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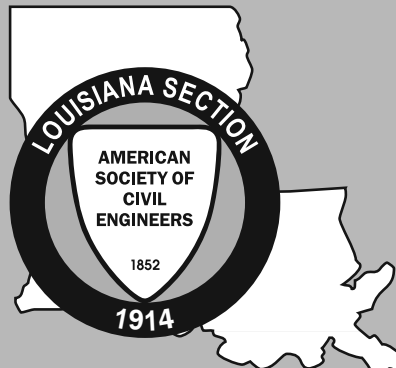
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# President's Message

By Katherine Foreman Castille, PE, Section President

It is truly an honor to serve as the President of the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Our Section has accomplished many great things over the past several years thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteer leaders, active members, Branches, Institutes, and student chapters. From expanding professional development opportunities to strengthening our student outreach and launching the 2025 Louisiana Infrastructure Report Card, the Louisiana Section continues to demonstrate what can be achieved when passionate engineers work together toward a shared purpose.

As I begin my term and reflect upon my past few years serving the board, I am both humbled and energized by the responsibility to continue this legacy. My vision for the year ahead builds upon the foundation set by our past leaders—focusing on advancing the civil engineering profession, growing and empowering our membership, and strengthening ASCE's role as a voice for resilient and sustainable infrastructure in Louisiana. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Immediate Past President, Andrew Woodroof, and the entire Board of Directors for their commitment, guidance, and mentorship.

My journey with ASCE began during my time at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL). As a civil engineering student, I served as President of Chi Epsilon and Fundraising Chair for our ASCE Student Chapter, where I helped organize events like *Clean the Coast* and proudly competed with our Steel Bridge Team at the Deep South Conference. These experiences not only taught me the value of teamwork and leadership, but also instilled in me a deep respect for the role ASCE plays in shaping our professional community.

While still pursuing my undergraduate degree at ULL, I gratefully joined Royal Engineering & Consultants, LLC (Royal), as a student intern and quickly discovered the rewarding challenges of applying classroom knowledge to real-world problems. After graduation, I transitioned to full time work with Royal. At that time, our Lafayette engineering team consisted of two Professional Engineers (PEs) and three Engineer Interns (EIs)—and I was the only woman on the engineering staff. Today, I am proud to serve as our Civil/Structural Service Line Lead, and our Lafayette office has grown to include seven PEs and ten EIs, five of which are women. This growth is a testament not only to our firm's commitment to excellence but also to the broader progress we are seeing within our profession.

ASCE has been a constant thread throughout my academic and professional journey. It is an organization that connects us across generations and disciplines—uniting students, practitioners, and leaders around the shared mission of advancing civil engineering and improving the quality of life for our communities. This year, our Section will strive to continue to uphold ASCE's mission: to **Lead the civil engineering profession to sustainably advance and protect the health, safety and welfare of all**, and ASCE's commitment to our Members: **Inspire, connect, and serve our global membership to maximize their professional and personal growth and magnify their lifelong professional impact.**

We will do so with a focus on three key priorities:

## 1. 2025 Report Card

**Launch** — Louisiana's Infrastructure Report Card provides policymakers and the public with an objective assessment of the state of our infrastructure. It highlights both our progress and our challenges as we work toward a safer, more resilient Louisiana. The foundation of the Report Card's success was set by the expertise and hard work of our Report Card Committee Chair Kirk Lowery and all the chapter authors over the past few years. Their diligence culminated in the official launch event held on November 12. I look forward to continuing to lead our Section through the distribution of the Report Card and advocacy of its importance as a tool to policy makers as we continue our efforts throughout the year.

**2. Strengthening Membership Engagement** — Our members are the foundation of ASCE. Whether through professional development, mentorship, or community service, we will aim to grow our membership and foster deeper connections between our student chapters, branches, and technical institutes to ensure that every member finds value and belonging in ASCE.

**3. Ensuring Financial Stability** — Maintaining the financial health of our Section is vital to sustaining our programs and supporting future initiatives. Although we have celebrated many successes in recent years, we have unfortunately also faced declining membership and escalating costs, a combination which is a recipe for budget concerns. We will continue to be thoughtful stewards of our resources while exploring new opportunities to invest in our members and our mission.

Each of these goals is important to ASCE as well as to each of us as Engineers. The Report Card reflects our duty to advocate for infrastructure that supports Louisiana families and businesses. Member engagement ensures that young engineers—like I once was—can continue to find mentorship, opportunity, and purpose within ASCE. And financial stability allows us to continue supporting generations of engineers to come.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your ASCE Louisiana Section President and to continue building upon the work of those who have led before me. I invite each of you to get involved—attend a local luncheon, mentor a student, volunteer for a committee, encourage your colleagues to join ASCE, or simply share your passion for engineering with others. Together, we will continue to strengthen our Section, our profession, and our communities.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in this role. I look forward to another successful year ahead for the Louisiana Section of ASCE.



Katherine Foreman Castille, PE

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REPORT CARD FOR  
**LOUISIANA'S**  
INFRASTRUCTURE



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# 2025 REPORT CARD FOR LOUISIANA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

## Executive Summary

Since the first person first set foot in Louisiana, the land has given citizens a full measure of nature's bounty. In addition to the beauty of its bayous, piney woods, cypress swamps, and oak groves, Louisiana has a robust natural infrastructure. The coastline provides food and a portal to the world; the waterways offer transportation, trade routes and water supplies; and the climate is conducive to year-round outdoor activities. However, the state is struggling to adequately construct and maintain the infrastructure we need to live and prosper in a safe, modern society.

The Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2025 Report Card for Louisiana's Infrastructure is a non-political, technical review of 10 critical systems: aviation, bridges, coastal areas, dams, drinking water, levees, ports, roads, solid waste, and wastewater. Louisiana's infrastructure receives a grade of C-, up from a D+ in 2017 and a D in 2012. While the state is making small improvements in its infrastructure, a lot of work is needed. Six of the 10 infrastructure categories earned the same or lower grades since the 2017 report, and no area earned a grade higher than C+.

Louisiana saw improvements in aviation, coastal areas, and drinking water, in large part due to increased state and federal funding, including funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Despite this influx of investment, many funding sources have not kept pace with inflation or met growing needs, leading to significant funding gaps that prevent the state from addressing critical maintenance or capital improvement projects. Dams and ports saw decreases in their grades, as dam owners struggled to address maintenance needs and ports have not kept pace with capital investment needs to accommodate larger vessels and withstand extreme weather events.

Storm hardening measures and disaster response programs have strengthened the resilience of Louisiana's infrastructure systems in recent years. However, it is critical that these efforts continue, as the state's built environment will continue to face increasingly severe weather events.

