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Update your bookmarks with our new
Section website
http://sections.asce.org/st-louis/

You are cordially invited to

ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION
2021 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Program to include:
Presentation of St. Louis Section Awards
Introduction of New Officers

The evening of Friday,
OCTOBER 15, 2021
at
The Engineering Center
4359 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

Dinner included
$40 per person

Register here:
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eihua4j0015d7e96&oseq=&c=&ch=

Please be aware of current CDC and St. Louis City COVID-19 guidelines
for congregating in public spaces. We encourage proper applicable social
distancing protocols during our event.

We hope to see you there!

Brandi Jones, Annual Dinner Chair
bnjones.asce@gmail.com
President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The St. Louis Section Board has been taking this time to do some housecleaning of items from this fiscal year while looking for addressing “normalcy” (whenever it may come) for the upcoming fiscal year and beyond. (See below for proposed Constitution & Bylaw changes)

One regularly scheduled activity we are doing in-person is our Annual Dinner. We will have an in-person ceremony, during the next fiscal year, on October 15 at 6pm at the Engineering Center. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic made behind the scenes engineering more – interesting – it didn’t stop infrastructure projects from continuing. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the work our members did, and the students who have shown fantastic resilience during an entire shift in the normal college experience. We will implement St. Louis City’s mask/social distance requirements while we gather.

I will also fill this space with another plea/advertisement to do your part to flatten the curve by getting vaccinated. We are students of science. These vaccines are the epitome of scientific research responding to this pandemic. Be a champion of science. Roll up your sleeve.

I want to thank the Board for their work with me this year. It has been a different experience at the reigns with so many virtual meetings. When you take over the Section as President, you’ve already put in over 5 years “grooming” for the role. Our board of Directors is assembled closely in the same vein as Society, with a President-Elect, President, and Past-President closely working together. John Weiland will be stepping into the role of President, while Brent Vaughn leaves the Board. I have appreciated John’s calm demeanor and great insight during my time on the Board. Thank you, Brent, for your time on the Board. You have filled many roles in a fill-in basis on committees and offered so many ideas during our meetings. You both have been great sounding boards while discussing direction and decisions to point our Section. And I look forward to working with John, and with Alison Graves as she ascends to President-Elect next month.

I have made great contacts within our Section and within Society to continue with one view/message/project for myself: Outreach. Future engineers will elevate our Section and our profession. But, first, we need them to want to pursue Civil Engineering. Fostering the creativity and problem-solving skills while students in elementary/middle/high school is critical. Continuing with support and encouragement of Civil Engineering as a major in college will make their transfer into the professional world that much easier. I will be moving to Past-President next month and will continue to work as a liaison with the universities to identify next year’s scholarship winners.

Oh yeah, about that student involvement thing. We have 5 affiliated universities with Civil Engineering programs in our Section. After a 3-year absence, an agreement was reached with AISC to bring the Steel Bridge Competition back under ASCE affiliation! [Article: ASCE Steel Bridge Press Release] I was on 2 steel bridge
teams as a student. It was such a great time. Lots of late nights practicing our assembling. The trips to the conference (Oh yeah – that’s in person this year, too! Iowa – We’re coming for you!). So many great memories. I’m glad future structural engineers (& nonstructural Lego fans) get an opportunity to compete again under the ASCE banner. Chapters, make sure to contact the Board for your allotment! $500 can really help those steel bridge and concrete canoe budgets.

The direction of our Section is in great hands for our time ahead. Thank you for the opportunity and your faith in me this past year. I’ll see you around.

- Jordan

**Welcome New Members**

The following is a list of all new members (professional and students) so far in 2021. Welcome to all of our new members.

Please feel free to contact our Membership Champion Lyle Simonton ([lsimonton@subsurfaceconstructors.com](mailto:lsimonton@subsurfaceconstructors.com)) for any specific information about our chapter. We also hope to see all of our new members at our next luncheon.

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Keep Your Membership Current

Are you up to date on your membership dues? 2020 and 2021 were certainly not normal years, but hopefully you were able to take advantage of the wide variety of quality virtual events we held throughout the year. We had great attendance at our luncheons and the conferences our institutes held.

