

## 2025 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

#### <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>

- An event/activity may only be used once and cannot be repeated throughout the application. Please select the most appropriate category. There are potential negative points for an event/activity that is repeated.
- Sections should NOT include activities completed by their Branches and Branches should NOT include activities completed by their Section.
- Applications are limited to 12 pages plus a copy of one newsletter.
- Point totals are listed under each category for a maximum of 125 points.
- Only list activities from October 1 September 30 which can be either virtual or in-person.
- Please e-mail an electronic PDF file to Nancy Berson at ASCE: <a href="mailto:nberson@asce.org">nberson@asce.org</a> by October 30, 2025.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Award Classification (check one):	<ul> <li>□ Very Large Section/Branch (&gt; 4000 members)</li> <li>□ Large Section/Branch (1501-4000 members)</li> <li>□ Medium Section/Branch (501-1500 members)</li> <li>□ Small Section/Branch (&lt; 501 members)</li> </ul>
Section/Branch Nominee:	East Central Branch (ECB)
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#### **NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING**

125 points maximum

#### A. <u>COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS</u> (15 Points Maximum)

• Newsletter (1 point per issue, 5 points maximum):

Please include one electronic newsletter with the Award nomination package or include a link to an active website. The links must be active to receive points for this section. Points will be given for the number of newsletters published either on the website, e-mailed to members or on social media.

Number of Newsletters Published Annually:	12
	NEWSLETTER   ASCE   FL   ECB eastcentralasce.org  Please note "Newsletter Archive" selection at the bottom of the page to go back to previous calendar year newsletters.
Newsletter Links (if available):	Our newsletter is sent monthly and reaches 2,000+ subscribers who are informed of branch, committee, and institute activities. It is also uploaded to our Branch website and social media.
	Attachment 1 includes a PDF of a recent newsletter.

 Website (5 points maximum): Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

Website Link:	HOME   ASCE   FL   ECB (eastcentralasce.org)
Discuss the content included on your website:	The ECB maintains our above linked Branch Website which provides our mission statement, access to our scholarship opportunities, recent and archived newsletters, event calendar, access to our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn), information on joining the Branch mailing list, and how to join ASCE Society. Additionally, the site provides information on each of our committees, contact information, branch membership breakdown, and recent presentations.

Social Media Tools (5 points maximum):

Provide screenshots in a separate document how you communicate with members on social media. The judges may ask you to give them access to your group/page to review if they are not public.

	Attachment 2 provides screenshots of recent posts from each of our social
	media platforms. Links are as follows and all pages are public:
	ECB Linkedin: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com">https://www.linkedin.com</a>
Discuss all active	ECB Instagram: ASCE East Central Branch (@asce.ecb)
Social Media platforms	ECB Facebook: ASCE Florida Section East Central Branch   Facebook
and their title used to	YMF Linkedin: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/">https://www.linkedin.com/</a>
communicate with	<ul> <li>YMF Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/asce.ecb.ymf">https://www.instagram.com/asce.ecb.ymf</a></li> </ul>
your Section/Branch	YMF Facebook: ASCE Florida Section ECB YMF   Facebook
your Section/Branch	While our newsletter provides an overview of all upcoming events, the
	Branch Social Media Tools are used to reach our members with current links
	to sign up for events, deadlines to do so, updates to the events, special
	occurrences and offers, etc. You will see that all three accounts provide

similar information, with Instagram Stories being used to Live Stream major events.

## B. <u>PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING</u> (20 Points Maximum)

• <u>Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities</u> (5 points maximum):

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Committee Meetings (1 point each, 2 points max)

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Professional Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
East Central Branch	12	Monthly board of director meetings with all institute chairs; discussion topics include upcoming events and action items.
Education Committee Meeting	12	Monthly Committee Meeting
Younger Member Forum	12	Monthly Group Meeting
Annual Icebreaker Committee	4	Monthly planning meeting for ECB Icebreaker Event (details in Section I)
Sustainability Committee	12	Monthly Committee Meeting

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Seminars (1 point each, 3 points max)

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Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar:	
11/19/2024	142	T&DI Annual Capital Improvement Plan Luncheon: With representation from six central Florida State, municipal, and Private clients (FDOT District 1, FDOT District 5, FDOT FTE, Central Florida Expressway Authority, and Seminole/Orange County) — this networking lunch updated members on the highly anticipated transportation CIP work plans for the coming fiscal year. At this event, two \$1,500 student scholarships were awarded.	
2/22/2025	112	ECB E-Week Banquet: Formal Award Dinner that celebrated the impacts of Engineers on our society and the world with Keynote Speaker Lee Constantine. Awards recognized those among us who exemplify the best of the Engineering profession. This was hosted by ASCE ECB in collaboration with the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), Florida Engineering Society (FES), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS). This event was met with continued growth from the previous year!	
9/19/2025	67	ECB Annual Officer Installation Luncheon: Luncheon recognizes outgoing branch leadership and swears in the incoming new officers. Six scholarships were awarded, life members recognized, and presentation provided by keynote speaker Valerie Siedel about the economics of transportation in Central Florida.	