The 2025 Report Card for Louisiana's Infrastructure presents a thorough, data-informed evaluation, and the findings point to serious concerns that merit close attention: Our roads "continue to deteriorate," and more than 1,500 of our bridges are in poor condition. Louisiana communities sometimes "struggle to meet potable water demands" while our cherished coast faces "critical challenges."

The hope is that Louisiana public officials will hear those alarm bells and make sound public policy decisions to prioritize and improve our infrastructure. With proper long-term planning and adequate investments, we can raise the grade to build upon the remarkable advantages this state has bestowed upon us.

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# Recommendations to Raise the Grade



**INCREASE FUNDING** – In most cases, Louisiana’s infrastructure has not been adequately funded to ensure it is in good working order. Nearly every area of infrastructure has backlogs of needed projects and deferred maintenance that grow larger every year. As inflation rises, these backlogs grow exponentially, making it more difficult over time to reverse the trend of decaying infrastructure. This issue also applies to maintenance. As facilities age, maintenance costs grow. In the short term, it adds to the budgetary burdens of state and local agencies that are being asked to maintain and improve facilities that should be replaced. In the long term, the facilities still will have to be replaced in the future, but at higher costs.



**DEVISE BETTER SYSTEMS OF GATHERING AND SHARING DATA** – Comprehensive, consistent, and publicly available data is critical for informed decision-making. Louisiana should invest in modern data management systems to monitor the condition, performance, and capacity of infrastructure assets across sectors. Improved data coordination among state agencies, local governments, and regional authorities would enable more accurate asset management, risk assessments, and prioritization of limited resources.



**INCREASE RESILIENCY** – Given Louisiana’s exposure to hurricanes, flooding, and other extreme weather events, resilience must be integrated into every stage of planning, design, and investment. Infrastructure projects should be guided by forward-looking risk assessments that account for climate change, sea level rise, and storm surge. Expanding natural and nature-based solutions, elevating critical assets, and hardening existing systems will also help reduce future damage and service disruptions while lowering future maintenance costs.



**PRIORITIZE SAFETY** – Facilities which lack standard replacements and refurbishments often pose a higher safety risk to the public. This is especially true for roads and bridges, but it also applies to levees, dams, drinking water systems, and solid waste facilities. Safety should always be a priority, both for old and new infrastructure. Enhanced public outreach concerning safety on and around roads, airport facilities, dams, and levees can help mitigate risks associated with infrastructure.



**INCREASE COLLABORATION** – Addressing Louisiana’s infrastructure challenges requires coordination across jurisdictions, agencies, and sectors. The state should strengthen partnerships among local governments, regional planning organizations, universities, and the private sector to share best practices, align investments, and develop innovative solutions. Enhanced collaboration among state agencies and federal partners will help streamline project delivery and maximize the impact of available funding. Public engagement and cross-sector partnerships can also build public trust and support for long-term infrastructure initiatives.

# About The Report Card for America's Infrastructure

Every four years, America's civil engineers provide a comprehensive assessment of the nation's 18 major infrastructure categories in ASCE's *Report Card for America's Infrastructure*. Using a simple A to F school report card format, the Report Card examines current infrastructure conditions and needs, assigning grades and making recommendations to raise them.

The ASCE Committee on America's Infrastructure is made up of 52 dedicated civil engineers and infrastructure professionals from across the country, with decades of expertise in all categories, who volunteer their time to work with ASCE Infrastructure Initiatives staff to prepare the Report Card. The Committee assesses all relevant data and reports, consults with technical and industry experts, and assigns grades using the following criteria:

## Methodology

### CAPACITY

Does the infrastructure's capacity meet current and future demands?

### CONDITION

What is the infrastructure's existing and near-future physical condition?

### FUNDING

What is the current level of funding from all levels of government for the infrastructure category as compared to the estimated funding need?

### FUTURE NEED

What is the cost to improve the infrastructure? Will future funding prospects address the need?

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

What is the owners' ability to operate and maintain the infrastructure properly? Is the infrastructure in compliance with government regulations?

### PUBLIC SAFETY

To what extent is the public's safety jeopardized by the condition of the infrastructure and what could be the consequences of failure?

### RESILIENCE

What is the infrastructure system's capability to prevent or protect against significant multi-hazard threats and incidents? How able is it to quickly recover and reconstitute critical services with minimum consequences to public safety and health, the economy, and national security?

### INNOVATION

What new and innovative techniques, materials, technologies, and delivery methods are being implemented to improve the infrastructure?

In addition to this national Report Card, ASCE's sections and branches prepare state reports on a rolling basis. Visit [InfrastructureReportCard.org](https://InfrastructureReportCard.org) to learn about your state's infrastructure.

# The 2025 Report Card on Louisiana's Infrastructure



Aviation

**C+**



Bridges

**D+**



Coastal

**C-**



Dams

**C**



Drinking Water

**D**



Levees

**C**



Ports

**D+**



Roads

**D**



Solid Waste

**C+**



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**D+**



**OVERALL**

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# Comparison of 2017 and 2025 Grade

LOUISIANA			
Category	2017	TREND	2025
Aviation	C	↑	C+
Bridges	D+	↔	D+
Coastal	D+	↑	C-
Dams	C+	↓	C
Drinking Water	D-	↑	D
Levees	C	↔	C
Ports	C-	↓	D+
Roads	D	↔	D
Solid Waste	C+	↔	C+
Wastewater	C-	↓	D+

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# ASCE Region 5 News

By Sarah Matin, Region 5 Director

Region 5 transitioned our governor representations as Rebecca Shelton, PE and Chris Rader, PE of Georgia and Florida, respectively rolled off the Board of Governors and Patrick Kaimrajh, PE and Julie Secrist, PE began their 3 year terms. Will Carruth, PE will also be serving as Mississippi Governor for the 2025-2026 term. The Board of Governors met in person earlier this month to transition duties and plan for the upcoming year.

The Region recently recognized award winners from the society including:

## 2025 Region 5 Award Highlights

- **Younger Member Group Award – Large Group**  
*Florida Section East Central Branch Younger Member Forum*  
Recognized for excellence in professional, technical, and community service activities. Award to be presented at ASCE's Annual Convention in Seattle, WA.
- **Masanobu Shinozuka Medal**  
*Dr. Isaac Elishakoff, Florida Section*  
Honored for contributions to stochastic mechanics and nonlinear buckling simulation. Award to be presented at EMI 2025 in Anaheim, CA.
- **John G. Moffatt–Frank E. Nichol Harbor and Coastal Engineering Award**  
*Dr. Jeffrey A. Melby, Mississippi Section*  
Recognized for innovations in coastal engineering and risk assessment. Award to be presented at the Ports Conference in Providence, RI.
- **Rudolph Hering Medal**  
*Dr. David A. Chin, Florida Section*  
Awarded for his paper on sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration, published in the Journal of Environmental Engineering.



