



2024 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

- 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: nberson@asce.org by **October 30, 2024**.

BASIC INFORMATION

Award Classification (check one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Large Section/Branch (> 4000 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Section/Branch (1501-4000 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Section/Branch (501-1500 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Section/Branch (< 501 members)
Section/Branch Nominee:	Texas Section
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NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING

125 points maximum

A. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS (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:	Oct 2023- Sep 2024 <i>TexASCE NEWS</i> Qty: 26
Newsletter Links (if available):	https://multibriefs.com/briefs/texasce/ Left Menu "Browse By Date" to view issue archives

- Website (5 points maximum):

Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

Website Link:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.texasce.org/ - https://texascecon.org/
Discuss the content included on your website:	<p>Main online presence of the ASCE Texas Section; a resource for both member and non-member industry colleagues, housing quick access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Guiding, Planning, and Leaders • Event info and Photo archives • Student and Younger Member info • Education and Webinars • Publications and Resources • Volunteer Opportunities • Award and Honor Recognition • <i>Texas Civil Engineer</i> digital magazine • Links to CECON professional conference website and regional Student Symposium microsite • Links to affiliated organizations: Branches and Foundation • State-level Government Affairs & Advocacy opportunities <p>Texas Section's website provides users with easy access to helpful profession and membership related information and highlights the Section's primary programs. On the main homepage, users are immediately presented with the Section's mission statement. Just below the fold, the website's primary menu highlights Programs, News, Career Center, and Resources; it also provides a button for easy access to join/renew membership. The website footer provides quick access to society-level information, the Section's guidance & governance documents and contact information for questions or additional assistance. The Texas Section's website also directs interested parties to the website of the Section's flagship annual conference, Texas Civil Engineering Conference (CECON) at www.TexasCECON.org, and other popular Section programs with dedicated landing pages, like the Texas Infrastructure Report Card, the annual Student Symposium, webinars, leadership & volunteer opportunities, and annual award recognitions.</p>

- 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.

<p>Discuss all active Social Media platforms and their title used to communicate with your Section/Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LinkedIn • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter • Flickr <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>The Texas Section maintains an active presence on LinkedIn, Twitter/X, YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. Each of these social media channels presents an opportunity to connect with current and prospective members and share exciting news and announcements. In addition, the Texas Section maintains a Flickr account to house event and historical & member/Branch activity photos.</p>
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B. PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING (20 Points Maximum)

- Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities (5 points maximum):

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

Professional Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
History & Heritage Committee	2	The committee met virtually twice throughout the year as needed to coordinate activities. They assisted with the dedication of the Texas Historic Civil Engineering Landmark dedication of the Fort Worth Cowtown Coliseum. Assisting in the development of a postcard agenda for the members in attendance and ordering the wall plaque.
Texas Section Younger Member Committee	5	The Younger Member Committee held multiple planning meetings to coordinate in-person activities. Planning meetings covered preparations for the ASCE Texas Section awards Gala at CECON, the CECON technical tour, and a river floating trip.

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

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar:
04/12/2024	40+	ASCE Leadership Shop: Pathway to the PE; Nelson Gomez; ASCE Committee on Student Members
04/12/2024	40+	ASCE Leadership Shop: What Is My Emotional Intelligence; Nelson Gomez; ASCE Committee on Student Members
04/12/2024	40+	Networking for Young Engineers, Sean Merril, PE, Region 6 Director
04/12/2024	40+	ASCE Leadership Shop: Ethics & Professional Conduct; Nelson Gomez; ASCE Committee on Student Members

