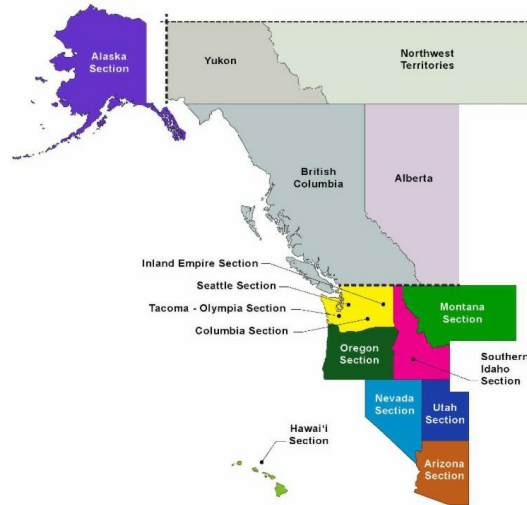


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"Help you matter more and enable you to make a bigger difference"

REGION 8 DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Region 8 Director's Column – June 2021

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

2021 Society Election Results

The ASCE Society-level elections concluded on June 1. There were 6,267 ballots cast from 81,506 eligible members for a voter turnout of 7.68% which is down from 8.58% in 2020. A little disappointed that Region 8 voter turnout was at 7.7% which is slightly down from 8.0%, our first decrease in years. The highest percentage of voters were over the age of 56 at nearly 9.0%. Younger Members 35 years of age and younger voted at about 5.5%.

The contested Society President-Elect race was won by Maria Lehman receiving 3,825 votes which was 62.2% of the total vote. Maria's goal is to focus ASCE Resources to provide infrastructure leadership to deliver our Future World Vision by:

- **Leading Infrastructure** - Maintain and improve ASCE and its professionals as leaders in the project life-cycle from planning to decommissioning in a resilient and sustainable manner. Drive the concepts of life cycle costing and performance specifications to unleash innovation.
- **Raise the Grades** - Move the successful ASCE brand of the Report Card for America's Infrastructure from a recognized assessment and planning tool to deliver better public policy outcomes including increased public and private investment.
- **ASCE Health** - Focus on strategies to deliver long term ASCE organizational sustainability and efficiency.
- **Communication** - Improve collaboration across all units and with coalition and worldwide partners to leverage ASCE investments.
- **Diversity and Inclusion** - Increase and retain a diverse group of members. Recruit members of under-represented communities to ASCE membership and to committee membership and active participation at all levels, reflecting the communities we serve.
- **Engaging Our Members** - Enhance member engagement to meet Society goals with specific emphasis on Younger Members being mentored by Life Members and Fellows. I think we are at the confluence of crisis: public health, economic, infrastructure, and equity. Added to that is a layer of public accountability. Civil engineers are the ones to deliver the holistic solution. Let's take advantage of our problem solving skills to make a lasting impact on our world.

Congratulations to Maria and we look forward to her leadership.

The contested Society Director from Region 8 race was won by Larry Magura of the Oregon Section. Larry received 385 votes which was 58.2% of the total vote. Congrats to Larry and I look forward to working with him to transition leadership of our Region over the next few months. Larry will be installed as Society Director at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 7 at the 2021 ASCE (virtual) Annual Convention.



*Larry Magura, Society Director-Elect,
Region 8 from the Oregon Section*

Congratulations to Virginia Groeshel, Alaska Section, and Bob Turner, Inland Empire, for being elected as our next Region 8 Governors. Virginia and Bob will succeed Lance Mearig, Alaska Section, and Kate Thompson, Columbia Section. They will be installed as Region 8 Governors during the virtual Presidents and Governors Forum scheduled for September 29 to October 1.



*Region 8 Governor-Elect Virginia
Groeshel, Alaska Section*



*Region 8 Governor-Elect Bob Turner,
Inland Empire Section*

Congratulations to Daniel Becker for being elected to the Society Board of Direction as a Technical Region Director. Dan is a Board member and Past President of the Construction Institute (CI) and is from the Seattle Section. His four areas of focus to provide value to ASCE and our membership: membership retention/growth, educating members on construction practices, educating members on contract and risk management, and enhancing the ASCE experience for Younger Members.

By a vote of 66.5% in favor and 33.5% against, the membership defeated the proposed constitutional amendment intended to allow Student Members the right to vote. Amendments to the Constitution require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those members voting.

Future Region 8 Governor Openings

If you have an interest in serving as a Region 8 Governor, there will be two openings for terms beginning in October 2022. Matt Roblez, Utah Section and Mark Lamer, Arizona Section, will be completing their three-year terms in September 2022. Governor candidates can be from any Section in our Region except for the Alaska Section

because the maximum allotted Governors from a Section on the Region 8 Board of Governors (BOG) is two and there are already two sitting Governors from the Alaska Section. If you want more information or are interested, please contact any of the current BOG members.

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 MEMBERS AWARD SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to **Harry Hsiu-Jen Yeh, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE** of the Oregon Section, for being selected by the Society's Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute to receive the 2021 **John G. Moffatt - Frank E. Nichol Harbor and Coastal Engineering Award** for "broad and interdisciplinary laboratory knowledge of coastal effects of tsunami to the general public."

Congratulations to **Elyce Pimentel, S.M.ASCE** of the Arizona Section for being selected by the Society's Committee on Student Activities to receive the 2021 **Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students** for the paper, "Societal Ethics in Civil Engineering During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

ASCE REGION 8 AWARDS

REGION 8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2021 Society Board of Direction Summer Meeting, Virtual - July 16-17, 2021
- 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
- Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF), Virtual, September 29-October 1.

- 2021 Society Board of Direction Fall Meeting, Virtual, October 5-6, 2021.

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