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April 2020

April ASCE Work from Home Photo Contest!

Given the current situation with COVID-19, there will be no April ASCE Seattle Dinner Meeting.

Instead, join us in celebrating the successes and challenges of working from home on Facebook or Twitter! **Tag ASCE Seattle (@ASCE_Seattle on Twitter or @ASCESeattle on Facebook) in your post with a photo of your work from home set up and you'll be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a food delivery service so you can treat yourself and support your favorite local restaurant!**

Additionally, ASCE National has put together some great resources for those working from home [HERE](#). Join the community to discover and share WFH tips!

We would also like to share our gratitude to those in our industry who may not be able to work from home, often those who operate critical functions of our infrastructure. Thank you to everyone who is keeping the Seattle and global community together through this challenging time.

We hope the work from home photo contest inspires some levity and laughter! We look forward to seeing your posts!



April President's Column

By Henry Haselton, PE, PMP, Seattle Section President

I am writing this column during the strangest time of my professional career, amid the COVID-19 outbreak. My last trip to downtown Seattle and my office was on Friday March 13. Like many of us, I have worked from home (in my case, Vashon Island, where I consider myself fortunate to be!) for the last two weeks. Some folks

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have been able to work in the field, but with social distancing measures and carefully thought-out restrictions in place, those opportunities are becoming ever more restricted. Without the data collection component of field work, many of our projects are being delayed and some are being cancelled due to the uncertainty and economic impacts of this pandemic. A month ago, we were seeing the first quarter of 2020 roaring to a close, signaling yet another busy year in our profession. Now, about half of our work has been canceled or delayed and we are wondering how our practices are going to survive. Welcome to our new world of rapid change!

Despite this temporary setback, we all know that civil engineering is essential to our society and our work will come back strong. There will always be a demand for civil engineers to provide the essential services in our society – it's that simple! But how will things be different after the stark bookmark in our historic record that is COVID-19? And how can we – as civil engineers – adjust to our new normal?

Perhaps this heightens the need for our society to be more careful in how we plan for unexpected events, and expected events for that matter, such as climate change. During this "Stay Home" order, we are learning to simplify things and do less. We are learning to work at home effectively. Maybe this experience will lead to a stronger conservation ethic and greater attention to sustainability, which could re-shape how we provide our services. We should challenge each other to reap lessons learned during this time. With some creativity and ingenuity, we may look back on this outbreak as the opportunity that changed some of our fundamental approaches in our work and increased the relevance of our profession. Speak up in your organizations to pitch your ideas. Our communities will be looking to us to help make a more resilient and sustainable world. We've got this!

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

All ASCE Seattle Members are always invited to join the Seattle Section Board Members at the monthly Board Meeting. Interested in attending? Check the [calendar on the ASCE Seattle website](#) for the meeting time and location and email president@seattleasce.org if you plan on joining us!

ASCE Virtual Roundtables

ASCE National is organizing a series of virtual roundtables to help civil engineers during this difficult and uncertain time. Roundtables will bring together a panel of civil engineering leaders to share insights and answer questions on a variety of topics throughout April. Every Thursday at 3 p.m. EST, ASCE will host a virtual roundtable on a new topic.

On April 2, we'll discuss Business Continuity and Crisis Planning.

Bring your questions. Get to know each other. Share your expertise.

[Register Now](#)

ASCE Seattle is considering hosting a local webinar-based roundtable for our members. If this is something that interests you or if you have any ideas to contribute, please reach out to [Henry Haselton](#). Stay tuned for future updates.



2020-2021 ASCE Seattle Officer Nominations

Have you been thinking about getting more involved in ASCE? Please consider joining the Seattle Section Board. We are a fun and energetic group that seeks to bring value to the ASCE Seattle Section membership. The Seattle Section is seeking nominations for 2020-2021 Board positions. Email past-president [Eset Alemu](#) or current president, [Henry Haselton](#) if you are interested!

Spring Scholarship Opportunities

ASCE Seattle has three scholarship opportunities now accepting applications:

Seattle Younger Member Forum Scholarship

Applications Due: April 4, 2020

The Seattle Section YMF has been raising money since 2004 to establish a scholarship program encouraging students to pursue a career in engineering. A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded in the name of the Seattle Section Honorary Members of ASCE. The award will be presented at the May Seattle Section ASCE dinner meeting in Seattle. Dinner will be provided for the winner and up to two guests

- Must be a senior in high school
- Show proof of acceptance to a 4-year institution
- Pursuing a field related to math, science, technology, and/or engineering

Applications are graded on the following categories:

- Club/organization/team involvement and employment
- Community service
- Two short essay questions



[Download the 2020 application form here.](#)

Winners will be announced on April 17, 2020

Award will be presented at the May ASCE Seattle Section Meeting

Questions? E-mail Steven Tuttle at ymf.scholarship@gmail.com.

