

June 5, 2025



Whoa, what a busy spring here at ASCE! It was so exciting to be in so many locations, visiting with so many of our Region 7 members. If I had to do it all over again, I'd spread the travel out a bit, however, we came upon the perfect storm to fit it all in this year and this will likely never be repeated (at least not while I'm Director ;D).

One of my duties, along with the Governors, is to visit local Sections, Branches and Student Chapters. I've been lucky to do this throughout my Director role, which started shortly after

COVID lockdowns were released. However, being in my last year, I have had the honor to be invited to visit a handful more and it's looking like I'm on my way to visiting each of our Sections (or one of their Branches) before my term is up. I have only to figure out how to get to an IOWA and a ST LOUIS event in before October.

Here's a summary of what your Region 7 Director has been up to over the past few months:



WYOMING – The Wyoming Section started inviting my predecessor, Edward Stafford, to their annual meeting, WES, the Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society's Annual Convention

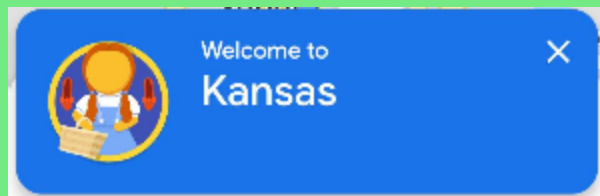
which the Section stacks on an additional technical training day, and their annual board meeting. He encouraged me to continue this tradition after he stepped off the role, and I gladly took this opportunity to get to know the Wyoming leadership. The students would say I have a bit of luck with their fund-raising raffles, taking home some of the top prizes each of the three

years, and they have extremely successful campaigns.



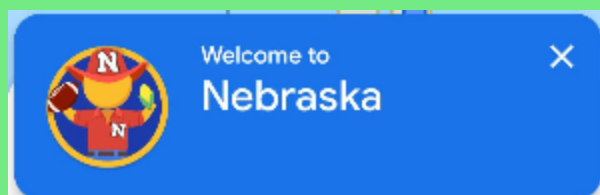
COLORADO – I was excited to visit the banana belt of Colorado a few weeks ago to see our newest Branch, the Western Slope with a tour of what will be an absolute gem of a Recreation

project that will incorporate outside spaces within a beautifully designed building. The project incorporates void forms, geo-piers and pools imported from Italy. A big thank you to their inaugural Branch President and Colorado Mesa University Associate Professor Ulises Techera Ph.D. for your enthusiasm to champion this initiative.



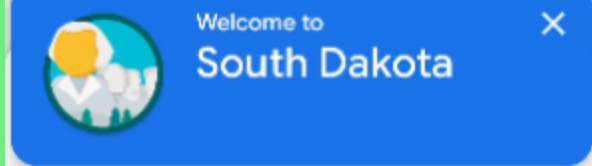
KANSAS – The Kansas Section’s Joint Meeting with their three Student Chapters from K-State, KU, and Benedictine is a great tradition. I was honored to be the keynote speaker and

was asked to share what I’ve learned with the students and my experience as a female engineer. One of my key takeaways is to not be afraid to ask questions. This was something I shied away from early in my career to avoid drawing attention to myself, a minority as a young female engineer who just wanted to blend in. This technique did me no favors. I was also encouraged to share more information about the Legislative Fly In, which is something a member at any level can get involved in. Start with signing up to be a “Key Contact”, sign up for Government Relations (GR) University, and work your way up to your Section’s Fly In line-up.



NEBRASKA – Nebraska holds their annual meeting in a location central to Omaha and Lincoln members overlooking a beautiful valley in late April to early May. I look forward to

swearing in the new leadership in a few weeks and reconnecting with the Nebraska Section and the UNL and UNO students again.



SOUTH DAKOTA – Being my home state, I have many opportunities to interact with the Black Hills Branch, the South Dakota Section and both student chapters. This year I was able to attend

both Symposia Prep meetings with other members from the state to learn about their competition entries and critique their presentations. This is a fabulous opportunity for the students to work through their presentation jitters and to respond to questions.



KANSAS CITY SECTION – Our Region 7 Assembly will be hosted in Lenexa, KS this year, a suburb of Kansas City. We're looking for a great lineup Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th. Delegates from each Section and Branch are invited to join us for this event to learn all about ASCE and how Region 7 is helping to be the conduit of information between Society and the local levels, as well as be that resource for best practice to help you excel. Let us know how we can help your section, branch, younger members, student chapters, life members and your leadership team.





