

President's Message

By Frank Marescalco



May is our last month before our section's summer recess. The warmer weather has definitely arrived! And while the year of meetings and programs is coming to a close, we do have some final business that must be handled.

First and foremost: elections! We are pleased to announce that we have candidates for our treasurer position and our director position on the board leadership. We are also excited to announce that we have nominees for both a YMG chair and co-chair – an unprecedented level of success for our younger members! We are still without nominees for our secretary position and our president-elect position. The board will have great difficulty operating without either one, so please consider stepping up. You

can get an idea of the qualifications required for service, the job description for each position, and the benefits of leadership by [clicking here](#).

We will prepare and send out a ballot for voting this month. Do your part by helping us find nominees and voting when the ballot comes out. Also, remember that [national elections](#) are going on right now. Mr. Kancheepuram Gunalan, PE, F. ASCE is running for president-elect and is one of our region's former directors.

Those of us who serve on the board make a number of decisions that help our section operate smoothly. I think that we do a good job of running the section and the relative "peace and quiet" about our section is a good indicator of that. This year, we were asked by the Society if we wanted to raise our annual section dues. The board examined past years of financial data and considered the value that we offer and, in the end, we decided to keep the dues as they are. We feel that our section is on firm financial footing and our dues are in line with our value to members.

Our annual honors and awards banquet was a great success. Our thanks go to Mr. Michael Hale for presenting the awards and running the program, and our congratulations go to all of our award recipients this year.

Our summer baseball outing to Cheney Stadium will be on Saturday, June 10. We will meet at 6:15 PM and the game starts at 7:05 PM. The Rainiers will be playing against Reno. Members and their families are invited to attend! Tickets cost \$13.00 for a seat and food or \$19.00 for a seat, food, and a cap. [Contact Michael](#) or [click here](#) to reserve your tickets.

This month's program will be a pervious pavement case study in Fife. This project is interesting because it was one of the first large-scale pervious pavement projects done in the region and it was done over soil that doesn't infiltrate at a rate typically desired of such installations. Please consider coming out and joining us, as this is our last business-type section meeting until September. Thank you everyone that has participated and supported our section this year.

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Spring has sprung in Garfield Park in Tacoma. Photo credit goes to Tom Woods at woodyt58@gmail.com

May 2017 Monthly Program

Pervious Pavement Case Study

This month, Mr. Beckman will be presenting a case study in the design, construction, and long-term performance of a pervious pavement project in Fife. He will present details from each phase of the project. The project was designed and constructed at a time when pervious pavement was still relatively new. To add to the complications, the underlying soils are challenging and don't offer typical infiltration rates.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to further your education on environmentally friendly development!

Date and Time	May 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Location	La Quinta Inn & Suites of Tacoma Spruce Room 1425 East 27 th Street Tacoma, WA 98421
Schedule	5:30 PM to 6:00 PM Reception and Social 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Dinner Program begins at 6:15
Menu	Entrees: sliced pork loin in Kahlua glaze, chicken Dijon Sides: salad, seasonal fresh fruit, red roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter Beverages: Coffee, tea, and water Dessert: Chef's choice Dietary accommodations made on request.
Price	Members: \$30 Students: \$15
Reservations	You can RSVP by clicking here!

Announcements

We have plenty of information to share and opportunities to engage coming up, so be sure to check in.

- ***President-Elect and Secretary Wanted!***

Nominations for leadership positions have closed and we are pleased to announce the following candidates for office:

- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Jessie Chen
- Director: Deepa Akula
- President-Elect: Vacant
- YMG Chair: Carlyn Harlow
- YMG Co-Chair: Jonathan Carp

As you can see, we are short a few on our leadership board. We really need our section members to step up and volunteer. You can get an idea of the qualifications required for service, the job description for each position, and the benefits of leadership by [clicking here](#).

- ***Equity in STEM Exposition***

Pierce College Puyallup is pleased to announce that it will be holding its second STEM Expo on May 18th, 2017 at its Puyallup campus in the College Center Building. The event's focus is equity in the STEM fields and will discuss women and under-represented minorities in the STEM careers. The event will run from 9 AM to 1 PM. The college is inviting local speakers to talk about their career in the STEM fields. They are also inviting speakers and vendors to have a table at the event. The event contact is Cristopher Davis and he may be reached at cdavis@pierce.ctc.edu.

- ***Annual Rainiers Outing***

We will be holding our annual Rainiers baseball outing on Saturday, June 10. The Rainiers are going to be playing against the Reno Aces. We will meet at the stadium around 6:15 PM and the game starts at 7:05 PM. Tickets cost either \$13.00 for a seat and food or \$19.00 for a seat, food, and a baseball cap. Members are encouraged to bring their families and enjoy the game! [Contact Michael](#) or [click here](#) to reserve your tickets.

