

October 2024



## October President's Column

By Romulos P. Ragudos, Jr.

ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section,

Hope you all had an amazing Summer Break, and ready for the amazing events we have planned for you this year!

As Katie mentioned in the last newsletter, I am Romulos Ragudos, Jr and I am honored to be serving as President for the 2024-2025 year.

I have been active with ASCE since 2017, where I served on the Younger Member Board in various roles and have been active on the Section Board the last two years. ASCE has played a pivotal part in my career and I hope to share those benefits with all of you this next year.

Just a quick overview of ASCE and the Seattle Section:

ASCE has over 150,000 members around the world!

Seattle Section is comprised of about 2,250 members

Seattle Section has two Branches (North Branch in Bellingham and Kitsap Branch in Bremerton)

Seattle Section has three Student Chapters:  
University of Washington  
Seattle University  
University of British Columbia

Our amazing student chapters have lunch and learns, technical tours and compete annually at the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions. If you are interested in supporting our student chapters, please let me know.

ASCE has 9 Technical Institutes  
(<https://www.asce.org/communities/institutes-and-technical-groups>)

We have several active local chapters in your specialty for you to join!

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Committee on Technical Advancement (CTA)  
Chaired by University of Washington Professor  
Yinhai Wang  
(<https://www.asce.org/communities/committees/committee-on-technical-advancement>)

CTA has several national committees such as the Aerospace Division, Codes and Standards, Forensic Engineering and more. If you are interested in joining, please let me know and I can connect you with Prof. Wang.

Legislative Fly-In  
(<https://www.asce.org/advocacy/legislative-fly-in>)  
March 26-28, 2025

ASCE's annual government advocacy event where members from Seattle and the other states go to Washington, DC to advocate for the profession and the latest infrastructure policy to our local legislative leaders. Applications for this will open up on October 14, 2024. Please note, you must be a Key Contact to apply.

2026 Washington State Infrastructure Report Card (<https://infrastructurereportcard.org/>)

Chair - Bobbie Gilmour

ASCE does a National Infrastructure Report card every 4 years, and are getting ready to release the next one in 2025. In addition, we are getting ready to update ours and release it in 2026.

This is just a brief highlight of the many activities there are to do being a member of ASCE.

Please check out our website to see the upcoming Section, Technical Institutes, and YMF Events we have coming up.

Please see our Newsletter for the latest updates and we hope to see you on October 16 for our first Dinner Meeting with COPRI!

## 2024-2025 Seattle Section Board



President - Romulos Ragudos, Jr  
Past-President - Katie Saltani-Wright  
Treasurer - Philip Yu  
Secretary - Austin Wong  
Director of Branches - Dustin Taylor

YMF Board Representative - Bianca Casem

If you are interested in joining our team, and making an impact on the profession and community, please email me at [president@seattleasce.org](mailto:president@seattleasce.org).

## ASCE Seattle Section / COPRI Chapter Meeting - October 16

[Register Here](#)



### **Design of a Dampened Stiff Leg Mooring System and Foundations at McMurdo Station, Antarctica**

Please join the Seattle Section for our First Dinner Meeting of the Year co-hosted with the Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI) Seattle Chapter on Wednesday October 16 starting at 5:30PM at Ivar's Salmon House. Hope to see you there!

**Speaker:** Daryl English, PE, SE, P. Eng, ENV SP, Moffatt & Nichol

**Date:** Wed October 16, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 PM Social Hour, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Presentation

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

## GI Geosynthetic Symposium October 18, 2024

On Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 we will be having a Fall Symposium at The Mountaineers in Seattle, near the University of Washington. The symposium will be focused on advancements in geosynthetics with an emphasis on PacNW applications. Speakers include a wide range of academics, consultants, government employees, and manufacturers including Dr. Jie Han from the University of Kansas, UW professor emeritus Dr. Bob Holtz, and WSDOT secretary Roger Millar.

For registration, visit: [2024 Fall Seminar \(brownpapertickets.com\)](https://www.brownpapertickets.com)

## Dinner Presentation/Technical Tour Interest

If you or your company/agency is interested in presenting at one of our Dinner Meetings or have a technical tour to share, please contact Romulos at [president@seattleasce.org](mailto:president@seattleasce.org).

## Become a Key Contact!

[More Info Link](#)

ASCE Key Contacts influence the policy process at the state and federal levels by developing relationships with elected officials.

Become a Key Contact  
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## WAsafe Building Safety Evaluations

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024  
**Time:** 8:00AM – 4:30PM PST (In-person check-in starting at 7:30am)  
**Location:** One Union Boardroom  
(Ground Floor of One Union Square Building)  
600 University Street  
Seattle, WA 98101  
**Registration Fee:** \$110.00 (Class enrollment is limited to 45. Register soon!)

[Register Here](#)



## 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.

## 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.



[Google Form](#)

Please contact our K-12 Outreach Chair for any questions, comments or additional information.

## ASCE Seattle Job Board

[Click here to view open positions](#)

**City of Bothell**  
**Capital Project Engineer**  
*Posted 8/27/2024*

The City is looking for an effective, organized, and team oriented professional Capital Project Engineer to manage capital projects from design through construction and play a major role in the development of a thriving, diverse community. To read the full job description and review the minimum qualifications, click [here](#).

## CG Engineering Civil & Structural EITs

**Posted 9/30/2024**

CG Engineering is a civil and structural engineering firm with a main office in downtown Edmonds, WA and a branch office in Snohomish. CG Engineering has an opening for a Civil Design EIT in our Edmonds office. The Civil Design EIT works closely with project managers and clients on residential and commercial site development projects. Our engineers gain expertise in storm drainage, water quality, and erosion control, site grading, and site utility design. Experience or course work in low-impact design, natural drainage systems, or sustainable site design is a plus.

CG Engineering is a civil and structural engineering firm with a main office in downtown Edmonds, WA and a branch office in Snohomish. CG has an opening for a Structural Design EIT to join our team. The Structural Design EIT works closely with project managers to design structures in wood, steel, masonry, and concrete. The Structural Design EIT will have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of structures including new construction, additions, remodels, renovations, and repairs. They will also prepare drawings and calculations for construction projects and conduct field inspections of existing structures.

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](mailto:Emailcommunications@seattleasce.org) to learn more.



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