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- **Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. Energy Award**  
*Dr. Benjamin D. Kosbab, Georgia Section*  
Honored for contributions to nuclear energy facility design and risk assessment.
- **Outstanding Section and Branch Award – Medium Section**  
*East Central Branch, Florida Section*  
Recognized for program excellence. Award to be presented at the 2025 Multi-Region Leadership Conference in Memphis, TN.
- **Ralph B. Peck Award**  
*John R. Wolosick, Georgia Section*  
Celebrated for impactful case histories in geotechnical engineering.

The 2026 Multi-Region Leadership Conference will take place in Jacksonville, FL January 9–11, 2026. If you have signed up to attend the MRLC, please also be on the lookout for an invitation to the Region 5 Assembly that will occur January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 2026 ASCE Student Symposia occurring within Region 5 are, Gulf Coast Symposium in Tuscaloosa, AL March 6–8, 2026 hosted by University of Alabama and UAB and the Southeast Symposium in Boca Raton, FL March 12–14, 2026, hosted by Florida Atlantic University. Both symposia are actively recruiting judges, volunteers and sponsors.

Please be sure to check out the ASCE Region 5 website for updates on awards, grants applications and resources.

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### Responsibilities:

- Draft civil engineering drawings using AutoCAD Civil 3D.
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- Support quantity take-offs and plan production.
- Collaborate with engineers and maintain documentation.

### Qualifications:

- Associate/Bachelor's in CADD, or related certification.
- Experience with AutoCAD Civil 3D.
- Familiarity with municipal design standards.

### Ideal Candidate Skills:

- Experience with MicroStation, GIS.
- Knowledge of public bid document development.

### Benefits:

- Competitive salary and benefits package.
- Opportunities for professional development and certification.
- Health, life and retirement benefits with supplemental insurance available.



# 2025 ASCE Convention “Inspiring Innovative Infrastructure”

Article by Katherine Foreman Castille, PE

The Annual ASCE Convention was held in Seattle Washington on October 8 through October 12, 2025. As incoming Section President, Katherine Foreman Castille had the opportunity to attend the convention on behalf of the Section.

Seattle is a city well-suited as the backdrop for a convention celebrating engineering marvels, innovation, and sustainability. The city has no shortage of engineering marvels of its own: the Space Needle, the Seattle Monorail, Climate Pledge Arena, and a newly revitalized waterfront redevelopment, to name a few. Several of these landmarks were highlighted by technical tours or presentations at the convention. The Opening Panel for the conference “Lofty Construction Goals and Goals on the Ice” discussed the journey behind the reimagining of the historic Key Arena into the world’s first zero carbon certified arena in the world. The project is a true case study for innovation and sustainability.

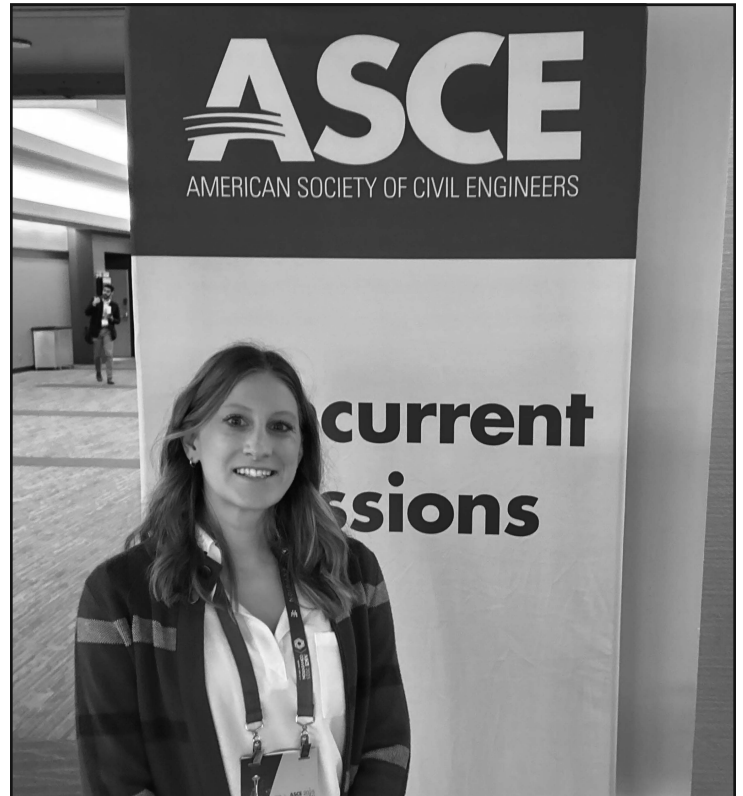
The technical sessions at the Convention continued to support the concepts of innovation, sustainability, and resilience, which are key themes of ASCE’s Future World Vision. Sessions covered topics such as: “Compound Flooding Manual of Practice for Engineers”, “Phased Future Planning: Building Coastal Community Resiliency”, “Designing and Building for Our Probable Futures”, “Future World Vision: Workforce Challenges of the Future - From Perception to Recruitment”, and “Engineering Knowledge by Design: Sharing Smarter.” Much of the programming highlighted the reality of climate change and emphasized our responsibility as engineers to design for future climate conditions. A complete list of conference programming can be found at <https://convention.asce.org/>.

Former ASCE President and ASCE Louisiana Section member Dr. Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D, PE, F. SEI, played a key role in the conference and provided insights on the current state and future vision of U.S. and World Infrastructure. She presented on “Hot Topics in Engineering Ethics”, moderated the presentation “Smart City Standards: Walking the Talk on Future World Vision”, and participated in a panel discussion “Making the Grade: 2025 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure”.

In addition to the inspiring technical content offered, the Convention also provided an opportunity for attendees to celebrate leaders in ASCE and the civil engineering profession and to participate in the annual Membership Meeting & Society Awards. Highlights include:

- the 2025-2026 Society Officer Installation,
- an inspiring speech by new ASCE President Marsha Anderson-Bomar, and
- honoring this year’s class of ASCE Distinguished Members.

The next ASCE Convention “The Infrastructure and Engineering Experience” will be held in 2027 on March 1-5 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference, which has historically been held annually, will bring together ASCE’s institutes and the Center for Technical Advancement’s divisions into one collaborative conference experience. Registration opens September 2026. For more information visit <https://experience.asce.org/>.



