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## September 2020



### JOIN US REMOTELY FOR

# ASCE Seattle's September Meeting

## SEATTLE WATERFRONT PROGRAM

### September 16, 5:30-7:00pm, on Zoom

**Join us on Zoom - Register in Advance to Attend!**

Wednesday, September 16 | 5:30-7:00pm

**Register here:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qduuvqDMoHNSz3kiORI5UKLRxnMYbqXiv>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Seattle Waterfront Program

**Speaker: Jessica Murphy PE, City of Seattle,  
Office of the Waterfront and Civic Project**

The City of Seattle is rebuilding Seattle's central waterfront. Now that the Alaskan Way Viaduct removal is complete, the City is constructing a park promenade along the water, building a new surface street along Alaskan Way, rebuilding Pier 58 and Pier 62, building an elevated connection from Pike Place Market to the waterfront, and improving east-west connections between downtown and Elliott Bay. This effort, called Waterfront Seattle, is a \$728M, multi-year investment between now and 2024. It is led by the City of Seattle's Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects. Learn more about how this program of projected fits into the bigger picture of the waterfront transformation that began over a decade ago and how the first year of construction



**Speaker Bio: Jessica Murphy PE, City of Seattle, Office of the Waterfront and Civic Project** currently serves as the Construction Program Manager for the City's \$728M Waterfront Program and Project Manager for the \$100M Overlook Walk project. Jessica is a long-time project manager for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) overseeing such projects as the



## September President's Column

By Henry Haselton, PE, PMP, Seattle Section President

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Welcome back from perhaps the strangest summer in our memory. Six months into this pandemic with no clear end in sight has certainly changed how we practice civil engineering. Most of us now work from home and there will almost certainly be permanent changes in how we work in the future. The economic slow-down will eventually impact the resources that support our work, though many firms and agencies are still finding things to seem busier than ever. No matter what direction this pandemic takes us, civil engineering will always be essential to our communities, and for that we can take pride in our profession and look forward to engaging challenges ahead.

The 2020/2021 Seattle Section season comes to us under unique conditions. We are planning for virtual gatherings through at least the end of 2020, so the networking and social opportunities that many of us value will be different this year. We will have to be creative and strong to stay connected with each other. Our Section will be seeking feedback and ideas from our members on how we can best serve you and provide value under this new normal. Please reach out to me at [president@asceseattle.org](mailto:president@asceseattle.org) if you have ideas – I'd love to hear from you!

One of the best ways to be engaged in ASCE in pandemic times or not, is to engage in a committee of interest. We have a host of Standing Committees, including Legislative, History & Heritage, Diversity, Host & Hospitality (even though we'll be virtual this year, we still need help organizing and facilitating virtual gatherings!) and K-12 outreach. We have excellent Technical Committees in all the sub-disciplines of civil engineering. Our [Younger Members Forum](#) (YMF) is an outstanding group in the Section for Members under 35 who seek connection with emerging professional colleagues. Please reach out to me at the above email if you have questions or want to discuss this kind of engagement.

We have some great programs this season starting with SDOT's Jessica Murphy speaking about the transformation of Seattle's Waterfront on September 16. In a virtual environment, we have access to speakers from anywhere and we will be seeking to leverage this. Please let me know if you have ideas about speakers, as well.

Now is a great time to up your game in getting involved with ASCE and networking with your colleagues. Check out the opportunities in this newsletter and future newsletters that will come out monthly. You can also check out events on the [ASCE Seattle Section website](#), our [Facebook](#) site, and [LinkedIn](#).

I always enjoy connecting with my fellow Seattle Section members, so please do reach out if you have ideas to improve the value we provide or questions on how you can get involved.

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**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](mailto:president@seattleasce.org) if**

# DID YOU KNOW?

## Introducing WAsafe!

WAsafe is a new program to train, enroll and dispatch volunteers to perform post-disaster building safety assessments. These volunteers can assist city and county building officials whose workload, following a disaster such as an earthquake, flood, or catastrophic storm, is expected to be overwhelming.

There will be a pressing need to evaluate homes, businesses and shelters to confirm they are safe to occupy after a large disaster. Local governmental building officials will need additional labor resources to perform thousands of assessments on partially or significantly damaged buildings.

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WAsafe is a resource for Emergency Managers performing post-disaster building safety assessments



- OBJECTIVES**
- Assist building officials with building safety assessments following a disaster (earthquake, flood, storm)
  - Develop a group of qualified volunteer evaluators
  - Provide WAsafe volunteer evaluator training
  - Maintain registry of volunteer evaluators
  - Assist WA State EMG in calling up and dispatching volunteer evaluators
- COALITION**
- A coalition of four statewide non-governmental organizations and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has developed the new WAsafe program.
- Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO)
  - Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW)
  - American Institute of Architects (AIA), Washington Chapter
  - American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Seattle Section
- The database of volunteers is established and maintained on the DOH WAsafe system.
- CONTACT**
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[Check out the WAsafe flyer to learn more 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.](#)

## Volunteers Needed for ASCE Seattle Diversity Committee!

The Seattle Section is looking for committee members to revitalize the Diversity Committee. If you are interested, please fill out this [google form](#) and we will get started on creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community for our membership! The first ask in the committee will be to propose modifications to the mission and responsibilities of the committee.

**Mission:** The mission of the ASCE Diversity Committee is to enhance access to the profession for minorities; to empower existing members to become visible mentors and counteract historical imbalances in the workforce; and to demonstrate that diversity and inclusion contribute to a healthy, productive work environment.

**Responsibilities:** The Diversity Committee shall be responsible for promoting awareness of ASCE policies with respect to diversity, as well as legislation and local regulations regarding equal employment opportunity.

## Volunteers Needed for ASCE Seattle Legislative Committee!

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

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.

## ASCE Seattle LinkedIn Group

Looking for more ways to connect with your fellow ASCE Seattle members? Want to stay up to date on our events and opportunities? Join the NEW ASCE Seattle LinkedIn Group to share your experience and make new connections!



Follow this link to join: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13859426/>

### Current Job Openings

- No current listings - consider advertising today to have your job listed in the October newsletter and the Section website!

**Click here** to apply or post your job today!

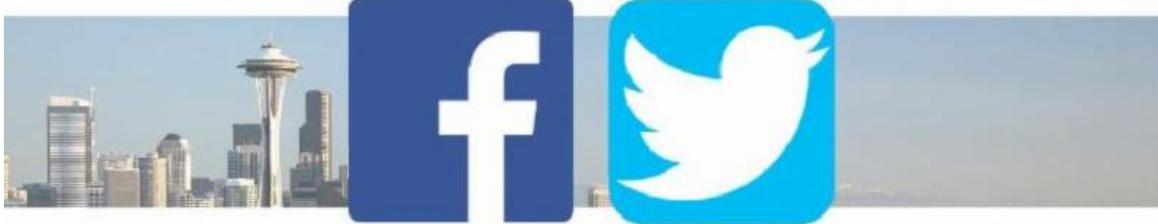
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