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Vision of Geographic Board of Governors: Region 7 is a welcoming, collaborative community that offers resources, professional growth, opportunity for leadership and sets the standard of success for all regions.

Mission: Inspires, engages and connects our members and local units through communication, networking and leadership opportunities.



Director's Report: Serving on the Board of Direction for ASCE has been an unforgettable experience. I have one more year of my 3-year term remaining, and I want to be sure our members know what we are doing at the society level and the Region level; to give you a peek at what we are doing. Who knows, maybe you'll find yourself in this role soon (I sure hope so!).



Throughout this upcoming year, I will engage in in-person and virtual Board of Direction meetings and Board of Governor meetings, and serve on a few standing and task committees (Program & Finance, Leader Training Task Committee). I will also visit local Sections,



Branches, Younger Member Groups, and Student Sections (South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado Western Slope, Nebraska, to name a few). I travel around the United States, financially supported primarily by ASCE, for in-

person meetings and events like the Fly-In and the Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC), generally held adjacent to an in-person board meeting. My employer, Bartlett & West, plays a significant role in graciously providing any financial support not covered by ASCE and allowing me a flexible schedule to accommodate these meetings and events. I am charged by these visits! I'm learning what's happening locally and around the world, offering ideas to challenges I learn about through my visits. This idea sharing is central to my role as Director.



We have seven (7) Region 7 Governors and evolving number of Corresponding Members, including my predecessor as past Director now serving as ASCE's Chief Operating Officer (COO), Edward Stafford) and a past Director serving as society's Past President, Marsia Geldert-Murphey. We are exceedingly lucky to have this wonderful leadership to support us in Region 7.



Society Wide: I truly hope you see what is happening in civil engineering, the progress and evolution, and find yourself asking: "How can I be a part of the decisions being made today that will impact our world tomorrow?" Below are just a few things that have piqued my interest in the last year. Some of these are sparked by ASCE-MacGillivray Freeman film [Cities of the Future](#), playing at a [theater near you](#), and others through board meeting

discussions. You'll notice links to articles and information embedded in the bulleted list that I found interesting related to each of these topics. Please be curious and explore these and other topics that attract you. Find a way to be part of the conversation, provide your unique insight, and be part of a positive change as we move forward in this world:



- We are preparing for and stepping into the design of an evolving world where flying cars are already navigating our air space. A [pilot program](#) is currently underway in New York, with plans to become [permanent](#)



as soon as **2025**. Rules are in **development stage** for flying car air travel, how can our traffic engineers be a part of this conversation?

- Living buildings are transforming our landscape! How are our structural engineers and those designing buildings **adapting to and planning** for this

sustainable yet challenging designs?

- How are we involved in the **green power revolution**? Civil engineers are essential to the buildings and accessibility for these projects. Familiarize yourself with ASCE **policy statements** on renewable Energy as well as Hazardous and Solid Waste disposal.



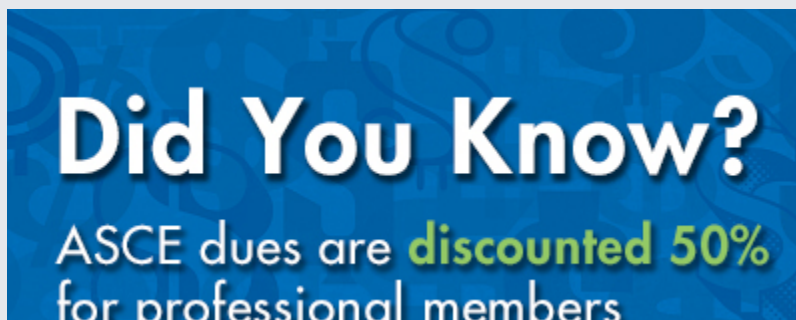
As a member of ASCE, you can listen in to the public portion of our Board of Direction meetings. Watch your email for the invitation, agenda and meeting link, or reach out to me and I'll make sure you get it. This is an incredibly opportunity that you can and should take advantage of!