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

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
NEW THIS YEAR: Young Civil Engineer Award	Alex Nichols, PE, CFM, ENV SP	<p>This award is conferred to a subscribing member of ASCE by the Texas Section to recognize an individual's professional contributions of Younger Members through their Section, Section Institute Chapter(s), or Section Branch(es) upon recommendations of the Honors Committee. Candidates for the Young Civil Engineer Award must demonstrate significant professional achievement, assessed through their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to advancing the engineering profession. • Technical competence, exemplary character, and integrity. • Leadership in guiding younger members. • Contributions to public service beyond their career. • Other meritorious evidence recognized by the Honors Committee.
NEW THIS YEAR: Outstanding Civil Engineering Student Award	Montserrat Najera	<p>This award is for ASCE Texas Section student members who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in an ABET-accredited civil engineering program in the State of Texas; • in good standing with their college/university; and • a current, registered student member of ASCE
Award of Honor	David J. Matocha	This award is conferred on a limited number of subscribing members of the Texas Section for outstanding professional achievement in civil engineering, and for meritorious service to ASCE and the Texas Section.
Service to People Award	Carol Haddock, PE, F. ASCE	The Service to People Award is presented to a civil engineer, not necessarily a member of the Texas Section, who has distinguished themselves with special service to people. The award recognizes civil engineers who bring credit to their profession through community activities which are visible to the public.
Professional Service Award	James Williams, PhD, PE, F. ASCE	This award is conferred on a subscribing member of the Texas Section for meritorious service to the Texas Section and to one or more Section's Branches upon recommendations of the Honors Committee.
Professional Service Award	W. Jeff Williams, PE	This award is conferred on a subscribing member of the Texas Section for meritorious service to the Texas Section and to one or more Section's Branches upon recommendations of the Honors Committee.
Professional Service to Students Award	Kimberly K. Cornett, PE, CFM, F. ASCE	This award is conferred upon a subscribing member of the Texas Section for meritorious service to the Texas Section through service to one or more of the ASCE Student Chapters in Texas and/or service during the Regional Student Conference.
Government Civil Engineer Award	Fernando Quintanilla, Jr. PE	This award is conferred upon a subscribing member of the Texas Section employed by a governmental organization. It recognizes meritorious service to the Texas Section and to one or more of our Branches. It is presented to

		members who have established their careers in public service and who have been active in their professional society.
John A. Focht Jr. Citizen Engineer Award	Nancy Cline, PE, F. ASCE	This Award was established by the Texas Section Board of Direction in 1990, to recognize John A. Focht, Jr.'s outstanding and continued dedication to the Texas Section. Mr. Focht has served as Section Past President and Board Member, ASCE District Director, and Vice President and President of National ASCE. He originated the concept of encouraging members to become better citizen engineers.
History & Heritage Award	Cody Wright, EIT	This award is presented to an individual (not necessarily a member of the Texas Section) or Branch for making special contributions to recording and/or recognizing the history and heritage of civil engineering in Texas.

Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
2024 Robert H Scanlan Medal	Dr. Xinzhong Chen	"Advancing the field of aerodynamics of buildings and bridges through development of analysis, modeling, and simulation approaches"
2024 T.Y. Lin Award	Dr. Taye Ojo	"Comparison of Post-Tensioned Slabs with Banded-Uniform and Banded-Banded Tendon Arrangements"
2024 Stephen D. Bechtel Pipeline Engineering Award	Dr. Mohammad Najafi	his achievements in research and construction of municipal pipelines and for his significant contributions made to the field of trenchless technology
2024 Outstanding Public Official Award	Mr. Tom Ramsey	For dedicating his career to serving the public and positively impacting the lives of individuals, families, and businesses throughout his 45 years of experience, and for his current commitment as the Precinct 3 County Commissioner for Harris County, Texas
2024 ASCE Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award	Carol Ellinger Haddock	Qualifications of the award nominees will be judged on the following: sustained outstanding civil engineering performance in the public sector; evidence of high character and professional integrity; civic and humanitarian activities (community service); minimum of 15 years of public service as a civil engineer; 5 of the 15 years at the senior administrative level; and employed in the U.S. public sector at the time of application submittal.
2023 ASCE Outstanding Section & Branch Award -- Very Large	Texas Section	The purpose of this award is to promote activity and program excellence among the Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This award was formally instituted by the Society in 1993.
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Technical Design Proposal – 4 th Place	University of Texas at Austin	The Concrete Canoe Competition provides students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience while testing their skills with concrete mix designs and project management challenges. The first Concrete Canoe Competition was held in 1988, but the history of Concrete Canoe goes back to the 1960s, when a small number of ASCE Student Chapters began holding intramural concrete canoe races.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition – Coed Final Sprint – 9 th Place	University of Texas at Tyler	The Concrete Canoe Competition provides students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience while testing their skills with concrete mix designs and project management challenges. The first Concrete Canoe Competition was held in 1988, but the history of Concrete Canoe goes back to the 1960s, when a small number of ASCE Student Chapters began holding intramural concrete canoe races.
Certificate of Gratitude for ASCE Region 6 Student Symposium	Eva Reynal, PE	Region 6 Director Sean Merrell recognized the Texas Section Student Activity committee chair for her hard work and dedication to the student symposium

- Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:	Describe:
TAME State STEM Competition Program Support	\$1000	Annual Support of the high school student competitions -- The Texas Section STEM Committee supports the Annual Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) State STEM Competition. The competition brings together thousands of high-performing middle and high school students from across the state to test their STEM skills through collaborative engineering challenges and individual timed tests.

Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:	Describe:
Spirit of Competition Award	\$500	This award is given to the ASCE Region 6 Student Chapter that most embodies enthusiasm, perseverance, and joy in competing at the Student Symposium. The Texas Section budgeted \$500 for this award in 2023-2024.
Student Competition travel support	\$3500	Texas Civil Engineering Foundation (TCEF) supported several Chapters to attend Student Symposium, UT Austin and UT Tyler to attend the national competitions, and four (4) students to attend CECON. TCEF also sponsored the plywood needed to protect venue flooring for the steel bridge competition.

- Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
Bi-monthly	15 to 25	Texas Section President Kimberly Cornett held bi-monthly teleconferences with Section Directors and Branch Presidents to exchange ideas and best practices.
9/22/23	150+	Ethics Presentation led by a Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors officer.
6/13/23	30+	Technical Writing Skills for Engineering Professionals virtual presentation attended by students and professionals lead by two (2) civil engineering university professors, including designated Q&A time

2/3/2023	5 Texas Section Leaders	Texas Section President Kimberly Cornett, Past President Travis Attanasio, President Elect Mark Boyd, Region 6 Director Sean Merrell, and Executive Director Jenni Peters attended the annual Regions 3, 6, & 7 Workshop for Section, Branch & Institute Leaders. They shared their experiences working in the civil engineering industry and how ASCE has benefited them.
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C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / INSTITUTE CHAPTERS AND ACTIVITIES (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):
All Texas-level and Branch-level Institutes in Texas	8	The Texas Section VP for Technical Affairs Team hosts a monthly (for the most part) group call with the Institute Chapter Chairs in Texas. The goal of these calls is to give them a platform to learn from each other and use resources/examples from other chapters to help with programming/activities. Average attendance is around 7 people per call.
Texas UESI Chapter	4	Quarterly meetings with one as the Annual Conference, presented a variety of SUE and Surveying topics.
Texas EWRI / GI / SEI / T&DI Chapters	1	Hosted an educational track (approx. 8 one-hour sessions each) at CECON 2024
Texas CI and Texas Forensic	2	Each held calls for volunteers within their membership to refresh a stronger leader base, as both had faded off post-pandemic

Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
12/12/23	37	ASCE GR/PR University Webinar presented by Kevin Longley
11/2024	30+	Ethics – The Road All Engineers Must Follow by Kimberly Cornett, PE, CFM, F.ASCE - Present and Travis Attanasio, PE, CFM M. ASCE – Past President – presented to the Rio Grande Valley branch

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:	The Residential Foundations Standing Committee encompasses the three subcommittees in its by-laws. This committee is available to address questions from both the ASCE membership and the public. By-laws were submitted to the Texas Section Board of Direction and adopted in September 2024.
	A Subject Matter Experts Bureau was created as a resource of member specialties (voluntary inclusion via survey) for reference with media inquiries, disaster response task committees, comment on agency or legislative documents. Co-chairs were assigned this year.

D. MEMBERSHIP (10 Points Maximum)

<p>Describe efforts to involve Student Members in Section/Branch Activities (2 points):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section supported four (4) student leaders from the 2025 Symposium Host School Chapter to travel to and attend CECON 2024 to promote the upcoming event and gain experience in attending a professional conference • Callouts and reminders during the annual Call for Volunteers to encourage student members to volunteer and serve on Committees
<p>Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Texas Section attended ASCE SEIcon help in San Antonio, Texas to promote membership in ASCE and the benefits of Texas Section membership. • President Elect Mark Boyd PE and Executive Director Jenni Peters attended Texas Council on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Environmental Conference and Trade Fair to reach an untapped specialty, promoting membership in ASCE.
<p>Describe Member retention programs (2 points):</p>	<p>The TexASCE NEWS is a bi-monthly email newsletter which provides quick access to important dates and deadlines, Section news, and industry news to help members stay engaged in their ASCE community.</p> <p>President Kimberly Cornett presented the "Texas Section: Who We Are & What are we doing?" to the San Antonio, Brazos, Rio Grande Valley, and Central Texas branches</p>
<p>Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points):</p>	<p>Employers are given the opportunity to sponsor various activities in Texas Section events. Their logos are prominently presented in literature for the event and the employers are also verbally mentioned and thanked during the proceedings.</p>
<p>Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section/Branch Relations Committee – worked this year with three struggling branches to develop the Western Texas Branch that will allow three struggling neighbor branches to operate as one with the limited member resources they have and develop a plan to move forward and recruit members to volunteer. • Representatives of the Texas Section had a booth at a Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TxAPWA) annual conference to promote membership in ASCE and encourage participation in the Texas Civil Engineering Conference (CECON). • The annual Dallas-Fort Worth joint meeting was held in July 2023 in Arlington which is the mid-point between the two cities. Over 400 were in attendance.

E. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

<p>Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max):</p>	<p>September 2024 STEM Event at CECON</p> <p>The STEM committee organized a STEM outreach activity at CECON. 46 high school students from Frisco ISD visited CECON and participated in a 3-hour long session. To start, STEM committee members did an overview presentation of civil engineering. Four of ASCE's institutes, GI, T&DI, CI and EWRI, set up tables with interactive activities teaching the students about their respective civil engineering subdisciplines. Also, TAME participated with an interactive table, having students solve an engineering problem and design a sustainable solution. All the students were very engaged and asked many questions. To close the session, a Boston Dynamics SPOT robot dog was presented, and the</p>
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	students learned about the various certifications students can obtain. Overall, the event was a major success and something scalable for the future.
Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max):	Texas Section President Cornett contributed to a new industry resource publication with an interview and support letter on her experience as an engineer and volunteer leader: <i>Texas Transportation Annual</i>
Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead members of the ASCE Texas Section Beyond Storms Committee participated in the ERCOT Power Grid Innovation Summit using our insight to advocate for the recommendations released in the February 2022 report in response to the twin 2021 Winter Storms. • That same Committee released a follow up to the Winter Storms report with analysis on the status of the Texas Electrical Grid 2 years after the report release. This time looking at the effect of both heat and cold extremes on the electrical grid.

F. COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (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).	Abilene Christian University, TBD Angelo State University, Russell Gully Lamar University, Mark Mann LeTourneau University, David Stanley Prairie View A&M, Stephen Hrnccir Rice University, Lauren Blaik Southern Methodist, Mark Boyd Tarleton State, Luis Pantoja Texas A&M, Brandon Boatcallie Texas A&M – Corpus Christi, William Hayes Texas A&M – Kingsville, Taylor Hecht Texas Southern, Emily Anderson Texas State, Griselda Quintero Texas Tech, Russell Carter University of Houston, Aadit Kapadia University of Houston Downtown, Aaron Orozco UT Arlington, Ed Penton UT Austin, Vinay Kumar UT El Paso, Daniel Carrera UT San Antonio, Craig Quadrato UT Tyler, TBD UT Tyler - HEC, Osvaldo Diaz UT Rio Grande Valley, Maria Vanessa Pruenda West Texas A&M, Bernard Tillery
Describe Student Interaction Activities between each ASCE Student Chapters and the Section/Branch (2 points each, 10 points max):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At CECON, a student poster competition was held, which over a dozen student members participated in. • The student activities committee hosts a monthly meeting with section leaders, student leaders, and advisors to discuss a beneficial topic. • At the Student Symposium, professionals are invited to social networking with the students. • The Student Activities Committee hosted a competition to rename the regional symposium, which over 50 Texas Section student members participated in. • The Texas Section Student Activities Committee met virtually with the Angelo State University ASCE Student

	<p>Chapter to plan the Region 6 Student Symposium held April 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Texas Section Student Activities Committee began planning and coordination meeting with the Student Chapter at Tarleton State University for the 2025 Region 6 Student Symposium. • Aside from regular email/social media communication, the main interaction between the Section and student members is the annual Student Symposium. This event has been growing larger over the years and morphed into a Region 6 event starting in 2022. In total, 630 students from 30 schools attended the 2024 Region 6 Student Symposium and they had the opportunity to interact with over 125 professionals ranging from sponsor attendees to speakers to judges. <p>Student Symposium planners and local chapter students attended the summer Leadership Development Weekend. Student members are encouraged to attend CECON each year and provided with a discounted rate. More than 28 students attended the 2024 CECON in Frisco, from schools across the country (UTA, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, SMU, Prairie View A&M, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, UT Tyler HEC, MIT, and University of Houston.)</p>
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2. Section/Branch does not have any ASCE Student Chapter(s) N/A

Describe outreach activities with college students other than those involved with ASCE (5 points each, 20 points max):	<i>(examples: hosting an event for community college students or undeclared engineering majors at a university)</i>
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G. COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (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 copy of this application directly to Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@asce.org.