• Awards/Recognition (1 point each, 5 points maximum):

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
2025 ECB E-Week	Steve Sommerfeldt,	Awarded at the 2025 ECB E-Week Banquet in February,
Engineer of the Year	PE, CFM, ENV SP.	recognizes the Branch's E-Week Engineer of the year
2025 ECB E-Week	Dayna Duffy, PE	Awarded at the 2025 ECB E-Week Banquet in February,
Member of the Year	Dayria Dully, I L	recognizes the Branch's E-Week Member of the year
2025 Technical Contributor of the Year	Khanh Olka, PE	Awarded at the 2025 ECB E-Week Banquet in February, recognizes the Branch's E-Week Technical Contributor of the Year
2025 ECB Engineer of	Steve Sommerfeldt,	Awarded at the 2025 ECB Officer Installation Luncheon in
the Year	PE, CFM, ENV SP.	September, recognizes the Branch's Engineer of the year
2025 Young Engineer of the Year	Alexis Baugh, PE	Awarded at the 2025 ECB Officer Installation Luncheon in September, recognizes the Branch's Young Engineer of the year

2025 ECB Government Engineer of the Year	Paul Yeargain, PE	Awarded at the 2025 ECB Officer Installation Luncheon in September, recognizes the Branch's Government Engineer of the year
2025 ECB Project of the Year	SR 426/CR 419 Widening (Phase 2)	Awarded at the 2025 ECB Officer Installation Luncheon in September, recognizes the Branch's Project of the year
2025 ECB Sustainable Project of the Year	Lake Gandy Water Quality Improvement Project	Awarded at the 2025 ECB Officer Installation Luncheon in September, recognizes the Branch's Sustainable Project of the year

Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
Outstanding Section & Branch 2024 Award	East Central Branch	Awarded by the ASCE Society's Leader Training Committee.
ASCE Section and Branch JEDI Award	East Central Branch	Awarded by the ASCE Members of Society Advancing An Inclusive Culture (MOSAIC) based on DEI contributions.
2025 Younger Member Group Award	East Central Branch Younger Member Forum	Awarded by ASCE's Committee on Younger Members for their outstanding professional, technical, social, outreach, and community service activities

#### • Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarsh	nip:	Amount of Scholarship:		Describe:

Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:	Describe:
East Central Branch Legacy Scholarship	\$2,000	Scholarship Awarded by the East Central Branch Endowment Fund to the top scoring ASCE Student Chapter Member Applicant
4 Annual Branch Scholarships 4 - \$1,20		Awarded in September 2025 by the Branch to an ASCE Student Chapter Member Applicants
Annual SEI Scholarship	\$1,500	The Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) awarded this scholarship in September 2025.
4 Annual EWRI Scholarships	4 - \$2,000	The Environmental and Water Resource Institute (EWRI) awarded these scholarships in May 2025.
1 Annual GI Scholarship	\$1,000	The Geotechnical Institute (GI) awarded ths scholarship in June 2025.
2 Annual T&DI Scholarship	2 - \$1,500	The Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI) awarded these scholarships in November 2024

#### • Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
10/03/2024	30	<b>ERAU Resume Review</b> : 3 members from the YMF led a resume review at ERAU. 30 students attended and brought copies of their resumes, which were reviewed by YMF members. They also presented some tips for resumes and interviews. This event helped ERAU students prepare for upcoming career fairs where they can secure internships and

		entry-level positions
02/04/2025	15	UCF Resume Review: Students attended and brought copies of their resumes, which were reviewed by YMF members. They also presented some tips for resumes and interviews. This event helped UCF students prepare for upcoming career fairs where they can secure internships and entry-level positions.
04/11/2025	15	Central Florida Field Trip: This annual event was revamped this year from doing active construction site tours to office visits of local firms. Students were taken to five local engineering offices to gain exposure to what an office environment looked like and gain insight into different engineering disciplines. Engineering disciplines included transportation, land development, water resources and construction.
9/18/2025	85	<b>UCF Presentation:</b> Presentation to UCF Student Chapter General Body Meeting at UCF and presented on the benefits of ASCE and YMF membership after graduation. The presentation included discussions of how ASCE is organized at the society, section, and branch level, benefits for student and professional members, and the opportunities and events available within YMF.
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## C. <u>TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / INSTITUTE CHAPTERS AND ACTIVITIES</u> (15 Points Maximum)

Section/Branch Technical Committees or Institute Chapters (minimum of 2 technical or virtual

meetings per year; 1 point each, 5 points max)

Technical Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
SEI	16	<ul> <li>Monthly meetings to discuss SEI content and technical/community service events.</li> <li>11/19/2024- Delegated Design of Connections Using Finite Element Analysis</li> <li>1/21/2025- Seismic Soil-Structure Interaction Applications of Nuclear Structures</li> <li>3/11/2025- NCSEA Seismic Design Guide, Workflow, and Seismic Design Category C</li> <li>5/20/2025- Structural Modeling: An Essential Skill for Engineers</li> </ul>
T&DI	15	<ul> <li>Monthly meetings to discuss T&amp;DI content and technical/community service events.</li> <li>12/5/2024 - T&amp;DI CIP Luncheon with FDOT and Local Government</li> </ul>
EWRI	12	<ul> <li>Monthly meetings to discuss EWRI content and technical/community service events.</li> </ul>
GI	8	Monthly meetings to discuss GI content and technical/community service events.

