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December 2019

December ASCE Seattle & Tacoma-Olympia Joint Section Dinner Meeting **Oso Landslide Presentation**

Wednesday, December 11

**Speaker: Fred Nelson, Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA)**

Oso Landslide was a tragic event that occurred on March 22, 2014 that took three lives and destroyed 49 homes. Come hear from Fred Nelson who responded with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to this devastation. Fred is a current Region 8 Governor with ASCE and he will also discuss some of the latest Society news and upcoming events.

Ramada, Tukwila
15901 West Valley Highway
Tukwila, WA 98188

5:30pm Social Hour
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Program

(\$40 for Members

\$45 for Non-Members

\$10 for Students

**Click Here to
Register**



December President's Column

By Henry Haselton, PE, PMP, Seattle Section President

It is an exciting time to be a civil engineer in the Seattle Section. The Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition is complete, clearing the way for completing the transformation of the Seattle waterfront. Infrastructure improvements and urban redevelopment keep on going. Sadly, the voters of Washington have spoken against sustainable public infrastructure funding, with the passing of I-976. Could this be the beginning of shifting tides in the progress we made?

Our efforts to heighten public awareness for infrastructure investment needs, such as the [Infrastructure Report Card](#), are commendable, but we have to do more to advocate for the benefits that our projects bring to our communities. We need more civil engineers in positions of influence, and ASCE is a great venue for gaining that kind of experience.

Soon you will be pondering New Year resolutions. Why not

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consider pursuing a leadership position in ASCE? Serving on a committee, chairing a committee, being an officer in the Section or a Branch are all great ways to gain leadership experience that will benefit your career and our community. As your Section President, I have been energized by fellow colleagues volunteering in our Section, Region and at the National level. It definitely "ups my game" in the profession and it is satisfying to have a positive effect in our community.

If you are interested in serving in a committee, reach out to our [Technical Committees](#) or [Standing Committees](#) chairs. Reach out to anyone in our Board, [including me](#), if you're interested in an officer position. Give it some thought - soon you will see a call for officers so don't be shy about taking your career to the next level!



Above: ASCE Seattle's Younger Member Forum (YMF) hosted an inspiring November Section Dinner Meeting all about learning from younger members to expand connections and improve communication skills!

**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 Seattle YMF New Website!

ASCE Seattle's Younger Member Forum (YMF) has a new online hub for all their upcoming events, resources, membership benefits, and more!

Check out their new website:
<https://www.seattleasceymf.org/>

Looking to get involved? Join ASCE Seattle's YMF at their annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17 at Lagunitas Brewing Company in Ballard from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. RSVP by emailing the **Networking Chairs** below:

CHECK OUT OUR
NEW WEBSITE:

about us,
upcoming
events,
resources,
membership
benefits, &
many more



2020 LOCEA Awards Applications Due Feb. 14



The LOCEA Awards recognize projects that have improved the quality of life and contributed to the economic development of the local community, area, or region. These projects represent the successful combination of multiple engineering objectives, including design innovation and excellence, environmental sustainability, cost effectiveness, the effective use of materials, and aesthetics. Each year, the Seattle Section recognizes the award winners at a formal presentation.

Projects eligible for consideration must have been accomplished by a civil engineer who is a member of the Seattle Section; must be located within the Seattle Section area; must have been substantially completed in the calendar year 2019; and the project must be predominantly civil engineering related work. See the 2020 Rules below for full eligibility requirements and more!

LOCEA Applications Due: February 14, 2020

LOCEA Awards at Section meeting on March 18, 2020

Winners can be automatically entered into the Region 8 awards by April 30.

LOCEA Awards 2020 application forms can be accessed through the links below:

- [2020 Entry Form](#)
- [2020 Rules](#)

We look forward to seeing your innovative projects!

Engineer of the Year Nominations Due Dec. 13

Nominations for the 2020 PSEC Awards are now open.
Nominations will be accepted until 5:00pm PST on Friday

During Engineer's Week each year, the Puget Sound Engineering Council (PSEC) conducts an Awards Banquet, to celebrate our engineering profession – a rewarding profession that makes the world a better place; and to recognize our colleagues who have excelled in their achievements. The Awards Banquet is held every February during Engineer's Week at the Museum of Flight.



It is essential that our Awards be made to truly outstanding engineers possessing strong histories of achievement, in order to make the celebration of our profession noteworthy and meaningful.

