurst, Bavarian pretzels and bocce. The YMF is one of the more active younger member groups in Region 8 and have great relationships with the Seattle Section and their two assigned student chapters – half their officers are from UW and the other half from SU. UW is hosting the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference in 2020. The Seattle University student chapter is growing and has the right President in Nisha Mandanas to make it happen. Mahalo for YMF President Elect Romulos Ragudos and the rest of the YMF for making this night happen. I promise to do better in bocce next time.



Seattle Section Younger Member Forum and the Student Chapter Presidents of the University of Washington (UW) and Seattle University (SU)

On July 9, I had dinner with the officers of the Seattle Section and the Tacoma-Olympia Section in Tukwila, WA. I was able to share the Society's strategic goals with the officers to help with their future planning. It was great to hear that the two Sections are starting to hold more joint activities. The officers of the Tacoma-Olympia Section have a challenge in that their geographic area is very wide but they have a plan to spread their monthly meetings out in order to reach their entire membership. The Seattle Section holds great

technical meetings on a monthly basis that draw well. Mahalo to Seattle Section President Eset Alemu for setting up the dinner and to all the officers of both Sections for taking time out of their schedules to attend this special event.



Seattle Section and the Tacoma-Olympia Section

If you would like for me or your Region 8 Governor to visit your local membership, feel free to contact me directly or via our Region 8 website at <http://regions.asce.org/region8/>.

Make plans to attend the ASCE Annual Convention in Miami, Florida, from October 10 to 13. Let's support our fellow Region 8 member Guna as he is installed as our next Society President. For more details on the Convention, visit <https://www.asceconvention.org/>.

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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Region 8 Awards

Timothy K. Dougherty, P.E., M.ASCE, from the Wasatch Front Branch of the Utah Section has been selected by ASCE's Committee on Professional Practice to receive the 2019 **Professional Practice Ethics and Leadership Award** for *"adherence to ASCE's Code of Ethics in daily practice and dealings with other professionals in the industry. His composure and integrity are exemplary and through his leadership and mentoring have served as a benchmark for many young professionals."* Congratulations to Tim!

Summer Happenings with the Tacoma-Olympia Section

The Tacoma-Olympia Section has had a busy Spring and Summer. The Section started out the summer by sponsoring a tract at the APWA conference in April, where Bernie Sison accepted an award on the section's behalf. That was followed up by the section's annual Honors and Awards Section meeting, a Section Board Meeting that included giving service awards to Frank Marescalco and Jessie Chen for their stellar service on the Board, and a \$500 scholarship award presentation in partnership with the local Tacoma/Pierce County Math Science & Engineering Achievement (MESA) organization. What a season of awards! In other news, the section's annual June social broke from the traditional baseball game and decided to choose from a whole slew of

new options through a membership poll. The winning idea was a day at Wild Waves Theme Park. The event was well attended with much fun had by all, drawing in members from the Seattle chapter as well as the Tacoma-Olympia one. Check out some highlights of ASCE's Saturday in the Park in our video [here](#). The section also recently finished its annual elections, inducting in Tom Szymoniak as President, Jessie Chen as Director, Derek McCoy as Treasurer, and Mohammad Khan as Younger Member Group Co-Chair. We are excited to welcome our members to new roles as the chapter begins preparation for another year of events.



Jessie Chen accepts a service award from the Board



Frank Marescalco accepts a service award from the Board



A photo from the Section's annual Honors and Awards Section Meeting



Bernie Sison accepting an Award on behalf of the section at the APWA conference

Grace Amundsen Barnkow, PE, M.ASCE
Secretary, ASCE Tacoma-Olympia

Pacific SW Conference

The first week of April I attended the ASCE Pacific SW Student Conference, this year hosted in San Luis Obispo, CA at the Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo (CPSLO) campus. The conference was attended by 18 schools across the SW who participated in over 19 technical and non-technical events. The headliner competition of course was the Concrete Canoe event, but many other technical events occurred including the Geo, Surveying, Transportation, Environmental, Design Build, Sustainable Dam and the Technical Paper. CPSLO took home the top overall scoring across all competitions including Concrete Canoe edging out second place finisher University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) by only 45 points, which is closer than it might seem. Both teams competed at the national competition and CPSLO took second place overall. Pretty awesome.



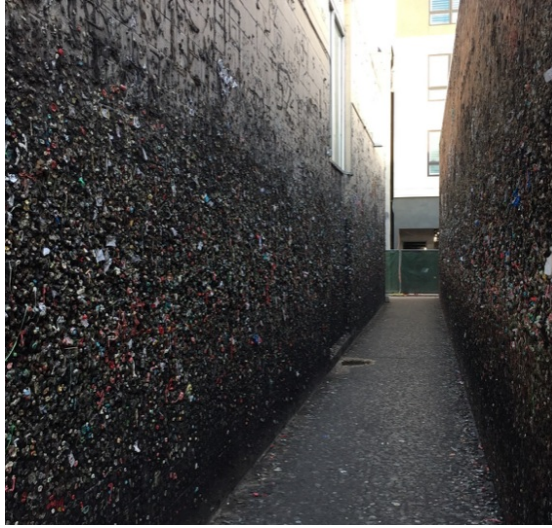
Concrete Canoe Event

At the conference I spent my time helping as a judge for the surveying competition. Teams were challenged to run a traverse around a predetermined course and were judged on their calculation correctness and completeness of field notes. The top winner in the surveying competition was UC Irvine with CSU Fullerton and Long Beach State rounding out the top 3. Fun competition on a day that turned out to be not that hot!



Surveying Competition

Following the competitions, I ventured into downtown San Luis Obispo and ran across Bubblegum Alley. Locals and visitors alike have been discarding their gum on the walls dating back to the 1940's, although both sides, and the air smells of gum as you approach. Yuck! ☐ the wall has suffered through some cleanings over the years. Currently though it's a 10-foot high covering of gum on Overall CPSLO hosted a great event which culminated in a banquet where the results were announced. They hosted over 1,000 students, faculty, and visitors like me and it went off without a hitch. Nice job and congratulations to CPSLO! Good luck to all the schools in the next year as they prepare for the 2020 competitions!



Bubblegum Alley, San Luis Obispo

Darren Hippenstiel, PE
Governor, Region 8

Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Region 8 Board of Governors Fall Meeting, Reno, NV, September 5, 2019
- Region 8 Fall Assembly Meeting, Reno, NV September 6 – 7, 2019
- 2019 Society Leader Orientation , Reston, VA, September 20 -21, 2019
- 2019 Society Presidents and Governors Forum, Reston, VA September 22 – 23, 2019
- 2019 Society Annual Convention, Miami, FL, October 10 – 13, 2019

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