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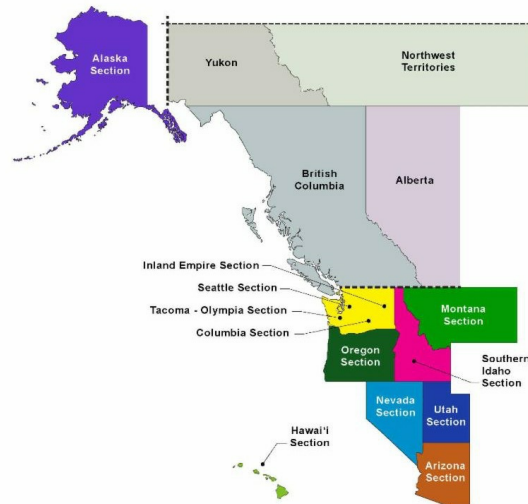
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"Help you matter more and enable you to make a bigger difference"

REGION 8 DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

First Ever Region 8 Mixer

On April 27, Region 8 held its first region-wide virtual mixer event. With the in-person Western Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) being converted to a condensed event in combination with the Eastern and Central MRLCs, the popular Region breakout events did not occur at the conference this year. Therefore, the Region 8 leadership decided to schedule our own Region 8 virtual mixer.

Instead of limiting the invitations to leaders that would typically attend one of the three conferences that make up the MRLC (the Workshop for Section, Branch and Institute Leaders (WSBIL), the Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC), and the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders (WSCL)), the Region 8 leadership decided to invite all Region 8 members to participate. About 100 people registered. We had members ranging from students and younger members to life and distinguished members. We had all 12 Sections and Western Canada

represented. We had all nine Institutes represented.

The program started with the Governors and yours truly presenting on overview of Region 8. Then the Governors facilitated two sets of breakout discussions on topics including Personal Impact of the 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, The Value of ASCE Membership, Communications between Institutes and Geographic Units, Volunteering for an ASCE Position, and What Can the Region 8 Board of Governors Do for You. The event concluded with a question and answer forum with our two candidates for Society Director from Region 8, Shoots Veis and Larry Magura.

Overall, the event was considered a success with the excellent feedback from the participants. The Region 8 leadership will definitely consider a similar event in the future.

WRYMC 2021

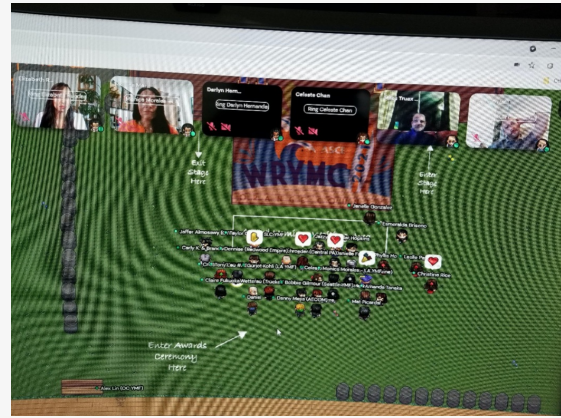
WRYMC membership consists of all the Younger Member Groups in Regions 8 and 9. As previously indicated, their meetings are typically held with the WSBIL and WSCL as part of the Western MRLC. Due to the condensed program of the virtual 2021 MRLC, WRYMC decided to host supplemental meetings for their membership.

WRYMC 2021 was a virtual conference hosted by the Orange County Branch YMF. It included multiple events held over a three-day period from April 29 to May 1. I had the honor of serving as one of the WRYMC Award judges and was able to attend the WRYMC Awards Presentation on April 30. Congratulations to all the WRYMC Award winners which includes two from Region 8.

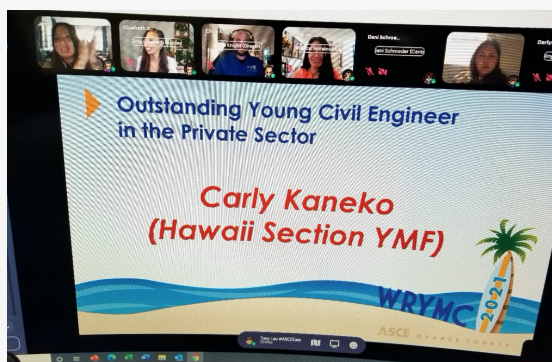
- Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector – Carly Kaneko, Hawaii Section YMF
- Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Public Sector – Ross Brazzale, Seattle Section YMF
- Outstanding Younger Member Group Project – Pathways Academy Program, Orange County Branch YMF
- Outstanding Younger Member In Community Activities – Meghrie Demirdjian, Los Angeles Section YMF
- Outstanding Support of a Student Chapter – Orange County Branch YMF

