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## Region 8 Director's Column

Aloha everyone. Mahalo for entrusting me to be your Society Director from Region 8 for the next three years. I look forward to continuing the Region 8 traditions established by past Directors Westley Chun, Kancheepuram (Guna) Gunalan, Kristina Swallow, and Dale Nelson, and working with the current Board of Governors (BOG) to lead the present and plan for the future.

Please join me in thanking Dale Nelson for his service as our Director for the last three years. Dale provided tireless, dedicated effort to chair the Region 8 BOG, serve on the Society's Board of Direction, and serve on the Executive Committee, and still remain an active participant with the Alaska Section. He will be a hard act to follow.

Let's also thank Greg Kinney of the Alaska Section and Bob Lamoreaux of the Utah Section who have just completed their three year terms as Governors. Their commitment and dedication to their duties kept our Region running smoothly and in the right direction. Their great attitudes and personalities made them a pleasure to work with.

Welcome to our two new Governors: Kate Thompson from the Columbia Section and Jessica Smith from the Alaska Section. I had the pleasure of participating with them at the Leader Orientation and Presidents and Governors Forum at ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA last month. From the limited experiences we shared there as well as our last Region 8 meeting in Spokane, I know we will have a fun time accomplishing our goals over the next three years together.

I am happy to have Seth Olsen back on the BOG as our new Treasurer/Historian. His experience as treasurer for other organizations and familiarity with BOG operations will be a great asset for us over the next nine years.

I had the opportunity to attend my first Society Board of Direction meeting in Denver on October 11 and 12. Not being officially installed yet, I was allowed to witness the meeting with my fellow incoming Board members from the kiddie table. It was a great way to be exposed to the meeting procedures, the expertise and personalities of the members, and to the great work that our Society accomplishes.

Two things to highlight from the Board meeting. First, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were approved for our six Society Goals. Furthermore, Goal 1 was approved as having the highest priority. Goal 1 is “An ever-growing number of people in the civil engineering realm are members of, and engage in, ASCE.” Therefore, the Society’s highest focus this year is increasing ASCE membership. Let’s brainstorm ideas together on how to accomplish this goal.

The other highlight from the Board meeting is related to Goal 1. The Board voted to approve a package of expanded member benefits for the 2019 membership year to enhance member value. The benefits were derived from survey responses by our members. The expanded member benefits include substantially increasing the number of free webinars available to members each year, allowing members to select from ASCE’s broader catalog of on-demand webinars, expanding support for professional/interpersonal training for students and younger members, a new online career portal that includes a suite of career resources, expanding the capacity of the successful Younger Member Leadership Symposium training to 300 younger members, and launching a CE Magazine audio edition for members only.

I’m looking forward to meeting you all over the next three years. If there is anything you need from me or something you’d like to share, please feel free to contact me at [tlau\\_1987@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:tlau_1987@hawaiiintel.net).

Thank you for being a member of ASCE.

**Tony C.G. Lau, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE**  
**Society Director, Region 8**

## ASCE 2018 Convention

The ASCE 2018 Convention was held in Denver, Colorado from October 12 to 15 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. The theme this year was Engineering, Innovating, Leading.

The convention officially kicked off with the Opening Plenary session on October 13. ASCE President Kristina Swallow (of Region 8) gave opening remarks reminding us all to “Kick the Door Open and Let Change In” in an ever-changing world. Dirk Ahlborn, CEO of Hyperloop TT, then followed in a similar theme with his opening keynote address in which he shared a new transformation project to bring hyperloop traveling to reality as an innovative transportation solution.



*President Swallow shows off her ASCE tattoo*

During the Celebration of Leaders Luncheon, ten members were formally inducted as recipients of the Society's highest recognition as Distinguished Members including Region 8's own Dr. Edward Kavazanjian, Jr. from Arizona State University. Congratulations to the entire Distinguished Member Class of 2018 listed below:

