

# ASCE SC Section FY2021-2022 Newsletter

## FY21-22 PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear ASCE Section -

Greetings to you and welcome to our newsletter!

I would like to first, thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve South Carolina as President of ASCE-SC. I would also like to thank those who served alongside of me for their hard work and volunteer efforts.

The ASCE-SC section had a very successful year. We participated in **Engineers' Day on the Hill** in January. We were involved in planning the 2022 **SC Engineering Conference and Trade Show** with ACEC and SCSPE. This event took place in North Charleston. At this event, we also had a formal dinner where we gave out our ASCE-SC Section Awards. Other accomplishments were bringing back the **Fall 1-day ASCE-SC Conference**; this event took place in Columbia, SC and our keynote speaker was ASCE Society Executive Director, Tom Smith. We also continued presenting to groups and media about South Carolina's First Infrastructure Report Card.

We have continued to improve our social networking through the ASCE-SC website and our LinkedIn account . Thank you all for being a member of ASCE-SC and if you're not think about joining. It has been an honor to serve as President and I look forward to seeing how I can help make a difference in our profession.

Yours truly, Ryan Harvey



Above is the photo of outgoing President, **Ryan Harvey** and incoming President **Renee Gardner** handing over the gavel and plaque.

# FY21-22 EVENTS

October 2021 Officer Installment

Officers sworn in by Kevin Krick (Region IV Governor):

- Past President: Jonathan Thrasher (Upstate Branch)
- President: Ryan Harvey (Grand Stand Branch)
- President-Elect: Renee Gardner (Midlands Branch)
- Vice President: ~Vacant~
- Secretary: Cherri DeFigh-Price (CSRV Branch)
- Treasurer: Michael Zavislak (Catawba Branch)

• *At-Large Director*. Mark Lorah (CSRV Branch)



### Infrastructure Report Card

Continued press interviews and contacts with Legislators (State and Federal) by several on the Board.



Attended virtually by Jonathan Ard, Jonathan Thrasher, and Renee Gardner. Met with Senator Lindsey Graham's office, Senator Tim Scott's office, Representative Joe Wilson's office, and Representative Duncan's office.



### GeoCongress Conference

Sponsored **University of South Carolina** students to participate in the *GeoCongress Conference Geowall Competition*. This was a first time effort by the University of South Carolina students.





### June 2022 SC Engineering Conference and Trade Show

Conference took place in North Charleston, SC. Presenters from**ASCE SC Section** included Ryan Harvey and Mark Lorah.

Check out Award Recipients here.



#### August 2022 Return of ASCE SC Section Fall Conference

The Board members worked hard to bring back this one day conference. It offered three (3) tracks and attendees had the opportunity to earn 6 PDHs. In addition, the Keynote Speaker was ASCE Society Executive Director, **Tom Smith.** 

First picture below shows the Pre-Conference Board Meeting held in Columbia, SC with Tom Smith.







#### October 2022 Presidents' Messages

#### Outgoing President Message:

Once again I would like to thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve as South Carolina Section President. A special thanks goes out to those who served with me for their efforts and continued support. It has truly been a pleasure and my honor to serve as President and I look forward to seeing and work with those of you I worked with and met along this journey.

#### Incoming President Message:

**Renée Gardner** plans to continue on the successes of the previous Boards. Keeping the Infrastructure Report Card front and center so we are ready for an update in 2025. Further cement the annual SC Section engineers' conference. I would hope this would be where the annual awards are presented. Facilitate the advancement of the goals set by this Board. Continue to promote the website and LinkedIn media as a way to inform members and garner higher participation. Oversee the Operation Manual update.

> Congratulations to the following 2022 Award Recipients



Section Educator of the Year **Dr. Mary Katherine Watson** 





Section Leadership Award Jonathan Thrasher (Top Picture) and Jonathan Ard (Bottom Picture)



SC Young Civil Engineer of the Year Grace Porter



SC Civil Engineer of the Year Kevin Krick

### YOUNGER MEMBER CONTENT

August 2022 Midlands Branch YM Fireflies Game



# FY22-23 BOARD MEMBERS



#### Renee Gardner President



Ryan Harvey Past President



Grant Hollis Treasurer



Brad Ross Catawba Branch Director



Chris Mack President-Elect



Cherri DeFigh-Price Secretary



Mark Lorah At-Large Director



Trevor Wimberly CSRV Branch Director



Jonathan Ard Eastern Branch Director



Bailey Lively Vice President Midlands Branch Director



Gwen Sollenberger Upstate Branch Director

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