



We want to wish everyone a safe and happy July 4th weekend. Be sure to enjoy time with family and friends and watch some beautiful fireworks.



Message from the Region 4 Director

Now that summer is on us, I hope you all are getting some time to enjoy the more open opportunities, but also staying aware and making sure you are doing your part to stay safe and stop the spread of the COVID virus. As you should have seen by now, the Society leadership for Region 4 will be changing in October. It doesn't seem like three years but my term ends, and **Findlay Edwards** from Arkansas will be installed as the Society Director from our Region.

I have enjoyed my time as Director, visiting student chapters, Sections and Branches, Younger Member Groups, and serving the Society on a variety of committees. We made some differences but there are more to tackle and I am sure Fin is up to it, with your help. **Maneesh Krishnan** will start a full term as the Region Governor from the Arkansas Section and **Colette Easter** will begin her first term as the Governor from the Kentucky Section as Josh Johnson's term is coming to an end. The Region Board of Governors still has things to do and will be active over the summer.

Our Younger Member Advisory Council has taken the lead on hosting the **2023 Multi-Region Leaders**

Conference in Charlotte, NC and I really appreciate their hard work and enthusiasm. Region 4 was the first to start a YMAC and other Regions are following our lead. The Board of Governors has also been heavily involved in realignment of Student Conferences so that they can be more closely tied to the Regions. Region 4 Student Chapters are being aligned with Arkansas/Tennessee schools in one conference, Indians/Kentucky schools in one conference, West Virginia/Virginia schools in one conference and North Carolina/South Carolina schools in another. Names will change for some but the same excellent competitions and opportunities will be there for our student members. I encourage and challenge every member of ASCE in Region 4 to get behind our Student Members and their Chapters to support and encourage them as they are the future of our profession.

Robert L. Cagle III, P.E., F.ASCE
ASCE Society Director, Region 4

Region 4 Election Results

The 2021 National Election concluded on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. The following are the results of the validated election:

President-elect Elect:

Maria C. Lehman, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE

Region Directors-Elect:

Region 3: *Kenneth R. Mika, P.E., M.ASCE*
Region 4: *Findlay G. Edwards, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, BCEE, F.ASCE*
Region 8: *Lawrence M. Magura, P.E., D.WRE(ret), F.ASCE*
Technical Region: *Daniel F. Becker, M.ASCE*

Region Governors-Elect:

Region 1: *Craig F. Ruyle, P.E., M.ASCE*
Beth Ann Smith, P.E., BCEE, M.ASCE

Region 2: *Patrick J. Sullivan, Jr., P.E., M.ASCE*

Region 3: *Jesse D. Jefferson, P.E., PTOE, M.ASCE*

Region 4: *Colette Easter, P.E., M.ASCE*
Maneesh Krishnan, P.E., M.ASCE

Region 5: *Robert L. Jackson, P.E., M.ASCE*
Bradley M. Williams, P.E., M.ASCE

Region 6: *Sonya Leigh Cooper, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE*
Lawrence D. Goldberg, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE

Region 7: *Molly K. Bennett, A.M.ASCE*
Jennifer Jacka-Taylor, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE

Region 8: *Virginia J. Groeschel, A.M.ASCE*
Robert B. Turner, P.E., F.ASCE

Region 9: *Patricia "Tricia" McColl, P.E., M.ASCE*

Region 10: *Kamal Laksiri, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE*
Saliu A. Lawal, C.Eng, M.ASCE

By a vote of 66.5% in favor and 33.5% against, the membership also defeated the proposed constitutional amendment intended to allow Student Members the right to vote. Amendments to the constitution require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those members voting.

Congratulations to the following ASCE Members who recently passed the PE!



Camilla Balderas (TN)



Davy Hemmings (IN)



Ethan Peck (AR)



James Tradup (IN)



Katie Bryan (AR)



Katie LeBlanc (AR)



Tyler Wilson (NC)



Nashid Mirza (WV)

State Updates

Arkansas:

Our ASCE Section YMG is getting ready for summer of 2021 by starting to plan for in person activities soon! We have been staying together through virtual meetings, but our officers had our first in person meeting over dinner and had a lot to catch up on (babies, PEs, and wedding planning just to name a few).

This summer we plan on hosting some volunteer and social activities. We have a volunteer event planned later in the month to host a “*leaning tower of pasta*” activity through the Museum of Discovery Girls in STEM program. We hope to have an **outdoor cookout social** later this summer to see all our members again.



