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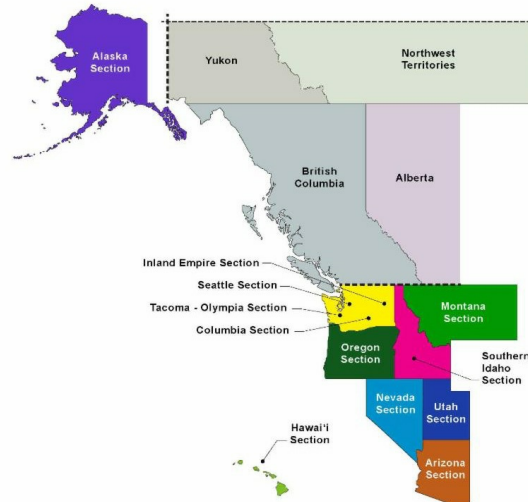
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"Help you matter more and enable you to make a bigger difference"

REGION 8 DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Aloha and Mahalo for your membership in ASCE. I appreciate your dedication to and support of our civil engineering profession and the development of leaders to help us all matter more.

ASCE Society Election Reminder

The Society election opens on May 1 and closes at 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 1. Members at the grade of Affiliate or above who are current on their dues by April 1 may vote in the election. ASCE's election provider, Survey and Ballot Systems, will send an email to eligible voters announcing the election on May 1. Please check your spam filter if you do not receive the email. Use your ASCE email address and password to login to the voting site. If you do not remember this information, please contact ASCE Customer Service at 1 (800) 548-ASCE (2723). Paper ballots are available upon request through May 21, 2021. Please contact [Patty Montgomery](#) if you wish to receive a paper ballot.

This year's Society election is especially important for Region 8 members. There are a number of positions that are contested and there is a constitutional amendment for your consideration.

The election for the next Society Director from Region 8 is a contested election. The two candidates are Lawrence "Larry" M. Magura, P.E., D.WRE(ret), F.ASCE and Chris "Shoots" Veis, P.E., M.ASCE.

The election for the next Society President-Elect is also a contested election. The two candidates are Maria Lehman, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE and Peter M. Moore, P.E., ENV SP, LEED AP, F.ASCE.

There are two candidates for our next two Region 8 Governors. The candidates are Virginia J. Groeschel, A.M.ASCE and Robert B. Turner, P.E., F.ASCE.

The election for the next Technical Region Director is also a contested election. The two candidates are Daniel F. Becker, M.ASCE and Yin Hai Wang, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE. If you are an Institute Member, you are eligible to vote for the next Technical Region Director.

There is a Constitutional amendment for member to vote on whether ASCE Student Members should have the right to vote in Society elections. The ASCE Board of Direction received for this Constitutional amendment for first consideration and discussion at its July 2020 meeting. As required by the governing documents, the amendment was presented for second reading consideration at the October 2020 meeting. The Board of Direction approved the amendment by two-thirds vote.

Details on each of the candidates and the proposed amended Constitutional language are available on the [ASCE Elections](#) page. The candidates have sacrificed a lot of their personal time and energy to run for their respective offices to provide greater member value to you. Please commit to taking a small amount of your time to vote this year. Let's uphold our reputation as having the highest Region turnout in ASCE elections.

2021 ASCE Student Conferences

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ASCE leadership decided to have all 2021 student conferences conducted virtually. Our Region 8 schools participate in four separate student conferences – Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Mid-Pacific and Rocky Mountain. As of the writing

of this column, the Pacific Southwest and Rocky Mountain conferences have been hosted by UCLA and BYU, respectively. Running a virtual conference is challenging, especially with no previous template to follow. Congratulations to UCLA and BYU for hosting excellent conferences under the difficult circumstances and for the participating schools for participating remotely. Thanks to the Section and Branch leaders, Region Governors and the Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions (CSCC) and Committee on Student Members (CSM) for their support in helping the host schools with planning the virtual conferences. One advantage of a virtual conference is that I was able to view the sessions without the need to travel. I look forward to the Mid-Pacific and Pacific Northwest conferences in the upcoming week hosted by Fresno State University and the University of Washington.

ASCE Student Conference Realignment

ASCE is striving to enhance the student member experience and provide exceptional value at ASCE student conferences. Aligning the student conference boundaries with the ASCE Geographic Region boundaries will help achieve this goal. The realignment allows for more consistent engagement throughout the school year from ASCE Regions, Sections, Branches, and Younger Member Groups during the planning of the student conferences and at the actual events. It also exposes student members to increased ways to engage in ASCE after graduation which would hopefully increase our poor 15% conversion rate from student to Associate members.

