

NM ASCE Section Meeting Agenda 9 March 2026

Approval of Previous Minutes: October 2025, November 2025
, & January 2026 (attached)

Treasurer's Report and Approval: See below

Branch Reports:

Younger Members Report:

Technical Group Reports

Student Chapter Reports:

Old Business

- Melissa Garcia was confirmed as the Section Treasurer by an email vote of the Board of Directors; she will be the primary signatory for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- Recruit EWRI Technical Group Chair
- Student Chapter Presentations on "ASCE After College"
- Route 66: Dedication Committee: Jeanette Walther is chair
- Newsletter: engagement on Spring Section Meeting
- Kensey Russell, Region 6 Director, has accepted invitation to be the Fall Conference's keynote speaker
- Constitution and Bylaws Review: Paola has contacted former officers; awaiting response

New Business:

- Secondary signature on checks; Dollar Amount
- Washington Fly-In

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- Search for Northern Branch officers/Approval of new officers
 - Astrid Gonzales, Secretary
 - Muhammad Zafar, President (?)
 - YeongAe Heo, Vice-President (?)
 - Adrian Salazar, Treasurer (?)
- North American Society of Trenchless Technology (NASTT) (See Below)
- Visits to student chapters

Action Items:

Next Meeting: 13 April 2026

- **ASCE Transactions from 1/12/2026 to 2/9/2026:**

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North American Society of Trenchless Technology (NASTT) organization.

I am reaching out because I am assisting the Western Chapter of NASTT (WESTT) in gauging regional interest in potentially hosting the **2026 WESTT No-Dig Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico**, tentatively planned for **October 2026**.

As part of this early planning effort, we are seeking feedback from organizations across the region to better understand anticipated attendance interest and, in particular, interest in optional Day 2 training courses.

The WESTT No-Dig Conference is typically a one-day technical conference followed by an optional second day of introductory courses.

Day 1 – Technical Conference

- Technical presentations covering trenchless construction for wastewater, water, and utility systems
- Emerging technologies, policies, and regulatory considerations
- Vendor exhibition hall showcasing industry innovations
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available

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Day 2 – Optional Training Courses

Attendees may register for two introductory courses:

- **Introduction to New Installation Methods**
(Microtunneling, HDD, pipe jacking, auger boring, pipe ramming)
- **Introduction to Rehabilitation Methods**
(Overview of trenchless rehabilitation options for water, sewer, and gas systems)

These courses are well suited for:

- Engineers and technical staff new or interested in learning more about trenchless technology
- Public works and utility staff evaluating delivery alternatives

CEUs are also available for the courses.

At this stage, we are simply gathering feedback to understand:

1. Whether your organization would be interested in attending the conference if it were held in New Mexico
2. Whether the optional Day 2 introductory courses would be valuable for your staff, and if so, which course(s) may be of greatest interest

Your input will help WESTT determine whether New Mexico is a strong location and whether offering the courses would be beneficial to regional agencies and firms. I strongly believe this is a great opportunity for other ASCE members across the state to learn more about NASTT/WESTT and the trenchless technology industry.

I attended the 2025 WESTT No-Dig Conference in Scottsdale and found both the technical sessions and vendor interactions extremely valuable. A New Mexico conference would provide a great opportunity to expand access to trenchless education while highlighting how these methods support efficient, lower-impact infrastructure delivery in our region.

If you're willing, I would greatly appreciate any feedback. A brief reply is more than sufficient. And please forward to any other interested bodies so we can gauge interest for this conference.

November Draft Minutes

Members Present: Kevin Armijo, Craig Newton, Paola Bandini, Eric Soule, Summer Herrera, Jesse Reinikainen, Fernando Moreu, Gaby Guadarrama, Ken Cooper

Board Members Absent: Joshua Neal, XinXing Yuan; Zach Libbin

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Branch Reports: None given

Younger Members Report:

created social media accounts

Nov 21 social event at Bosque Brewery

setting up banking accounts

Institute Reports:

Geotechnical: will have update by next meeting

Engineering Mechanics/Structures: collaboration with other structural orgs

Student Chapter Reports:

