

October 2023

## ASCE SEATTLE SECTION ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCT 26,  
12PM-1PM  
HOSTED ONLINE



### October Joint ASCE Seattle Section and Environmental and Water Resources Institute Virtual Meeting

[Register Here](#)

Date: Thursday, October 26

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Location: [Zoom](#)

Are you licensed or thinking of getting licensed? Would you like to learn about what **BRPELS** does? Come to our October meeting to learn more about the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors and get your questions answered!

Ken Fuller, PE, Board Director and Mike Harney, PE, PEng, ENV, SP, new Board member, will be discussing the Board's present, past and future. Additionally, Mike will be speaking about stepping into this new role, his goals, and his experience and background.

The Board is comprised of 7 members and 2 pro-tem, who are a variety of experienced Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. The Mission of the Board is to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, regarding engineering, land surveying and on-site wastewater system designs.

In addition to speaking about BRPELS, the Section will also be providing updates and providing a chance to learn about the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI).

### October President's Column

By Katie Sultani-Wright

ASCE Seattle Section President

#### Our ASCE Community

Fall is an exciting time! I'm honored and thrilled to be the incoming section president. I spend my



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weekdays with [Aspect Consulting](#) in our accounting and finance team. My weeknights are spent wrapping up my EMBA from Washington State University (Go Cougs!). My spouse and I have three children, who keep us busy in between as they pursue their interests.

Welcome new and continuing volunteers and board members, and thank you to our past volunteers and board members! We are so grateful for your service to ASCE Seattle Section. Board members, committee chairs and members, institute and branch leaders, and volunteers work hard to make ASCE a valuable and meaningful part of your professional life. I hope that you join us for events throughout the year, be it an institute, branch, or section event, to connect with colleagues and peers in our civil engineering community. It is going to be a great year.

Stay tuned to our newsletter to learn more about upcoming events!

### Interesting Infrastructure

[Snoqualmie Tunnel](#) is a piece of local infrastructure history that I recently learned about when my 4<sup>th</sup> grader went on a field trip to visit it. If you are looking for an unusual outdoor experience, it's an easy hike with a long history. It typically [closes](#) from November to May due to ice, so you have just a few more weeks to check out this local landmark.

### Leadership

As we begin a new year of programming, I have been thinking a lot about leadership. I recently read a book about leadership that I recommend to anyone who is looking to strengthen their leadership: "[Everyday People, Extraordinary Leadership](#)" by James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner.

The thing I appreciate most about this book is that you can pick it up, read a few pages in any section, and come away feeling a little more inspired than before.

Volunteering with ASCE is a fun way to exercise your leadership muscle. Get involved! You never know when connections you make will lead to new opportunities.

"Leadership is everyone's business...Leadership makes a difference...You make a difference."

- James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner

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## ASCE COPRI Monthly Dinner Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18

If you're craving dinner and a discussion, join ASCE COPRI Seattle Chapter on Wednesday, the 18th at Ivar's

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Ivar's Salmon House  
401 NE Northlake Way  
Seattle, WA 98105  
United States

[Register Here](#)

Salmon House for a dinner presentation by Rachael Lipinski. She will be covering **Regulatory Roundup Impacting Federal Environmental Permitting for Port and Waterfront Projects**, speaking to the primary recent developments and ongoing issues impacting federal environmental permitting for port and waterfront projects.

**Speaker:**

Rachael Lipinski is an attorney at Van Ness Feldman's Seattle Office specializing in complex federal permitting for port and renewable projects. Rachael's experience as an attorney for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Coast Guard allows her to provide strategic advice and counsel in federal authorizations and consultations.

## North Branch & Kitsap Leadership

The North Branch and Kitsap Branches of ASCE Seattle are currently looking for motivated individuals to be part of their respective Boards starting from October 2023 until September 2024.

The North Branch has the officer positions of **President-Elect and Vice-President** open.

The Kitsap Branch has the officer positions of **President and Secretary/Treasurer** open.

The Boards will help continue to grow the Branches through member engagement and providing value to its members through events and communications such as membership meetings, email newsletters, and other means which the North Branch Board envisions as paths for growth to continue the momentum for these established Branches.

The leadership positions will include the full support from the Seattle Section Board and its resources, leadership training opportunities for the new officers, and Society (ASCE National) level resources and contacts. Prior experience in ASCE leadership positions is not required. Current 2022-2023 Board Members will support the new Board in the transition. Please contact Tony Nguyen, Director of Branches, at [branches@seattleasce.org](mailto:branches@seattleasce.org) for more information or any of the North Branch Officers.

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

### Younger Member Forum (YMF)

Interested in networking events and opportunities with ASCE Seattle's Younger Members? Be sure to [subscribe to the YMF Newsletter here](#) to stay up to date.

### Small Project Development Committee

We meet the third Wednesday of every month from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. We do round table discussions about projects. It's a great opportunity to get perspective from the designer and the reviewers. Come discuss projects with us. You can drop in to one meeting or get on our mailing list to find out what we will be talking about. We send out topics usually the first week of each month.

Email [LisaHarbert@outlook.com](mailto:LisaHarbert@outlook.com) to be added to email list and/or attend our meeting.

## K-12 Volunteer Interest Form

**Are you interested in volunteering for K-12 STEM events and interested in inspiring the next generation of engineers?**

If you answered **YES**, please fill out the google form to the right if you would like to be updated about future K-12 volunteer events in the Seattle Area. After you fill out this form, you will be notified of K-12 volunteer opportunities in the area. Please know that you are not required to sign up for any event by filling out this form.

Please contact Nicki Peden (K-12 Outreach Chair) at [k12asce.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:k12asce.seattle@gmail.com) for any



[Google Form](#)

# ASCE Seattle Job Board

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## King County

### Capital Unit Manager - River and Floodplain Management

**Posted 9/26/2023**

Are you ready to embark on a career journey that not only challenges you but also empowers you to create a meaningful impact on the environment? Look no further – King County's River and Floodplain Management Capital Delivery unit is calling your name!

[For complete job description and to apply for this position, click here.](#)

## County of Hawai'i

### Civil Engineer I, II, III, and IV

**Posted 9/28/2023**

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management Wastewater Division seeks to fill two immediate vacancies which may be filled at either the Civil Engineer I, II, III or IV level. Join the team at Department of Environmental Management for a great opportunity for career-building while providing needed resources to the community.

[For complete job description and to apply for this position, click here.](#)

Advertise your current open positions to ASCE Seattle members today for only \$75 for the first month and \$50 for each subsequent month of the same content.

[Email communications@seattleasce.org to learn more.](mailto:communications@seattleasce.org)



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