Describe public service projects (2 points):	<p>ASCE Leadership Development Weekend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 2024 Leadership Development Weekend, the Section coordinated with the leaders of the SMU engineer department and the ASCE Student Chapter of SMU to invite them to attend workshop and dinner. • The event was planned for Saturday. • This event was hosted by President Elect Mark Boyd, with presentations by SMU civil engineering faculty to the professional and student attendees.
Describe History and Heritage Activities (2 points):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History & Heritage Committee Chair Melinda Luna presented <i>300 Years of Engineering</i> in February 2024 to the San Antonio Branch. She also presented about African American civil engineers for black history month for ASCE Staff. • Prepared articles for submission and publication in the <i>TCE</i> publication entitled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "ASCE and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)", - Percy V. Pennybacker Jr., Texas Bridge Engineer, - Austin & Elgin Streets Oval Manhole Cover in the City of Houston, Texas, - and "Cowtown Coliseum Landmark"

Describe Government Relations activities (2 points):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the Legislative Fly-In: 14 members of the Texas Section attended the Legislative Fly-in hosted in Washington, DC in February 2024. • Hosted monthly meetings for the Government Affairs Committee with a current roster of over 51 Civil Engineering advocates. • Hosted presentations on “Who is the Government Affairs Committee and what do they do” to Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi branch members and boards
Describe Sustainability Seminars held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points):	<p><i>(examples: long term infrastructure sustainability, local environmental initiatives, waterfront revitalization, LEED)</i></p> <p>Texas Civil Engineering Conference (CECON) 2024 theme: <i>Raising the Grade</i> (Sept 18-20). The theme of the conference was around the stake all engineers have in obtaining the highest grade, both academically and professionally. To explore ways to raise awareness, attracting future engineers to choose Civil.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our communities’ infrastructure “needs improvement” (2021 Texas Infrastructure Report Card). Speakers were asked to address or incorporate what can we do now to raise a sustainable foundation for future civil engineers. • Attendees explored how can we raise the grade for our communities now and our future engineers.
Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max):	none

H. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (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.

<p><u>Inclusive Events</u> - 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):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made select technical webinars free or reduced cost for members, so that those members who do not get reimbursed by their employers can attend. - Provided vegetarian/vegan/gluten-free meal options at events for those participants with reasonable dietary special needs, like allergies and religious accommodations. - Make visits to proposed location as part of the screening process when selecting an event location, such as CECON, Student Symposium, etc. to ensure that it is easily accessible and if special accommodation would be needed for handicapped individuals. -
<p><u>Leadership & Engagement</u> - In what ways has the Section/Branch/Group demonstrated a commitment to DEI? (1 point each, 5 points max):</p>	<p>The Texas Section has made the DEI Council a standing committee within our organizational structure. The Texas Section President identified two individuals to be co-chairs of the council. They were able to pick up the pieces from the stall committee and complete a DEI survey to the branches and the attendees of the CECON 2024 conference on Friday. A council plan of action will be created from the survey results.</p>

<p>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):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section staff has begun ensuring all digital communication graphics have “alt text” for the visually impaired. - Altered program planning tool color-coding to provide clarity for volunteers with color-blindness.
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I. ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES (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:
Student Symposium	April 10-12, 2024	The Texas Section assisted heavily with the Region 6 Student Symposium planning and execution at the 2024 event, hosted by Angelo State University. The section worked closely with the ASU chapter and supported and coordinated with the student leaders to welcome over 600 students to participate in networking activities and the annual student competitions.
YM River Float Trip	August 2024	The YM committee for the Texas section holds an annual statewide YM event. This year the event was a weekend in New Braunfels that kicked off with a Friday night informal ice breaker. On Saturday the group floated the Comal River and ended with lunch, games and music at Hinman Park.
Nominating Committee	June 2024	Texas Section held a contested officer election for the second time in a row for positions of President Elect and VP for Educational affairs, including Section governing document sanctioned election and campaign guidelines update based on feedback from the first election the previous year
Leadership Development Weekend	July 12-14, 2024	Over 40 Texas Section leaders from across the state attended President-Elect Mark Boyd’s Leadership Development Weekend to build and strengthen relationships with other key people within the Texas Section, obtain leadership training, and begin working on supporting Mark’ goals for his term as president. The weekend theme was DEI
OCEA Award	Bois d’Arc Lake Program	Submitted by North Texas Municipal Water District
OCEA Award of Merit	Memorial Park Central Connector	Submitted by Ardurra Group and City of Houston
OCEA Award of Merit	I-35 Waco Project 4B	Submitted by TxDOT and BGE, Inc.