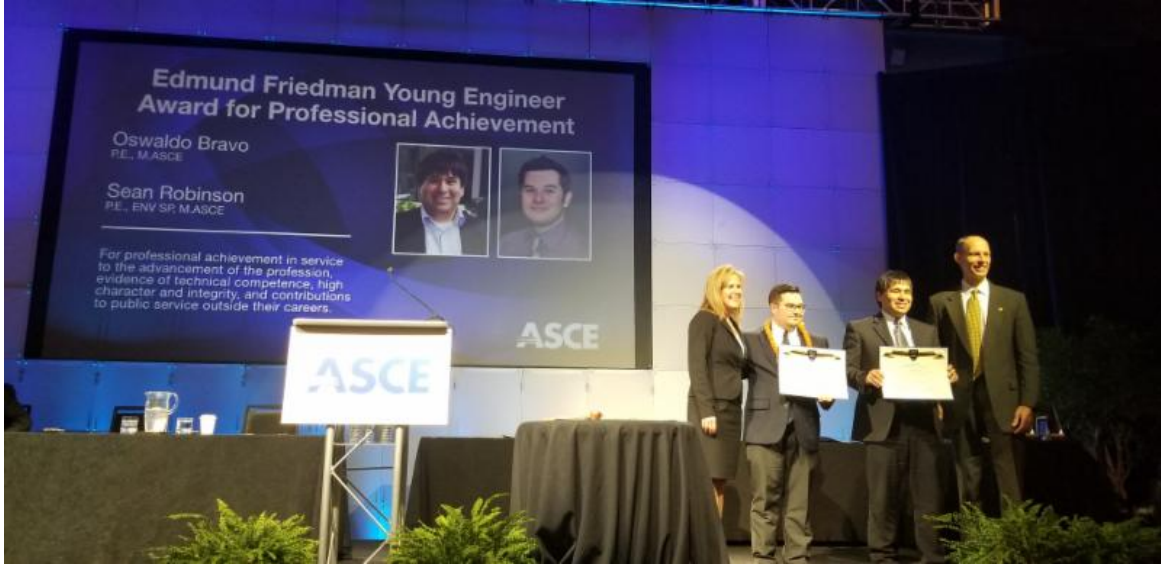
- James H. Anspach, PG, Dist.M.ASCE
- Robert E. Bachman, P.E., S.E., F.SEI, Dist.M.ASCE
- Anthony S. Bartolomeo, P.E., ENV SP, Dist.M.ASCE
- Thomas P. Bostick, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE, NAE
- Catherine E. Wolfgram French, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
- James H. Garrett, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
- Edward Kavazanjian, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, Dist.M.ASCE, NAE
- Hugo A. Loaiciga, Ph.D., D.WRE, Dist.M.ASCE
- Joseph E. Minor, Ph.D., P.E., Dist.M.ASCE
- Jose D. Salas, Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE



### *State of Society*

President Swallow called the ASCE Annual Business Meeting to order on the morning of October 14. She, along with Executive Director Tom Smith, announced successes and achievements of members during the Society award ceremony. The Region 8 members and groups listed below were among those recognized this year:

- Robert Madsen, P.E., M.ASCE of the Oregon Section received the Norman Medal
- Sean Robinson, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE of the Nevada Section received the Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement
- Edward McGuire, P.E., F.ASCE of the Nevada Section received the President's Medal
- Kelly Doyle, P.E., F.ASCE of the Nevada Section received the William H. Wisely American Civil Engineer Award



*Sean Robinson Receives Edmund Friedman YE Award*



*Ed McGuire Receives Presidents Medal*

The Hawaii Section Younger Member Forum received the Younger Member Group Award for Small Groups. YMF Past President Norman Leong, P.E., M.ASCE accepted the award.





*President Robin Kemper*

President Swallow also presided over the recognition of the outgoing Society officers and the installation of the 2019 Society officers. The outgoing officers included outgoing Region 8 Director Dale Nelson. The inducted officers included President Robin Kemper, President-Elect (and Region 8's own) Kancheepuram (Guna) Gunalan, and Region 8 Director Tony Lau.

The Convention closed with a keynote address by Christine Cashen on "Get What You Want with What You've Got". She reminded everyone to enhance communication to build relationships and teams, discover quick and easy tips to have more energy, and get practical and creative strategies for having less stress and more fun in all areas of your life.

