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## ASCE UTAH SECTION NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by LeeAnn D. Miller, P.E.

Happy September everyone. I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and doing well. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and survived the heat. It's hard to believe the summer is over so soon, although with the high temperatures recently, only the amount of sun seems to be telling me summer is coming to a close with the cooler temperatures at night. As of this writing it looks like we might even get into more normal September temperatures finally. My summer was rather packed with activities seeing friends and family along with a crazy construction season.

For those of you who don't know me, I've been doing some form of engineering (mostly design) for the last 31 years and still going strong. I've been active in the Wasatch Front Branch and now the Section for the last 15 years. I live in Sandy and my kids live in Montana, Washington and Utah. My four grandkids are a blast, and we had a ton of fun this summer. I enjoy traveling and have made it to 2 of my bucket list locations (the Pyramids and Machu Pichu) I'm currently working on a trip to Africa.

I know many people don't view September as the beginning, but I see this as the beginning of many things. It is the beginning of the school year which those of us with children, grandchildren, and spouses who are teachers know all too well. With it we have a beginning to activities in our Utah Branches. So as another beginning, many of you know this is the beginning of the Membership Drive. You will be receiving notices to renew your membership if you haven't already. We, of course, are always looking for new members. If you aren't a member already, I encourage you to join and if you are please renew and look for people to bring into the organization. Along this line, I have some good news from our Region 8 this year. Our section won the membership drive for last year by having the most people added to our section (large section category).

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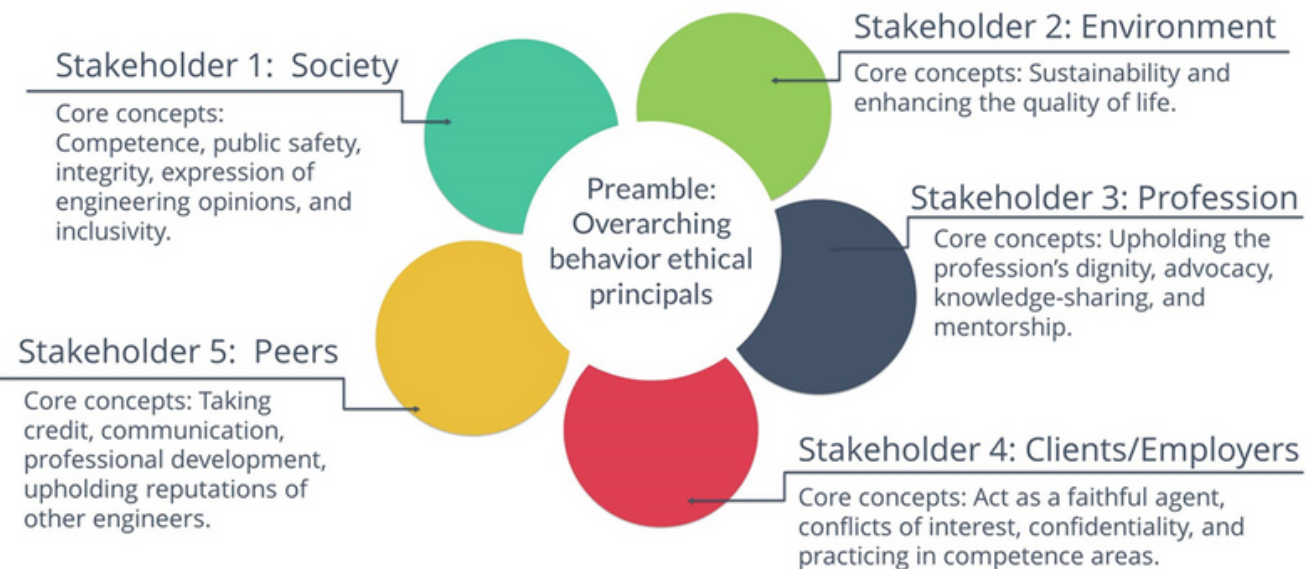
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# TECHNICAL ARTICLE

## ASCE CODE OF ETHICS

Ethics is a subject that permeates Engineering. Ethics are the foundation of the public trust. Society needs to have trust that the infrastructure and structures are safe. For that reason, all ASCE members must conform to the Society's Code of Ethics (ASCE Constitution, § 2.2). It is the duty of every Society member to report to the Committee on Professional Conduct any observed violation of the Code (ASCE Bylaws § 3.0.1 and ASCE Code of Ethics § 5.i.).



Above is an image the is the updated Code of Ethics in an easy to remember graphic. This can be found online at <https://www.asce.org/topics/ethics>

If there are questions on specific ethics topics, ASCE has many resources as well as a monthly column in the Civil Engineering magazine. If you are interested in these specific articles they are available at <https://www.asce.org/publications-and-news/civil-engineering-source/civil-engineering-magazine>

If there are specific questions that the above resources don't answer, ASCE has a hotline (800-548-2723 x6151) is available for members to call with ethics questions.



For those of you who helped, thanks for putting us up on top. For those who may be questioning your membership, did you know that your membership in ASCE helped bring to fruition the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)? ASCE has presented the report cards since 1998 and has produced the Failure to Act reports that are the basis for the law. There are other standards and research that is also done for the membership. There are also many other benefits including your 10 free PDH's each year. If you are interested in what those benefits are, take a look at the other benefits available at [ASCE member benefits | ASCE](#).