- Outstanding Younger Member in ASCE Activities – Nestor Godinez, Orange County Branch YMF

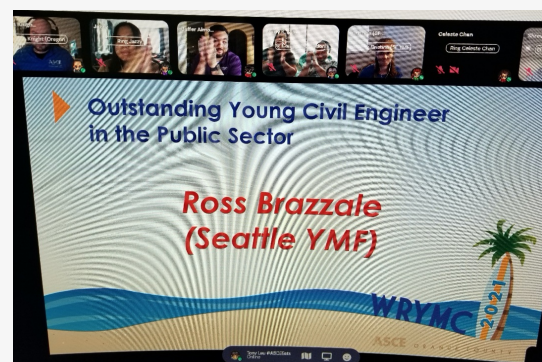
Congratulations to Orange County Branch YMF for hosting an excellent conference under the difficult pandemic situation. We look forward to WRYMC returning as an in-person event next year with the Utah Section YMF hosting in Salt Lake City, UT on February 18 and 19, 2022.



WRYMC 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony



WRYMC 2021 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Private Sector – Carly Kaneko, Hawaii Section YMF



WRYMC 2021 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Public Sector – Ross Brazzale, Seattle Section YMF

ASCE Board of Direction Spring Meeting/ASCE Strategic Goals

I had the honor of participating in the Society Board of Direction Spring meeting on April 30 and May 1. Sadly, we had to participate virtually due to on-going pandemic conditions so there would be no in-person discussions and fellowship with my fellow Society leaders.

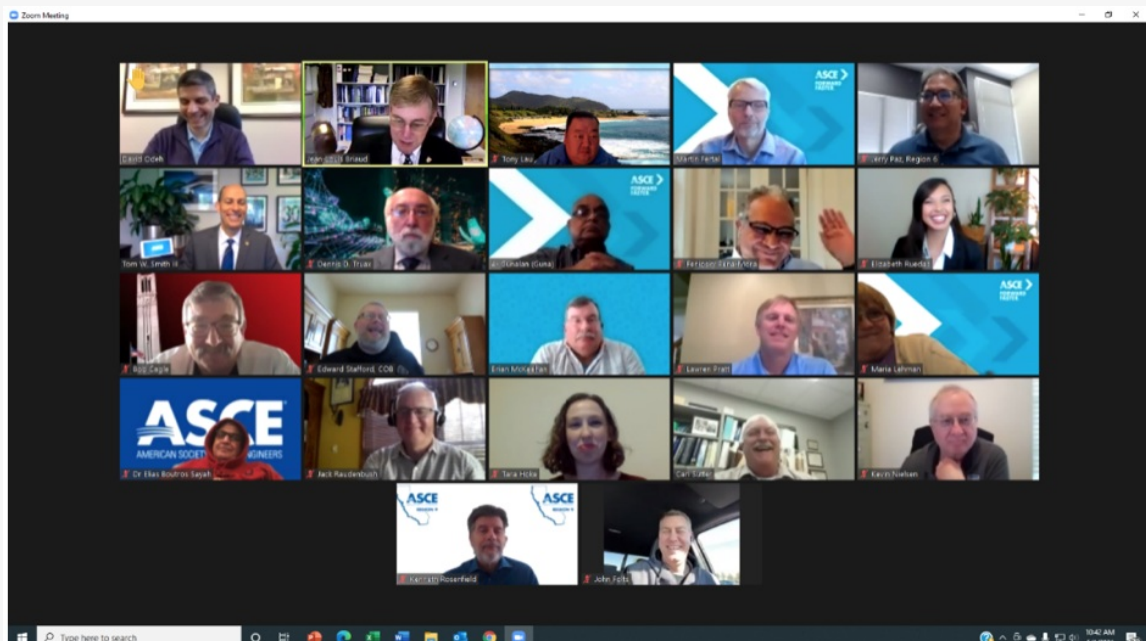
The many reports received included the Report Card for America's Infrastructure and the resulting impacts, the continued development of Future World Vision, and the status of the Society from Executive Director Tom Smith. We also received a report from the Client Summit organizing committee that led to a formation of a final task committee to study whether or not ASCE should move forward with a professional certification program.

