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May 2020

### May ASCE

## Virtual ASCE Seattle Section Events - Join Us!

### Happy Hour!

Wednesday, May 6 | 5:30-6:30pm | Via Microsoft Teams

Join ASCE Seattle for a casual virtual happy hour over Microsoft Teams (link below)! "See" you there on May 6!

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### May ASCE Seattle Section Meeting Student Presentations & Life Member Awards

Wednesday, May 13 | 5:00-6:30pm | Via Microsoft Teams

We are excited to announce the May 2020 ASCE Seattle Section meeting featuring presentations by UW and Seattle University students and recognition of our Section's newest [Life Members!](#) We are happy to showcase student presentations and celebrate life members of the section.



Please join us for a fun **virtual** evening with friends and colleagues! Both University of Washington and Seattle University are holding competitions for students, teams, clubs, etc. to present their work to a panel of judges. The winning team from each school will present at the section meeting, and will be awarded prizes. This gives students in the civil and environmental engineering department an opportunity to showcase their work and give all others a chance to ask questions.

Our Life Members will have an opportunity to speak about their ASCE journey, and how it enhanced their civil engineering careers, as well.

Please join through the link below when it is time. Be sure to join from a computer in order to see the presentations!

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## May President's Column

By Henry Haselton, PE, PMP, Seattle Section President

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Approaching the second month of Washington's "Stay at Home Stay Healthy" order, civil engineering has shown to be a resilient profession. While it is true that there are plenty of civil engineering firms and organizations have been impacted by the pandemic, there are also reports that many organizations are as busy as ever. Productivity has spiked for some organizations because they came into this with a large amount of backlog. At the same time, employees are generally not taking vacations, going to conferences or seminars, or traveling. Concerns have largely shifted from the near-term to what the market will be like in the months and year ahead when there could be funding shortfalls for civil engineering projects.

Most of us have been eagerly tracking our government's leadership debate about funding infrastructure projects. What an opportunity to both address our society's aging infrastructure needs and to stimulate the economy, especially the civil engineering profession! Follow [ASCE's Government Relations](#) program to see how you can help advocate for our profession, starting with becoming a [Key Contact](#) who receives action alerts related to government policies that affect the civil engineering profession.

Another obvious outcome of this has been how we do our work. The "Stay at Home" order has caused many civil engineering companies and organizations to contemplate what the workplace will look like after the order is lifted. Industry round tables and panel discussions have made it clear that many civil engineers are finding that working from home is possible and maybe even more productive than the traditional office scenario. It will be interesting to see how future "telework" might reduce office space needs, reduce traffic congestion and strains on our public transit system, conserve energy, improve the environment, and free people up for healthier life balance. The need for in-person collaboration relationship-building will always remain, but there is definitely room for increasing our teleworking and reaping the benefits that come with it. With another month of "Staying at Home" in front of us – through May – we will see how our new ways of working unfold before us.

The Seattle Section and YMF have been looking for creative ways to stay connected during this time when we cannot meet in person. Our March and April Section meetings have been canceled and seek ways to connect virtually, so please reach out to me at [president@asceseattle.org](mailto:president@asceseattle.org) if you have ideas!

We are excited to be hosting our first virtual Section Meeting on May 13, featuring presentations from University of Washington and Seattle University students and Life Member Recognition. Please join us for this free meeting and an awesome opportunity to meet both the future of our profession and the seasoned Life Members who have practiced civil engineering for decades.

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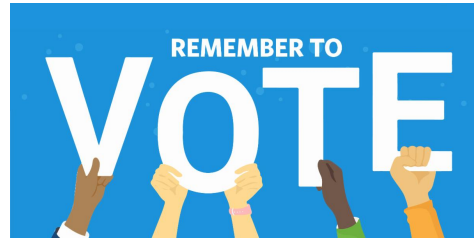
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attending? Check the [calendar on the ASCE Seattle website](#) for the meeting time and location and email [president@seattleasce.org](mailto:president@seattleasce.org) if you plan on joining us!

## ASCE National Officers Election

Have you selected who will represent you at the Regional and National Level?

**Voting is now open through June 1st!** ASCE Seattle members are encouraged to vote on the ASCE 2020 President-Elect as well as Region 8 President-Elect, Technical Regional Director, and Governor.



### HOW TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION:

- Members at the grade of Associate or above who are current on their dues by April 1 may vote in the election.
- ASCE's election provider, Survey and Ballot Systems, will send an email to eligible voters announcing the election on May 1. Please check your spam filter if you do not receive the email.
- Links to the voting site will be placed throughout ASCE's website for your convenience.
- Voting credentials are your ASCE email address and password. If you do not remember this information, please contact ASCE Customer Service at 1 (800) 548-ASCE (2723) or +1 (703) 295-6300 (International).
- Paper ballots are available upon request through May 22, 2020. Please contact [Patty Montgomery](#) if you wish to receive a paper ballot.
- Voting will open May 1 and close at 5:00 p.m. CDT on June 1. Paper ballots must be received by the vendor no later than June 1.
- For questions regarding the ASCE election, please contact [Patty Montgomery](#).

[Vote Now](#)

## ASCE Seattle 2020-2021 Officers Election

The 2020 Election of the ASCE Seattle Section Board of Directors will take place between **May 11 and May 29, 2020**. Online ballots will be emailed to Section members on **Monday, May 11**. If you are a Section member and do not receive a ballot, please contact Mari Otto at [secretary@seattleasce.org](mailto:secretary@seattleasce.org).

The following nominees are put forth by the Nominating Committee for Section Board positions starting in October 2020:

- **Don Nguyen**, President Elect
- **Katie Sultani-Wright**, Treasurer
- **Tony Nguyen**, Director of Branches

Nominee bios will be provided with the voting ballots.

Not an ASCE member yet? [Become a member today!](#)

Already a member? [Upgrade](#) or [renew](#) your membership!

## What We're Listening To: ASCE "Plot Points" Podcast

Every day in April, ASCE's podcast, [Plot Points](#), called a different civil engineer from around the world to find out how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting their life, their community, their work and the civil engineering profession.

Previous Plot Point podcasts have featured interviews with ASCE Seattle's own **Elyssa Dixon** (Season 2, Episode 1: De-Stress

Management & Season, Episode 11: True Love) and a recent episode featured our YMF President, **Romulos Ragudos** (COVID-19 Community Calls 27: Checking on the Great PNW).

Listen for free wherever you enjoy podcasts, or online at <https://news.asce.org/tag/asce-plot-points/>



## 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 May 7, the roundtable will focus on how the current crisis has impacted the nation's infrastructure and will provide an opportunity to learn what relief measures have been implemented and what relief measures are still necessary.



[Register and check out other upcoming Thursdays @ 3 Roundtable Meetings here.](#)

## Spring Scholarship Opportunities

**Deadline Extended!**

### Richard Williamson Jones Scholarship

**Applications Due: September 28, 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.](#)

## Committee Volunteer Opportunities

### Legislative Committee

If you are interested in joining the Legislative Affairs Committee, please reach out to [legislative@seattleasce.org](mailto: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 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

## Current Job Openings

- **Civil Engineer III** - Puget Sound Energy

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