

ASCE SEATTLE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

You can find all the information about our upcoming events, current job openings, volunteer opportunities, technical and standing committees, scholarships, awards, and more at: <http://sections.asce.org/seattle/>

Tomorrow - ASCE Seattle Kick Off Event!

Wednesday, September 4
5:00pm - 7:00pm
[Optimism Brewing Company](#)

Join ASCE Seattle at the **First Annual Kick Off Event** to launch the 2019-2020 ASCE year! Connect directly with ASCE Seattle leadership, tell us what educational opportunities would be the most valuable to you in your career, learn about volunteer opportunities, and network with your peers. All fellow civil engineers are welcome! **Please RSVP here.** See you tomorrow!



September 2019

September ASCE Seattle Section Dinner Meeting **Transportation Matters**

Mirabella
116 Fairview Ave N
Seattle, WA 981019

Wednesday, September 11

Speaker: Roger Millar, Washington State Department of Transportation

Washington state's economy, its people and their quality of life depend on a multimodal, integrated transportation system that works for all of its users, regardless of age, ability or economic status. Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar will discuss the Washington State Department of Transportation's role as stewards of the state's \$200 billion investment in transportation and how the agency is managing today's challenges – congestion, system preservation, land use, workforce and more. Millar also takes a look ahead to future transportation trends including system resilience, alternative energy, new and emerging technology, as well as funding and investment priorities.

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 September 4

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September President's Column

By Eset Alemu, PE, CFM, Seattle Section President



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The Seattle Section leadership is happy to be back from our summer hiatus where we gathered at leadership retreat, hosted ASCE National and Regional leaders, and planned our programming for the upcoming fiscal year. Our board reflected on the values we want to provide to our membership and brainstormed on the type of technical content and networking opportunities we want to bring to our members. All this planning got us excited to kick off a new ASCE year with a new leadership team and bring forth engaging opportunities for community service and networking. I am excited to introduce new members to the board: Homero Flores as President-Elect, Mark Rohrbach as Director of Technical Committees, Mari Otto as Secretary, and Elyssa Dixon as YMF Representative. Henry Haselton will be transitioning to President next year, as I stay on the Board as Past-President. Other officers that will continue to serve in their current positions include Katie Sultan-Wright as Treasurer, Tony Nguyen as Director of Branches and Mike Harney as Director of Standing Committees. I would like to thank the dedicated board members who will be completing their tenures this September: Diana Hasegan as Past President, Don Nguyen as YMF Board Representative and Paul Fikse as Secretary.

I am honored to have worked with such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers at the Seattle Section Board as well as the various committees under it. They have brought a lot of expertise, excitement and initiatives to making the Section run better, engaging our membership in various fronts, and bringing visibility to our work as Civil Engineers. While the Standing Committees organized Section's monthly dinner meetings, various networking events volunteering, and mentoring opportunities; Technical Committees provided discipline specific content to the different disciplines within Civil Engineering. And last but not least, the tireless team behind the Infrastructure Report Card published Washington's grade and presented to various stakeholders and lawmakers in Olympia. I would like to extend a big thank you to these volunteers that gave their time to the advancement of our profession.

I would like to encourage you our members to get involved and find an opportunity that works for you be in community service, mentoring, advocacy or continuing education. The Section leadership is excited to assist you in this journey and welcome you to the ASCE community.

**OCTOBER 2019
NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DEADLINE:
September 20, 2019**

Our Section had the pleasure of hosting ASCE National President Elect Kancheepuram "Guna" Gunalan last June. We took him on a tour of Sound transit E360 Overlake Village Station and other Seattle landmarks. We were also excited to host Region 8 Director Tony Lau and network with our counterparts from the Olympia-Tacoma Section.



WA State Infrastructure Report Card Update

In 2019, the **WA Infrastructure Report Card** was released and we'll be promoting it into the 2020 state legislative session. The Report Card was created to help Washington understand the state of our infrastructure. As civil engineers, our job is to plan, design, construct, and maintain our infrastructure networks. This document allows us the opportunity to share that information with the public. The Report Card provides a snapshot for residents and policymakers to engage in a conversation about where we are and where we want to be. We hope that this information provides the insight needed to start that conversation and ignite action. **[Click here to read the 2019 Report Card for Washington's Infrastructure executive summary.](#)**

ASCE Seattle Sustainability Committee

Save the Date!

On October 18, 2019 at 1pm, the Sustainability Committee is offering a technical tour of the **Swale on Yale** followed by happy hour at a nearby **Feierabend** in South Lake Union. At **Swale on Yale & Ales**, Seattle Public Utilities' project manager, Jason Sharpley will review the project's planning of the unique public-private partnership (PPP) project, the design and construction of this stormwater treatment system, and considerations of the project's triple bottom line (including social, environmental, and economical aspects). For more information, please email sustainability@seattleasce.org.

On September 20 and October 4, from 1pm - 3pm, the Sustainability Committee will sponsor and **Oldcastle Plant Tour** in Auburn (2808 A Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002). The tour will include details on the manufacturing process, with an emphasis on how their precast concrete products are sustainable. To sign up, please email sustainability@seattleasce.org.

If you are interested in joining the **Sustainability Committee**, please reach out to sustainability@seattleasce.org. We meet the third Thursday of every month and share our practices in sustainability over social events, technical tours, and pre-college outreach. Over the next year, we plan to provide opportunities to maintain your **Envision Sustainability Professional** credential.

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

Urban Development & Transportation Committee

The Seattle Section is currently searching for two motivated members to lead and revamp the Urban Development and Transportation Committee take charge of the committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum for engineers and designers to discuss the intersection between transportation and urban planning and network with professionals with similar interests. This committee intends to. The committee will host monthly or bimonthly meetings and/or site visits. It can also get additional support from ASCE National's Transportation and Development.

This is a forum for ASCE members and non-members to discuss the issues facing the city and the world today, and how engineering and design are influencing the change. Seattle is going through a rapid and huge transformation of its urban fabric with the arrival of thousands of new employees every month. This has created traffic on the streets and highways, apartment and office space buildings popping up left and right around the city, and new rail systems and bicycle friendly infrastructure.

Please contact [Homero Flores](#) if you are interested in leading or participating in this group.

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 Fridays, 9/6, 10/4, 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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