

**Sonya Leigh Cooper, Ph.D., P.E. M.ASCE  
REGION GOVERNOR**

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

**EDUCATION**

- PhD (Materials Science), NMSU, Las Cruces, NM, 2000
- MECE, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 1984
- BSCE with honors, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 1982

**CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES**

- Registered Professional Engineer, State of New Mexico. NM #12978

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 36 continuous years engaging in civil engineering projects
- Interim dean, assoc. dean, department head, professor ranks, NMSU, 1994-present
- Structural, land development, and construction engineering full time positions 1985-1994; consulting 1994-present.

**ASCE INVOLVEMENT**

**Society-Level**

- ABET, Inc. commissioner (05-10) and evaluator (01-18) representing ASCE and affiliate Society ACSM
- ASCE CTC&A
  - Past Chair: Sept 2006 - Sept 2007
  - Chair: Sept 2005 - Sept 2006
  - Secretary: Sept 2004 - Sept 2005
  - Member: Sept 2002 – Sept 2004
  - Corresponding Member: 2001 - 2002

**Local Level**

- ASCE, NM Section
  - Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice President: 2010 - 2014
  - Director: Oct 2009 – Oct 2010
  - Chair of the 2012 NM Infrastructure Report Card

**OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

- Structural analyses and design, land development design, preservation plans, stabilization, restoration, rehabilitation, construction work, and professional reports for 73 historic structures, 31 non-historic structures, 10 international projects
- Numerous committees and board member of nonprofit groups

**AWARDS**

- 2019 SHPO Heritage Preservation Award
- 2019 NMPS Distinguished Service Award
- 2016 Mayor's Citation for Public Service
- 2013 Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction Award
- 2012 NM Technology Council, Women in Technology Award
- 2011 NMSU Regents Professor Award