



From the Region 4 Director

ASCE Region 4 Members,

The platform I ran on to be the Region 4 Director was, "ASCE leadership needs to listen to the members." We cannot improve ASCE and the profession if the leaders are unaware of what is important to the members. I will continue to remind the National Leaders to have two communications with the members.

As Region, Section, Branch, and Chapter Leaders, we must survey the members as to what improvements can be made to increase the value of being a member of ASCE; and, we must pass that information up the "ladder' so that the National Leaders become aware of what they need to be doing.

A company that does not understand what their clients currently need will fail. ASCE is no different.

Please make your voice heard and push your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for improvement up the chain! Sincerely.

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Director Region 4 (2021-24)



2022 D.V. Terrell Award



The Region 4 Assembly is conducting the *D.V. Terrell Paper Competition* for Younger Members who reside within Region 4.

The D.V. Terrell award, named after Daniel V. Terrell of the Kentucky ASCE Section, is presented annually for the outstanding paper submitted on a topic established by the Region 4 Assembly. The competition involves a submitted paper and an oral presentation.

The winner of the D.V. Terrell award receives Society and Peer acclaim as well as an impressive bronze plaque and a cash prize.

The deadline for the paper is March 1, 2022.

Find more information on here.

Updates from Region 4

ARKANSAS

Over the summer we participated in the **Girls in STEM program** through the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock. We taught elementary and middle school girls about the Civil Engineering industry and engaged in a "Leaning Tower of Pasta" activity with them where they built structures using uncooked pasta and marshmallows using a budget and then tested their structures with weights.

We held a social event for our members (following local guidelines of course) to reconnect after not being able to meet as a group in a long time. It was nice to get reconnected with our members and see some new faces.

We look forward to being able to grow our membership and hold more events and volunteer activities as we get through this pandemic.

INDIANA

Over the summer of 2021, our ASCE Younger Members Group participated in outdoor events and were fortunate with good weather. In June, we hosted a Continuing Education event focused on *Wetland Delineation in Ritchie Woods*. In July, we hosted an annual outing for the Metropolitan Indianapolis Branch (MIB) at an Indianapolis Indians baseball game. In August, we partnered with the MIB Sustainability Committee for a *Keeping Indianapolis Beautiful* cleanup near downtown Indianapolis. Our monthly board meetings continued in a virtual fashion, but we are doing our best to stay connected and together. We have also received numerous requests to join our board meetings to learn more about becoming involved in YMG. This is exciting that younger members are seeing the value in networking and involvement with other peers in our group.

We have just wrapped up our elections for YMG Secretary and welcome in Alex Duran as the newest member of our YMG board! We are looking forward to more opportunities to increase our involvement with K-12 schools and our college membership, hopefully in person, in the year to come.



NORTH CAROLINA

The **Eastern Branch** held their 25th annual golf tournament at Lonnie Poole golf course to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Virtual meetings were held in July and August, and the branch continued to post newsletters. The YMG held a day of service with Carolina Tiger Rescue, a big cat sanctuary in Pittsboro, North Carolina. The North Carolina Section held their annual conference virtually on October 15, 2021.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Over the summer of 2021, our ASCE Midlands Branch participated in meetings with the UofSC student chapter to support them in preparing for another year of hosting the *Carolinas Conference*. We are staying together by connecting virtually. We are looking forward to continued Lunch & Learn meetings as well as our annual *cornhole tournament* this fall.

TENNESSEE

We held the 2021 (TNEC) **TN Engineering Conference** in September with over 550 attendees. There was a large variety of learning tracks to choose from with up to 15 PDH credits available. The new leaderships was sworn in at the quarterly meeting. The 2021-2022 leadership is President Patrick Fiveash, Past President Eric Gardner, Vice President Jeff Parris, President Elect Evan Boulanger, Secretary Ashley Smith and Treasure Ted Kniazewycz.



The ASCE **VA Section** is holding their *Centennial Celebration Gala* on March 26, 2022. Tickets are being sold **here**. Let's celebrate together our Branches and Sections milestone achievements.

The ASCE **Richmond Branch** had a busy summer. Our younger members group hosted the *Age of Redevelopment* event at Top Golf in August as a joint event with our local APWA chapter. Guest speakers from Henrico County and the engineering design team talked on the challenges of redeveloping the Top Golf site including the active stream that ran through the site. Following the presentation attendees participated in some great networking and got to practice their swing!





Of course, our Top Golf event was all in preparation for our annual golf tournament at Independence Golf Club. It was a great showing and look forward to next year's tournament.

At the end of August, the Richmond Branch hosted our annual *James River clean-up*, picking up trash to beautify our local park, Belle Isle. The Richmond Branch also hosted a variety of technical meetings this summer. In May we heard Chris Mills and Tim Rayner from WSP give an overview of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and it's current and emerging applications. In June we heard from Fyiad Constantine with Virginia Passenger Rail Authority about *The Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) Program*. And in July we heard from Dave Covington with VDOT about the *I-81 Corridor Improvement Program*, it's objective, current status, and origins.

WEST VIRGINIA

Over the summer of 2021, our **ASCE WV** section participated in outreach to the WV senators in support of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*.

The section held its fall meeting virtually in September and is currently reaching out to state representatives in support of the IIJA. We are staying together by holding virtual meetings. We are looking forward to the *WV Construction and Design EXPO* this spring.



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