Region 7: Not only are we shaking things up at Society level, but we're also making strategic improvements at the Region level. The Governors developed and approved our **Region**

7 Strategic Plan in 2022. Priorities that we chose to focus on include engaging Sections and Branches in different areas, like **1) Cities of the Future initiatives** and **2) increasing member participation in our two Student Symposia:**

- **Mid America Student Symposium** co-hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln & the University of Nebraska-Omaha April 3-5, 2025 and

- **Rocky Mountain Student Symposium** hosted by Colorado State University April 10-12, 2025 in Fort Collins, CO.



Another priority was to **3) magnify our members** through communication to our recent student member graduates that they are automatically registered as a professional member after graduation and up to 18 months

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We're also 4) promoting communication and idea sharing with two focuses:

- The R7 Communication Roundtable which will be held virtually and discuss topics such as the new [Collaborate Thrive](#) update and how Region 7 is using it, [social media](#) student engagement and any other communication related topics you'd like to discuss.

- Our [Region 7 LinkedIn page](#) has 638 followers as I write this, and we'd like to double that in 2025. It is our primary resource

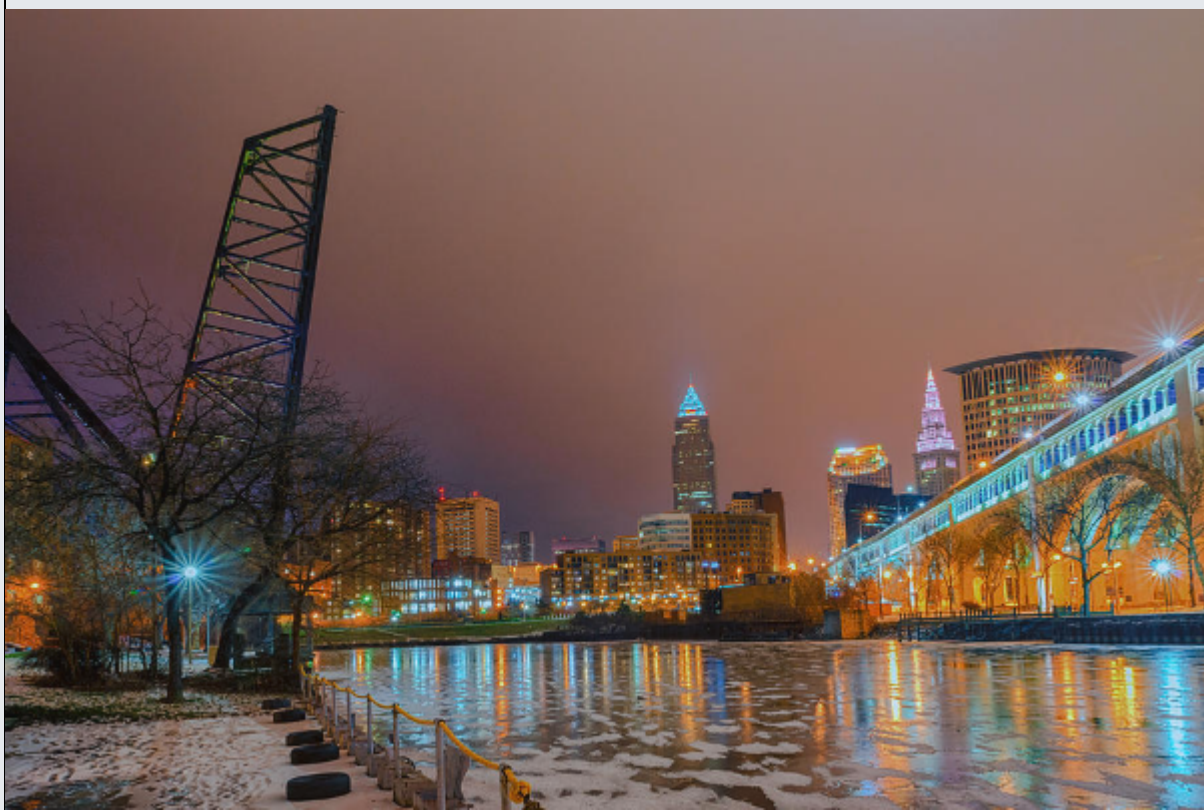
to promote what is happening in and topics important to our Region 7 members. Reach out to your designated Governor to share something your local posts with the Region!