UESI	8	Monthly meetings to discuss UESI content and technical/community service events.
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Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
1/16/2025	41	EWRI January Luncheon: Inclusion of Internal Nutrient Load Management and Recirculating Biosorption Activated Media Filters as Part of a Comprehensive Approach to Achieving Water Quality Restoration Goals. Awarded 1.0 PDH
1/21/2025	35	SEI Webinar - Seismic Soil-Structure Interaction Applications of Nuclear Structures. The presentation introduced the application of SSI in assessing both existing nuclear structures for Seismic Probabilistic Risk Assessment and new structural designs. There were 44 professionals and students attending the webinar. Awarded 1.0 PDH credits.
2/11/2025	18	ECB Sustainability - Civil Design Considerations for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Discussed the civil-related aspects of Electric vehicle charging stations. Discussion included considerations for location & utilities, costs of installation vs. retrofit & Benefits of fleet electrifications. Awarded 1.0 PDH credits.
4/9/2025	28	YMF Webinar – Case Study on use of FRP and GFRP/CFRP. Discussed a case study on a coastal bridge replacement project in Wakulla County, including benefits and limitations of FRP and GFRP/CFRP in design. Awarded 1.0 PDH Credits.
5/16/2025	112	40th Annual ASCE ECB EWRI Water Resources Seminar: The full-day event featured a diverse lineup of presentations covering key topics such as flood risk mapping, coastal resiliency, updates from the Florida Flood Hub, and various restoration projects. Awarded 6.0 PDH credits.

Other Technical / Educational Activities and Benefits for Section / Branch Members (1 point each,

5 points max)

Describe other technical / educational activities and benefits for Section / Branch members:	<ul> <li>11/14/2024 YMF Webinar with Engineers without Borders – Nexus between Water Quality and Tribal Cultural Lifeways. (1 PDH Offered)</li> <li>12/5/2024 EWRI – S-69 Weir Site Visit and Kissimmee River Tour.</li> <li>2/20/2025 YMF Technical Tour at Rinker Material Plant Tour (2 PDH Offered)</li> <li>4/22/2025 ASCE ECB YMF Webinar: Embodied Carbon and Calculating Life Cycle Assessments in Infrastructure (1 PDH Offered)</li> <li>4/25/2025 EWRI Tour of the SJRWMD Lake Apopka North Shore (2 PDH Offered)</li> </ul>

#### D. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> (10 Points Maximum)

The East Central Branch invites student members to participate
in all Branch and Institute/Committees they are interested in
attending. The UCF student chapter president attended (in-
person) at each of our monthly Board meetings. We encourage
involvement at all levels from resume workshops, career fairs,
student board meetings, or panel discussions. ECB provides
support for all student chapter requests, including monetary
support for conference needs, trailer repairs, or laboratory

	materials. We consider our student members a pivotal sect of our membership and always encourage that they continue their membership once they reach the professional level, and why they should do so. Section F of this application outlines specific events and efforts to this effect.
Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points):	In addition to our student member recruitment efforts, ECB prioritizes member recruitment by encouraging all current members to "bring a friend" to not only our discipline-specific institute events, but also to our Branch events open to all engineering disciplines. Below are two social events with the sole purpose of increasing our membership.  • 2/26/2025 – Younger Member Forum/ Branch – Orlando Solar Bears hockey game membership recruitment social  • 4/8/2025 – Younger Member Forum/ Branch – Magic Basketball Game membership recruitment social that had over 50 people in attendance!
Describe Member retention programs (2 points):	The East Central Branch attempts to put on a litany of diverse events, ranging from social, to professional development, to technical seminars with PDH offerings (as you will have seen above in the listing of offerings and below with the involvement opportunities). Specific member retention events and programs that are of a purely social stance are as follows:  • 11/13/2024 – YMF Pickleball Social Event (23 attendees)  • 1/23/2025 – SEI Networking Social (22 attendees)  • 2/17/2025 – E-Week Happy hour with Multiple Engineering Organizations (15 ASCE Member attendees, 20+ other attendees)
Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points):	ECB does not have a standalone employer recognition program for supporting ASCE, but at each of our major annual events (i.e. Icebreaker, Officer Installation Luncheon, E-week Awards Banquet, Scholarship Golf Tournament, etc.), we display all employee sponsors on advertisements leading up to the events, with special recognition at the event, and on the newsletter post-event update.
Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points):	4/12/2025 – YMF 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament - Donations for Give Kids the World. (16 Participants)

#### E. <u>PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES</u> (10 Points Maximum)

Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max):	<ul> <li>The East Central Branch is extremely active in the education community of Central Florida. Below is a listing of specific events that occur, however, there are additional trainings, meetings, and planning sessions that occur to ensure that our branch is supporting these community events that are not listed as well!</li> <li>SECME Balsa Bridge Competition at UCF - 2/15/2025         <ul> <li>Volunteered to help judge and test balsa bridges for elementary, middle and high school students</li> </ul> </li> <li>Varies – Education Committee – Engineers in the Classroom events         <ul> <li>11/1/2024 – Camelot Elementary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>11/22/2024 – Timber Creek Elementary</li> <li>1/10/2025 – Stone Lake Elementary</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>2/21/2025 – Avalon Elementary</li> <li>3/27/2025 – Milwee Middle School</li> <li>2/1/2025 – EWRI Volunteers at the Seminole County Science Fair</li> <li>4/12/2025 – ASCE ECB participates by providing volunteers at the Odyssey of the Mind Phil Fest at the Orange County Convention Center</li> <li>April – June 2025 – ECB – Florida Bridge Competition Support (host virtual event for qualification, coach for state event at annual conference, monetary awards for winners)</li> </ul>
Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max):	ECB has an extremely active social media presence, as noted above in Section A.
Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max):	<ul> <li>Year Long – Education Committee – Monetary and Educational support to local Robotics team (Team "Zip Ties" and Team "Super 7") through competition guidance and funding.</li> <li>Education committee seeks nominations and awards outstanding teachers with monetary awards for exceptional service to students at the elementary/ middle/ high school levels</li> </ul>

## F.<u>COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES</u> (20 Points Maximum for entire section) – CHOOSE #1 or #2.