*Pictured: Katherine Foreman Castille, PE, ASCE LA Section President*



*Panel discussion Making the Grade: 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. Pictured (from left): Ana Tijerina Esquino, PE, Maria C. Lehman, PE, ENV SP, F. ASCE; Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D, PE, F. SEI; Carol E. Haddock, PE, M. ASCE*



*Conference welcome remarks by former ASCE President Feniosky Peña-Mora*

# 2025–2026 ASCE Louisiana Section Awards and Officers Installation Luncheon

City Club at River Ranch  
1100 Camellia Blvd, Lafayette, Louisiana  
September 19, 2025

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

The 2025 ASCE Louisiana Section Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers was held at the City Club at River Ranch in Lafayette, Louisiana. The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Emily Faulk, PE, ASCE Acadiana Branch Past President.

Andrew Woodroof, PE, 2024–2025 ASCE Louisiana Section President, provided opening remarks and introductions, recognizing the accomplishments of the outgoing board and welcoming members and guests to the annual ceremony.

### Section Awards Presentation

Joshua Olivier, PE, Chair of the ASCE Louisiana Section Awards Committee, presented the 2025 Section Awards, commending the outstanding contributions of Louisiana civil engineers to their profession and the Society.



Joshua Olivier, PE, Chair of the ASCE Louisiana Section Awards Committee presented the 2025 Section Awards

*The 2025 ASCE Louisiana Section Award recipients were as follows:*

- Outstanding Young Civil Engineer** – Brady Smith, PE
- Outstanding Civil Engineer** – Andrew Woodroof, PE
- Outreach Award** – Rhett Hebert, PE
- Lifetime Achievement Award** – Louay N. Mohammad, PhD, PE, F.ASCE
- Educator of the Year** – Jacob A. Neu, M.S., PE
- Wall of Fame** – Ronald L. Schumann, Jr., PE
- President’s Medal** – Jared Veazey, PE



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### Installation of 2025–2026 Officers

The installation of officers was conducted by Chris Humphreys, PE, ASCE Region 5 Governor.



Christopher Humphreys, PE Region 5 Governor swears in 2025-2026 Officers



*ASCE Louisiana Section Board Executive Leadership (L to R) Ayan Mehrotra, PE, Luke Haney, PE, Katherine Castille, PE, Brant Richard, PE, and Andrew Woodroof, PE*

#### **The ASCE Louisiana Section 2025–2026 Officers are:**

**Katherine Castille, PE** – President  
**Brant B. Richard, PE** – President-Elect  
**Luke Haney, PE** – Vice President  
**Ayan Mehrotra, PE** – Secretary-Treasurer  
**Andrew Woodroof, PE** – Past President

#### **Directors:**

**Brady Smith, PE** – Director, New Orleans  
**Danielle Mayeaux, PE** – Director, Baton Rouge  
**Jared Veazey, PE** – Director, Acadiana  
**Patrick Stiegman, PE** – Director-at-Large, New Orleans  
**Jack Koban, PhD, PE, PG** – Director-at-Large, Baton Rouge

#### **Branch Presidents:**

**Jesse Noel, PE** – President, New Orleans Branch  
**Josh Olivier, PE** – President, Baton Rouge Branch  
**Colten Dore, PE** – President, Acadiana Branch  
**Tanner Hines, EI** – President, Shreveport Branch



*ASCE Louisiana Section Board (L to R Front) Andrew Woodroof, PE, Brant Richard, PE, Joshua Olivier, PE, Katherine Castille, PE, Luke Haney, PE (L to R Back) Brady Smith, PE, Ayan Mehrotra, PE, Patrick Stiegman, PE, and Jared Veazey, PE. Not pictured: Danielle Mayeaux, PE, Jack Koban, PhD, PE, PG, Jesse Noel, PE, Colten Dore, PE, and Tanner Hines, EI*

#### **Presentation of the President's Plaque**

The President's Plaque was presented by Andrew Woodroof, PE, 2024–2025 ASCE Louisiana Section President, to Jared Veazey, PE recognizing his service and leadership to the Louisiana Section.



*Jared Veazey, PE awarded President's Medal for his service and leadership to the Louisiana Section by Outgoing President Andrew Woodroof, PE*

#### **Closing Remarks**



*Katherine Castille, PE, 2025–2026 ASCE Louisiana Section President, delivered closing remarks*

Incoming President Katherine Castille, PE, 2025–2026 ASCE Louisiana Section President, delivered closing remarks, expressing appreciation for the dedication of the outgoing officers, congratulating the new board, and outlining her goals for the upcoming year.

ASCE LA Section 2025-2026 Officers:



*Katherine Castille, PE – President*



*Brant B. Richard, PE – President-Elect*



*Luke Haney, PE – Vice President*



*Ayan Mehrotra, PE – Secretary-Treasurer*



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*Josh Olivier, PE – President, Baton Rouge Branch*



*Colten Dore, PE – President, Acadiana Branch*



*Tanner Hines, EI – President, Shreveport Branch*



*Christopher Humphreys – Region 5 Governor*



*Tonja Koob Marking, PhD, PE – Region 5 Governor at Large*

# ASCE-COPRI Louisiana Chapter News

By Kiara Horton, PE, Director – Communications



COAST, OCEANS,  
PORTS AND RIVERS  
INSTITUTE  
Louisiana Chapter



**Kiara Horton, PE**  
Director – Communications

The Louisiana Chapter of the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (L.COPRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) promotes membership, professional development, and visibility throughout the State of Louisiana by conducting virtual webinars and in-person events.

## YPG and Student Chapter Updates

Louisiana COPRI is excited to announce the winners of the “Future of the State” Poster Competition 2024. We received a wide range of impressive submissions from talented students across Louisiana, each offering unique insights and innovative solutions to the challenges facing our coastal and port infrastructure.

After careful review by our esteemed panel of judges, we are proud to announce the following winners:

- Carlie Dutile, Marion Vise, Leo Guerrero, Jacob Contreras, Phoebe Hemmerling, John Kees – R.E.A.C.H.: Restoring Ecosystem & Community Health
- Katya Opel, El, S.M.ASCE, PhD Candidate – FLoAT: A Multi-Scale Flood Loss Assessment Tool Derived from Experimental Data

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the winners and our heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their hard work, creativity, and dedication. The competition was highly competitive, and the quality of work submitted was exceptional. Winning posters were exhibited at the Fall Seminar.

Please reach out to Hayden Franklin (Student Chapter President, [hfran15@lsu.edu](mailto:hfran15@lsu.edu)) and Yelitza Ceden (YPG Director, [Yelitza.ceden@hdrinc.com](mailto:Yelitza.ceden@hdrinc.com)) for information on how to get involved as an LSU Student or Younger Member.