Region 7 Hosts two Symposia: Mid-America and Rocky Mountain

We're so grateful to our local leadership teams that coordinate, plan and host our two Region 7 student symposia. Not only is it a ton of work, but it is also a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills. And there is a team of ASCE staff and volunteers to help you along the way. We are proud of the back-to-back Region 7 2025 Symposia and everyone who made these two weeks a success: the competitors, the volunteers, the professors and universities, and everyone that supports the event from the team and the event sponsors to the cheering sections! Thank you for supporting our students in their educational path. I encourage all of our participants to reflect on this year's competition, review the reports submitted from other schools, ask questions of yourself and your team, and use this year's experience to develop stretch goals to improve for 2026 to be hosted by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and the South Dakota School of Mines.

2025 Infrastructure Report Card Release and Legislative Fly In

Being the year after the presidential election, ASCE released our latest Infrastructure Report Card this spring in Washington DC at the Solutions Summit. This was scheduled ahead of this year's Legislative Fly In, which had the luck to fall during the DC Cherry Blossom's peak bloom. I had the opportunity to witness the report card release and am excited to see the grade climb from a C- to a C. While this isn't a grade any of our college students would write home about, it is a testament to the financial and political support of infrastructure projects. With the increase of natural disasters and aging infrastructure, our attention to sustainable projects that will withstand stronger storms and solve the problems of today was my key takeaway. Our legislators appreciate knowing how the dollars they are securing for local infrastructure projects are impacting their state, and where there may be gaps that can use investment or attention.

ASCE Elections May 1- May 31, 2025

Voting opens for President-Elect, your next Director, and a few Governor rolls. Polls will also include a ballot item for Member Grade Consolidation. ASCE's 2023-2028 strategic plan sets forth a new vision for civil engineering. It renews our commitment to inspire, connect, and serve our global membership to maximize their professional and personal growth and magnify their lifelong professional impact. Accomplishing this mission also requires effectively

managing our resources to provide exceptional value to our members.

The strategic plan outlines actions that will significantly impact these goals, including improving pathways toward a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable profession, attracting new members from the broader infrastructure community, and cultivating a global, cross-disciplinary community of infrastructure professionals.

Reasons for member grade consolidation:

With this in mind, the ASCE Board of Direction believes that simplifying our member grade structure is one step toward accomplishing this mission. It would reduce costly business complexity, make it easier for prospective members to join, and make the organization more welcoming to members of the civil engineering team and those allied with the profession. This will lead to enhanced member value and better programs for our members.

Distinctions in member grades can cause unnecessary confusion. Currently, all Member, Associate, and Affiliate grades pay the same dues and have the same benefits and voting rights. Professional engineers use their P.E. credentials to designate their licensure status.

The board approved the amendments to the Society's Constitution (Article 2) on the first and second reading to streamline member grades into one member grade. The amendment now goes before members for their vote in this May's election.

Find more at the [ASCE Member grades consolidation web page](#).

In closing, reach out to [your local ASCE Governor](#). They've been busy this Spring too! Learn where they've been assisting and lifting up our members. Also, take note that we'll have a few more virtual Communication Roundtables and rolling out our Technical topics soon. Watch for more details.