Indiana:

Our ASCE Indianapolis Younger Member Group is getting ready for summer of 2021 by hosting an outdoor professional development opportunity. Younger members are invited to a local park for a hands-on demonstration of wetland delineation and an explanation of the process's importance in project development

This summer we plan on re-instituting our event at the local **Minor League Baseball** stadium. Every year, the Indianapolis Younger Members Group hosts an event for the entire Branch membership at an **Indianapolis Indians** game. We are excited to bring back the event (after a brief hiatus) on July 22!



Kentucky:

The Kentucky Section has taken a different approach

for connecting with membership during COVID. After a survey conducted in February it was confirmed that members were struggling to find PDHs to fulfill Professional Licensing requirements due to COVID related cancellations of so many conferences ordinarily attended.

Starting in May the Kentucky Section started hosting a series of webinars that span topics across the spectrum for all members that will include a total of 11 PDHs over the course of 9 months.



The Kentucky Section encourages anyone interested in this event to register [here](#) and check out the schedule [flyer](#).

North Carolina:

The North Carolina Section of ASCE is commemorating **100 years** in 2022. We are preparing to celebrate by highlighting some of the Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in the State and interviewing some of our prominent members. Landmarks include the lighthouse at Cape Hatteras, The Blue Ridge Parkway in Western NC, and the Walters and Fontana Dams also in Western NC. We have been collaborating on Zoom meetings between branches and enjoying outdoor social events and fundraisers. Golf tournaments are a big hit. We are looking forward to our Fall Section Meeting in September – details to come.

The North Carolina Eastern Branch Younger Members Group completed a cleanup of **Hair Snipe Creek** in Raleigh. A picture is included below. The Branch itself continues to host monthly meetings virtually, and has invited other branches to attend



Tennessee:

Our ASCE West TN Branch is getting ready for summer of 2021 by planning several exciting events to reach out to our membership. This summer we plan on gathering for a hard hat tour of a construction project and having an outreach event for our recent graduates. We have been staying together by having our annual golf tournament and hosting virtual educational meetings. Our ASCE West TN YMF recently participated in the ASCE Together Apart video contest, check it out [here](#).



ASCE Nashville Branch will be celebrating their **100th Year Anniversary** coming up on October 23, 2021.

South Carolina:

The South Carolina Section and the various branches in the section have been busy this summer with several events. The South Carolina Section, along with many other engineering societies, participated in *Engineers Day on the Hill* (photo below). We also participated in the South Carolina Engineering Conference, which was held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format this year. At the conference we presented annual section awards, the winners of which can be found [here](#) (or see preview below). Several members gave presentations at the conference.

We have also updated our [website](#) and have started to regularly post to our LinkedIn page. The branches have stayed active with virtual lunch and learns and in-person outdoor site tours. We have recently started accepting nominations for section officers and look forward to rotating officers in a few months.



Congratulations to the following 2021 Award Recipients:



Chuck Black, P.E., LEED AP

Le Tellier Cup - For outstanding lifetime contribution to the profession of Civil Engineering



Dr. Erfan Goharian

SC Young Civil Engineer of the Year - Member under age 35 who has demonstrated outstanding contribution to the profession of Civil Engineering



Dr. Nathan Huynh

Section Leadership Award - Member of the ASCE South Carolina Section or Local Branch that has demonstrated outstanding leadership



Dr. Charles E. Pierce

Section Educator of the Year - Educator within South Carolina Section Boundaries that has demonstrated excellence at developing the next generation of Civil Engineering students



Low Battery Project

Technical Merit Award - Recognition for outstanding project or technical innovation

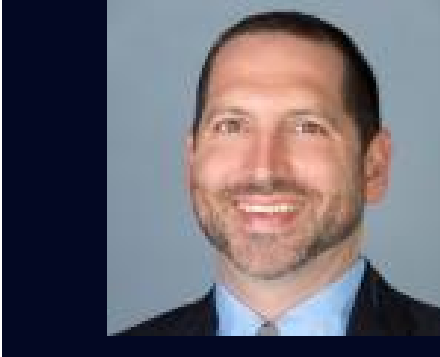


Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal Phase 1 Construction Project

Project of the Year - Most outstanding Civil Engineering Project completed in SC Fiscal Year 2021

Johnathan Ard, P.E.