## Newly Inducted 2024-2025 L.COPRI Board Members

**Immediate Past Chair** – Myram Bo-Mekhayel

**Chair** – Gerald Songy

**Vice Chair** – John Darnall

**Secretary** – Brett McMann

**Treasurer** – Kiara Horton

**Communications Director** – Yelitza Ceden

**Programs Director** – Gregory Mattson

**YPG Director** – TBD

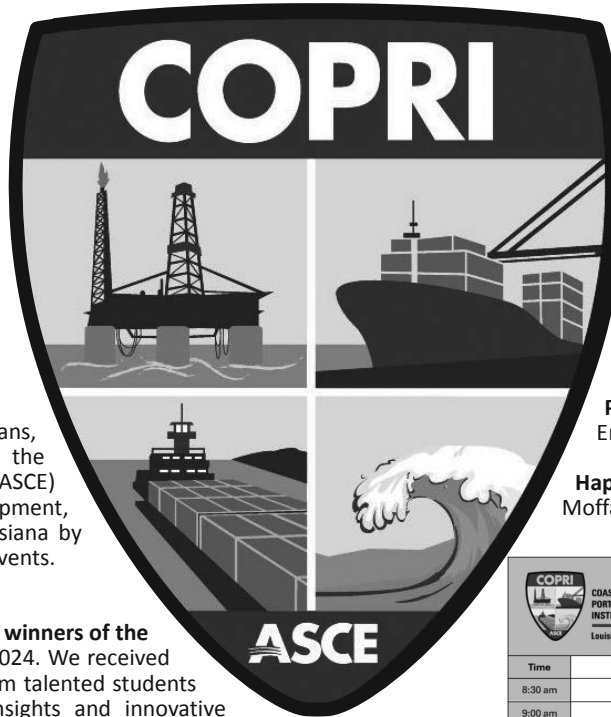
**Scholarship Director** – TBD

**LSU Student Chapter President** – Hayden Franklin

The Board Induction Ceremony was held at the Fall Seminar and conducted by Rudy Simoneaux.

## Past Events

Fall 2022 L.COPRI Annual Technical Seminar



L.COPRI hosted a full-day in-person seminar on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at the Lod Cook Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge. There was a full schedule of speakers and panelists covering the four pillars of COPRI – Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers. Special Thanks to all our speakers:

We also want to give a huge thanks to our sponsors that made this event possible:

**General Sponsors:** Fenster Maker | Freese and Nichols | Geo Engineers | Natrx | Neel Schaffer | Volkert

**Poster Sponsors:** Adaptive Management and Engineering LLC

**Happy Hour Sponsors:** Aardman & Associates | Moffat & Nichol

2024 Fall Seminar: “Future of...”			
Time	Topic	Speaker	COPRI Pillar
8:30 am	Registration, Breakfast, Opening Remarks	-	-
9:00 am	Future of Avondale	Jeff Keever	Ports & Rivers
10:00 am	The Future of LSU Coastal	Clint Willson	Coasts
Break			
11:15 am	Operations and Maintenance – CPRA Operations Division	Brad Barth	Coasts
12:15 pm	Lunch & Awards	-	-
1:15 pm	Future of Sand Search for Restoration	Mike Miner	Rivers & Oceans
Break			
2:00 pm	Future of Ports & Multimodal Commerce	Julia Cormier	Ports
3:00 pm	Ethics Presentation	LAPELS	-
4:00 pm	Happy Hour & Student Posters	-	-

Keep a look out for future event announcements via email and LinkedIn and contact our newly appointed 2024-2025 Programs Director Greg Mattson at [gregm@amesouth.com](mailto:gregm@amesouth.com) with any questions or ideas you may have.

## Scholarship Updates

L.COPRI traditionally awards annual scholarships to students (1 graduate and 1 undergraduate) studying Civil, Coastal, Ocean or Environmental Engineering, or a Coasts, Oceans, Ports, or Rivers related field. Be on the lookout for the scholarship application form coming this fall. Scholarship winners are typically presented their checks during L.COPRI's annual spring seminar.

## National COPRI Professional Achievement Awards

National COPRI offers several opportunities to recognize our colleagues for their professional achievements. For more information on individual, project, research, and younger member award opportunities, please visit <https://www.asce.org/communities/institutes-and-technical-groups/coasts-ports-oceans-rivers-institute/awards>.

## Other Information

The activities of L.COPRI includes seminars, workshops, and other activities to benefit all ASCE and COPRI members. Members do not have to be an engineer to join COPRI. The Institutes of ASCE are formed for the benefit of ASCE and non-ASCE members to participate and interact with other professionals interested in coastal, oceans, ports, and riverine efforts in Louisiana. We would like to extend an invitation to our members to submit feedback and ideas for upcoming webinars and events. Please submit these ideas to [gsongy@moffatnichol.com](mailto:gsongy@moffatnichol.com), and stay-tuned for a meeting invite if you are a member of our L.COPRI email list.

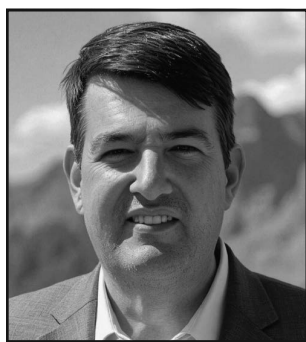
Also, please don't forget to follow us on LinkedIn. We have a new L.COPRI page giving you real time updates on the events we are hosting.

# ASCE-G-I Louisiana Chapter News

By Ricardo C. de Abreu, PhD, PE, BCGE, FASCE, G-I Chairman

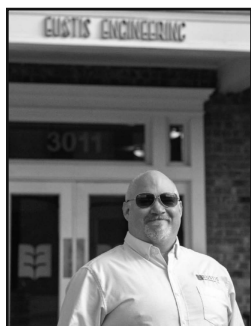


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LOUISIANA CHAPTER



Ricardo C. de Abreu, PhD, PE,  
BCGE, FASCE  
G-I Chair

As I step down from the role of Chairman and into the position of Past Chair, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make the last year such a success for the Geo-Institute Louisiana Chapter. Serving this vibrant and dedicated community has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional journey. Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of the momentum we built together, from engaging free webinars that brought top-tier technical content to hundreds of attendees, to new partnerships, student outreach initiatives, and the launch of innovative programs. The response and support we received from our members, sponsors, and partners were nothing short of inspiring.