#### 1. Section/Branch has an ASCE Student Chapter(s)

List each Student Chapter and at least one current Practitioner Advisor for each school. Note if you have less than 5 schools in your Section/Branch. (2 points each if five schools or more, 10 points maximum).	University of Central Florida (UCF): Dayna Duffy is a registered practitioner advisor Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU): Alexis Baugh is a registered practitioner advisor
Describe Student Interaction Activities between each ASCE Student Chapters and the Section/Branch (2 points each, 10 points max):	<ul> <li>10-25-2024, Student Success Conference, The ASCE Florida Section hosts the annual Student Success Conference which includes sessions on career development, transition into workforce, resume and interview tips, personal finance, and a variety of other "soft skills" topics. This event was hosted in Orlando, and one of our YMF board members (Alexis Baugh) was involved with planning and hosting the conference. Several YMF members attended and participated in student workshops.</li> <li>1/14/2025 – YMF Mini Golf with UCF Student Chapter (43 attendees) Joint Mini-Golf at Congo River, ECB YMF hosted a mini-golf event with the UCF student chapter, where UCF students were paired up with YMF members for an 18-hole round of mini-golf. Students had the opportunity to network with YMF members and ask questions about their disciplines, careers, ASCE involvement, and anything else they were interested in. YMF members covered the registration costs so students could attend for free.</li> <li>3/22/2025 – YMF &amp; ERAU Joint Springs Social at Wekiva Island (25 Participants) - ECB YMF hosted a kayak event with the ERAU student chapter. YMF</li> </ul>

	rented a cabana and provided food and drinks for participants to enjoy and applied for a Region 5 grant to assist with funding. Students had the opportunity to network with YMF members and enjoy a well-deserved, relaxing break after the Southeast Student Symposium. 12 students and 13 YMF members attended.  • 5/22/2025, ASCE Icebreaker, The Icebreaker Planning Committee provides free registration to 2 students from each Student Chapter to set up a table showcasing their student activities, and allowing them to connect with potential sponsors. Discounted registration is provided to additional student attendees. (more info about this event below)  • 8/7/2025, UCF Conference Prep Meeting, ECB YMF sponsored this event by providing dinner to the students who attend.  • 9/23/2025, Presentation to ERAU Student Chapter, ECB YMF sponsored this event by providing dinner to the students who attended.
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#### 2. Section/Branch does not have any ASCE Student Chapter(s)

Describe outreach activities with		l
college students other than	Not Applicable	l
those involved with ASCE (5		l
points each, 20 points max):		l

## G. <u>COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u> (10 Points Maximum)

NOTE: ASCE also awards a History and Heritage Award. If you have such activities and want to be considered for that award, describe those activities here and submit a nomination form for the award by November 30th If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Lawrence at ilawrence@asce.org.

Describe public service projects (2 points):  Describe History and Heritage	The East Central branch is extremely active in the central Florida Community providing support to service projects across the region. The following summarizes specific events:  • 10/5/2024 - T&DI Habitat for Humanity Volunteering Event  • 11/14/2024- T&DI Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House providing meals for those staying  • 2/12/2025 – YMF Volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank  N/A	
Activities (2 points):	Monthly reports at the heard of director meeting of current	
Describe Government Relations activities (2 points):	<ul> <li>Monthly reports at the board of director meeting of current events in the area that may impact engineering efforts (funding mechanism, infrastructure bill updates, resources for report card, etc).</li> <li>Monthly updates on upcoming bills being considered in Florida legislature and their impacts to engineers</li> <li>During Florida elections, updates on key funding initiatives and meetings with key decision makers</li> <li>Two ECB members attended the Legislative Fly-In to Washington, D.C.</li> </ul>	
Describe Sustainability Seminars	As outlined above in Sections B and C, the ECB Sustainability	

held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points):	<ul> <li>committee is extremely active in hosting monthly committee meetings as well as technical sessions providing PDH's for our members.</li> <li>The committee has an MOU with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, where we help plan webinars on natural engineering solutions.</li> <li>The committee is also extremely involved with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which is a leader in the greater Orlando community on Sustainability initiatives. Our members attend meetings and provide partnership to that group.</li> <li>The committee successfully sponsored O-Town Compost to be at both the Icebreaker (details in Section I) and Officer installation lunch events (with over 110 lb of food composted at each event). Instead of food waste being thrown out, O-Town compost collects the waste and responsibly composts the material from the events!</li> <li>The committee created sustainability stickers with QR codes</li> </ul>
	that link members and potential members to their sustainability page on the ASCE ECB website
Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max):	<ul> <li>11/20/2024- ECB &amp; YMF Canned Food Drive where over 800 lbs. of food was collected.</li> <li>12/9/2024- YMF Toys for Tots Toy Donation Drive &amp; Happy Hour where over 150 toys were collected.</li> <li>4/12/2025- YMF 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament and Donations for Give the Kids the World</li> </ul>

