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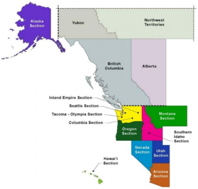
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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT/DEADLINE	LOCATION
1/15/26	Dues Invoice Sent to Section	Email
2/15/26	Section Dues Due to Region	Email/Mail
2/26/26	2026 Winter Assembly Meeting	Reno, NV
2/27-2/28/26	2026 Region 8 & 9 MRLC	Reno, NV
3/27/26	2026 Pacific Southwest Student Symposium	California State University, Los Angeles
4/11-4/12/26	2026 Pacific Northwest Student Symposium - Concrete Canoe Only	University of Washington
4/16-4/18/26	2026 Intermountain Southwest Student Symposium	University of Utah - Salt Lake City
4/16-4/18/26	2026 Pacific Northwest Student Symposium	University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Anchorage
5/1/26	Region 8 Awards Due	Online
8/28-8/29/26	2026 Fall Assembly	Boise, Idaho

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Join us for the 2026 ASCE Intermountain Southwest Student Symposium!

Where: University of Utah
When: April 16-18, 2026

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Email us at isws2026.uofu@gmail.com with questions!

Region 8 Director's Corner

Tor Anderzen

P.E. F.ASCE

ASCE Region 8 Director

Christmas Greetings!

The year has certainly flown by, it is hard to believe that I am already writing my final column for the year, but here we are at the shortest day of the year.

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When looking back on the year that has passed, I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had to meet fellow ASCE members at various events and conferences throughout our region. Each meeting is an opportunity to learn, whether the topic is engineering history such as at the Arizona Centennial celebration, or discussions about our infrastructure such as at the report card release and presentations, visiting with students about preparation for the PE exam, or just sharing challenge and success stories from projects we work on.

Looking forward to the new year – I look forward to the Region 8 assembly meeting and Multi Region Leadership Conference in Reno in February, the legislative fly-in in Washington DC in March and student symposiums in April.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you in the new year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you all for being leaders in our profession.

Best regards,

Tor Anderzen, P.E. F.ASCE

ASCE Region 8 Director

Governor Spotlight

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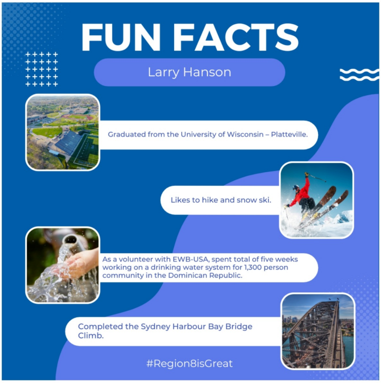
MEET YOUR GOVERNORS!

City:
Phoenix, AZ

Work:
Principal, Hanson Consulting Engineers

Larry Hanson

ASCE Region 8 Governor to Columbia & Southern Idaho Sections



FUN FACTS

Larry Hanson

Graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

Likes to hike and snow ski.

As a volunteer with EWB-USA, spent total of five weeks working on a drinking water system for 1,300 person community in the Dominican Republic.

Completed the Sydney Harbour Bay Bridge Climb.

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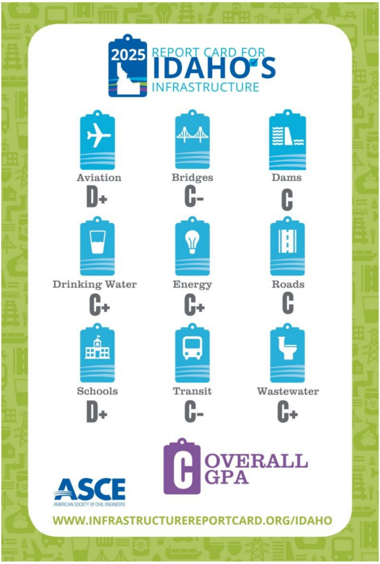
Section Spotlight

ASCE Southern Idaho Section

The ASCE Southern Idaho Section hosts monthly technical luncheons at Boise State University. Through an agreement with the university, the Southern Idaho Section can host free meetings there while providing uniquely engaging presentations to the professional engineering community as well as students. In 2025, the presentations offered a variety of subject matters, including a crash course in Idaho highway districts, best practices for engineering management, and methods for soil stabilization.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This year, the Southern Idaho Section also supported the release of the Idaho Infrastructure Report Card. The infrastructure report card is an effective tool for conveying information about Idaho’s infrastructure condition to the local government. The local engineering community gathered at the Idaho State Capitol Building’s rotunda for the unveiling of the 2025 Report Card. The score given to Idaho’s infrastructure in 2025 was a C, which is an improvement from the last report card released in 2018, which gave Idaho’s infrastructure a grade of C-.

The Younger Member Forum and Snake River Branch have renewed momentum with social events, hosting a slew of them for the local civil engineering professionals. The Younger Member Forum hosted outings at bowling, trivia nights, and happy hours at local breweries. The Snake River Branch has organized programs like participation in the Idaho State University senior civil engineering and an evening at an indoor golf simulator. All this to say, the Southern Idaho Section has been building momentum with the help of many new faces on the board to engage the engineering community with many more social programs and events.