Best,

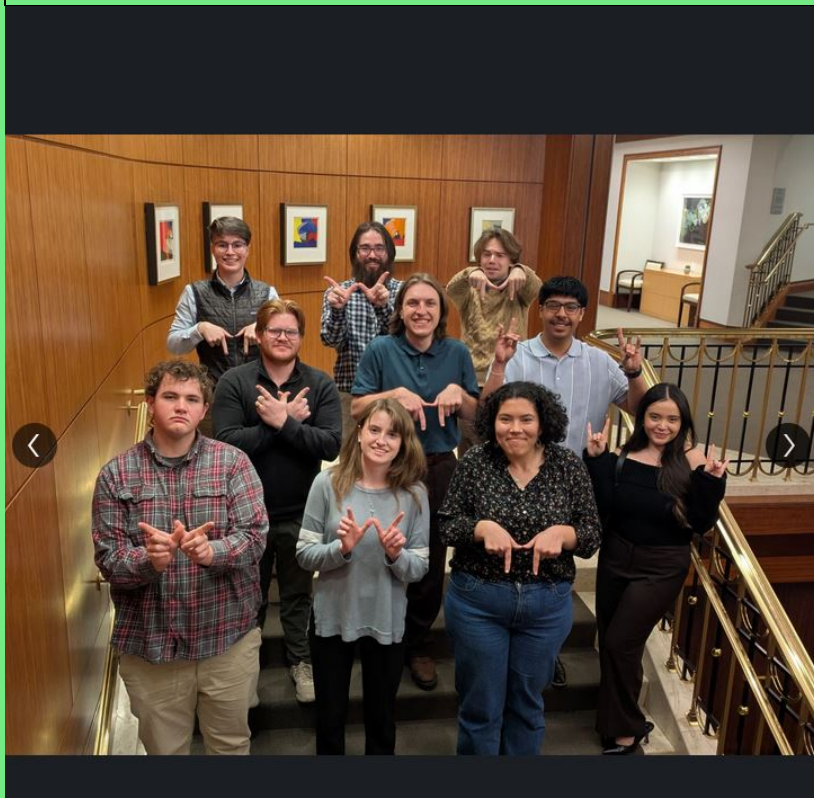
Erin Steever, PE, ENV SP, F.ASCE

Region 7 Director





Calling All Students! The Society Student Presidential Group is looking for volunteers. [Ella Smith](#) can be contacted for questions. More information about the group can be found at their [website](#).



Evan O'Toole, P.E. • Following
 Assistant Lecturer
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I had a great time at the [ASCE Region 7 #MRLC25](#) in Cleveland with the new ASCE student chapter officers! We all learned a lot about how to make 2025 a great year for our chapter and made new connections with other student chapters. We even bumped into [Tim Brugger](#) (UW alum and current ASCE Region 7 Governor) and [Kolter Booth](#) (UW alum and ASCE Wyoming Section Secretary). These students really are the leaders of tomorrow!

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ASCE Wyoming Section News



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Matthew Brua, PE and I are taking part in our first infrastructure report card release. Catch it on Livestream - the panel discussions are so valuable in understanding where we go from here, and how each of us can help move us forward!



Erin Steever, PE, ENV SP, F.ASCE • 1st

Team Lead at Bartlett & West; Region 7 Board of Director ASCE, ASCE Fellow

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Kicking off the week in DC at the National Infrastructure Report Card release today....Drumroll please...we've move up slightly to a grade of C! ...more



ASCE South Dakota Section News



Kara Syverson, P.E. • 2nd
Project Engineer at Calhoun-Burns & Associates
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We had an AMAZING turnout of kids of all ages at the Girls in Science Festival at the Science Center of Iowa this past weekend! The Central Iowa ASCE YMG helped promote Civil Engineering by creating structures out of gum drops and toothpicks. This is an event we look forward to every year as we have so many kids come and engineer so many unique and creative structures!



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March was a busy and exciting month for the NE ASCE section!

- March Environmental Section Meeting
- Mid-America Student Symposium in Lincoln, NE

Upcoming NE ASCE events:

- UNO Joint Section Meeting: April 24th, Peter Kiewit Institute
- Transportation Conference: May 3rd, Scott Conference Center
- Annual Meeting and Banquet: June 24th, Round the Bend Steakhouse

For more details, refer to the April newsletter:

<https://lnkd.in/gHxqyyzs>



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ASCE Nebraska News



Aaron Frits, P.E., F.ASCE • 1st
Principal at GBA (George Butler Associates)
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My Kansas ASCE peers and I had a great visit with Rep. Sharice Davids sharing details about the ASCE 2025 Infrastructure Report Card. Thanks to Rep. Davids and her staff for their continued support of Infrastructure both in Kansas and across the US. [#ASCE](#)



👥 Edward Stafford and 65 others

ASCE Kansas Section News



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Thanks all for a great time on 4/16 & 4/17 hosting Marsha, coming together as a community and celebrating excellence in our profession.



Thomas Greer, PE, CFM, ENV SP • 1st

Bridge Department at Burns & McDonnell

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ASCE Kansas City Section had an awesome time last week hosting National President-Elect **Marsha Anderson Bomar, Ph.D., AICP, ENV SP, H.ITE, F.ASCE** for our annual awards luncheon! Congrats to the award winners **Katie Handley Stucky, PE, CFM, ENV SP** and De Soto progressive design build project. Fun showing Marsha around KC and visiting the **University of Missouri-Kansas City**. #ASCE

If you ever need a good restaurant recommendation just ask Marsha or check out **#ASCEeats**. For those that like a good nerding out at Linda Hall, check out the 400 year old sketch of lighthouse keyed rock foundation.