The Board Strategic Advisory Council (BSAC) shared the Society's progress on ASCE's six strategic goals. Overall we are proceeding well with a few areas that could use improvement. The six goals were adopted as part of the ASCE Strategic Plan on October 11,

2018. The six goals assist leadership make decisions on existing program funding and whether we need to add new programs or sunset existing ones. ASCE's six strategic goals are listed below.

- Goal 1 – An ever-growing number of people in the civil engineering realm are members of, and engage in, ASCE
- Goal 2 – Civil Engineers develop and apply innovative, state-of-the-art practices and technologies
- Goal 3 – All infrastructure is safe, resilient, and sustainable
- Goal 4 – ASCE advances the educational and professional standards for civil engineers
- Goal 5 – The public values civil engineers' essential role in society
- Goal 6 – ASCE excels in strategic and operational effectiveness

All six goals are of equal weight except for Goal 1 which is ranked higher than the other five. The ASCE Strategic Plan details the focus strategy, ongoing strategies and key performance indicators for each goal. The Strategic Plan is available for download from the Region 8 Website Resources page at regions.asce.org/region8/resources.



2021 Board of Direction Spring Virtual Meeting

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

ASCE Elections are Ongoing

The Society election started on May 1 and closes at 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 1.

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. Your vote will make a difference. Recent contested elections in Region 8 have been decided by less than 30 votes out of 13,000 members.

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

The election for the next Society President-Elect is also a contested election. The two candidates are Peter M. Moore, P.E., ENV SP, LEED AP, F.ASCE and Maria Lehman, P.E., ENV SP, 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 members to vote on whether ASCE Student Members should have the right to vote in Society elections. The ASCE Board of Direction received 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 at

<https://www.asce.org/Elections/>. 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.

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, sent an email to eligible voters announcing the election on May 1. Please check your spam filter if you did 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).

OREGON SECTION UPDATE



ASCE Leadership in Oregon



ASCE within Oregon is continuing to thrive for its 108th year with over 1,850 members. ASCE in Oregon is represented by:

- An Oregon Section to support to all members within the state
- The Capital Branch located in Salem, the State Capital
- The SW Washington Branch representing our nearby neighbors across the Columbian river
- Three active technical groups EWRG, SEI, and GI
- Two leading Younger Member Groups; the Portland YMF and Willamette Valley YMG
- Four eager and upcoming Student Groups; Oregon Tech, Portland State University, University of Portland, and Oregon State University

What's New with our Younger Membership

2020 and 2021 brought many changes to our Younger Membership! For many years Oregon has only had one Younger Member Forum. Due to the determination and team work of some dedicated younger members, we have added a NEW younger member chapter and re-branded our long time and well known YMF.



*Welcome the NEW **Willamette Valley Younger Member Group!***

Founded in 2020, the Willamette Valley Younger Members Group (WVYMG) is an organization of young engineering professionals dedicated to strengthening the

civil engineering profession within the Willamette Valley. The group is headquartered out of Salem and extends from Wilsonville to Eugene. The WVYMG hosts a variety of networking, professional development, and volunteer events to help members kickstart their careers, while also partnering with universities in the area to continue to grow the profession. We believe that by investing in the future of the civil engineering profession we can have a positive impact on our communities and our world.

Website: <https://www.asceor.org/willamette-valley-younger-member-group>



*The Oregon YMF is transitioning to be the **Portland YMF!***



A Younger Member Chapter made up of engineering professionals located in the Greater Portland area. Their mission is to bring ambitious and community-minded young civil engineers together to foster professional growth, make our community a better place, and interact socially.

They host a variety of events that include volunteering, networking, and social activities. They have distinctively taken advantage of the virtual environment and created stronger relationships with other regional younger member chapters by expanding online social events to include Washington and California Younger Member groups.

Website: <https://www.asceor.org/oregon-younger-member-forum>

Recognizing Major Events

The Foundations for Success!