President's Award - Person, group, or firm that has



Virginia:

The ASCE Lynchburg Branch has had a quiet year due to the pandemic. The Branch offered the ASCE webinar "*Ethics in Sustainable Development for Civil and Structural Engineers*" online for free to its members on January 25. The Board continues to meet quarterly via Zoom to maintain momentum toward a reemergence of activities once face-to-face activities are deemed safe and supported. The civil engineering student club at Liberty University filed an application to become an ASCE Student Chapter in February and had limited simultaneous face-to-face and online meetings about twice per month during the semester. The March 4th meeting had the club's two Practitioner Advisors speak online to the club: Glenn Cooke from Hurt & Proffitt; and G. Keith Thompson, JR, from Wiley|Wilson. On April 15, the student club toured the new 27,000-square foot location of the planned civil engineering labs that are to be ready for the Fall 2021 semester. A **Centennial Luncheon Celebration** for all Lynchburg Branch members is being planned for Saturday, October 1, 2022.

The Richmond, VA branch of ASCE Younger Member group held many events this past year to keep members engaged.

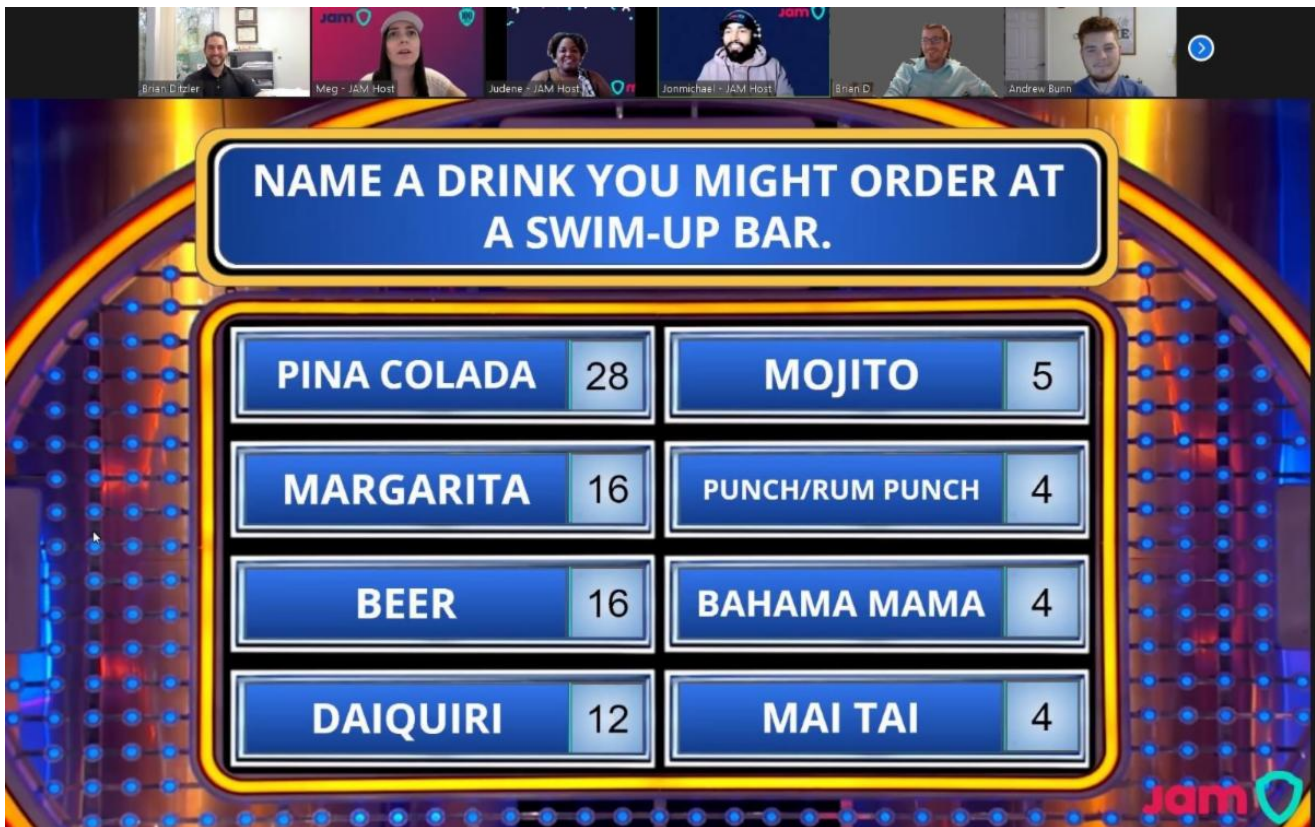
In November, the group held a virtual panel with senior engineering leaders in Richmond. The four distinguished panelists were all senior level members in the industry from different sectors of Civil Engineering. The panelists included Nancy Lehr, Senior Structural Engineer for Moffatt & Nichol; Jeffrey Huffman, Vice President / Division Manager, Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Services for Draper Aden; Nathan Mathis, Senior Engineer in the Department of Transportation of Chesterfield County; and Gary Johnson, Director of Structures & Bridges, Director of Transportation Design Build for Timmons Group.