- ***Is Your Firm Looking for Summer Interns?***

If your firm is looking to hire summer interns, we can help you out. Contact Michael Hale by [email](#) or at (253) 377-8221.

- ***Tacoma Community College Adjunct Engineering Professor Position***

The Tacoma Community College is hiring for an adjunct engineering professor position. If you are interested in applying, check out the College's website. [Click here](#) for the details!

Recent Events

Annual Honors and Awards Banquet

Our honors and awards banquet was a huge success. Our section had five life members to award this year and of those, Mr. Gary Beckner was able to attend our meeting to receive his award. Mr. Hale, our past president, gave a lively account of Mr. Beckner and of all of our life members who responded – even those not present. The food and dessert was also top-notch.

The awards banquet is one of our most important events because of what it represents. I hope you'll consider joining us next year!



Volunteering Opportunities

The Tacoma-Olympia section of ASCE needs all of its members to make our section all that it can be! We currently have positions to serve on committees, get involved with our Younger Members Group, and help coordinate events or give presentations. We also have volunteer opportunities for community-minded individuals. Here are some open volunteer positions we have available now. Our volunteer opportunities are always changing, so remember to check back next month if you can't join anything this month! Contact any of your board members if you are interested in serving.

Government Relations Committee Chair; *Approx. time commitment: 0 to 2 days per month.* The Government Relations Committee is a standing committee within the Section. The chair position is responsible for recruiting co-chair members for the committee and contributing to committee initiatives and activities. The committee may write articles for our newsletter, mobilize members to action for important legislative events or bills, and coordinate with our state lobbyist.

History and Heritage Committee Chair; *Approx. time commitment: 1 to 2 days per month.* The History and Heritage Committee is a standing committee concerned with local civil engineering history. This committee position is an excellent fit for history buffs. The responsibilities include researching and dedicating historic works of civil engineering within our geographic area of coverage. The committee is also tasked with producing a quarterly newsletter article about a local work of civil engineering and what makes it historically significant.

Programming Committee Chair; *Approx. time commitment: 1 to 2 days per month.* This position is a standing position with the Section responsible for coordinating programming for the Section. The primary duty of this position is to secure speakers for upcoming programs.

Math and Science Tutor (Ongoing); *Approx. time commitment: varies.* Our Section members help local students with math and science tutoring through programs in our schools and colleges. If you have a knack for helping young people with their technical studies, our Section needs your help! You can volunteer for positions that are local and work within your time limitations.

Program Speakers; *Approx. time commitment: 2 days per event.* Our section is always looking for individuals willing to speak to the Section at our monthly programs. Topics pertaining to engineering are always welcome, but our Section has hosted speakers who have given presentations about a range of other topics as well. Speakers are provided with a meal and a small personal item as thanks for their willingness to contribute.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 2017

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| 3 | ASCE Tacoma-Olympia Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Rhein Haus Tacoma
649 Division Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98403
RSVP not necessary – open attendance to all members |
| 17 | May Section Meeting – 6:00 PM
Chris Beckman – Fife RV Site Development Pervious Pavement Case Study
La Quinta Inn & Suites
1425 East 27 th Street
Tacoma, WA 98421
RSVP at http://sections.asce.org/tacoma-olympia/events |
| 18 | Equity in STEM Expo – 9 AM
Pierce College of Puyallup
College Center Building
1601 39 th Avenue Southeast
Puyallup, WA 98374
Contact Christopher Davis at cdavis@pierce.ctc.edu for more information. |

Summer 2017

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| Jun | Annual Rainiers Baseball Outing
June 10, 2017 – 6:15 PM
Cheney Stadium
2502 South Tyler Street
Tacoma, WA 98405
Contact Michael Hale to reserve tickets or click here . |
| Aug | Officer Retreat (Tentative) |

Membership Information

National membership rates may be found at <http://www.asce.org/membership>.

Section membership rates

- Individual: \$25 per year
- Student member: free
- Life member: Free

Advertising Rates

Did you know you can purchase advertising space to promote your business, sponsor the section, and spread the word about job opportunities? Our newsletter is distributed to a growing membership base with about 500 viewers each month. We offer space in our newsletter at the following monthly rates:

- 1/4 page: \$25
- 1/2 page: \$50
- Full page: \$100

If you are interested in purchasing space in our newsletter, contact our treasurer Jessie Chen at (253) 310-6046 or Jessie.asce@hotmail.com.

If you're a member seeking employment, you can request space in our newsletter to run a short ad. All you need to do is contact us!

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Looking for a previous issue of the newsletter? You can find them all on our website at:
<http://sections.asce.org/tacoma-olympia/newsletter>.

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