

ASCE San Diego Section Update

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What an exciting year we've been having at the San Diego Section! I'm thrilled with the great outcome of events we've been having, and anxious for experiencing the amazing events we have planned.

It's been a busy year and May has been no exception. To begin with, we hosted our San Diego Section Annual Awards Ceremony. The event took place on May 10th at the Dana Hotel in beautiful Mission Bay. It was a sold-out event with over 220 attendees honoring the Outstanding Projects and Individuals in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Congratulations to all the award recipients, well-deserved! Board members, Keynote Speaker Captain Laurie Scott, PE, Kenneth Rosenfield, PE, ENV SP, F.ASCE (ASCE Presidential Candidate) and Kris McFadden (Deputy Chief Operating Officer, City of San Diego) in attendance pictured to the right. For more event photos visit: <https://sections.asce.org/sandiego/event-photos>



On May 15th, we had great representation from ASCE San Diego at the Legislative Day in Sacramento. Michael Drennan, Lauren Ferrell, and Kailene Cadenhead were in attendance, meeting with state legislators to advocate for infrastructure investment. A truly great opportunity for our voice, as Civil Engineering professionals, to be heard and to make an impact.

Continuing with our traditional monthly lunch programs, our program for the month of May was a wonderful one. It featured the [Port of San Diego](#) who provided updates on some of their large development projects like: Top Golf, The Chula Vista Bayfront, Sun Road Hotel, and the Navy Freedom Park projects.



In addition to having some of our monthly programs be joint programs with other professional organizations, we also collaborate with them in having other type of joint events,. and support each other by promoting each other's events.

By the time this newsletter goes out, we will have staffed an exhibition booth representing ASCE San Diego Section at the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Camp Pendleton Day: Building For Peace & Readiness. The event will be held June 27th at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Other events in the horizon we are planning include a Public Works Institute (PWI) training. It will be our second year doing this joint event with San Diego APWA. The training will feature local experts who will be lecturing on topics related to management skills. The training will take over a course of three days, namely September 10th, 17th, and 24th. Details on the specific topics, name of presenters, location, and cost to attend are still being coordinated.

Coming soon is an IMAX, Red Carpet, Exclusive Viewing of the ASCE Cities of the Future Film we are planning to host. Contracting with the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park for this exclusive and glamorous experience is underway. The event will take place on August 24th, 2024 and ticket sales will open soon. Based on the success our section had with a similar event for the Dream Big Film a few years ago, we're expecting a SOLD-OUT event.

Keeping up with tradition, the Annual Golf Tournament, joint with YMF, will be taking place on October 18th, 2024 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. This event is especially important as it's one of the biggest income generators for YMF. A "Save the Date" flyer has been circulated and more details will be disseminated soon.

In addition to all the amazing benefits ASCE membership offers, our board looks to further add value for our members by providing relevant and appealing events, always with opportunities to network, at discounted prices for our members. However, if you have thoughts on what else San Diego can do for its members, please don't hesitate in sharing your suggestions with us.

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

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