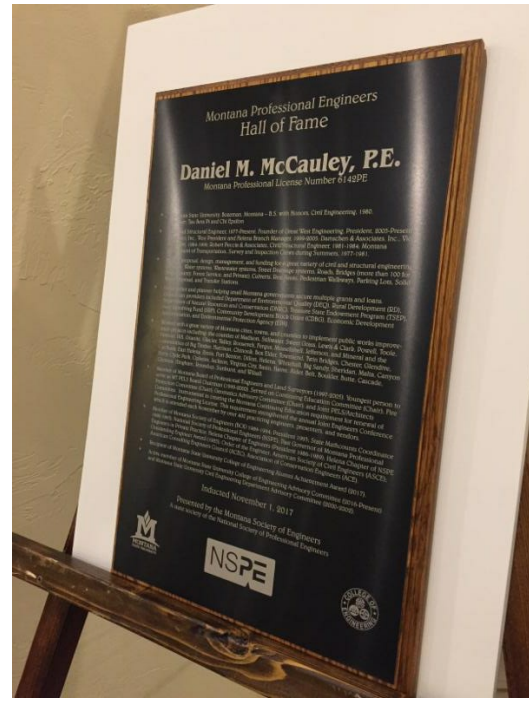
## Montana Section Update

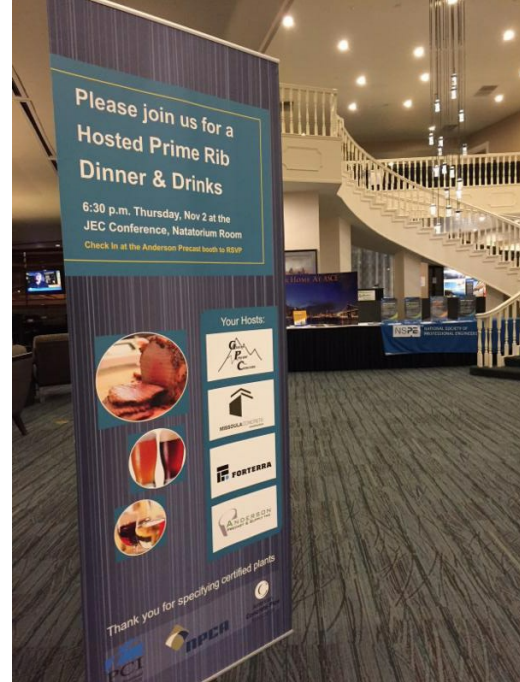
Summer is coming to a end, the haze of the fires that plague our area looms, and ASCE MT Section reaches the close of another year. ASCE MT Section has enjoyed another season of success supporting the various activities of our strong student sections, as well as those regional STEM outreach activities spear-headed by our members. This year, ASCE will again play a key role in the planning and development of the Joint Engineers Conference (JEC) in Helena, MT as the capstone to our year.

The JEC is a unique endeavor here in Montana that unites discipline-specific engineering societies toward one common goal: the execution of a large-scale technical education conference to address the needs of our members to meet their state licensing PE renewal requirement. With a smaller population spread across a vast area, many of our members are actively engaged in multiple professional societies. The ability of ASCE MT Section to team with IEEE, NSPE, ASHRAE, SAME, and others provides the resources required to pull together a high-quality educational conference while avoiding the conflicting loyalties, long distances, and dwindling resources that plague us all. Each year, ASCE MT Section delegates two representatives to serve as voting members of the JEC Planning Committee. This year, our delegates Michael Kynett, M.ASCE and Tifani Bradley, M.ASCE also serve in ASCE Section leadership as Vice Presidents of our Eastern and Western Branches, respectively.

This year's JEC conference is scheduled for November 7-9, 2018 in Helena. This annual conference boasts more than 70 education courses covering everything from structural and municipal engineering, power and HVAC design, traffic and transportation to project management, construction, and cost estimating. Conference attendance typically

exceeds 400 and provides an avenue for inter-discipline networking as well. As a part of the event, ASCE MT Section will recognize our life members at the annual Engineering Honors dinner held the first evening of the event, induct our newest officers, and network directly with our ASCE student leaders. Our cooperative efforts to team with others in our state have resulted in exponential returns in service to our ASCE MT members, as well as the ability to support the on-going growth of our Section. It's been a busy year for the MT Section here in the Big Sky Country. Come, join us in November – we promise, the haze will go away and the Big Sky will return.





***Crystal Kuntz, P.E., MBA***  
***Montana Section***

## Seattle Section Update

Greetings from Seattle and greater Puget Sound area. Our Section is almost 2,500 strong with members spanning Western and Central Washington. Our members are engaged in outreach for science and engineering education and continuing education with content from different technical committees.

This summer we had a visit from ASCE Society President-Elect Robin Kemper. The Section Leadership took her on a tour of Seattle area ASCE National Historic Landmarks, such as Ballard Locks and Snoqualmie Falls, as well as to one of the largest transportation projects in the region: the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement tunnel, also known as SR 99 Tunnel.



*Seattle Section and President Kemper SR 99 Tour*

We have been busy at work this year preparing the Infrastructure Report Card for Washington State. This was statewide effort in which civil engineer volunteers from the Seattle, and Tacoma-Olympia Sections compiled information and evaluated the state of infrastructure in several categories. This WA State Report Card (last completed in 2013) will be used to educate the public and policymakers on how our infrastructure is doing, and what needs attention. The document is currently being reviewed by ASCE HQ and will be released in January of next year.

The Seattle Section Younger Members Forum (YMF) hosted its 23rd Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge competition last February. This event typically hosts over a hundred high school students across western Washington, as well as dozens of volunteers. The event also raises money from corporations in order to run the event and to fund the YMF scholarship. In January 2018, the YMF president, Don Nguyen, was the recipient of the Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector Award at WRYMC Las Vegas.

As we start the new ASCE-year, the incoming YMF officers and chairs are working hard to come up with the year's activities. They are working on revamping their social media, fundraising, and mentorship efforts, as well as hosting different leadership retreats like the archery lessons shown below.





*Seattle Section YMF Leadership Retreat*

**Eset Alemu, PE, CFM, M.ASCE**  
**Seattle Section President**

## Region 8 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Joint Engineers Conference, November 7-9, 2018 in Helena, MT
- 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))

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