ASCE on the local and national level are still focused on helping you get the most of your membership, with several great benefits, such as:

- World class continuing education
  - 10 free archived webinars annually, you can earn PDHs for the webinars you successfully complete.
  - eLearning is also free which focusses more on soft skills.
- Free compensation and benefits information with ASCE’s Salary Survey
- Technical and Professional Information including AccessEngineering, a robust searchable repository of civil engineering information
- Opportunities for local networking and PDH events
- Continued championing of regional and national infrastructure report cards

Please update your ASCE membership status. If you don’t know your current status, you can log in to asce.org or contact the St. Louis Section Membership Chairperson, Lyle Simonton at lsimonton@subsurfaceconstructors.com.

Open Committee Positions

Communications Co-Chair - The Committee’s primary goal is to communicate to all local members news of past, present, and future activities and programs for the purpose of stimulating greater interest and participation in section affairs. The Co-Chair is expected to work closely with the president and chairman of other committees to obtain information of vital interest to the membership. Correct and timely information should be obtained from the program committee regarding forthcoming meetings. Valuable news will also be found in the Section Leader, a regular publication issued from ASCE headquarters. An informal but regular system of contacts or reporters is an essential ingredient to the collection of interesting news.

Impact of Coronavirus on Scheduled ASCE Programs- Updated August 2021

Per an updated memo from Jean-Louis Briaud, ASCE President and Thomas W. Smith III, ASCE Executive Director:

“Again, recognizing our professional and ethical responsibility to protect the health and safety of our members and the public at large, ASCE does not believe the current circumstances allow for a relaxation of our existing guidance. Accordingly, all ASCE entities are encouraged to pursue alternate options, such as the use of virtual platforms, for all meetings and events for the remainder of the calendar year (until Monday, January 3, 2022).”

More general information and details for events can be found at https://www.asce.org/covid-19/.
Notice of Amendments to St. Louis Section Constitution and Bylaws

Hello to our Section membership! The St. Louis Section Board of Directors is proposing several revisions to the St. Louis Section Constitution and Bylaws. In addition to providing notice, we want to explain some of the background on the proposed changes.

Why, you ask? ASCE Society recently overhauled their Constitution and Bylaws, and they are requesting Sections throughout the nation align with their model documents.

Ok, so what did we do? Initially, we asked for an amendment to clarify the process for removing a Board member since we did not have one. It was sent to ASCE for approval, and they responded with a completely marked up document with requested changes from both General Counsel and Managing Director of Executive and Board Operations. We formed an ad hoc committee of 6 Board members to comb through the markups one by one and respond to Society. After some back and forth, our committee and Society has agreed on a final document.

What are the changes? Most of the changes entail moving sections from the Constitution to the Bylaws or simply revising the wording, but it doesn't change the intent of the original documents. There are some material changes, including (but not limited to) clarifying our election procedures and changing the requirements for proposing amendments. In accordance with our current/proposed Constitution and Bylaws, we are providing written notice of the proposed changes to you, our membership. Due to the extensive nature of the revisions, we are providing a summary of changes, in addition to .pdf's of the tracked changes. We want to be as transparent as possible. So, please take some time to review the proposed amendments.

See Summary of Proposed Constitution & Bylaws Revisions below.

Constitution Markup    Bylaws Markup

What are the next steps? Thirty days after providing this written notice to our membership, the Board of Directors will vote on the proposed amendments. If they pass the Board with a 2/3 majority, the Constitution amendments will be sent out to be voted on by the membership, where they must receive a yes vote of at least a 2/3 of the recorded votes to be adopted. The Bylaws amendments do not require a vote of the membership and can be adopted by a Board vote. We will send out more information on the voting procedures next month to provide each member the opportunity to weigh in. Please know the Section Board has spent a lot of time evaluating and discussing the proposed amendments and do not take this lightly. We are complying with ASCE's request to align our Constitution and Bylaws with theirs, and the process has been long. It is our intent to maintain a robust Section for years to come, so we can continue providing benefits and opportunities to our membership long after we've completed our service on the Board.