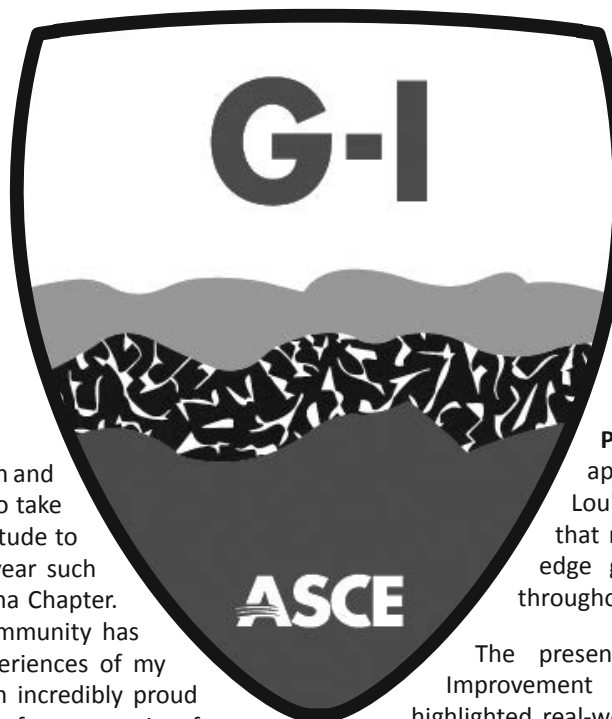


team ready to serve and elevate our profession across Louisiana and beyond.

So, what have we done in the past few months?



In **September**, at the 2025 LCECS, **David Sauls, PE** delivered the distinguished Buzz Hair Lecture titled "Under the River and Around the World." In this dynamic and engaging session, he drew upon his deep regional expertise in geotechnical and pipeline-crossing design to explore some of the most challenging infrastructure undertakings, from horizontal directional drilling beneath major waterways, to global



deployments of similar technology in soft-soil environments around the world. David's narrative was peppered with engaging visuals, field anecdotes, and practical take-aways, making it especially insightful for the diverse audience of practitioners, regulators, academia, and student-members attending the event.

In **October**, the Geo-Institute Louisiana Chapter hosted a well-attended TEAMS webinar featuring **Jonathan Dwight, PE, Kevin Scott, PE, and Tim Lyons, PE** from Menard USA. The event drew approximately 100 participants from across Louisiana and beyond, an impressive turnout that reflected the growing interest in cutting-edge ground improvement methods applied throughout the Gulf Coast region.

The presentation, titled "Innovation in Ground Improvement Technologies Utilized in Louisiana" highlighted real-world applications of vibro stone columns (VSC), controlled modulus columns (CMC®), soil mixing, and wick drains. The speakers shared valuable insights into how engineering and construction teams adapt these techniques to address Louisiana's challenging subsurface conditions, enhancing stability and sustainability for diverse infrastructure projects.

## In-Person Meetups & Student Engagement

For the Spring we are planning in-person gatherings and joint events with other ASCE chapters and student groups. These will reconnect our professional community, spotlight student research, and encourage mentorship across generations of geotechnical engineers. Watch for announcements and registration links via email and on our LinkedIn page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/geo-institute-louisiana-chapter/>

## Continuing the Journey

Although I am transitioning to the role of Past Chair, I remain as committed as ever to the success of our chapter and to supporting Ben and the board in their efforts. I look forward to continuing to contribute, now with the wisdom that comes from having walked this path, and the humility of knowing that progress is always a team effort.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. Let's keep building the future of geotechnical engineering. Together.

With appreciation,  
Ricardo de Abreu



**2025 LOUISIANA**
**INFRASTRUCTURE FACTS**

**BASIC FACTS**


**\$47 million**  
in 2024 Airport  
Improvement grants  
across **9** major airports



**12,698**  
bridges: **11.5%** of which  
were structurally  
deficient in 2024



**42**  
high-hazard dams



**\$9 billion**  
total drinking water  
need



**30**  
Superfund sites



**2,941**  
miles of levees protect  
**2.4 million** residents and  
**\$155 billion** of property



**23 million**  
passenger trips across  
**50** systems in 2023



**\$2.4 billion**  
in wastewater needs

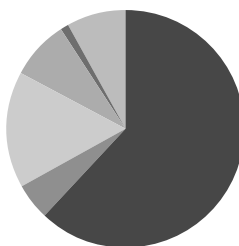


**53%** of roads are in  
poor or fair condition.  
Each motorist pays **\$885** per year  
driving on roads in need of repair and  
every resident loses **\$1,975** annually  
due to crashes.

**FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

**\$10.8 billion**

has been announced so far across  
**805 projects** (average \$13.8M,  
median \$1M)



- **62%** for transportation
- **5%** for clean water
- **16%** for broadband
- **8%** for clean energy/buildings
- **1%** for environmental remediation
- **8%** for resilience

**KEY WINS IN LOUISIANA**

**\$125M**

for SE Coastal  
Louisiana hurricane  
protection in Cameron

**\$33.1M**

for Atchafalaya River  
and Bayous Chene,  
Boeuf, & Black

**\$17.3M**

for Natchitoches  
to rehabilitate and  
revitalize Texas St  
business corridor

**\$2.8M**

for Shreveport  
Regional Airport

Produced in January 2025, but data years vary.

See <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/louisiana> for more sources and more information.

# ASCE-T&DI Louisiana Chapter News

By Ronald Schumann, Jr, PE, Chairman & Elba Urbina Hamilton, PE, Editor



TRANSPORTATION  
& DEVELOPMENT  
INSTITUTE  
LOUISIANA CHAPTER



Ronald Schumann, Jr, PE  
T&DI Chair



Elba Urbina Hamilton, PE  
T&DI Newsletter Editor

## Election of New Officers

The Chapter would like to acknowledge the contributions of our 2024-2025 officers. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Roy Payne, PE, has assumed the Chair position; Sean Daly, will serve as Vice Chair; Jim Simmons, PE, will continue to serve as Treasurer; and Elba Urbina Hamilton, PE, will serve as Newsletter Editor.

## Truck Platooning on Highway Safety and Durability

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the T&DI Louisiana Chapter hosted the **Exploring Impacts of Truck Platooning on Highway Safety and Durability** virtual seminar. This seminar updates the “convoy” terminology to **Connected and Automated Truck Platooning (CAT)**. The concept offers exciting possibilities to improve performance by enhancing fuel efficiency and traffic operations. However, the impacts on traffic safety and pavement durability, and considering the inevitable interactions with other human-driven vehicles, have not been explicitly investigated. This presentation summarized recent research investigating how different platooning configurations, such as platoon size, vehicle spacing, lane usage, and adoption rates, impact fuel consumption, traffic efficiency, roadway safety, and pavement durability. It specifically considered mixed traffic environments involving interactions between human-driven vehicles and automated truck platoons.