Starting in 2022, Region 8 schools will switch from being in four separate student conferences to a northern and southern Region 8 student conferences. Planning and naming of the new student conferences are still taking place. The membership of the two new conferences are as follows:

Northern Region 8 Student Conference

- University of British Columbia
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Carroll College

Southern Region 8 Student Conference

- University of Arizona
- Arizona State University
- Boise State University
- Brigham Young University
- Brigham Young University - Idaho
- University of Nevada-Las

- Gonzaga University
- University of Idaho
- Montana State University
- Montana State University - Northern
- Montana Tech of the Univ. of Montana
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- University of Portland
- Portland State University
- Saint Martin's University
- Seattle University
- Walla Walla University
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Washington State Univ. - Tri Cities

- Vegas
- University of Nevada-Reno
- Idaho State University
- Northern Arizona University
- Salt Lake Community College
- University of Utah
- Utah State University

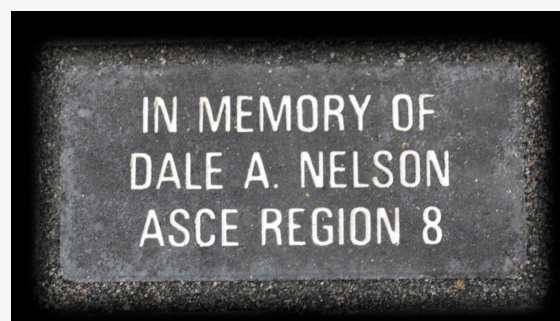
The one exception is the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The applied for and received approval from the Region 8 Board of Governors to join the Southern Region 9 Student Conference primarily due to financial reasons.

ASCE's Sustainable Parking Lot

ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA recently underwent a project to repair the parking lot. To exemplify ASCE's position on sustainability, the parking lot was retrofitted with sustainable elements instead of a traditional asphalt pavement structure. The ASCE Foundation held a fundraising drive to help with the cost of the sustainable parking lot project.



Region 8 made a donation towards the project and we were provided with an opportunity to customize one of the permeable paver tiles used in the project. The Region 8 Board of Governors decided to honor the



memory of our immediate Past Society Director Dale A. Nelson.

I wanted to support the project as well and had a little fun with my permeable paver tile to give a testimonial on ASCE's impact on my professional career and how I feel about Region 8.

[Learn more](#) about the sustainable parking lot project, and make a tax-deductible contribution to advancement of our civil engineering profession through the [ASCE Foundation](#).



Mahalo for being a member of ASCE and for all that you do to help our great profession. #Region8isgreat!!!

Mahalo and Aloha,
Tony C.G. Lau, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE
Society Director, Region 8

REGION 8 MIXER - 4/27/21

You are invited to a Region 8 Mixer on Tuesday, April 27, 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm PDT. You will have an opportunity to have fun, network with members across our Region, learn a little about Region 8, meet your Region 8 leaders, and have informal discussions about ASCE topics.

You will also have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the two candidates for the next Society Director from Region 8: Lawrence "Larry" M. Magura, P.E., D.WRE(ret), F.ASCE and Chris "Shoots" Veis, P.E., M.ASCE. The estimated start time of the Society Director Candidate Forum is 6:00 pm PDT.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

PAST REGION 8 GOVERNOR HORST BRANDES SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Horst G. Brandes, Ph.D, P.E., F.ASCE was a Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, past ASCE Region 8 Governor (2012-2014) and past President of the ASCE Hawaii Section (2003). Dr. Brandes passed away suddenly in November 2020. The Hawaii Section worked with Horst's family and the University of Hawaii College of Engineering

to set up a scholarship fund in honor of Horst. The fund is dedicated towards helping graduate students interested in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of Hawaii. Please consider donating at <http://www.uhfoundation.org/HorstBrandes>. Mahalo.

REGION 8 MEMBERS AWARD SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to **Michael L. Dennis, Ph.D., P.E., R.L.S., M.ASCE** of the Arizona Section for being selected by ASCE's Utility Engineering and Arizona Section Surveying Institute to receive the 2021 **Surveying and Mapping Award** for "significant contributions to the field of surveying and geomatics through outreach, research and practice, including leadership within the Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute."

Congratulations to **Samuel T. Ariaratnam, Ph.D., P.E., NAC, F.ASCE** of the Arizona Section for being selected by ASCE's Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute to receive the 2021 **Stephen D. Bechtel Pipeline Engineering Award** for "his contributions to advancements in pipeline engineering through service to industry, educational initiatives and outstanding research accomplishments in the area of horizontal directional drilling."

ASCE REGION 8 AWARDS

REGION 8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Region 8 Mixer - Virtual, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm PDT, April 27, 2021

- Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC) - Technical Speaker Sessions - Virtual, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm PDT, April 29, 2021
- Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC) - WRYMC Awards - Virtual, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm PDT, April 30, 2021
- Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC) - Business Meeting & Roundtable Discussions - Virtual, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm PDT, May 1, 2021
- 2021 Society Board of Direction Spring Meeting - Virtual, April 30 - May 1, 2021
- ASCE Society Elections, May 1 - June 1, 2021
- 2021 Society Board of Direction Summer Meeting, Reston, VA - Possibly Virtual - July Dates TBD
- Board of Governors Fall Meeting, Flagstaff, AZ, September 23, 2021
- Region 8 Board of Governors Fall Assembly Meeting, Flagstaff, AZ September 24 and 25, 2021

ASCE REGION 8 EVENTS