Sincerely,

Alison Graves, PE
St. Louis Section Vice President

Summary of Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

The Board is proposing several revisions to the St. Louis Section Constitution. The revisions were requested by ASCE Society with the intent to align our documents with the Society’s model Constitution and Bylaws.

Sections moved to the Bylaws include:

- 2.1 Grades of Membership
- 4.0 Annual Dues – process for establishing annual dues
- 4.2.1 Delinquency
- 4.1.3 Notice of Non-Payment
- 4.2 Notice of Dues Abatement
- 7.0 Election Procedures – officer terms
Proposed Bylaws Revisions
The Board is proposing several revisions to the St. Louis Section Bylaws. The revisions were requested by ASCE Society with the intent to align our documents with the Society’s model Constitution and Bylaws.

Sections with revised wording to match the model Constitution (no change to the intent) include:

- 2.0 Grades of Membership
- 6.1 Officers – officers section reorganized
- 6.1.1 President  □  6.1.2 President Elect.
- 6.1.3 Vice-President.
- 6.1.4 Secretary
- 6.2 Past President
- 7.0 Elections – split long paragraph into smaller clauses
- 8.0.1 Annual Membership Meeting □ 8.0.2 Frequency of Other Meetings
- 9.4 Task Committees

Sections with material changes:

- REVISED – 4.0 Annual Dues  □  Delete from Bylaws and add to St. Louis Section Handbook: “The Annual Dues for members of the Section shall not exceed thirty dollars ($30.00) and the rate shall be fixed by a majority vote of those Officers and Directors present at the Annual Meeting. In the event no action on dues is taken at the Annual Meeting, they shall remain the same as for the preceding year. Annual dues shall be payable in U.S. currency on
October 1 of each year and shall become delinquent on December 31 of each year.” ○ Proposed text reads: “4.0 Annual Dues. The Annual Dues for members of the Section shall be established by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors (hereinafter “the Board”), payable in U.S. currency in advance of January 1st.

- REMOVED – 4.0.1 Notice of Dues ○ Delete Section from Bylaws and post our dues rate on Section website: “4.0.1 Notice of Dues. As soon after the Annual Meeting as is practical, the Secretary shall notify each Assigned Member, at his/her last known point of contact, of the Section dues for the ensuing year. With the approval of the Board of Directors, this responsibility may be met by such notification being made by the dues notice from headquarters of the American Society of Civil Engineers.”

- ADDED – 5.2 Fiscal Year ○ Add Section to the Bylaws: “5.2 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Section shall be from October 1 to September 30.”

- REVISED – 6.1.4 Secretary ○ Remove “submit the Annual Report of the Section” from duties (as they do not actually do this) and move to the President’s responsibilities.

- ADDED – 6.4 Removal (Officers and Directors)
  ○ Add Section to clarify the process: “Removal. Any Board member who misses more than two (2) regular Board meetings, or who is otherwise deemed unfit or unable to fulfill the obligations of their role, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Board members, and the vacancy so created shall be filled for the unexpired term in accordance with these Bylaws.”

- REVISED – 6.6 Vacancies (Officers and Directors) ○ Remove “A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President Elect. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the Vice-President. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of a majority of the Members of the Section present at its next regular meeting.”
  ○ Society recommends giving the Board discretion to pick the person to fill the vacancy in the event that the next in line is unwilling to skip their term. In the interest of filling vacancies quickly, the Society recommends giving the Board sole discretion to choose.

- REVISED – Article 7. Elections ○ Revised process to clarify dates and procedures in the event of a contested election.
  ○ Previous election procedures allowed Petition Nominees to be submitted after Official Nominees were announced. Revised procedures have Petition Nominees and Official Nominees submitted to the President on the same date.

- REVISED – 8.1.2 Notice of Meetings (Membership Meetings) ○ Remove Section “In the event that any meeting is cancelled, notice thereof shall be distributed to each Assigned Member at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.”
  ○ While it’s good practice to give advance notice of cancellation, not necessary to include in bylaws.