#### H. <u>DIVERSITY</u>, <u>EQUITY</u>, <u>AND INCLUSION</u> (15 Points Maximum)

ASCE fosters a fully inclusive culture that celebrates individual uniqueness, engenders a sense of belonging, and promotes equitable opportunity for all people to participate as members and stakeholders of the civil engineering community. ASCE's Committee on "Members of Society Advancing an Inclusive Culture" reviews this section to select Outstanding Section/Branches for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that promote an equitable and inclusive climate in the profession.

Inclusive Events - What best practices has your Section/Branch implemented to ensure meetings/events are equitable and inclusive for all prospective participants? (1 point each, 5 points max):	<ul> <li>ECB has hosted hybrid (in-person and virtual) monthly board meetings for over 8 years to promote/ensure inclusivity for all members within our large Branch region.</li> <li>Monthly board meetings are scheduled beforework hours and we routinely accommodate students to go first on the agenda if they have a class conflict.</li> <li>Monthly board meetings are recorded and posted afterwards.</li> <li>ECB encourages each Institute to hold their technical luncheons in a hybrid format, as well as at an accessible venue.</li> <li>ECB mandates that each luncheon include a vegetarian lunch option.</li> <li>ECB communicates through various</li> </ul>
Leadership & Engagement - In what ways has the Section/Branch/Group demonstrated a commitment to DEI? (1 point each, 5 points max):	<ul> <li>ECB has a dedicated DEI Committee and chair person where its sole purpose is to promote ECB's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion in support of Society's Policy Statement 417.</li> <li>February E-Week Awards Banquet promoted diversity by bringing together multiple engineering agencies such as the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), Florida Engineering Society (FES), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Society for</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Marketing Professional Services (SMPS), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS).</li> <li>ASCE Branch included opportunities at the Icebreaker event (see section I) to include engineering organizations WTS &amp; ITE.</li> <li>ECB DEI Committee hosted an International Women in Engineering Day Luncheon and Panel Discussion on 6/23/2025. Hosted jointly with WTS, SWE, ITE, and FES, this event featured a panel of local women leaders and opportunities for networking.</li> </ul>
Inclusive Communications and Training - In what ways does your Section/Branch ensure that communications with and about members and partners are inclusive and asset-based and discuss how you Section/Branch supports DEI related training and programs? (1 point each, 5 points max):	The ECB is fortunately led by a diverse group of individuals who all wholeheartedly support inclusivity. We ensure that all communications from the Branch, and institutes, are inclusive in nature and provide perspectives from all views. ECB makes sure to keep up with multiple forms of communication to ensure that generational preference of communication is accommodated

#### I. <u>ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES</u> (10 Points Maximum)

Describe any other non-standard activities that are not covered under other sections of the nomination form that your Section or Branch has undertaken to promote or advance the Civil Engineering profession to either your members or the public. Note that Sections applying for the award should not include their Branch activities and vice versa for Branches. These can include other Community Service projects, hosting of Regional meetings, fundraising, mentoring, and other best practices. Describe the activity and give dates, locations and number in attendance. Also describe any activities relative to the creation of a Section / Branch strategic plan and/or efforts to support the Society's Strategic Initiatives (ie. sustainability efforts). These activities may also be eligible for the Leader Training Committee Best Practices Manual. A maximum of two (2) points will be given for each of up to five (5) non-standard activities.

Type of Activity/Event/Initiative:	Date (if applicable):	Describe:
Membership Event/Scholarship Fundraiser	5/22/2025	Icebreaker event: Over 350 engineers attended this networking event at the Orlando Science Center, geared towards new membership, membership retention, education, fundraising for scholarship, student support, and diversity. This event provided several thousand dollars towards annual branch scholarship through sponsorship and attendee fees. Booth sponsors provide education and outreach to attendees who are representative of membership from student chapters through life members. This highly successful annual event is a key pillar of the ECB!
Membership Event/Member Recognition	9/19/2025	Annual Officer Installation Luncheon: This luncheon is always well attended with over 60 attendees this year and is an opportunity to invite a guest speaker to present on an interesting topic on a project or initiative occurring within our geographic region. This year we had a presentation on the economic outlook of transportation construction in Central Florida. This event is also an opportunity to celebrate all of our members who have spent the previous year serving as an officer, celebrate life members, and award scholarships.
Membership Event/Scholarship	9/26/2025	Annual Scholarship & Education Golf Tournament: This networking and fundraising event provides the

Fundraiser		majority of funds for the ECB annual scholarship disbursements. This year over 120 golfers attended this highly successful annual event that brings in new members, encourages networking, and is a fantastic day on the greens! Student volunteers are able to interact with professionals throughout the day as well as at fun hole challenges (such as Drone hole-in-one) events and then fun social capping off the day.
Sustainability Initiative	N/A	<ul> <li>The ECB Sustainability Committee developed a         "Sustainability Venue Guide" survey that is         being used by other Branch Institutes for their         luncheons. This document is a quick         guide/survey for the venue to fill out with a         focus on sustainability for each luncheon         venue.</li> <li>Over 200 lbs of compost was collected at ASCE         events coordinated by the sustainability         committee.</li> </ul>
Membership Event	3/16/2025	Baby Goat Yoga Social: A unique event planned by our YMF group, 10+ members attended a yoga session surrounded by baby goats. There was a lot of positive feedback on this event and is planned to occur on an annual basis.

