

ASCE Region 8 Newsletter

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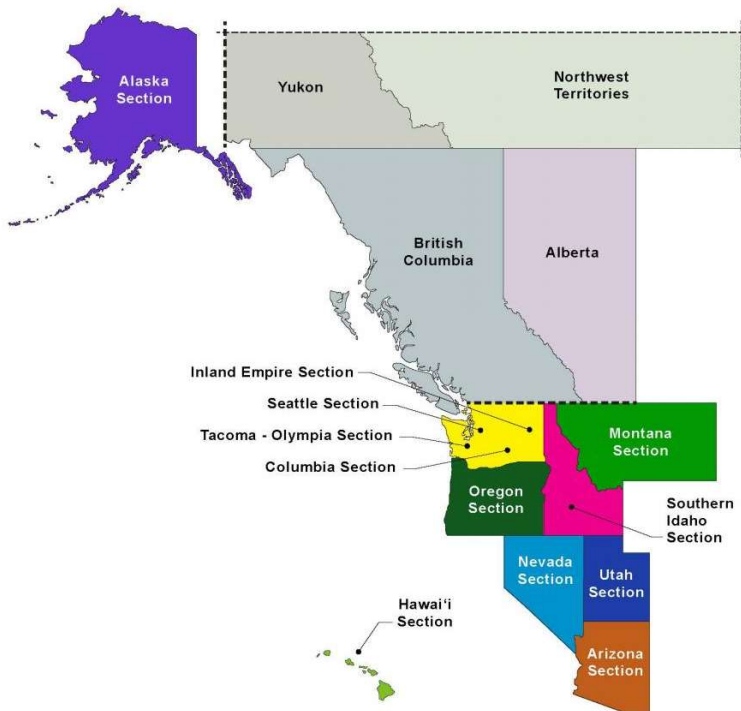


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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

(DATE --- EVENT/DEADLINE --- LOCATION)

11/17/2023 --- [ASCE Legislative Fly-In Application Deadline](#) --- Online

12/01/2023 --- [Region 8 Governor Candidate Applications Deadline](#) --- Online

02/07/2024 --- Region 8 BOG Meeting --- Seattle, WA

02/08/2024 --- Region 8 Assembly Meeting --- Seattle, WA

02/9-10/2024 --- Region 8 – 9 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) --- Seattle, WA

02/28–03/01/2024 --- [ASCE Legislative Fly-In](#) --- Washington, DC

04/01/2024 --- [Region 8 Awards Nomination Deadline](#) --- Online

04/4-6/2024 --- [Pacific SW Student Symposium](#) --- Honolulu, HI

04/6-7/2024 --- [Pacific NW Student Symposium](#) --- Vancouver B.C. (UBC)

04/11-13/2024 --- [Intermountain SW Student Symposium](#) --- Logan, UT (USU)

Region 8 Director's Corner

Hello Region 8!
Greetings from Chicago!

I'm writing this column from my hotel room after attending a 2-day Board of Direction meeting which precedes the annual



Society Convention, which starts on Thursday, October 19th and runs through Saturday the 21st. The BOD meeting had a packed agenda and included discussions on several topics of interest to ASCE members in Region 8, including an update on the start-up of the new Grants and Business Development Department at Headquarters.

The purpose of this new department is to centralize our ability to seek out sole-source non-competitive grant opportunities from various federal government agencies and NGOs to fund new initiatives for ASCE to undertake in areas such as climate adaptation, standards development, and workforce development. The intent is to be able to fund these new initiatives from grant sources that would otherwise have to be funded out of our annual operating budget. The new department is just now being staffed up, but it is anticipated that it will significantly enhance our ability to leverage our standing within the federal government as trusted advisors and thought leaders in these and many other areas.

With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (the IIJA), ASCE has assumed a larger role in the development and retention of the civil engineering workforce. A recent study by the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) determined that the impacts of the IIJA on the civil engineering workforce will be enormous. The ACEC study projects that there are presently at least 82,000 more jobs for engineers than there are engineers available to

fill those positions. Part of this glut of unfilled positions is due to retirements of baby boomers (like me!) who are leaving the workforce. This means two things: (1) it's a great time to be an engineer with the prospect of full employment and rising salaries, and (2) our colleges and universities urgently need to attract and graduate more engineering students to fill those vacant jobs. All of us have a responsibility to encourage middle school and high school students to seek an engineering education.