To achieve these objectives, an integrated approach was employed including using data from various field studies, conducting driving simulator experiments, performing microsimulation analysis, and detailed pavement modeling. The findings indicated that the most significant variables affecting fuel savings are the number of trucks in the platoon, the average weight of the trucks, the speed of the truck platoon, the intra-platoon distance among the trucks, and the shape of trucks (conventional truck or cab-over truck).

As explained during the seminar, it was found that increasing the distance between trucks in a platoon to 45 or 60 feet at a highway



merging segment significantly reduces the time to merge (TTM) for other vehicles. Additionally, implementing specific lane-change strategies enhances traffic flow and safety by improving time-to-collision metrics. However, while tighter spacing between platooned trucks tends to increase aerodynamic efficiency, it affects pavement durability negatively, increasing issues like rutting and cracking.

The presentation also discussed how connected and autonomous vehicles affect roadway design, it presented several practical recommendations to ensure the successful implementation of truck platooning and highlighted the ideal platooning setups that can maximize benefits, while minimizing the negative effects on our roadways.

The speaker was **Dr. Hany Hassan**.

He is currently serving as an assistant professor of transportation engineering and the graduate program advisor in the department of civil and environmental engineering at Louisiana State University. He is also a professional engineer in the state of Louisiana and has over 22 years of experience in both industry and academia. Dr. Hassan is also serving as a member and the paper review coordinator with two Transportation Research Board (TRB) committees: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ACP15) and Human Factors of Infrastructure Design and Operation (ACH40). He is a Handling Editor at the Journal of Transportation Research Record.



Dr. Hassan's areas of research include Traffic Safety, Smart/Intelligent Transportation Systems, Emerging Technologies in Transportation Engineering, Human factors and drivers' behaviors, Traffic Operation and Simulation. Dr. Hassan has published numerous influential papers at the top journals of transportation engineering.

## Looking Ahead

The intent of T&DI is to promote transportation and development as a career path, and to provide training and networking opportunities for all professionals involved in transportation projects. If you are interested in co-sponsoring a seminar at your branch, the T&DI Louisiana Chapter has prepared a Seminar Coordinator's Check List to assist you in your preparation contact Roy Payne at [rpayne@rdiconsultants.com](mailto:rpayne@rdiconsultants.com) for a copy of the checklist. Our seminars are one to two hours in length and are typically presented in the evenings in either the New Orleans or Baton Rouge area. We have also presented outreach seminars with the ASCE Acadiana Branch and Shreveport Branch. We are open to co-hosting seminars in additional Louisiana cities if requested. In keeping with the intent of the Institute to provide training and networking opportunities for all professionals involved in transportation projects, the Chapter is planning the following future seminars:

- **Ethics (December)** – This presentation will be a free webinar planned for the first week in December.
- **Bus Rapid Transit in New Orleans** – This presentation will explore this efficient public transportation solution aimed at alleviating urban congestion and improving mobility through dedicated bus lanes, frequent service and enhanced user facilities. It will highlight the New Orleans BRT project.



## Branch News



### ACADIANA BRANCH

*By Colten Doré, Branch President*

As incoming president of the ASCE Acadiana Chapter, I am grateful for the opportunity and excited for the next year. I would like to thank the past president Emily Faulk, PE for the hard work she has put into the organization. I would also like to give special thanks to all of the board members and volunteers

who continue to dedicate their time and effort.

#### *The 2025 Acadiana Branch award recipients are as follows:*

**Outstanding Civil Engineer Educator** – Jacob Neu, MS, PE

**Outreach Award** – Rhett Hebert, PE, CFM

**Outstanding Civil Engineer** – Jared Veazey, PE, MS

**Outstanding Young Civil Engineer** – Nick Castille, PE

#### *The 2025-2026 Acadiana Branch Board members are as follows:*

**President** – Colten Dore

**President Elect** – Aaron Enlund

**Secretary** – Madonna Saad

**Treasurer** – Braden Dauphine

**Public Relations/Outreach Coordinator** – Nick Simon

**Past President** – Emily Faulk

**Director** – Jerry Outlaw

**Calcasieu Parish Representative** – Jessica Pousson

We have been busy planning and hosting events for our members! In September we hosted a luncheon with guest speakers Belin and Ronnie Willis with Aggregate Technologies, Inc. who presented “Leveling Up Concrete Removal: Exploring hydro-demolition for Concrete Infrastructure Projects”. In addition to the presentation, we held our annual award ceremony and officer installation. We would like to congratulate all award nominees and recipients!

We held our annual golf tournament on Friday, October 10th at Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course in Youngsville with a great attendance of professionals in the area for a day of fun and friendly competition in order to support the Acadiana chapter, scholarships for UL Lafayette and McNeese State students, and the ASCE student chapters.

On Thursday December 11, we have partnered with the local LES and ACEC professional chapters to host a Holiday Social, which will be free for our members. The social event will take place at Rock ‘n’ Bowl. We look forward to an evening of fun and “giveback” to our memberships who make our chapter possible.

The Acadiana Branch is also excited to have the opportunity to host the annual ASCE State Conference in 2026! We are planning to hold the conference in April, so keep an eye out for emails, and connect with us on LinkedIn to stay up to date with the Acadiana Branch! I would like to thank all the members of the ASCE Acadiana Branch for their continued support!

### Join The Principal Team!

**Job Title: Civil Engineer**

**Company: Principal Engineering, Inc.**

**Location: Covington, Louisiana**

**Job Type: Full-Time**

Principal Engineering, Inc. is seeking PE-licensed engineers to lead public infrastructure projects across the Gulf Coast. From roads & bridges to flood protection & drainage systems to water & wastewater systems, you'll work with municipalities, state and federal agencies to deliver sustainable solutions. We support your growth with bonuses, training, and leadership opportunities. Junior, Mid, and Senior-Level candidates are encouraged to apply.

Send your resume today! [info@pi-aec.com](mailto:info@pi-aec.com)

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Lead design of roads, bridges, utilities, and flood protection.
- Prepare engineering plans, specs, and reports.
- Conduct feasibility studies and manage environmental reviews.
- Manage projects and mentor junior staff.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's in Civil Engineering.
- PE license required.
- 5+ years in civil engineering consulting or public works.

#### **Ideal Candidate Skills:**

- 10-15 years in the design and construction of municipal infrastructure.
- Strong project management experience.

#### **Benefits:**

- Competitive salary and performance-based bonuses.
- Health, life and retirement benefits with supplemental insurance available.
- Support for licensure, training, and professional development.