## 2025 Outstanding Section/Branch Award Nomination



**ATTACHMENT 1: NEWSLETTER** 



## NEWSLETTER



#### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### Greetings!

As October approaches, so does the end of my term as President of the ASCE East Central Branch. Serving in this role has been an incredible honor, and I'm proud to have helped highlight the stories, achievements, and impact of our civil engineering community across Central Florida. Our Branch's recognition as Florida Section's *Branch of the Year* for two consecutive years is no coincidence — it's a direct reflection of the passion, dedication, and hard work of our members. I want to extend my deepest thanks to the outstanding leaders across our Board, Committees, Technical Institutes, Younger Member Forum, and Student Chapters. Your commitment to ASCE and to advancing our profession is what makes this Branch truly exceptional.

Looking ahead, we have two exciting annual events coming up for the East Central Branch.

First, our **Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament** is happening this **Friday**, **September 12**, at **Eagle Creek Golf Club**. There may still be time to register a team, so don't miss out — check the following link for more information and any last-minute availability.

#### ASCE Annual Golf Tournament Landing Page

The following week, join us for our Annual Officer Installation Luncheon on Friday, September 19, at the Historic Dubsdread Ballroom. We'll celebrate and recognize the dedicated individuals who served as our 2024–2025 officers, and officially welcome the incoming 2025–2026 officer slate. We'll also be honoring six outstanding student scholarship recipients, including the prestigious East Central Branch Legacy Scholarship awarded to our top applicant. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and we encourage you to consider supporting this meaningful event — all sponsorship levels include event registrations.

#### ASCE Installation Luncheon Landing Page

There are many other events and opportunities listed below, and I look forward to continuing to grow our organization into a more impactful, inclusive, and forward-thinking community that delivers lasting value to all those we serve.

Thank you, again, for an exciting year. Look forward to the next newsletter edition featuring the Branch's newest President!

Best Regards,

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Thomas A. Anzelone, PE ASCE Florida Section East Central Branch President



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# INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

19

SEPT 2025

TIME: 1130AM-130PM



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE 2025/2026 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND RECOGNITION OF ALL WHO SERVED THIS PAST YEAR.

We are confirming our guest speaker - be on the lookout for the announcement!



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SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED

Join us at our ASCE East Central Branch Annual Luncheon! We will be celebrating those who served as officers for the 2024-2025 year and install our incoming slate of officers for the upcoming year. Award recognitions, scholarships, and a guest speaker will also be present.

Register Now!



Calling all Branch members! ECB is pleased to announce our new mentorship program with the ASCE-UCF Student Chapter. The pilot mentorship program will run during the 2025-26 school year and provide a valuable resource to the next generation of engineers, but we need your help to make it happen! All Branch members (including Younger Members) are invited to volunteer as mentors. You will be paired with a student and meet with them monthly on your own schedule. See below for more information and please fill out the interest form to join.

Register Now!

ASCE

11th Forensic Engineering Congress

Lake Buena Vista, Florida | October 22–25, 2026

#### **Call for Abstracts Now Open!**

ASCE's Forensic Engineering Division invites you to the 11th Forensic Engineering Congress, scheduled for Orlando, Florida, October 22–25, 2026. Join other experts to discuss advances in forensic engineering under the theme "Decoding Failure"— covering case studies of major collapses to everyday performance issues.

Submit abstracts for papers, sessions, or panels on topics like AI in practice, forensic investigations, infrastructure and building failures, expert witness strategies, ethics, disaster response, and more.

Details here: Call for Abstracts | ASCE Forensic Engineering Congress

See you in Orlando!

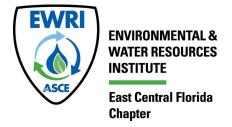
#### **Congress Chair**

Jason Gregorie, P.E., M.ASCE Civil / Structural Engineer Applied Building Sciences, Inc. (ABS)

Learn More https://www.forensiccongress.org/

#### **Important Dates**

- Call for Abstracts Opens: August 25, 2025
- Final Paper Acceptance Notification: May 18, 2026
- Forensic Engineering Congress Dates: October 22-25, 2026



Interested in joining EWRI? This month, we'll be selecting our 2025-26 officers! Join us on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, virtually or in-person at the Geosyntec office (11301 Corporate Blvd., Ste. 305). Contact Tom Amstadt at <a href="mailto:tamstadt@geosyntec.com">tamstadt@geosyntec.com</a> for the meeting invitation.



The ASCE ECB SEI Chapter will hold a virtual meeting on **Wednesday**, **September 10**, from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM to discuss and plan future events. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to Khanh Olka at <a href="mailto:khanh.olka@amermhi.com">khanh.olka@amermhi.com</a>.

### Webinar recap: ""Understanding Wind and Tornado Load Provisions in ASCE 7-22" Luncheon

We had a fantastic turnout and an even more enriching experience at our recent technical luncheon, "Understanding Wind and Tornado Load Provisions in ASCE 7-22." With 25 members attending in person and 18 joining online, the energy and engagement were palpable from start to finish.