Each panelist answered several general questions discussing their background, work/life balance, steps they've made in their career paths (and why they made them), and any advice they had to offer. Some of the advice included find great mentors both inside your firm/career and in your personal life, build personal relationships with colleagues and clients, develop communication skills, and find joy and fulfillment in your career. Many of the panelists look for qualities such as chemistry, work ethic, attitude, honesty, communication, and flexibility as key traits in a younger engineer. The panelists also highlighted the importance of continued education, developing a desire for personal growth, and taking advantage of opportunities that are presented. The discussion concluded with a question and answer session from attendees.

The group continues to hold biannual cleanups at it's **VDOT 'Adopt-A-Highway'** stretch of Lakeside Avenue in Richmond. The road is looking pristine and we are proud to help keep our community clean. The branch also hosted a James River cleanup day at Belle Isle park and collected multiple bags of litter and debris on the island park.



Most recently, the Younger member group hosted a virtual survey says night through Jam = Work+Play. The Survey Says game was similar to the **TV show Family Feud** as three teams faced off in friendly competition. The event was well attend and provided a virtual platform to encourage younger member collaboration and networking.



Our Younger Member Co-Chairs are actively planning some exciting social and educational events for the coming months as we look forward to helping members rekindle old connections and make new ones as our world returns a bit closer to normal.

The Norfolk Branch and YMC chapter members are getting ready for summer of 2021. This summer we plan on:

- Providing an ASCE Volleyball team in the **Tidewater Volleyball Association** playoffs at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront from June 3, 2021 to September 2, 2021
- Webinar on Mega Projects in the Hampton Roads District, June 30, 2021
- Webinar on Virginia Beach Projects, July 30, 2021
- Webinar on structures by AECOM, August 2021
- Webinar on use of Drones for Bridge Inspection, Michael Baker, September 2021

- Invite members attendance at the **Norfolk Tides Night** on August 11, 2021 joint meeting with VWEA

We have been staying together by monthly Branch Board of Director Meetings and virtual meeting presentations, such as:

- Webinar by ASCE Collaboration of Section & Branches, June 23, 2021
- Annual Norfolk Branch BOD Planning & Budget Meeting, August 14, 2021
- Attending monthly virtual meetings of the ASCE 2022 Centennial Committee with Victor Crawford. John Harman and Mike Bombaco committee members
- Attend VA Section July meeting

Work with Section directors to complete the 2019-2020 Update to the Virginia Infrastructure Report Card. John Harman is the update Chairman.

Our ASCE [VA Section/Bull Run Branch](#) and its YMF is getting ready through the summer of 2021 to conduct its 1st in-person meeting in early September if social distancing restrictions are lift. This summer we will resume working with the Reston Branch of the National Capital Section on our long awaited joint field trip for visiting the **Loudon Water Facilities**. If the circumstances allowed we would also plan on working with the **National Capital Section's Sustainability Committee** to visit a beer brewery that uses sustainability in their operations. We have been staying together by planning and conducting our branch's virtual meetings and presentations.

The Branch has also been actively providing the Chair for the Virginia Section Centennial Celebration Committee. This Committee has been actively conducting its business through conference calls and Zoom meetings.



West Virginia:

Our ASCE [WV Section](#) is getting ready for summer of 2021 by planning for the Annual Section Meeting in September; the tentative date is September 24th & 25th. Several of our young members attended ERYMC 2021 and thoroughly enjoyed every session.

Tabitha Lafferre of Fairmont State University along with recent FSU graduate Lauren Johnson was guests on the Civil Engineering Podcast and discussed the FSU's involvement with the WV Infrastructure Report Card. Mrs. Lafferre was interviewed by the **New York Times** and David Meadows spoke with the **Washington Post**. Both was discussing WV's infrastructure.

Our section had four members attend the Legislative Fly-In, David Meadows, Tabitha Lafferre, Lauren Johnson and Rodney Holbert. They advocated infrastructure investment to Senators Capito and Manchin as well as Congressmen McKinley and Mooney.

Our ASCE YMF is getting ready for summer of 2021 through planning several outreach events in the state. We are also planning for a in-person meeting in mid/late summer for the yearly activities planning. We attended ERYMC 2021 and thoroughly enjoyed session on membership retention and outreach networking. This summer we plan on to get in touch with all the major colleges in the state to encourage the students' involvement in the YMF and overall ASCE activities.

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