

November 2019

November ASCE Seattle Section Dinner Meeting
Learning from Younger Members:
Building Connections and Improving
Your Communication

Mirabella
116 Fairview Ave N
Seattle, WA 981019

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

\$45 (\$40 early bird) for Members

\$55 (\$50 early bird) for
 Non-Members & Guests

\$35 (\$30 early bird) for
 Government Employees

\$25 (\$20 early bird) for students

Early Bird Registration
 ends after November 13



Wednesday, November 20

**Speaker: Elyssa Dixon, PE, Young Member Representative for
 Seattle Section Board**

Join our Younger Members Forum (YMF) leadership to expand your local connections and improve your communication skills. The YMF will lead attendees through an interactive team building activity highlighting the importance of communication followed by a specific training on communication styles. Through the training, you will identify your personal communication style, learn how different communication styles prefer to interact, and ultimately gain a better understanding of how to improve your work and personal relationships. The YMF will also share how you can be involved in their activities as mentors and volunteers!

**Click Here to
 Register**



November President's Column

By Henry Haselton, PE, PMP, Seattle Section President

Benefits to Employers for Supporting ASCE Membership

We often talk about the value of ASCE membership for our members. It is also useful to articulate the benefits that our member's employers receive, especially since employers often fund our member's fees and participation in the Section.

Visibility of the Firm or Agency

For members who are active in committees, volunteer opportunities and leadership positions, their employers benefit from visibility in the marketplace. People notice those who do

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good things, and they also notice who they work for. For members who don't have time for active participation in the many opportunities available to them, simply attending a section meeting to hear a speaker and network with their colleagues also raises the visibility of their firm/agency.

Networking

Active ASCE members are constantly meeting people in our industry, strengthening professional relationships and make new ones. This networking results in business development and recruiting, both benefiting the member's employer.

Continuing Education

Employers often foot the bill for their staff's continuing education. Members with professional licenses outside of Washington often need continuing education credits to maintain their licensure. ASCE offers some of the best continuing education opportunities available, and at a discount for members. Our Section meetings can often be used for claiming PDHs, too. Membership saves employers money for professional development.

Leadership Development

ASCE offers formal training for engineers who strive to be leaders in their organizations. There are many leadership positions available at the Section, Region and National levels that equip members with skills that are directly translatable to their workplace. Active ASCE members become better leaders for their organizations.

In talking to members so far this year, I have been surprised to hear that some firms and agencies are resistant to sponsoring ASCE membership and attending Section events. These investments are minimal for the benefits derived by both the member and the employer. I strongly urge our members to discuss the value of their membership with their employers, using the information provided in this column.

In a similar vein, the Section is exploring the idea of having company sponsorships for civil engineering students wishing to attend our Section meetings. This is a great opportunity for students to network with our local civil engineering community, and for companies to meet potential recruits, while also raising their visibility to other members and in the industry. Please reach out to me at president@seattleasce.org or to our Membership Chair, Homero Flores-Cervantes at membership.chair@seattleasce.org if you are interested in sponsoring students and/or with helping to coordinate our student sponsorship program.

2019-2020 ASCE Seattle Board Members

At the October 16 Section Dinner Meeting we welcomed our returning and new board members for the 2019-2020 year and thanked our outgoing members for their hard work serving our members. The Section would like to welcome the new incoming board members:

- Homero Flores Cervantes as President-Elect
- Mark Rohrbach as Director of Technical Committees
- Mari Otto as Secretary
- Elyssa Dixon as YMF Board Representative
- Romulos Ragudos as YMF President

as well as our returning board members:

- Eset Alemu as Immediate Past-President
- Henry Haselton as President
- Mike Harney as Director of Standing Committees
- Tony Nguyen as Director of Branches
- Katie Sultani-Wright as Treasurer

A final thank you to our outgoing board members, Diana Hasegan, Paul Fikse, and Don Nguyen!

Be sure to say hello to the 2019-2020 board at our next [Dinner Meeting on November 20!](#)



Legislative Update - Don't Forget to Vote!