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Get involved by joining a Committee or Institute Chapter. Your commitment helps us thrive, and we hope you'll stay with us for at least a year. Let's build a better future together! <https://buff.ly/3Yc9jSe>


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🎉 Meet the Future of ASCE Texas! 🌟

We're excited to introduce our newly elected officers for 2024-2025! These dedicated professionals will lead the Texas Section into a bright future of innovation and excellence in civil engineering.

Join us in congratulating:

- Russell R. Carter PE - President Elect
- Patricia Frayre PE - VP Technical Elect
- Michael Bloom PE - VP Professional Elect
- Joe Alvarez - VP Education Elect
- Colton Gill PE - Director at Large
- Siang Zhou PhD - Director at Large
- Anna Leija-Olveda - Treasurer

Their vision and leadership will shape our section's impact on Texas infrastructure and beyond. Let's give them a warm welcome and show our support!

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2024-2025 Officer Results

 <p>Russell R. Carter PE President Elect</p>	 <p>Patricia Frayre PE VP Technical Elect</p>	 <p>Michael Bloom PE VP Professional Elect</p>	
 <p>Joe Alvarez VP Education Elect</p>	 <p>Colton Gill PE Director at Large</p>	 <p>Siang Zhou PhD Director at Large</p>	 <p>Anna Leija-Olveda Treasurer</p>



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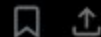
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It's that time of year again to renew your ASCE membership for 2024. And don't forget to check if your Section/Branch membership is added to get even more for local benefits. Invest in your growth as an engineer and a leader in your community.

Renew now at [ASCE.org/membership](https://www.asce.org/membership).

One example of how you can get the most from your Section/Branch dues: We are known to have six ASCE Institute Chapters in Texas. There are also local Branch Institute Chapters at most of the Branches. Explore the Texas Institute Chapters at [TexASCE.org/leadership](https://www.texasce.org/leadership).

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North Texas conducts two parallel activities:

The Future City Competition — the original DiscoverE middle-school program [[Sign up here](#)]

Future City Junior — pioneered by NTX to introduce 4-5th graders to engineering [[Sign up here](#)]

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Leadership Development Weekend 2023

TCE: Section News

The annual ASCE Leadership Development Weekend is hosted by the current President Elect each year to connect the Texas Section leaders with the branch leaders along with providing continued leadership skills. The weekend started with the ASCE Texas Section President Chicken N Pickle. The evening hosted great fun with snacks, drinks and some pickleball action... [Read More]

Texas Section Government Affairs Committee Provides Training for Houston Branch Leadership

TCE: Programs

On Oct. 26, Michael Bloom and Adam Eaton, members of the Texas Section's Government Affairs Committee, provided government relations training for members of the Houston Branch Board and other committee chairs. Michael and Adam defined advocacy, government relations, lobbying, and educational activities, and how members of ASCE can conduct and participate in each of those activities. While some members mistakenly believe that lobbying is not permitted, ASCE Branches... [Read More]

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TCE: History & Heritage

While many Austinites are aware that Percy Vivian Pennybacker Jr., a bridge engineer, was honored with the name of the Loop 360 bridge, few are aware

of the specifics of Pennybacker's life and career. His work and life were truly remarkable. Percy Pennybacker was born in Palestine, Texas to Percy V. Pennybacker, Sr., and Anna J. Hardwicke Pennybacker on Jan. 7, 1895. His father was superintendent of the school district, and his mother was a teacher. The father and son would... [Read More]

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Call for Submissions: TCE Articles

Deadline: Dec. 15

ASCE Texas Section

Submit branch updates, technical features and student chapter updates. Click here for guidelines.

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Dec. 22 — Jan. 2, 2024

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Feb. 18-24, 2024 | DiscoverE

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Student Symposium: *Greenprinting the Concho*

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