As I reminisce on 2024, and the past few years being in this Director role, I am so proud of what we have achieved and look forward to all that is to come as a civil engineer, and as an ASCE member! Know that your insight is important, we are the experts of Civil Engineering, and that your Region 7 leadership, me and the Governors, are here for you. Please reach with any questions, and ideas you'd like to formulate into reality but need a little more assistance with, financial support through our [Region 7 Grant program](#), or to get a STEM outreach or "Send a Kid to the Future" event

together. We're here for you!

Thank you,
Erin Steever, PE, ENV SP, F.ASCE
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Upcoming Regional Event - 2025 MRLC

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 2025 Multi-Regional Leaders Conference (MRLC) in Cleveland, OH! ✨ From February 28 to March 1, join fellow Student Members, Younger Members, Section & Branch Leaders, and Regional Governors from Regions 3, 6, and 7 for an action-packed weekend of inspiration, collaboration, and leadership growth. What's in store?

- Dynamic general sessions to spark ideas and innovation
- Tailored workshops, including:
 - ◆ Central Region Younger Member Council (CRYMC)
 - ◆ Workshop for Section, Branch, and Institute Leaders (WSBIL)
 - ◆ Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL)

Connect with like-minded leaders, sharpen your skills, and make an impact on your community and career. **Discounted Registration** ends January 9th. Don't miss this chance to shape the future of civil engineering!

Sponsorships still available for the CYRMC!



Erin Steever, PE, ENV SP, F.ASCE • 1st
 Team Lead at Bartlett & West; Region 7 Board...
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One of the perks of being on the ASCE Board of Direction is the opportunity to get to know Sections within my region on a closer level.

Thank you for your hospitality last week, Wyoming Section and the University of Wyoming Student Chapter during 104th Annual WES and ASCE Continued Education Courses.

First pic includes UW Practitioner Advisor [Ryan Kobbe](#), Governor-Elect [Tim B.](#), WY Section President [Katie Creasey, PE](#), me as Region 7 Director, past Region 7 Director [Dr. Vaughan Griffiths](#), past WY Section President [Dustin Woods, P.E.](#), and past Wy/Ne Governor [Jeffrey Young](#).

Third pic includes active UW Student Chapter members and their Faculty Advisor [Shawn Griffiths](#) and student leaders [Logan Potter](#), [Raegan Merrill](#), Student Chapter President [Auna George](#), [Joseph Grosz](#), and others (to be added - send me connect request!). Missing in the pic is [Kayla Ketterling](#) and [Keith Tuttle](#). It was great to see you all and nice work moderating and monitoring the WES sessions!

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While SDSU no longer holds a Fall Graduation ceremony, we wanted to recognize our two ASCE SDSU Student Chapter graduating seniors. Congrats, Rana and Tate! We wish you well in the workforce and at grad school, respectively.

Remember, your first year of ASCE membership out of college is free, as is your membership throughout schooling. We look forward to seeing you at some of the South Dakota Section events in 2025!

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The November newsletter for Nebraska ASCE has recently been posted to the website: <https://lnkd.in/gKk9ddkr> Sign-up for the upcoming section meeting on November 21st to hear a presentation from MUD about the Challenges of Water