R. H. Thomson Scholarship

Applications Due: April 25, 2020

The R. H. Thomson Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded by the Seattle Section each year to honor the accomplishments of R.H. Thomson. The application must be postmarked by April 25, 2020 and announcement of the recipient will be made by June 30th. The scholarship in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) will be awarded for the 2020-2021 school year. The disbursement could be in one year or in four years, depending on the recipient's college career schedule. The aim of the scholarship program is to encourage students to pursue a course of study leading to a Bachelor or a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering or one of the specialties within the Civil Engineering discipline. It also strives to honor R. H. Thomson, a civil engineer who had a profound and lasting impact on Seattle's infrastructure.

For more information please read the [application](#).

[Download a Word version of the application submittal form here](#)

Richard Williamson Jones Scholarship

Applications Due: May 20, 2020

The Richard Williamson Jones Memorial Scholarship was established by his wife, Kathie, because Richard often commented that when he was a student, he would have been much better off if he had just had a little more money for books and supplies. The scholarship continues through Kathie Jones' estate.

Richard Jones was a civil engineer and a member of the Seattle Section of ASCE, when he died in an airplane crash at the age of 53. He was a graduate of the University of Washington and was admitted as a Member of the Society in 1949 and as a Fellow in 1959. Mr. Jones joined General Construction

Company in 1933 where he worked on many projects in the Seattle and Portland area, including the Bonneville Dam and as Chief Engineer on the Hungry Horse Dam. At the time of his death, he was Executive Vice President of General Construction Company.

The maximum scholarship amount distributed annually is \$2,000.

[Download the 2020 application form here.](#)

Canceled: April Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Training

Previous ASCE Seattle newsletters mentioned a save the date for an April SAP Training. This event has been cancelled due to COVID-19 and the Stay At Home Order. We will be sure to update you on any future training opportunities.

Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Legislative Committee

If you are interested in joining the Legislative Affairs Committee, please reach out to legislative@seattleasce.org. For 2020 we will be meeting by teleconference monthly on the first Friday at 8:30 am during the 2020 legislative session. Upcoming dates include April 3, and May 1.

ASCE Seattle Section is searching for volunteers to assist with the Legislative Affairs Committee. The level of Involvement can vary and can include providing engineering judgement on current legislative issues to assisting with lobbying. The committee is interested in a Legislative Drive-In to Olympia during the 2020 WA State Legislative Session.

The Legislative Committee functions in the political arena with focus on federal, state, county or other governmental issues that are of interest to the civil engineering profession; such as university engineering budget considerations, issues that affect the practice of or employment of civil engineers, and environmental issues of significance to the profession. The committee reviews proposed legislation and comments on it with regards to its effect on the civil engineering profession and may also be called upon to testify at Legislative hearings or for other governmental committees. It is also responsible for disseminating information from the Architects and Engineers Legislative Council (AELC) pertaining to state legislation. The committee typically sends at least one representative to the Society's annual Legislative Fly-In in Washington D.C.

Current Job Openings

- **Civil Engineer III** - Puget Sound Energy
- **Environmental Cleanup Engineer** - Washington State Department of Ecology

Click here to apply or post your job today!

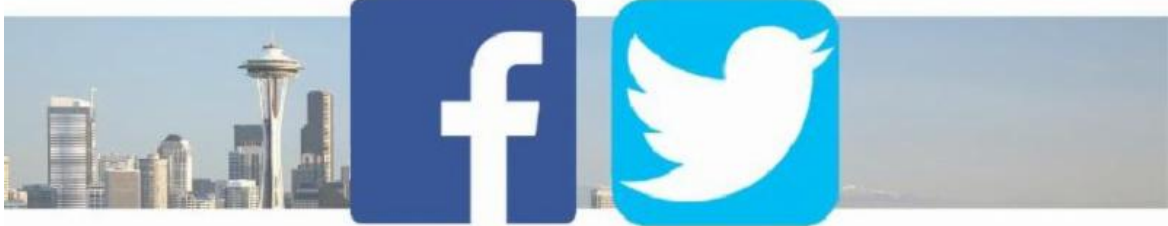
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