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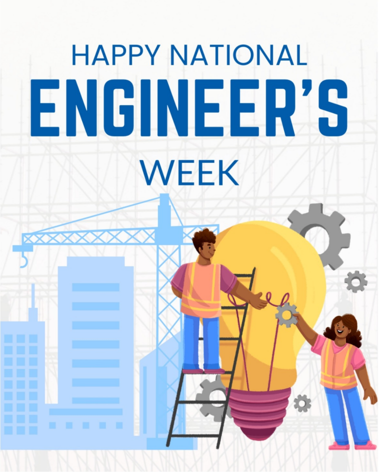

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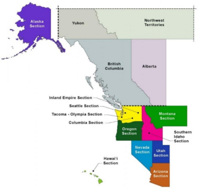

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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT/DEADLINE	LOCATION
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

Region 8 Director's Corner

Tor Anderzen

P.E. F.ASCE

ASCE Region 8 Director

Greetings!

I am looking forward to a busy spring of ASCE activities with the Legislative Fly-In in Washington DC mid-March bookended by a Board of Direction meeting followed by committee meeting for the Committee for America's Infrastructure. In April we have Student Symposia in Salt Lake City and Seattle/Anchorage.

Before that we have the Multi Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) in Reno, NV next week Friday and Saturday. The Region 8&9 MRLC is a two-day leadership conference for leaders in our sections, branches, institutes, younger member groups, student chapters, and faculty advisors.

The Board of Governors will gather for two half-days on Wednesday and Thursday before the MRLC to interview candidates for the May election of two Region 8 Governors for 2027-29. The Region 8 assembly will also gather for a half day on Thursday next week. We are very fortunate that we have six great candidates to consider. Per our bylaws we can forward two candidates for each governor position to fill. In addition to the two elected governors, one will also be appointed, keeping with our rotation of electing two governors every year and appointing one governor every third.

Lastly, but most importantly – Next week is Engineers week. The theme this year is "*Transform Your Future*". E-week is a great time to reach out to students to show that engineering is creative, collaborative, and most importantly, engineering is a profession that serves everyone. Our message is that through engineering, students take part in shaping our future.

As discussed in my column last month, I encourage all members to educate themselves on the Governance Reframing initiative and participate in our elections in May. There will be an opportunity to learn more about this initiative during our Region 8 Assembly meeting in Reno on 26 February and during the MRLC in Reno February 27-28.

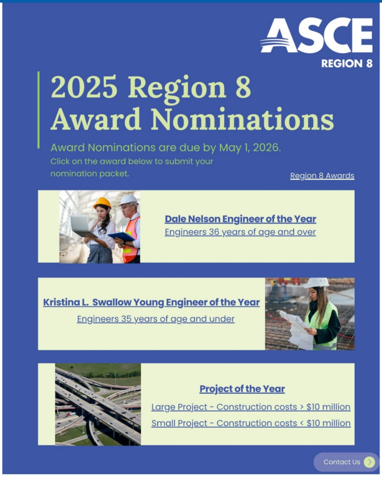
Feel free to reach out to your governor or me to learn more about this and other ASCE initiatives and activities.

Thank you all for being leaders in our profession.

Best regards,

Tor Anderzen, P.E. F.ASCE
ASCE Director, Region 8

Awards



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2025 Region 8 Award Nominations

Award Nominations are due by May 1, 2026.

Click on the award below to submit your nomination packet.

Region 8 Awards

Dale Nelson Engineer of the Year
Engineers 36 years of age and over

Kristina L. Swallow Young Engineer of the Year
Engineers 35 years of age and under

Project of the Year
Large Project - Construction costs > $10 million
Small Project - Construction costs < $10 million

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ASCE Region 8 Awards

2026 Nomination Forms Open

Each year, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Region 8 honors outstanding engineers and engineering projects that make a lasting impact on our profession and communities. Award recipients are recognized at the Region 8 Fall Assembly Meeting.

Nominations are due May 1st each year.

See Applications Here:
https://regions.asce.org/region8/awards

Nomination packets must follow the judging criteria, as these are the standards judges will use to evaluate all submissions. Region 8 affirms that awards will only be granted to applicants who fully meet the established criteria. If none of the nominations satisfy these requirements, no award will be conferred.

