

September 2024



## September President's Column

By Katie Sultani-Wright

ASCE Seattle Section President

Happy September, Seattle Section!

ASCE's year begins in October, and the Section will have a change in leadership. Romulos Ragudos, Jr. will be leading the Section as President starting in October. I have been honored to serve our membership as President and I'm so excited for Rom to take the lead.

Volunteering with ASCE as a board member or committee member is a fun (seriously!) way to get to know other civil engineers in the area. It gives you an opportunity to strengthen your skills, broaden your network, and be a part of a thriving professional community. The benefits of volunteering may not be apparent right away, but you will see them over time.

I have been a volunteer with ASCE Seattle Section for almost 10 years. It has helped me steer my career in surprising ways. It has helped me become a better manager and leader. It has helped me build friendships. Because of volunteering with ASCE, I feel that I am a part of something meaningful and that I belong. I have given a lot of my time to ASCE, but it has given back to me much more.

Thank you, all, who also volunteer your time with ASCE. And I invite you, if you are curious, willing, and able to volunteer, to get in touch with us about getting involved. We welcome your energy and ideas!

*"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill*

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NEWSLETTER CONTENT  
DEADLINE:  
September 20, 2024**

## Geo-Institute (GI)

The Board held their annual summer meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Shannon & Wilson's office to plan for the upcoming term. We're thrilled to welcome our new board members and get our year started in September. The first dinner meeting of the year will be on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For registration details please subscribe to the mailing list <https://seattlegeotech.org/subscribe/> or visit our events page <https://seattlegeotech.org/eventlist/>.

## GI Geosynthetics Symposium

Save the date! 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, whom is the current G-I National President, and UW professor emeritus Dr. Bob Holtz. For registration details please subscribe to the mailing list <https://seattlegeotech.org/subscribe/> or visit our events page <https://seattlegeotech.org/eventlist/>.

## 2024-2025 Seattle Section Board



We are looking for members to join the board next year!

We have have several Executive Board Positions Available:

- President-Elect
- Director of Standing Committees

-Director of Technical Committees

We are looking for several Standing Committee Positions to fill too:

-Legislative Chair

-House and Hospitality Chair

-Programs Chair

-And more

If you are interested in making a positive impact on the profession, our members, the community and the future of Civil Engineering, please consider joining our team next year!

Please email Romulos at [membership.chair@seattleasce.org](mailto:membership.chair@seattleasce.org).

## ASCE Region 8 Award Winners

### ASCE Region 8 2024 Award Winner - Project of the Year >\$10M

**Project Owner** – City of Kirkland

**Project Designer** – COWI North America, Inc.

**Prime Contractor** – Kraemer North America

**Supporting Teams** – MIG, Inc; GeoEngineers; VIA Architecture, DMD, and 1 Alliance

**Brief Scope** – bridge structure is 795ft total length, with 5 truss spans (two over traffic) and another 6 spans forming the northern loop ramp over the wetlands. Concept development, public outreach, permitting, design & construction of a unique structural form; the new Totem Lake Connector was the key missing link in the Cross Kirkland Corridor, safely grade separating the trail from traffic, across one of the City of Kirkland's most complicated and busy intersections.



### ASCE Region 8 2024 Award Winner - Young Engineer of the Year

Bianca Casem, P.E. – Project Engineer with Degenkolb Engineers in Seattle; Seattle Section, Younger Member Forum Nominee, Bianca Casem serves as the current President of the Seattle Section Younger Member Forum. She is a Project Engineer for Degenkolb Engineers, working on reconstruction of damaged buildings.



# 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

The Small Project Development Committee will have its next meeting on September 18th from noon to 1:00 pm. We will be having a guest speaker. John Bhend, the Statewide Underground Injection Control (UIC) Coordinator will be talking about the program, changes, and how to meet the requirements. Email me if you would like to join or get on our email list. We send out topics usually the first week of every month. [LisaHarbert@outlook.com](mailto:LisaHarbert@outlook.com).

# 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](#).

## City of Richland Airport Capital Projects Manager

**Posted 8/14/2024**

Performs complex administrative and engineering work planning, organizing and coordinating operations, activities, staff and resources associated with assigned divisions, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work is performed under the general direction of the Public Works Director (supervisor). Divisional supervision is exercised over assigned personnel. Click [here](#) to view the complete job description to include essential functions and working conditions.

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.

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