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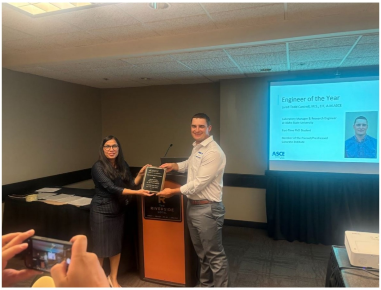
Volunteerism is a fundamental part of the Southern Idaho Section's commitments to furthering the civil engineering profession. In the winter, the Southern Idaho Section helped proctor the Southwest Idaho MATHCOUNTS competition, where 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participated in a series of competitive written and Jeopardy style tests to improve their aptitudes and attitudes about math. Additionally, the ASCE Southern Idaho section judged the 2025 Future Cities competition, another annual competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders meant to challenge them against real issues in urban planning and development. Teams of students are tasked with creating a futuristic city that addresses a specific thematic concern. This year, the theme was to build a city on an island that addressed all the infrastructure challenges of being isolated but having access to various forms of alternative energy.


Engineer of the Year
Jared Todd Cantrell, M.S., EIT, A.M.ASCE
Laboratory Manager & Research Engineer at Idaho State University
Part-Time PhD Student
Member of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
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RIVERSIDE

Southern Idaho's infrastructure system, due to the area's rapid growth, has become a prime candidate for novel and innovative engineering. In May, the Southern Idaho Section had an awards banquet to recognize the engineering talent in the region on an individual and project level. The section recapped all its accomplishments in providing enrichment and volunteer support to the community. It also awarded Rigby's wastewater treatment plant the project of the year, awarded an Idaho State University laboratory manager the engineer of the year, and awarded two students from Boise State University and Idaho State University scholarships.

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Over the past six months, the ISU ASCE student chapter has been involved in business outreach. The majority of the student chapter's events are local engineering firms coming to the campus to give presentations about a variety of projects. Some of the topics covered are wood design for high end residential homes and concrete/structural design for industrial facilities. Additionally, there are some small FE exam study groups preparing eligible students for the FE exam.

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CHAPTERS

Other News

BOARD OF DIRECTION RESTRUCTURING

REIMAGINING ASCE FOR A STRONGER FUTURE:
Governance Reframing

Brad Kubiak, P.E., M.ASCE
Jerome Hajjar, PhD, P.E., F.ASCE, F.SEI
Chair, BSAC Task Committee on Governance Reframing

October 8, 2025

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The ASCE Board of Direction has established a Task Committee on Governance Restructuring to evaluate changes to the Society's governance. The proposal would reduce the Board of Direction from 18 to 12 members by consolidating Region Directors from nine to three and would create a new Geographic Board of Governors made up of the chairs of each Region Board of Governors, similar to the current Technical Region Board of Governors. Additional elements include a two-day Board retreat and expanded orientation and training, with an estimated $34,000 in added annual costs.

The Board has directed the Governing Documents Committee to draft constitutional amendments for consideration beginning in January. The amendments would require two-thirds approval of the Board on first and second readings (January and March), followed by two-thirds approval of voting members in the May Society election before taking effect.

Before adopting changes, the Board of Direction is interested in hearing additional member feedback. Comments can be sent to governance@asce.org. On December 18th, A webinar by Brad Kubiak, chair of the Board Strategic Advisory Committee, presented and discussed the details of the proposed changes.

Cliher Here to View the Recorded Webinar

Region 8 Opposition to Proposed Governance Restructuring

The Region 8 Board of Governors has formally expressed opposition to the proposed ASCE governance restructuring recommended by the Task Committee on Governance Reframing.

While we support efforts to strengthen ASCE's strategic leadership, we are concerned that the proposed changes would significantly reduce regional representation, weaken member voices, and undermine the inclusive, democratic foundation of the Society. In particular, reducing Region Directors from nine to three risks disconnecting ASCE leadership from the grassroots membership it serves and could disproportionately limit the influence of smaller or geographically large Regions.

We are also concerned that the proposal lacks clear safeguards to ensure balanced geographic, technical, international, and younger-member representation, and that it introduces additional cost, travel burden, and administrative complexity without a demonstrated need or identified funding source.

Region 8 supports improving board operations and effectiveness, but not at the expense of fair representation and strong regional voices. We urge the Board of Direction to reconsider these structural changes and look forward to working collaboratively on solutions that strengthen ASCE while preserving its representative governance model.

Click Here to View the December 12, 2025 Letter Summarizing the Region 8 Board of Governors Opposition to the Proposed Goivernance to the Restructuring

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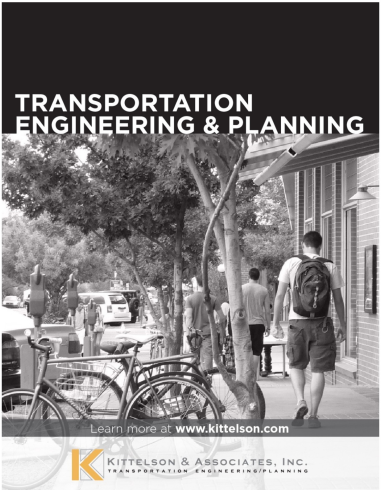
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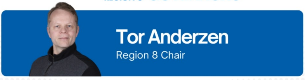

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