For questions please contact r8awards@googlegroups.com

Section Spotlight

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Utah Section
Region 8 Section Spotlight

Founded: 1916 (110 years)

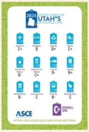
Members: +1,600

Branches: 4

Student Chapters: 6

2025 Infrastructure Report Card
Overall Grade: C+

Section Highlights



2025 Utah Infrastructure Report Card Released
The Utah Section released the 2025 Infrastructure Report Card, providing a statewide assessment of Utah's critical infrastructure systems. The effort brought together volunteer leaders and subject matter experts to evaluate condition, capacity, funding, and future needs.

Annual Section Meeting – June 12
This year's Annual Section Meeting will be held at Southern Utah University, bringing together members from across the state for leadership updates, networking, and recognition.

Save the Date!
Cedar City
June 12, 2026
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Branch Activity

The Utah Section's four branches (**Northern, Wasatch Front, Central Utah, and Southern**) have delivered a strong mix of technical programming, outreach, service, and professional collaboration.

Highlights include:

- **E-Week outreach in local elementary schools across** the Salt Lake area, featuring hands-on engineering activities and presentations about careers in civil engineering

- **Technical luncheons** and deep-dive presentations, including a statewide infrastructure report card briefing and a **presentation on the Salt Lake City Temple Reconstruction**
- Community service partnerships, including collaboration with HNTB and a supply drive supporting **Blessings In A Backpack**
- Regional professional collaboration, including coordination of the **APWA/ASCE Southern Utah Spring Conference**, scheduled for March 4–6, 2026, at the St. George City Office Building

YMF

The Utah Young Member Forum remains active and welcoming.

- Hosted an **ice skating and networking event** focused on connection and relationship-building
- Continued **leadership development** and engagement for early-career professionals
- Supported the **transition from student member** to active professional involvement

Student Chapters

Utah's student engagement remains strong and growing.

The **Intermountain Southwest Student Symposium** will be held April 16–18, 2026, at the University of Utah.

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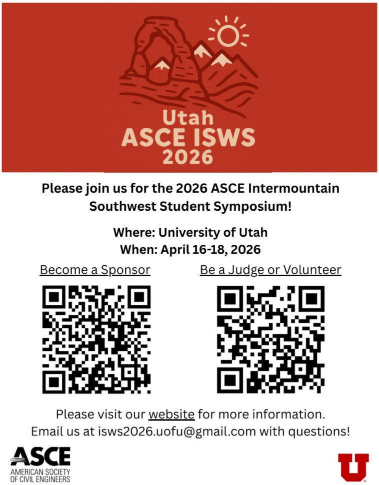
2026

Active student sections across the state include:

- University of Utah
- Brigham Young University
- Utah State University
- Southern Utah University
- Utah Valley University
- Salt Lake Community College

Students continue participating in ASCE competitions, professional development events, and industry engagement opportunities statewide.

Student Competitions



Please join us for the 2026 ASCE Intermountain Southwest Student Symposium!

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

Become a Sponsor

Be a Judge or Volunteer

Please visit our website for more information.
Email us at isws2026.uofu@gmail.com with questions!

Governance Restructuring

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

Strategy
Execution
MARKETS
GROWTH
BUDGET
PLAN
ASSETS
PRODUCT
STOCK
45%
TRANSACTIONS
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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.

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

Governor Spotlight

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MEET YOUR GOVERNORS!
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City:
Clearfield, UT

Work:
Senior Engineer at Kittelson & Associates

Lauren Nuxoll

ASCE Region 8 Governor to Utah & Montana Sections

FUN FACTS

Lauren Nuxoll

Lauren has backpacked through 20 countries over 6 continents

On average, she plays on 36 sport teams a year across seven different sports

Lauren is the 8th graduate from Boise State University in her family where they still Bleed Blue and Honor Orange

Lauren and her husband enjoy spending time and raising their 2 children

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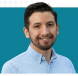
Tor Anderzen

Region 8 Chair



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