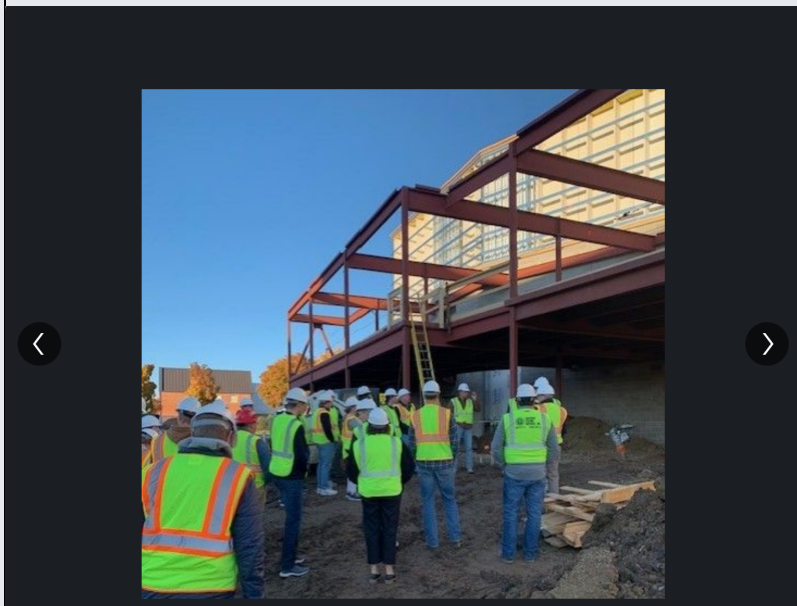
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Big thanks to the ASCE Iowa Section, ASCE Dordt Student Chapter, and all the professionals and companies who contributed to the joint meeting focused on the dining hall construction project here on Dordt's campus. Special thanks to Mitch Dryden and Joey Graziano (WDS), Todd Peterson and Ryan Hemann (PCI), Matt Dailey (CTS), Justin Christensen (DGR), Fred Verwoerd (Dordt), David Blanco (ASCE Iowa Section), Ron Knoche (ASCE Iowa Section), Erin Steever (ASCE Region 7), Andres Guzman (ASCE Dordt Chapter), and Matt Haken (ASCE Dordt Chapter), all of whom were involved in the event and helped to make it a success. It was fascinating to see and hear about the innovative foundation system and to anticipate what is to come with the rest of the project!

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Had a great time at this year's KansasCEcon in Wichita. Thank you to everyone who organized the event and to all the attendees. see you next year. Special thank you to our speakers for sharing their knowledge. It was nice to have our society president on hand as well!

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Thank you to our Amazing Panelists for a great discussion after watching #CitiesoftheFuture last night! [Agnes Otto](#), [Joe C. Johnson](#), [Chase Johnson](#), [Jason Waldron](#), [Julie Sayers](#), [IIDA](#), [Thomas Greer, PE, CFM, ENV SP](#)

It's an exciting for civil engineers, infrastructure, and for Kansas City!

Final question was what the panel would say to their 12-yr-old self:

Julie - Say yes!

Joe - Dream Big!

Jason - Be an engineer!

Chase - Don't be scared of failure.

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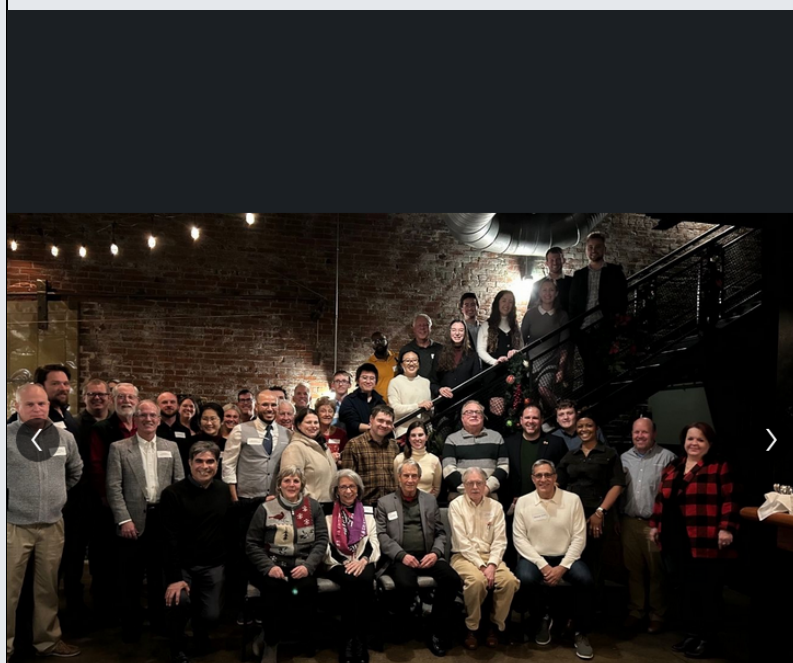
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Smiles, laughter, and holiday cheer! 🎄🥳 ASCE STL gathered for our annual holiday social, celebrating another fantastic year with incredible members and friends. Here's to the connections we've built and the milestones we've achieved together in 2024. Cheers to an even brighter 2025! 🥂