Findings from the [2019 WA Infrastructure Report Card](#) continue to be messaged to the public with a recent briefing to Bellevue College students. The Report Card also continues to be cited heavily nationally when discussing infrastructure issues as well and used recently to communicate the [Country's Pressing Infrastructure Needs Before House Budget Committee](#)

There are two statewide measures on the ballot for **November 5, 2019** that impact the ASCE membership:

Vote **NO** WA State Initiative 976

The ASCE Legislative Committee supports the coalition to vote **NO on 976** - Limits on Motor Vehicle Taxes and Fees Measure. If 976 passes,

- More than \$20 billion from ST3 projects at risk
- 62 local cities would lose \$60 million annually in local funding that pay for road construction, maintenance and local transit service.
- Almost \$4 billion in cuts to state transportation funding over ten years meaning cuts to major road and safety projects, transit funding, ferries, freight mobility, and the Washington State Patrol.

Vote **YES** on WA State Referendum 88

In alignment with ASCE's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion and Policy Statement 417, the ASCE Legislative Committee urges members to vote **YES on Referendum 88** allows I-1000 - Affirmative Action and Diversity Commission Measure to go in effect. This measure was approved during the 2019 WA State Legislative Session and enables public agencies in Washington State to improve diversity and inclusion in contracting for veterans and historically disadvantaged groups, such as women and people of color.

SEAW Fall Forum: Trends in Worldwide Urban Growth - How Washington Stacks Up



Wednesday, November 6

4:30pm - 8:00pm

Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at [Benaroya Hall](#) in Seattle

[Register Here!](#)

The Structural Engineers Foundation of Washington (SEFW) will hold its 9th Fall Forum at the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall in Seattle on November 6. "Trends in Worldwide Urban Growth: How Washington Stacks Up," will explore how development in Washington cities compares to what is being seen around the globe.

This industry-wide event will be of interest to engineers, architects, construction professionals, owner/developers, political activists, building enthusiasts, students, and the general public, and is free and open to participants of all ages. A networking reception will precede the Forum event.

More information can be found at www.sefw.org.

Antony Wood, Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH), knows a thing or two about urban growth. His professional career started in architecture, where he designed projects all over southeast Asia, and after joining CTBUH in 2006, he lectured at universities

around the world. At the helm of CTBUH, he decreed the Burj Khalifa the "Tallest Building in the World" and has personally visited metropolitan cities in more than 80 countries. He has seen building development in every corner of the globe. So the question that begs to be asked is: How does Washington compare?

In the context of global development and urbanization, Washington cities like Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane have strengths, challenges, innovations, and opportunities. What are they? Join us for the 2019 Fall Forum, where Antony will share lessons learned from his international study while commenting on local tall building projects and urban interventions that define the region's pace and progress for the future. He will also address trends, drivers, and challenges of global tall building and urban development, discussing sustainability, resilience, and potential evolutions of the "vertical city."

November YMF Events

Expand your professional network at one (or both!) of the YMF's monthly networking events. This is a low stress environment to meet fellow civil engineers and gain valuable connections in the industry. Appetizers will be provided by YMF.

If you haven't seen us at an event before, look for the wooden ASCE Sign!

Westside Networking Happy Hour

Thursday, November 14

5:30pm - 7:30pm

[Queen Anne Beerhall](#)

Contact: [Kristen McFarland](#)



Eastside Networking Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 19

5:30pm - 7:30pm

[Lot No. 3](#), Bellevue

Contact: [Eamaan Tabatabai](#)

Lend a hand and volunteer with ASCE YMF:

Northwest Harvest

Saturday, November 16

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Northwest Harvest, [22220 68th Avenue South, Kent, WA](#)

Contact: [Anna Tsai](#)

Water Resources Committee

Save the date for the next [Water Resources Committee](#) Lunch Meeting:

Thursday, November 21

[Brown and Caldwell, Seattle](#)

Topic: North Idaho Water Management Study

Presenter: Shane Phillips, Mott MacDonald

Questions? Contact: seattleascewre@gmail.com

2020 LOCEA Awards Update

Mark your calendar with the following important dates for our 2020 Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Awards and stay tuned for information about project nominations at the end of the year. We will be accepting nominations earlier than past years in order to fit the Region 8 Awards schedule:

- LOCEA Applications Due: February 14, 2020
- LOCEA Awards Celebration at Section meeting: March 18, 2020
- Winners can be entered into the Region 8 awards by April 30, 2020

[Check out the winning projects from previous years here.](#)

ASCE Kitsap Branch Board Opportunities

The Kitsap Branch is currently looking for a motivated individual to be part of the Kitsap Branch Board starting from October 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.

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.

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