NMT: Fund raising

site visit campus construction

site visit Los Lunas overpass

guest speakers

UNM: competition teams, steel bridge, conc canoe, Timberstrong little house

volleyball comp vs. mechanical engineering

mold day & pi day

NMSU: canoe team, steel bridge (?), surveying, sustainability, papers

Old Business: none

New Business

- Requests from Younger Members Group
 - \$200-\$400 for social event at Bosque (1st drink & appetizers): Moved & Seconded; approved for reimbursement up to \$400
 - Hard drive to store work: specifics still needed: Discussion on using Google Drive vs. hard drive; YMG to review and develop specification
- Constitution & Bylaws Revision:
 - Discussion on need & feasibility
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Discussion on having Secretary/Treasurer be an appointed position with an honorarium
- Multi-Regional Leadership Conference; Jan 30-31 in Chicago, Nov 21 deadline for delegate;

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- 2026 Fall Conference date: 18 or 25 Sept 2026; multi-track PM presentation schedule
- NM Infrastructure Report Card Action Items: WV template of having students write report for capstone course not workable at NMSU

Action Items:

- 2026 Fall Conference Date: Summer to poll membership on 18 or 25 September 2026
- Ken & Summer to meet regarding recruitment of branch officers
- Younger Members Group to refine request for hard drive purchase
- Paola to send 2007 Bylaws to Ken
- Nominations for MRLC due

Next Meeting: 8 December 2025

December Draft Minutes

Members Present: Gaby Guadarrama; Paola Bandini; Summer Herrera; Eric Soule; Claudia Wilson; Adilene Carrasco; XinXing Yuan; Ken Cooper

Board Members Absent: Zach Libbin; Fernando Moreu; Jesse Reinikainen

Approval of Previous Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report and Approval: Report submitted after meeting; see attached

Branch Reports: Non given

Younger Members Report: Gaby, Event held at Bosque Brewery was a success

Institute Reports: None given

Student Chapter Reports: UNM, competition teams are organized, no meeting held in December; NMT, planning golf tourney (28 March or 4 April)

Old Business

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- Fall Section Meeting: 18 September is not a good date because of Region 6 event; 1/2 October dates not good due to Balloon Festival; 24/25 September are dates

New Business

- MRLC Support: Ken, Gaby (employer covering registration), and Adilene: registration fees and ground transportation; motion to reimburse \$325 registration and ground transportation/parking in Albuquerque and second - passed
- Recruitment of Section Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer
- NM Student Chapters eligible for Region 6 grants (see attached correspondence from Tara Hoke)
- Recruit committee to review NM Section Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendation
- Recruitment of EWRI Technical Group Chair
- NM Section President Attendance at Student Symposium; motion to reimburse President up to \$1500 to attend Rocky Mountain Student Symposium and second - passed

Action Items: Xinxing to reserve meeting room with GAAR for fall conference

: Ken to write recruitment letter to fill Northern Branch and Section vacancies, and recruit committee for Constitution and Bylaws review

Next Meeting: 12 January 2026

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January Draft Minutes

Members Present: Gaby Guadarrama; Paola Bandini; Summer Herrera; Claudia Wilson;
XinXing Yuan; Ken Cooper (there was not a quorum)

Board Members Absent: Zach Libbin; Fernando Moreu; Jesse Reinikainen; Joshua Neal

Approval of Previous Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report and Approval: Report submitted after meeting; see attached

Branch Reports: None given

Younger Members Report: Gaby, planning PE Night in February; Gaby and Adilene will
be attending MRLC

Institute Reports: None given

Student Chapter Reports: UNT, planning golf tourney (28 March or 4 April); 2 students
attending MRLC; had/having guest speakers from Molzen Corbin; visiting I-25/Main St
project in Los Lunas

Old Business

- Recruit Section Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer: Summer received contact from member willing to volunteer; she will meet with potential recruit
- Recruit EWRI Technical Group Chair
- Multi-Regional Leadership Conference: attendees from Section, Younger Members Group, and NMT Student Group will be attending
- Student Chapter Presentations on "ASCE After College"; Younger Members will take this on
- Route 66: Dedication Committee: have requested Jonah Ruyibald to chair; Jeanett Walthers has accepted the committee chair

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New Business:

Action Items

- Summer: Meet with recruit re: Section or Branch leadership position
- Summer: Investigate whether ASCE has a presentation aimed at students on activities after graduation
- Paola: Recruit 2-3 past presidents to review/revise Section Constitution and Bylaws (Ken will serve on committee as current president)
- Paola: Solicit Transcon Conference/ASCE Spring Section Meeting planning committee member to be Section representative and provide monthly reports
- Ken: Contact Roger Zimmerman re: dates of Route 66 presentations at CABQ libraries

Next Meeting: 9 February 2026

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