Each of our member Societies is aware of engineers whose achievements are worthy of recognition. Please consider outstanding engineers known to your Society and nominate worthy candidates for the following awards:

- Academic Engineer of the Year Award
- Government Engineer of the Year Award
- Industry Engineer of the Year Award
- The Kenneth W. Porter Award
- K-12 STEM Engineering Teacher of the Year Award
- Washington Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE) – Professional Engineer of the Year Award
- Young Engineer of the Year Award

Each Society may Nominate one candidate for each Award.

Daniel W. Mead Prize for Younger Members

[Apply Here by February 1, 2020.](#) This prize was established and endowed in 1939 by Daniel W. Mead, Hon.M.ASCE, a Society past president. The recipients of Certificates of Commendation shall receive an appropriate certificate recognizing their achievements. The national winner shall receive a plaque and cash prize determined annually by and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the ASCE Board of Direction based on the income from the award endowment.



2020 Topic

Cannon 6 of the ASCE Code of Ethics states, "Engineers shall act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance the honor, integrity, and dignity of the engineering profession and shall act with zero tolerance for bribery, fraud, and corruption."

Recently, the media has exposed examples of "pay-to-play" scandals over a broad range of organizations from college admissions to engineering and construction firms. How does this affect the Civil Engineering profession?

[Read more about the entry rules and apply here.](#)

Kitsap Branch Leadership Opportunities

The Kitsap Branch is currently looking for a motivated individual to be part of the Kitsap Branch Board starting from December 2019 until September 2020. We have the officer position of President-Elect open. The Kitsap Branch serves approximately 150 members on the Kitsap peninsula.

The 2019-2020 Kitsap Branch Board will help grow the Branch through member engagement and providing value to its members through events and communications such as membership meetings, e-mail newsletters, and other means which the Kitsap Branch Board envisions as paths for growth to creating a firm foundation for the Branch. The leadership position will include the full support from the Seattle Section Board and its resources, leadership training opportunities for the new officers, and Society (ASCE National) level resources and contacts. Prior experience in ASCE leadership positions is not required. Please contact Tony Nguyen, Director of Branches, at branches@seattleasce.org for more information.

December YMF Events



YMF Tech Talk: Personal Recharge

[Register Here](#)

When: **Thursday, December 5th**

Time: **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Where: **Kennedy Jenks**

1191 2nd Ave, Suite 630

Seattle, WA, 98101

Contact: [Damani Nkeiruka](#)

Take a break after Thanksgiving as you prepare for the winter holidays (and darkness of the PNW) with some personal recharge!

Elyssa Dixon developed this presentation for the ASCE Younger Member Leadership Symposium last August to share her experiences with stress, anxiety, and depression and will share locally through this Tech Talk. We all experience some level of stress and have likely tried and heard many ways to manage our symptoms, but these don't always work as well as we might hope. This Tech Talk will teach you more about how stress impacts your body, the various sources of stress (it's not always what you think!), and stress management including specific tips and tricks learned by Younger Member leaders to set you up for future success.

For more information with Elyssa's experience, please check out her **ASCE Member Voices** article.



YMF Holiday Party

RSVP by emailing the **Networking Chairs** below:

[Emaan Tabatabai](#)

& [Kristen McFarland](#)

When: **Tuesday, December 17th**

Time: **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Where: **Lagunitas Brewing Company**
(Ballard Brewery District)

Lagunitas is generously opening up their taproom for our group. Proceeds from beer will be donated back to Seattle ASCE YMF to go towards our scholarship fund, K-12 outreach and community service projects.

Dinner (pizzas and salad, including vegan/gluten free) will be provided.



YMF Mentorship Program

The Seattle ASCE YMF is excited to kick-off the 2nd Annual Mentorship program for 2020. We will pair up younger professional mentees (<35 years, no students) with civil engineering mentors.

We have a ton of exciting things planned for mentors and mentees this year, and would love for you to participate. If

interested in participating, please register below and fill out an application.

For questions regarding the program, contact Swapna Sridharan and Jennifer Fu at Mentor@SeattleASCE.org

Applications are due January 6th! See links below:

[Potential Mentors](#)

[Potential Mentees](#)

Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Legislative Committee

If you are interested in joining the Legislative Affairs Committee, please reach out to legislative@seattleasce.org. For the remainder of 2019 we will be meeting by teleconference at 8am ahead of the 2020 legislative session. Dates include Friday 11/1 and Thursday 12/5.

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 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

- **Engineering Technician, Senior** - City of Redmond

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