#### A Deep Dive into Wind & Tornado Design

Led by the brilliant **Donna Friis** and **Nicholas Griffin** from **Walter P Moore**, the session offered a comprehensive look into the latest updates in ASCE 7-22, focusing on wind and tornado load provisions. Attendees gained valuable insights into:

- How to properly design structures to withstand wind and tornado forces
- Practical tips for implementation in real-world projects
- A bonus takeaway: a FEMA design guide to support future design efforts

The content was so compelling that the Q&A session extended nearly 40 minutes beyond the scheduled time, with members eager to ask questions and absorb every bit of knowledge shared.

#### Food, Fellowship, and Appreciation

A huge thank you to **Walter P Moore** not only for their expert speakers but also for sponsoring a delicious lunch from **4 Rivers BBQ**. The smoky brisket and savory sides were a hit—many attendees agreed it was the perfect complement to an intellectually satisfying afternoon.

Thank you again to everyone who joined us, and especially to Donna and Nick for their time, expertise, and generosity. We look forward to more events that feed both the mind and the appetite!







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East Central Florida Chapter

## SAVE THE DATES

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING WEBINARS! MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON.

16 October

12:00pm to 1:00pm featuring Dr. Amr Sallam 11 November

12:00pm to 1:00pm featuring Glen Andersen

Save the date for our upcoming webinars. Registration information coming soon.



## **VOLUNTEERS** NEEDED



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US IN OCTOBER AS WE VOLUNTEER TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



**Ⅲ** OCTOBER 25, 2025 8:45 AM - 2 PM



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**REGISTRATION DETAILS TO COME** 



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US** 



Don't forget! Our Habitat for Humanity volunteering event on October 25<sup>th</sup>! This Fall we will be at the West Orange location (near 13369 W Colonial Dr, Winter Garden, FL 34787). Registration information to follow soon.



Last month was the start of another school year. As we get back into the swing of things, here are some events to keep in mind.

Teach-In occurs in November and is a great opportunity to present to your child's school. The Florida Engineering Society plans several Engineers in the Classroom events, so stay tuned as the schedule is published.

FES also hosts Math Counts which occurs in February.

Other STEM opportunities are Odyssey of the Mind and SECME (hosted by UCF).

If you are interested in providing engagement to K-12 students, please contact Michael Olka (mike.olka@lakecountyfl.gov).



The goal of the ASCE Younger Member Forum (YMF) is to promote professional development among young engineers. YMF hopes you will join us for some of our upcoming events.

#### **Upcoming Events**

We're excited to announce our 2025-2026 ASCE ECB YMF officer board! We're looking forward to another year of continued success!

#### **ASCE ECB YMF** Dayna Duffy Alexa McWilliams **Brittni Stewart Abby Rains** Chris Carrino President Past President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Kimberly Santiago-Ortiz Sakshi Shukla Service Co-Chair Service Co-Chair Katie George Social Co-Chair **Jaden Thrift** Service Co-Chair Social Co-Chair **Clayton Purvis Sydney Makarovich Logan Patrick** Sakshi Shukla Social Co-Chair **Education Chair** Prof. Dev. Co-Chair Prof. Dev. Co-Chair Stephen Sarnyai Sports Co-Chair **Sydney Makarovich** Vince Stippler **Smit Patel** Co-Univ. Liaison Co-Univ. Liaison Sports Co-Chair

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Register now for our upcoming webinar on 3D Printed Living Seawalls on September 16 with Engineers without Borders. Proceeds from the webinar will benefit EWB-FL's Guatemala and Nepal Water Supply projects.



## **3D Printed Living Seawalls**



September 16, 2025 12:00-1:00 pm

### Presenter: Jeremy Morris and Andrew Valdes KindDesigns

Our presenters will discuss the methodology for using 3D printing technology for marine construction and seawall repair projects. KindDesigns has used robots to create customdesigned seawalls, tiles, and other shoreline structures out of materials such as high performance mortar, marine-grade concrete, and custom reinforcement.

Proceeds will benefit EWB-FL's Guatemala and Nepal Water Supply Projects, working to bring a consistent water supply and distribution system to 3 villages



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Register Now!

Calling all athletes! Save the date and join us on October 4h for a Joint Field Day with the ASHE and FES Central Florida Chapters. Whether you're a sports enthusiast or just want to network, we hope to see you there. Registration link to follow.



**Register Now!** 

ECB YMF is pleased to have been recognized with the **2025 National Younger Member Group Award**, and we want to celebrate! Save the Date for a Happy Hour under the Stars at the AC Sky Bar rooftop. More information and registration coming soon!



#### **Event Recap**

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for our joint happy hour with UESI and to our sponsor Chen Moore & Associates. We hope you were able to make some new connections!





#### September Report

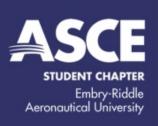
With the fall semester in full swing, our chapter started strong by completing an engaging freshman welcome video that highlights ASCE's mission and vision for new and prospective members. We also brought our advisors, competition captains, and officers together for a symposium preparation session to discuss this year's objectives and roll out improved competition-prep practices. Additionally, we hosted an advisor dinner in appreciation of their continued support. At both Opening Knight and our tabling outreach in the UCF Engineering II atrium, our officers connected face-to-face with incoming students, sparking excitement about the opportunities our chapter offers such as projects, workshops, professional opportunities and socials.

