

# Region 8 Newsletter August 2023

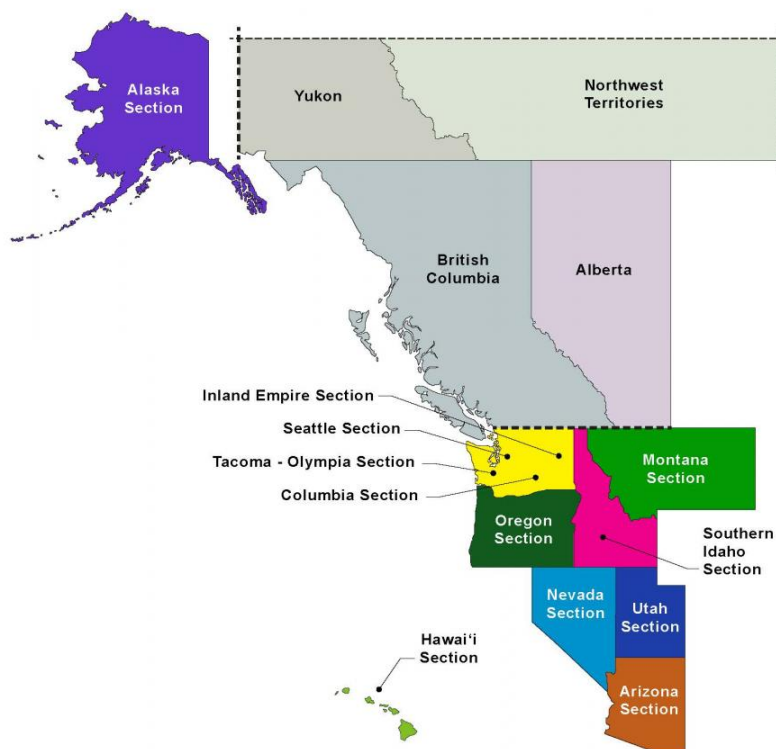
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## Region 8 Director's Corner

Hello Region 8! I am writing this article the morning after we wrapped up a very successful Fall Planning Meeting of the Region 8 Assembly that was held at the offices of the consulting firm Pioneer



Technical in Helena, Montana. The two-day Assembly meeting on August 18 – 19 was preceded by a day-long meeting of the Region 8 Board of Governors, where we handled an array of the Region's business, including reviewing and approving the FY 2024 Region 8 budget, welcoming our incoming class of Governors, making Governor Section liaison and committee assignments for the new fiscal year, and reviewing relevant items from the recent Society Board of Direction meeting that I

attended July 21-22 in Buffalo, New York.

Eleven of the 12 Sections that comprise Region 8 sent representatives to the Assembly meeting, which is an excellent turn out. Outgoing Governor Dan Karlin, a resident of Helena, did a great job of organizing the Assembly meeting which included presentation of *Real Colors*, an individual *temperament assessment* for all attendees conducted by representatives of the Montana State University Extension Service.



Region 8 Assembly Helena meeting in progress.

The temperament assessment process helps individuals understand different personality types, which affects how we communicate with each other and interact with our world. It is basically an updated version of the older Meyers-Briggs personality assessment process that many of us have encountered during our professional careers. The presenters were excellent, and the dialogue among attendees the training session stimulated carried over to the rest of the meeting. In addition to the Real Colors training session, Day One of the Assembly included reports from some of the Region 8 standing committees and wrapped up with a field trip to the nearby U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Canyon Ferry Dam hydroelectric project.



Assembly participants enjoyed a guided tour of Canyon Ferry Dam.

Day Two of the Assembly meeting featured a session on strategic planning for the region conducted by former Region 7 Director (and current Society Assistant Treasurer) Edward Stafford. The focus question Edward asked the Assembly was: “What do we want Region 8 to look like in the next 3 – 5 years?” This question stimulated a lot of conversation among attendees, and led to a consensus mission statement for Region 8: *“We connect and engage the civil engineering communities in our region through promoting networking and the sharing of knowledge and resources to meet the current and future opportunities of the profession.”* The attendees then tackled, with Edward’s facilitation, the drafting of the following vision statement for our region: *“We are recognized as diverse leaders at the forefront of adapting to an even-changing world; who integrate, innovative solutions to complex problems and champion the success of future professionals.”* Finally, after developing our mission and

vision statements, we selected four strategic areas to focus on in the coming years: Students, Younger members, Promoting the profession, and Supporting our Sections and Branches. In the coming months, the Board of Governors will revisit our newly-identified strategic areas and develop specific strategies for advancing them. At the conclusion of this exercise, I asked several of the participants if they thought the strategic planning process Edward had just guided us through was worthwhile and productive, and everyone I spoke to indicated that it was.



Former Region 7 Director and current Society Assistant Treasurer Edward Stafford leads

### Assembly participants in a Strategic Planning exercise.

The Fall planning Assembly meeting is also when we say goodbye to those Governors whose three-year terms on the Board are coming to an end. This year, we will be saying goodbye and thank you for your service to the Region and the Society to Governors Tor Anderzen of the Alaska Section, Dan Karlin of the Montana Section, and Fausto Burruel of the Arizona Section. All three of these Governors served the Region well during their terms of office with intelligence and dedication. Thank you, Tor, Dan and Fausto! You will be missed! Also, I want to make a special shout out to Governor Dan Karlin, who organized a wonderful Assembly meeting for us in his hometown of Helena. Great job, Dan!



Outgoing Region 8 Governors Tor Anderzen (Alaska Section), Dan Karlin (Montana Section)

and Fausto Burrel (Arizona Section).

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## Calendar of Events

- ASCE 2023  
Convention, Chicago,  
IL, 10/18-21/23



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