

November 9th, 2020 | ASCE Inland Empire Section News & Updates

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Your Inland Empire Section leadership board has continued to conduct section business and plan for future events remotely and via virtual platforms. We anticipate our lunch meeting presentations will be conducted via virtual platforms at least through 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Meeting

When: WEDNESDAY November 18th at 12 pm

Presentation: Lars Hendron

A presentation on Spokane's on-going Wastewater Treatment Plant construction.

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOT THURSDAY AS TYPICALLY SCHEDULED.

ZOOM WILL BE THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR THIS MEETING & PRESENTATION

REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER SECTION MEETING BY CLICKING THE BLUE BUTTON BELOW:

[Register for the November Meeting](#)

A confirmation email with a calendar invite will be sent in receipt of your registration. Please email Calley Janson at asce.waid@gmail.com if you do not receive a confirmation email, or have any questions with Registration.

December Meeting

Due to COVID, we will have a virtual lunch meeting in lieu of the typically scheduled December Pizza Party.

When: December 17th at 12 pm

Presentation: Rudy Kadzejs & Travis Dodge

A presentation on ADS product overview, HP Storm and HP Sanitite Pipe, Stormtech, and Water Quality solutions.

REGISTER FOR THE DECEMBER SECTION MEETING BY CLICKING THE BLUE BUTTON BELOW:

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ENGINEER OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

**A message from the 2020 Engineer of Merit Award Committee:
Kevin Chang, Bill Melvin, and Mark Muszynski**

Each year, a deserving member from our section is selected as the Engineer of Merit. Since the success of our section depends on the countless contributions of so many dedicated individuals, we're asking for your help with this year's nomination process.

The criteria for the Engineer of Merit award include the following:

- 1. A distinguished career in any branch of civil engineering;*
- 2. Distinguished service to the Inland Empire Section;*
- 3. Exemplary professional conduct in a specific outstanding instance;*
- 4. An established reputation for professional service;*
- 5. Objective and lasting achievement in improving conditions under which professional engineers serve in public and private practice;*
- 6. Significant contribution toward improvement of employment conditions among civil engineers;*
- 7. Significant contributions toward improving the professional aspects of civil engineering education;*
- 8. Professional guidance of qualified young persons who would seek civil engineering as a career; and professional development of young civil engineers in the formative stages of their careers; or*
- 9. Other evidence of merit which, in the judgement of the award committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives; and*
- 10. Who is a current member in-good-standing of ASCE*

Please support our section by nominating a deserving Inland Empire Section member for this year's award. A short paragraph describing the specific contributions of this member would be greatly appreciated.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER & ANNUAL BANQUET UPDATE

To the Members of the Inland Empire Section of ASCE,

There's no question that the year 2020 has been an unusual year. Changes in expectations for meetings has led to adapting monthly lunch meetings to be held virtually instead of in person.

The Inland Empire Section Board has considered the options for our normally planned Annual Banquet in 2021. The Board has decided that this meeting will be held virtually, with additional information pending for the meeting date and time. The Board is committed to disburse funding for scholarships for our local student chapters at Gonzaga University, University of Idaho, and Washington State University. Our TechEd committee has been reaching out to our Student Chapter Sections to encourage participation in the scholarship essay program. We hope for good responses from our students so our Section can award these scholarships to them and recognize them at the Annual Banquet.

Although the meeting is being held virtually for 2021, as the Section Treasurer, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you to find a way to give back to the community this coming winter season. Please consider using the money you would have spent on attending the Annual Banquet (\$35 per member, \$50 per non-member) and giving those funds back to the community, such as local food banks, charities, churches, or other means to help other families who are in need for the upcoming holiday season. The Board doesn't have specific recommendations for specific organizations but you are welcome to search for ways to give locally in your community, whether in Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, or the Wenatchee areas.

This is an invitation to members and their employers to find a way to give back to the community, not an obligation or requirement of membership in the Section. We know that 2020 has impacted families and individuals in different ways, so we appreciate your consideration for finding a way to give back to the community.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing you virtually at the 2021 Annual Banquet.

-Samuel Mineer, Inland Empire Section ASCE Treasurer

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, the Technical Education Committee plans to award a total of six scholarships, a \$1500 and a \$500 scholarship to ASCE student chapter members in the GU, UI, and WSU student chapters.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must submit a full page essay responding to this question:

What, in your opinion, is the most important of the changes in the new Engineering Code of Ethics, and why?

The new and previous codes are available for review here:

www.asce.org/codeofethics.

Essays are due no later than 3:00 pm January 6, 2020

Please obtain details on submittal from your student chapter advisor.

Section Surveys - Help leadership better serve you!

Tech Committee Survey

Tech committee would like to know what seminars the Section membership would like to see.

This survey is tailored to topics the Tech committee would produce as future seminars based on topics with the most interest.

This is your chance to provide input on future seminar topics! Click the [blue](#) button below.

[Click HERE to take the Tech Ed Survey](#)

Virtual Platforms Survey

Let us know what is and isn't working for the Section's virtual meetings

Is Zoom working for you as our virtual platform? Would you prefer a different platform? Does a certain platform prevent you from attending meetings? Would you prefer a different meeting time? Let us know!

Please take the *Virtual Platforms Survey* so we can best serve you while meetings are being held virtually. Click the [blue](#) button below.

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***Section Vice President
Position Open for 2020-
2021 Term***

Our 2020-2021 fiscal year began in September 2020. We still have the *Vice-President* position to Fill! 1 year term, then becomes President-Elect. Members interested in the VP board positions should contact a current board member or e-mail: asce.waid@gmail.com to express interest.

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