

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

We are still operating under a “no in-person activities” restriction. We will be conducting business virtually until further notice. Any changes to Ithaca Section activity restrictions will be updated on our website <http://sections.asce.org/lthaca/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 13, 2021: Ithaca Section Virtual Zoom Meeting, 5 pm. See meeting invitation below.
- February 11-12, 2021: Capital District’s 41st Celebration of National Engineers Week – Online Webinar Series. You can get more information by contacting Jen Miller, Director of Programs at jamiller@nysspe.org.

JOIN OUR NEXT ZOOM MEETING

Ithaca Section ASCE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ithaca Section ASCE's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 13, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FROM ASCE PRESIDENT JEAN-LOUIS BRIAUD

Each month ASCE President Jean-Louis Briaud will provide updates on Society issues and progress made. Highlights provided in his email report on December 2 are repeated verbatim below.

- A Student Presidential Group has been created. This is a group of 20 plus students selected worldwide who meet with me once a month to discuss what is most important to students and what role ASCE can play in their future.
- A Region and Institute Presidential Group has been created. The members are the 9 Institute presidents and the 10 Region directors. I visit with them once every two months to act on further developing the interaction between Regions and Institutes for improved member value.

- A townhall meeting called “Ask the President” has been created and takes place by Zoom on the first business day of each month at noon CST or 1 p.m. EST. I make a short 15-minute presentation on the latest ASCE news followed by a 45-minute-long question and answer period. The next “Ask the President” is on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.
- On Nov. 16, we launched a new member benefit, [Civil Engineering Source](#). This digital news and information site and AI-driven newsletter provide ASCE members one-stop access to industry news, career and management articles, Society news, job postings, and practitioner-focused technical updates. Look for your newsletter in your inbox every day.
- The Board met virtually on Oct. 26-27, 2020, and decided on a number of major issues:
 1. **Yes, to student voting.** This will come to the membership for a vote in May 2021 and will require a two-thirds majority approval from the members. I urge you to vote yes.
 2. **Paused the proposed post-P.E. ASCE certification effort.** Before moving further on this issue, a symposium is being organized (tentatively February 2021) to collect the opinion of the clients of civil engineers.
 3. **Rescinded a decision** to start charging dues to life members.
 4. **Approved** a new code of ethics.
 5. **Reaffirmed support for the Future World Vision** project but only with funds generated by fundraising.
 6. **Approved new student conference boundaries** to match the region boundaries.
 7. **Listened to and acted on suggestions** from the Student Presidential Group.
 8. Created a new **Government Engineers Council** reporting directly to the board.

OPEN POSITIONS

We continue to look for a Section President, Vice President or President-Elect. You can contact us at ASCE.lthaca@gmail.com if interested.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Send your ideas, suggestions or other correspondence via email to ASCE.lthaca@gmail.com.

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