Finally, I just want to remind all of you that the December 1st deadline for filing an intent to run for Region 8 Governor or Director is rapidly approaching. I strongly encourage any of you who are interested in serving the profession to consider running for one of these positions. I guarantee that you will meet some folks you will otherwise never get to know and have some fun in the process. For more information, please contact Governor Darren Burton, Chair, ASCE Region 8 Nominating Committee, at either (801) 597-9810 or dburton@mbakerintl.com.

Larry Magura
Society Director, ASCE Region 8

Governor Spotlight

MEET YOUR GOVERNORS!

City:
Tucson, AZ



Work:
Project Manager
at Ardurra Group



Jose Aguilar

ASCE Region 8 Governor to
Arizona and British Columbia



FUN FACTS



Jose Aguilar



Jose ran his first (and last) marathon in San Francisco, CA in under 4 hours

He is a certified drone pilot, currently getting into drone racing.



Jose loves to travel with his wife. Their most recent trip was to Japan.

He is a big Star Wars fan and is learning the ways of The Force!



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Section Spotlight

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Arizona Section!

This month we will be highlighting the Arizona Section!

On September 28th, the ASCE Arizona Section and ASHE hosted their 2023 Annual State Conference. There were 214 registrants for the conference with special guests such as ASCE current Past-President (2022 ASCE Society President) Dennis Truax who talked about ASCE becoming a “Future-Ready” ASCE and the upcoming premier showing of ASCE’s new IMAX film, “Cities of the Future” at the October 2023 ASCE National Convention in Chicago. Key note speaker, Kristina Swallow (Former ASCE Society President) shared her thoughts on high performing teams.

September 28, 2023

ENGINEERING **2023** OPPORTUNITIES IN CHALLENGING TIMES



▶ ARIZONA ASCE/ASHE
ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Larry Magura, Region 8 Director, gave a Region Update to attendees.



Incoming officers across all ASCE Branch, YMGs, Institute and Student were inducted by current Past-President (2022 ASCE Society President) Dennis Truax.



Southern Arizona YMF

The Southern Arizona YMF hosted a Paintball event with the University of Arizona Student Chapter. It was a blast! (pun intended)

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Southern Arizona Branch

YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

The
YMF PAINTBALL
SOCIAL

Desert Fox Paintball

9651 S Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ 85747

Date: 09-23-2023

Time: 10:30am

\$25/person

\$15/student



University of Arizona

The University of Arizona Student Chapter hosted their Annual Career Night where over 70 civil engineering companies attended and students came to look for internships and early career positions. The event started with a Reception which was a perfect time to network!



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Civil & Architectural Engineering Career Night October 12th, 2023



70+ COMPANIES ATTENDING

- CIVIL/STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
- HYDRAULICS/WATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- GEOTECHNICAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL, AND MORE!



RECEPTION: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
CIVIL ENGINEERING COURTYARD

CAREER FAIR: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
BEAR DOWN GYMNASIUM



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CORE GRANITE™



ASHTON
Contractors & Engineers



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Member Spotlight

Thank You

For Your Service!



Dan Karlin



Fausto Burruel



Tor Anderzen

Thank you for serving as Region 8 Governors! Your dedication and contributions to our Region are truly appreciated.

You will be missed!

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Nominations

Needed!

ASCE Region 8 is currently accepting nominations for two new Region Governors and one new Region Director to serve for terms beginning September of 2024.



Questions?

Region 8 Governor

Darren Burton

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**Submit your
nominations
before Dec. 1**

More information on qualifications, expectations, and forms can be found on the ASCE Region 8 webpage under Resources:

<https://regions.asce.org/region8/resources>

Lewis and Clark County, Montana RFP

RFP - Joint Infrastructure Study

 Closing date November 13, 2023, 04:00 PM

Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena are seeking proposals from consulting firms to prepare a Joint Infrastructure Study within the Urban Standards Boundary/Urban Growth Area (USB/UGA) around the City.

Status: Open

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