In collaboration with ABC UCF, we organized a relaxed back-to-school pool social where new and preexisting members bonded over games and refreshments, fostering friendships and mentoring connections. Building on that momentum, we held our first tailgate of the season before the UCF vs. Jacksonville State game—complete with activities, spirited games, and plenty of ASCE pride, unifying members and UCF students with campus spirit. With such a promising start, we're excited to see all that this new year has in store for our chapter!





### **AUGUST 2025**





In August, the fall semester has begun for our members! The exec board has met several times to prepare for the year and the first general body meeting. Several exec members presented to an Engineering 101 class and were able to introduce ASCE to the incoming freshmen. We are looking forward to volunteering for the ECB Golf Tournament in September.

Sponsorship Packet

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Geotechnical Project Manager**

#### About us

Pura Vida Engineering Services aims to provide prompt, high-quality, and cost-effective solutions that leverage the latest industry technologies to meet the specific demands of your project. We take great pride in offering

a full range of services, including geotechnical engineering, drilling services, materials testing, surveying services, environmental science, and other related services. Our mission is to be the partner of choice in delivering comprehensive solutions that exceed our clients' expectations through a relentless focus on innovation, cutting-edge technologies, and exceptional results.



Pura Vida Engineering Services (PVE) is seeking a skilled Geotechnical Project Manager to join our team! This position manages moderate to

complex geotechnical projects by providing the technical expertise required to exceed client expectations. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in geotechnical engineering and project management and will be responsible for managing projects from conception to completion.

#### Responsibilities

- · Manage geotechnical projects including site investigations, laboratory testing, and fieldwork
- Direct and manage associated field exploration and classifying soil and rock retrieved during drilling, review boring logs, and assign laboratory testing
- · Review conceptual site plans, cross-sections and existing data
- Prepare geotechnical proposals and reports
- Perform intermittent site visits for scoping
- · Communicate project updates and progress to clients and management
- Conduct analyses and evaluate data to develop solutions to geotechnical challenges
- Conduct analyses for slope stability, settlement, foundation design, bearing capacity, retaining walls, etc.
- Monitor project progress and ensure project deliverables are completed on time and within budget
- Design and analysis of various permanent and temporary earth retention systems such as concrete gravity, sheet pile walls, etc.
- Preparation of the final geotechnical engineering reports (Roadway Soil Survey and Structures).
   This activity requires excellent verbal communication skills as well as writing capabilities
- Direct and manage various types of projects in the government, industrial, and private sectors that will include highways, bridges, culverts and public infrastructure improvements along with various commercial and residential developments
- Computer skills including MS Word, MS Excel, FB-Deep, L-PILE, S-Pile, PONDS, etc.
- May prepare scopes of work and manhour estimates for projects
- Co-design and manage multiple geotechnical engineering projects, concurrently
- Work alongside project management teams to successfully monitor progress and implementation
  of initiatives
- Perform other related duties, as required

#### Qualifications

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or Master's degree in Geotechnical Engineering or a related field
- Minimum of 2 years of experience in geotechnical engineering and project management
- Strong knowledge of geotechnical engineering principles, practices, and codes
- Working knowledge of FDOT Specifications
- Experience working on FDOT, CFX, FTE, City and County projects
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Proficient in geotechnical software and analysis tools.
- Willingness to travel to project sites as needed.

#### **Benefits**

- Health Benefits medical, vision, and dental
- 401(k) Matching
- Paid Time Off and Vacation
- Paid Holidavs
- Growth opportunities
- Positive and supportive company culture

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### **ATTACHMENT 2: SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS**

### **LinkedIn - East Central Branch**



Join us at the ASCE East Central Branch Luncheon next Friday, September 19th at Historic Dubsdread Ballroom in Orlando! See link below for more details.

https://lnkd.in/eXdhkQMj



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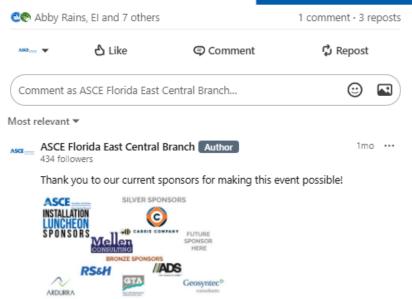


PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE 2025/2026 Slate of officers and recognition of all who served this past year.

We will have Valerie Seidel, M.Com from The Balmoral Group share current insights into market dynamics impacting Florida's transportation markets, exploring recent trends, alternative futures, and practical outlooks.

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### **LinkedIn - East Central Branch YMF**



Don't forget about our Cornhole Tournament coming up on April 12th at the Food Factory. Registration is \$50 for a team and \$30 if registering as an individual and all proceeds benefit Give Kids the World. ...more











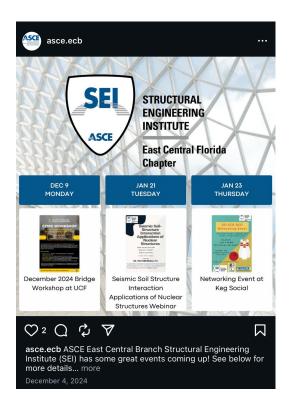
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