## NEW ORLEANS BRANCH

By Jesse D. Noel, PE, Branch President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ASCE New Orleans Chapter for the opportunity to serve and I am especially appreciative to my fellow board members past and present for their dedication and the countless hours they have contributed to our success.

Our profession touches the lives of our family and friends every day, and sharing our experiences to help improve lives through the built world is an incredible opportunity even if some of the things we design are rarely seen. I hope to work with everyone over the next year to help shape public infrastructure investment and encourage the next generation of engineers.

I look forward to an eventful year, and we have started strongly with our Awards luncheon held in August where our new board was installed and the Louisiana Civil Engineering Conference and Show (LCECS) that was held at the Pontchartrain Center in September. Both were incredibly well attended and show that the engineering community in New Orleans is thriving.

At LCECS we heard from wonderful speakers such as former Congressman Garret Graves and the General Superintendent of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, Steve Nelson. This conference is an annual trademark of the strong community we have and our desire to improve as a profession.

Looking forward, we hope to build on the camaraderie of our New Orleans Branch by continuing our regular luncheons and socials. Additionally, we continue to focus on outreach and hope to plant the seed of engineering in many of the great minds of tomorrow in our community.



2025 ASCE New Orleans Board - Left to Right, Top: Colby Curtis, Troy Jeanfreau, Brady Smith, James Williams, Patrick Stiegman. Bottom: Emily Adoue, Jesse Noel, Adeleigh Smith

### Report is below for New Orleans.

1. LCECS was well attended and received.
2. We hosted Mark Drewes, Jefferson Parish Director of Public Works for our October Luncheon and have Jeff Williams of the SLFPA-E and Norma Jean (ethics presentation) lined up for November and December luncheons respectively.
3. We attended the STEM library teacher meet-up to look for outreach contacts and are working to get volunteers for MATHCOUNTS from our membership.
4. Finally, we are participating in a Joint Professional Societies Holiday Party at Vintage Rock Club on December 10th from 5:30 – 9.

Thanks,  
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## BATON ROUGE BRANCH

*By Josh Olivier, Branch President*

Through interacting with other Sections and Branches of ASCE across the country, I have come to appreciate how special the civil engineering community in Baton Rouge really is. Within a very small geographic area, there are multiple civil engineering organizations with active memberships made up of great engineers who are genuine and honest people. This didn't happen on its own; this community and its culture are the product of decades of work from a long list of leaders who worked towards this goal. I recognize that the present and future leaders of these organizations have the responsibility to grow and serve their membership and the surrounding community to continue this tradition. As I enter my presidency with all of this in mind, I am honored that I have been trusted with this role.

I am extremely excited to dive into the year, and the new board has already begun working towards new goals. I also want to thank Jack Koban for leading us through the past year's successes and for continuing to be a resource as we plan new and exciting things.

Our August joint luncheon with LES was extremely successful featuring congresswoman Julia Letlow and LADOTD Secretary Glenn Ledet. This was a very successful event that maxed out the capacity of the venue. In September we hosted our past presidents and awards luncheon as well as our officer installations. The award winners include:

**Outstanding Young Civil Engineer** – Sarah Finnegan Berman, PE  
**Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator** – Suresh Moorthy, PhD  
**Outreach** – Mary “Molly” Bourgoyne, PE, MPE  
**Outstanding Civil Engineer** – Jesse G. Rauser, PE  
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### *The board members for the 2025-2026 year are as follows:*

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**Past President** – Jack Koban

Our final event of the 2024-2025 cycle was the Bridging the Gap panel moderated by Robert Nodier. This is an annual event created with the goal of “Bridging the Gap” between entry level, mid-level, and senior engineers. Our next occurrence of this event is expected to take place in July, and it is always a valuable conversation for people of all experience levels.

In response to feedback from our membership and with the goal of

streamlining our sponsorship efforts, the Baton Rouge branch has switched to an annual sponsorship structure. The call for sponsors with all related details was sent out on November 10th. Spots are limited, so if you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please sign up or reach out to any of our board members for more information.

With the recent extended government shutdown in mind, we have pushed our annual food bank drive up in the year beginning November 10TH. With financial donations being the most effective way to contribute to food banks, we encourage our members to donate directly to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, and we will also be including convenient donation add-on options on our event registration pages through the end of 2025.

Our final event of 2025 will be the annual Christmas party which will take place at Bocage Racquet Club on December 12th, and I hope to see many of you there as we mark the end of another successful year.



*Baton Rouge ASCE Officer Installation*



*Baton Rouge Branch October Meeting*



*Bridging the Gap event*



*BR ASCE / LES Joint Luncheon*



## SHREVEPORT BRANCH

*By Tanner Hines, EI,  
Branch President*

The Shreveport Branch kicked off its fall luncheon series in September with a presentation by Leo Cortez of Inland Tarp and Liner, showcasing their innovative product, Reinforced Concrete Roll (RCR). In October, Amanda Gordon presented on the Community Rating System (CRS), offering valuable insights into floodplain management and insurance rating improvements.

On November 7th, the Branch hosted its annual golf tournament at Querbes Golf Course, drawing over 60 attendees. The event was supported by five Louisiana Tech student volunteers and helps fund the Branch's annual scholarships.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors who supported the Shreveport Branch this year! Your generosity and partnership make our events and scholarship efforts possible, and we truly appreciate your continued commitment to our mission.

We're also excited to welcome Ann Marie Pozniak as the new Branch Secretary. Congratulations to Ann Marie, and sincere thanks to all our officers for their continued dedication and service to the Shreveport Branch.

### 2025 Shreveport Branch Officers

**President** – Tanner Hines  
**Vice President** – Amanda Gordon  
**Treasurer** – Chandler Warren  
**Secretary** – Ann Marie Pozniak



2025-2026 ASCE Shreveport Branch Officer: Left: Ann Marie Pozniak, Amanda Gordon, Tanner Hines, Chandler Warren



September Luncheon: Leo Cortez presents on RCR



La Tech students and 2025-2026 Shreveport Branch Officers



Lunch at Querbes Golf Course



1st Place Golf Tournament Winners: (Left) Kelley Crow, Tyler Comeaux, Luke Haney, Jordan Pearson

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**2026**

**January 9–11, 2026** – Multi-Region Leadership Conference will take place in Jacksonville, FL

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**March 12–14, 2026** – ASCE Gulf-Coast Student Symposium hosted by the ASCE chapter at The University of Alabama, together with the chapter at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, will be happening in Tuscaloosa. Most of our student chapters and Region 5 Governors should be attending.

**March 18-20, 2026** – Legislative Fly-In in Washington, DC

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