

INDIANA ASCE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Greetings Indiana ASCE Members,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first Letter as President of the Indiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Although my term began in October 2016, this letter has been delayed as we have been working hard as a Section board identifying goals for this year and acting on those initiatives. Our first task was to improve our **communication** with the Branch leadership and ASCE membership. To carry out this initiative, the following practices have been implemented or are in the process of implementation.

1. Actively pursue Branch leadership participation in Section board meetings.
2. Provide bi-monthly, or quarterly newsletters to update our membership on activities and programs across the State.
3. Migrate to Constant Contact to improve email communication with our membership.
4. Personally attend and support Branch and Student Chapter activities.
5. Update the Section website with Branch and Student Chapter activities so all membership may participate. Additionally, we have included a “job posting” section on the website to assist our local companies with finding qualified candidates for employment.

Last month, we hosted the **2017 Indiana ASCE Annual Meeting**. We were honored to have several distinguished speakers including Mayor Fadness of Fishers, Mayor Brainard of Carmel, and Mr. Mario Rodriguez of the Indianapolis Airport Authority. Several members provided excellent technical presentations covering an array of topics. We also awarded Project of the Year to Citizen’s Energy Group for their Fall Creek Consolidation Collection Sewer project. The Engineer of the Year was awarded to Mr. Rick Slayback of Fort Wayne for his exceptional service to our profession. Life members were recognized as well as student members from each university. Lastly, we were honored to recognize Ms. Savannah Washlesky of Notre Dame who was named one of 2017 ASCE New Faces of Civil Engineering for the Collegiate Edition. Congratulations to all our award winners!

In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Section board and many Indiana ASCE members have been actively engaged in national conferences and programs. In March 2017, Section Past-President Brad Bobich, MIB member Kevin Sutterer, and myself attended the **ASCE Legislative Fly-In** to represent Indiana and meet with our Congressional leaders to discuss infrastructure funding. Topics included appropriating funds authorized under the FAST Act, increasing funding for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and protecting the Tax-Exempt status of Municipal Bonds. I’d encourage each of you interested in Public Policy to become a **Key Contact**. You’ll receive notices of important legislation and will be provided tools to interact with your local legislators. For more information, please visit www.asce.org/keycontacts/.

Lastly, we are excited to have the **Northwest Branch** re-activated this year and an application for a new Student Chapter at **Indiana State University**. With these additions, we now have five branches and potentially ten student chapters in Indiana. It’s exciting and energizing to bring new talent into our active organization!

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the American Society of Engineers. Please feel free to contact me at any time with ideas, suggestions, or feedback on current and proposed programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Sharkey".

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