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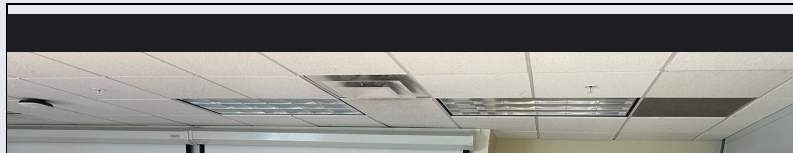


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Today we had the pleasure of hosting current Treasurer and ASCE President-Elect [Marsha Anderson Bomar, Ph.D., AICP, ENV SP, F.ASCE, H.I.TE](#) at the United States



Air Force Academy! Along with [Wanxin \(Rachel\) Huang, P.E.](#), [Sam Acosta](#), and [Liz Staten](#), they toured our FERL facilities and lab, met with cadets who discussed their Capstone projects, and enjoyed lunch with our faculty. We're grateful for the opportunity to share our work and connect with such distinguished professionals!

[Joel Sloan, PhD, PE](#), [Monica Pickenpaugh, PE, PhD](#), [James Sims](#), [Adam Strecker, Ph.D., P.E.](#), [Patrick H.](#), [Tom Phelan](#), [Vincent Bongioanni, P.E.](#), [Brad Wambeke](#) ...more

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Are you the Section/Branch/Younger Members/Student Group Communications Chair or are interested in better communicating your ASCE activities? Be on the lookout for **Region 7's Communications Roundtable!** We'll share Communications strategies on how to use LinkedIn, Informz for announcements for events and newsletters, and other Social Media to be where members are. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 30th.**

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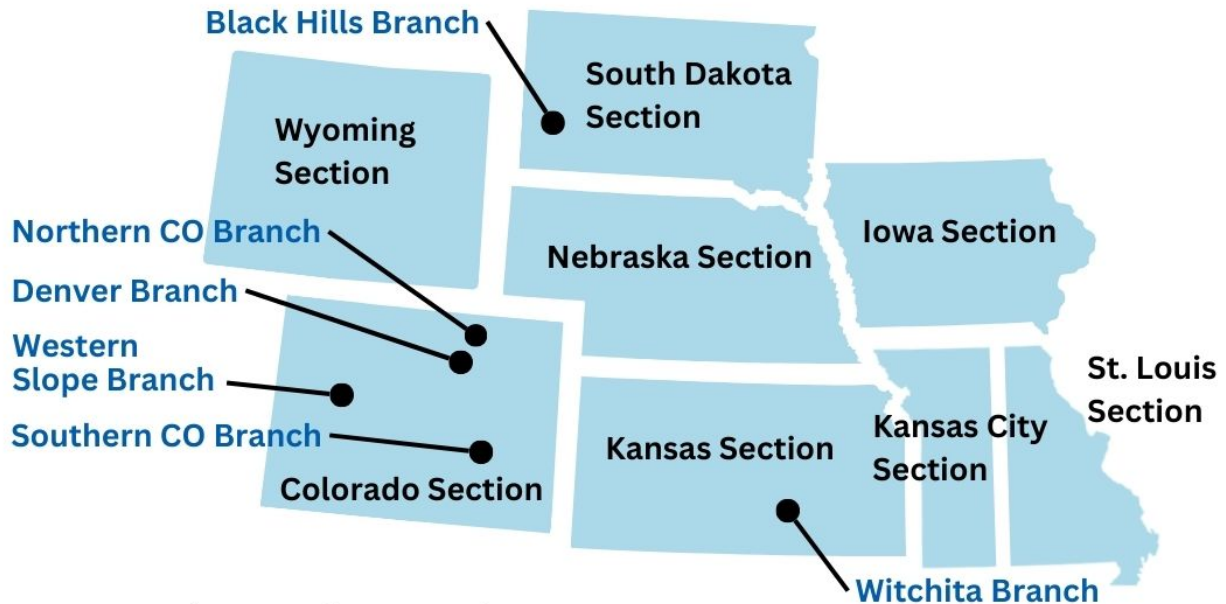
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 - Over 8,400 ASCE members
- **8 Younger Member Groups**
 - Over 2,050 Younger Members
- **2 Student Symposiums and 27 Student Chapters**
 - Over 1,800 Student Members
- **Over 25 ASCE Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks**



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