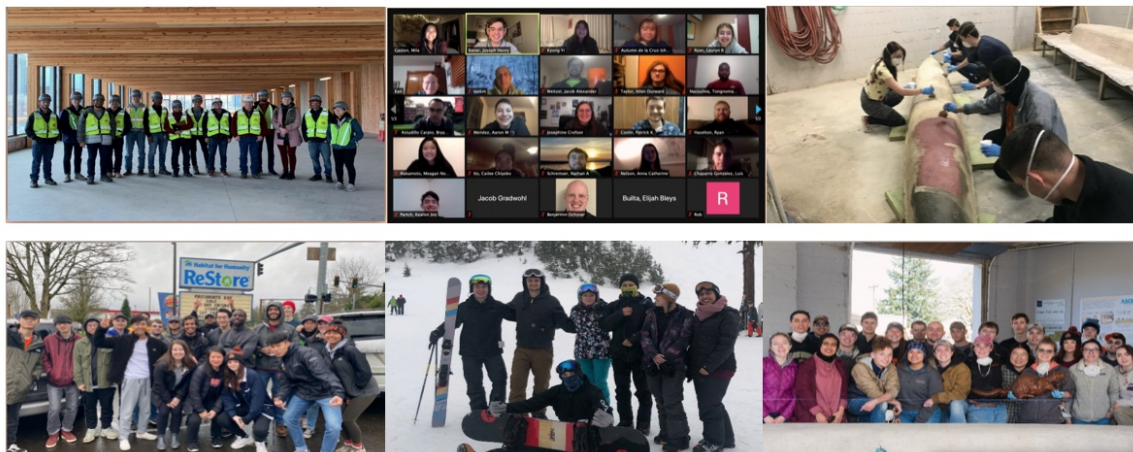
The Willamette Valley Younger Member Group has been hard at work preparing and planning many events this year so far. They have specially focused on creating meaningful relationships with the local student chapters. Some events include trivia nights, resume building, and hiking. They are off to a great start and we cannot wait to see what they put together next!

1st Annual Oregon Leadership Symposium

The Portland YMF hosted its long time planned first ever Oregon Leadership Symposium. Inspired by other younger member leadership conference, this one specifically focuses on bringing students and younger members into one place to come together and create long term relationships and leadership skills. The event had breakout sessions around K-12 outreach, Board recruitment, team building, Professional development, and Government affairs. To further camaraderie, multiple events were planned to include anyone and everyone from a jack box game night, Ice cream social, or a mixology lesson from Chris Knight (YMF past president and local amateur mixer).



Region 8 Outstanding Student Chapter



The ASCE Student Chapter at Oregon State University is celebrating their 100th year and what better way to do so by being recognized as the 2021 Region 8 Outstanding Student Chapter! This active chapter made it their mission to accomplish as many goals as they could, even when facing the uncertainty of the Pandemic.

Here are some the great things they accomplished this last year:

- They organized multiple engineering related field trips for student members. Experiences where they were able to go behind the scenes of construction and manufacturing.
- They hosted 13 speaker meetings throughout the year and

quickly converted to zoom when the Pandemic began to unsure there was no disruption.

- Earned letters of commendation for their annual reports. You can check out the report that earned them recognition here: http://groups.engr.oregonstate.edu/asce/sites/groups.engr.oregonstate.edu.asce/files/osuasce_annualreport_2020.pdf
- Hosted joint events with other clubs on campus like AGC, ITE, EERI, and AWSEM. They see the value in collaborating with others.
- Organized a Ski-trip to focus on team building and socialize with other ASCE members.
- OSU's concrete canoe team-built Vinifera – an 18 ft long and 230 lb canoe. To incorporate more sustainable practices, the team used cork as an aggregate and used organic additives. The team decided to create two full sized canoes to have a better final product for conference.

Outstanding Website



The Oregon Section has recently been awarded the Outstanding Website for a Large Section. Oregon has worked hard and diligently to create a website that is welcoming and fresh to engage members new and old. The website is constantly being updated to provide more information and be an active resource for ASCE members in Oregon. The Oregon Section presented at the 2021 MRLC to showcase the website's latest edition and provided insight to the value in having a well crafted website to interact with membership.

Website: <https://www.asceor.org/>

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 **Ms. Carly A. Kaneko, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE** of the **Hawaii Section** for being selected by ASCE's Committee on Younger Members to receive the 2021 **Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement** for "professional achievement in service to the advancement of the profession, evidence of technical competence, high character and integrity, and contributions to public service outside their career."

Congratulations to **Kapiolani M. Street, P.E., M.ASCE** and the **Hawaii Section Younger Member Forum** for being selected by ASCE's Committee on Younger Members to receive the 2021 **Younger Member Group Award for Small Groups** for "their outstanding professional, technical, social, outreach, and community service activities."

ASCE REGION 8 AWARDS

REGION 8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF), Virtual, September 29-October 1.

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