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Clarkson Construction Company

Appreciate all the efforts and quality time!



ASCE Kansas City Section

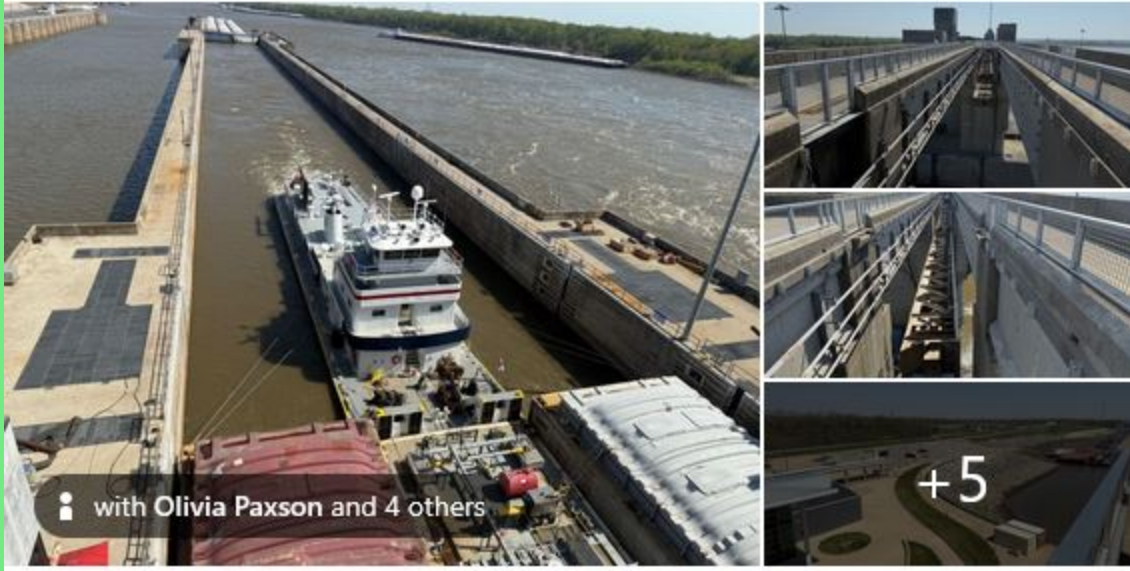


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Thank you to everyone who joined [#ascestlymg](#) for our site tour of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam and a visit to the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton! It was an incredible opportunity to learn about one of the nation's most significant ...more



ASCE Saint Louis Section News



ASCE Colorado Section

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Last Friday's **UESI - Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute** Colorado Chapter's Inaugural Meeting & Social was the first UESI Colorado Chapter event since its establishment earlier this year!

Thank you to all who joined online and in person! Can't wait to see what's coming up next for UESI Colorado!

