

ASCE Los Angeles Section – President’s Message



The first quarter of 2024 has been a busy year for the LA Section and all the Branches, Institutes, Younger Member and Life Member Groups, as well as our Student Chapters.

Many of our LA Section members had an opportunity to exchange ideas and build relationships with other fellow members from across Regions 8 and 9 at the Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) held in Seattle, WA in early February.

Engineer’s Week (Feb 19th-24th) events were held by multiple ASCE Branches and Younger Member Groups. The Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) Younger Member Forum held their annual [week-long celebration of Engineer’s Week](#) by engaging with K-12 students with various hands-on STEM activities at multiple locations. The San Bernardino/Riverside Branch and YMF also held a joint event on Feb 22nd with a Girl Scout Troop, Caltrans, and various A/E sponsors at the District 8 facility in Fontana.

The month of February ended with a delegation of ASCE LA Section representatives attending the ASCE Legislative Fly-In in Washington, DC. Over two hundred civil engineers made visits to their corresponding Congressional members and staff in the Senate and House of Representatives to advocate for Infrastructure!

More recently, ASCE Orange County Branch and Construction Institute hosted a Women-In-Construction event on March 9th in Newport Beach. A panel of four women in the construction management industry provided their insights and stories to a captive audience of one hundred attendees.

Also, this month, 50 ASCE members were inducted into the 2024 Class of Life Members at the Annual LA Section Life Member Event held on March 10th in Alhambra. The event coincided with a visit from the [ASCE Society President-Elect Feniosky Peña-Mora](#), who was the keynote speaker.

More events are planned for LA Section Members in the second quarter of 2024 including:

- An [IMAX Cities of the Future](#) premiere at the California Science Center in Exposition Park on April 3rd. Based on the success of the IMAX Dream Big film, ASCE and the MacGillivray-Freeman Films teamed up again to produce Cities of the Future which envisions what infrastructure will look like in the year 2070. The film also features ASCE younger members (Paul Lee and Monica Morales) who have been K-12 Outreach advocates for many years.
- ASCE LA Section will be sponsoring upcoming technical tours and National Historic Landmark dedication events in the Spring. Stay tuned for more details to come.

As always, if you have suggestions/comments on what the [ASCE LA Section Board of Directors](#) can do to provide you with more value, please let us know. -*Josue Vaglienty*