I have an invitation for everyone reading this. My invitation is to get involved in ASCE whether it is in leadership or one of the committees. You will get back much more than you give along with numerous very good relationships that often have benefits in the future. I know often people feel they are too busy but talk to leadership if you have any interest. You will probably find the time commitment is much less than you might expect. Each and every person who gets involved makes our organization stronger. We would welcome you to get involved in whatever capacity you feel comfortable with. It is a way for you to give back to the community and engineering. If you are interested, please feel free to contact anyone in leadership and we would be happy to get you in touch with someone that has an opportunity that meets your interests.

The last 2 years have been marked by the pandemic with numerous virtual meetings or activities. I for one am looking forward to the beginning of many in person meetings to make new connections. It is always easier to make these connections in person because you can see the person's face (no black box). Also, if you haven't joined the ASCE Utah Section Facebook Group, please do. We are planning to start having more announcements and pictures of activities. We hope that it will keep you more informed in a timely manner about the things happening in our section.

Another thing about me, I have trouble with names, I remember faces and the way people move when they talk. (I'm visual that way so don't be surprised if I recognize you and then struggle with your name) I'm planning to show my face at various meetings around the state. I look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you as possible in the coming year.



## CENTRAL UTAH BRANCH UPDATE

by: Josh Reidhead

### Last Month:

We met as a presidency to set up plans for our next couple of luncheons.

We encouraged all to attend the Walla Walla conference virtually.

### This month:

Our presidency meeting will be Tuesday September 13th.

This week, on Thursday September 15th, Mark Christensen PE w/JUB and Michael Julian, an investigator for DOPL, will present on Engineering Ethics and State Law at the Provo City Public Works Building. It should be a good conversation, I'm sure we'll all learn things that we should all know.

### Next Month:

We plan on meeting as a presidency on Tuesday October 4th.

On Thursday October 20th, Julie Lee will be presenting "The Connected Leader," at the Central Utah Water Conservancy District offices in Orem. She will discuss ways to improve work culture through healthy connection, fostering authenticity that improves innovation and performance. Though much less technical than the Professional Development Hours we are used to, this will be outstanding. All of the Utah branches/groups are invited to join us in person or electronically.



## YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM UPDATE

By: Anna Roberts, EIT  
ASCE Utah YMF, President

### Recap of Recent Events

This summer has been busy for the Younger Member Forum! We hosted WRYMC 2022 in July and had great participation from everyone in the valley. Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors that made this professional development opportunity possible. Our chapter has accepted the chance to host WRYMC again in 2024, so if you missed our adventure in Park City we will look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City in 2024!

Many attendees of WRYMC expressed interest in getting involved with the Utah YMF board after the conference. Alex Jondal has joined as the Social Media Chair, Julie Hansen has joined as the Communications Chair, Alexander Yanez has joined as the K-12 Outreach Coordinator, and Luz Davila has joined our Events Committee.

Our K-12 Outreach relaunch has had a great reception. Alex will meet with the Jordan School District STEM Committee on Sept. 14th to discuss local opportunities for volunteering. A new Code Ninjas city planning course for middle school students has also invited us to be volunteer judges for their final designs. We are also looking forward to Engineering Day at the University of Utah in November.

Allison Valencia has accepted our invitation to be the YMF President Elect. She will be in charge of the PE Review courses this fall. We face the challenge of adapting the PE Review to work with the new Computer Based Testing (CBT) format of the exam.

Looking forward, this month we will have our Fall BBQ in Sugarhouse Park. We will meet at the Big Field Pavilion for food and games from 6:30-8:00 pm. We hope to see you all there!

RSVP for the Fall BBQ: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-aE1rZRIYoTvwvmXI9p955sF5Hu2-kPAar4UY9t76dHDzsA/viewform>

## ASCE NORTHERN UTAH BRANCH

By: Jacob Ames

Northern Utah Branch had their opening social at Willow Park in Logan, Utah. We ate sandwiches and visited with each other and our families. We had a good turn out of about 50 people including members from the USU Student Chapter.

We will start our regular lunch training meeting in October. We are planning on providing a diverse mix of training throughout the year.

## ASCE SOUTHERN UTAH BRANCH

By: Rhett Beazer

We don't have any activities scheduled for September. We have met as a branch presidency and have discussed ways to get others outside of Washington County involved in ASCE, particularly in Cedar City.

On October 5th we will be meeting at SUU. The students and staff are working on getting a student chapter of ASCE started, and we will take this time to connect with the students. It will also be a good opportunity to encourage participation with the ASCE members in Cedar City. Bob Lamereaux will be presenting on the Coal Creek Bridge that was constructed in Cedar City, and will consist of a site visit.

If you want to be added to our mailing list to be notified of our events and announcements, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hb34TT>



## WASATCH FRONT BRANCH UPDATE

by: Chad Kitchen

### Last Month:

At this time of year, not only is the season starting to change, but ASCE Branch leadership changes as well. We would like to express our appreciation to Michelle Haacke for her commitment over the past several years in offering her services to the Wasatch Front Branch. Michelle was well organized and provided great leadership during her time as President. We would also like to welcome Andrew Tzvetcoff who has volunteered to serve as the Treasurer/Secretary.

Last month we kicked off the new season with a presentation and tour of the new Water Reclamation Facility owned/operated by Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities. Presenters included Jamey West (SLC Water Reclamation Manager) and Jason Brown (Chief Engineer, SLC Department of Public Utilities). It was interesting to get an inside look at the operation and how future needs are being accounted for with the new facility. It was well attended and appreciated and to top things off, Sundt Construction provided lunch.

For the month of September, the Wasatch Front Branch is planning a BBQ and social event at the Lodestone Park in Kearns. All branch members are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a buddy (RSVP required). Staff from the Salt Lake County Parks department will be at the venue to talk about various design aspects of the new facility.