UESI Colorado Chapter Chair: **Jeremy Garcia-Glasscock, PE**

UESI Colorado Chapter Vice Chair: Stephanie Cecil, PE

UESI Colorado Chapter Secretary: Tylor Bottorff, PE

UESI Colorado Chapter Treasurer: Thomas Kelly, PLS



ASCE Colorado Section News



2025 Salary Survey is live

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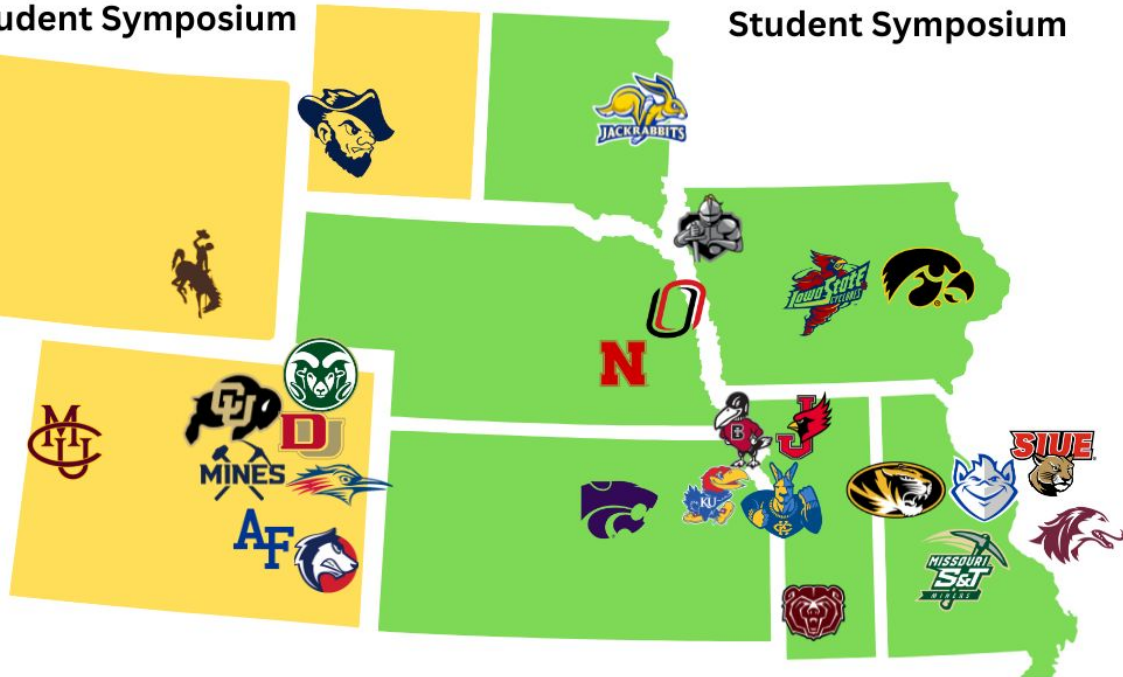
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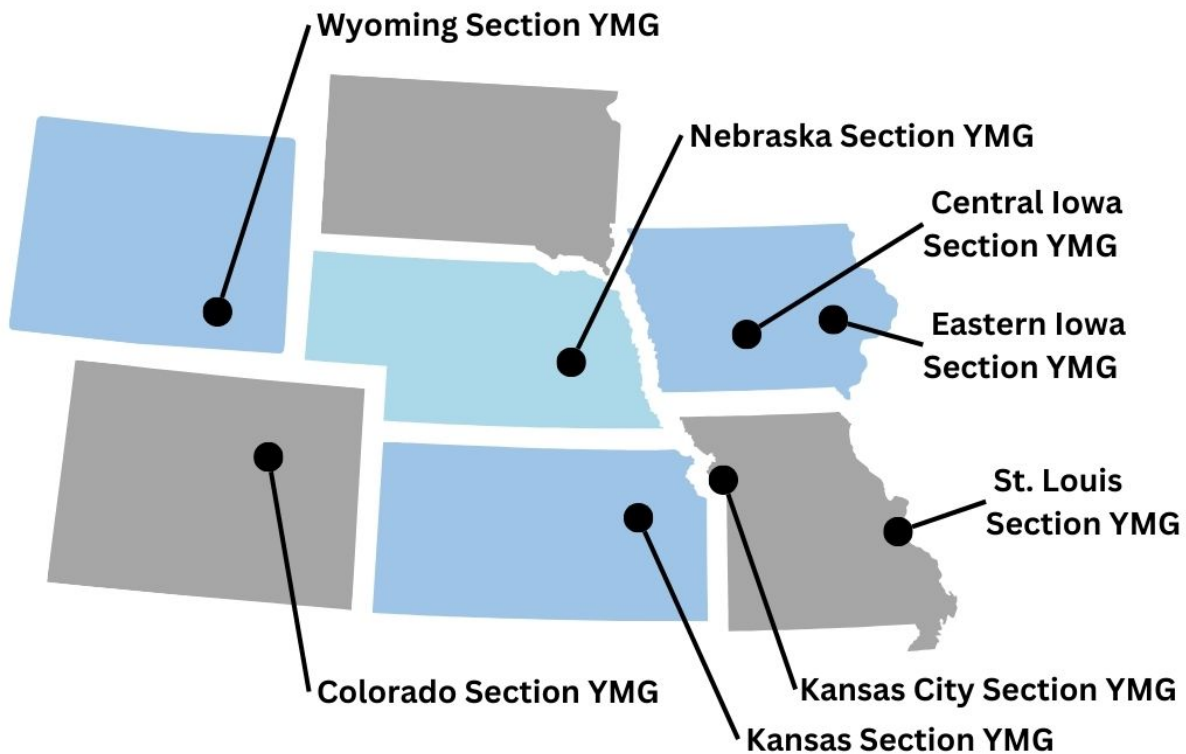
Mid-America
Student Symposium



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27 schools in 7 states, 2 symposia!

Younger Member Groups



8 Younger Member Groups; lots of ways to get involved!



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