- REVISED – 8.1.1 Meeting Notice (Board Meetings) ○ Revise: “Notice of call for a meeting shall be sent to the members of the Board not less than 2 days in advance of the meeting date.”
  ○ Previous: “not less than twenty (20) days in advance of the meeting date” ○ Regular Board meetings are held on the same day each month. Special Board meetings can be called at any time in between regular meetings – 20 days is excessive.

- ADDED – 8.3 Meeting Participation by Alternative Means ○ Add Section: “Meeting Participation by Alternative Means. Any member of the Board or any Board committee may participate in a meeting of the Board or any Board committee by means of any communications system that allows all persons participation in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall be considered presence in person at the meeting.
  ○ The board was already doing this in practice, especially due to COVID-19.

- ADDED – 8.4 Action Without a Meeting ○ Add Section: “Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any Board committee may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or Board committee unanimously approve such action in writing.”
• The board was already doing this in practice.

• REVISED – 9.3.1 Nominating Committee
  o Revised number of members to three (3), from five (5)
  o Revised section to match recent Board practice: “Other members shall be recommended by the Past President and approved by the President. The terms of the nominating committee members shall end at the conclusion of the term of the President.” o Previous: “Other members shall be appointed by the Section President at the beginning of the Section President’s term and shall serve a one (1) year term.”

• REMOVED – 9.6 Liaison with Region 7 Board of Governors o Remove this section and define who the representative to Region 7 is in the St. Louis Section Handbook. “Liaison with Region 7 Board of Governors. A Past-President as identified by the Board of Directors shall represent the Section at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Region 7. In the event this Past President is unable to attend a Council meeting or is no longer eligible to serve, the President shall appoint a substitute.”

• REMOVED – 9.9 Reports to Board of Directors o Remove this section as it’s unnecessary to spell out in the Bylaws. “Reports to Board of Directors. The Chairperson of all committees shall meet with the President and Board of Directors at the call of the President to report on committee activities and advise on matters concerning the management of the Section.”

• REVISED – Article 11. Amendments, 11.0.1 Proposal. An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member of the Board, or by a written petition submitted to the Secretary containing the text of the amendment, signed by not less than ten (10) percent of the Subscribing Members of the Section.
  o PREVIOUS - ”signed by not less than ten (10) Subscribing Members of the Section.” o ASCE recommended this change for a large section like ours
Shamsher Prakash Geotechnical Scholarship

Longtime Civil Engineering Professor Shamsher Prakash Makes Donation to Section for Scholarship

The ASCE St. Louis Section is honored to receive a donation from Dr. Shamsher Prakash for the establishment of a scholarship that will be awarded annually to an undergraduate student interested in a career in geotechnical engineering. The application will be sent to the Civil Engineering Departments within the Section and the first award of $1000 will be presented at the Structural and Geo-Confluence in November 2021.

Dr. Prakash is a nationally and internationally recognized geotechnical engineer with an outstanding record of teaching, research and professional service. Dr. Prakash spent much of his career as a Professor of Civil Engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. He has chaired five international conferences in geotechnical earthquake engineering and soil dynamics and another six on case histories in geotechnical engineering.

Dr. Prakash has co-authored four books: “Soil Dynamics”, “Machine Foundation”, “Pile Foundations” and “Fundamentals of Soil Mechanics” as well as approximately 300 papers printed in various professional journals and presented at conferences. He is the President of the Shamsher Prakash Foundation which has two annual “Shamsher Prakash Awards”, one for Excellence in Research and the other for Practice of Geotechnical Engineering.

The Shamsher Prakash Geotechnical Scholarship will be administered by a subcommittee from the St. Louis Section Geo-Institute Chapter and will be the third G-I Section scholarship but the first one that will be given to an undergraduate student.

See the GeoInstitute page https://sections.asce.org/st-louis/geo-institute-chapter for more information and application materials.

Younger Member Group Update

With the year just getting started, we don’t have much to report this month, but here are a few quick updates. We are so excited for a new year and ready to dig in!

Summer BBQ – Join us for our annual Summer BBQ as we kick off the year! After a year over Zoom, we would love to see everyone for an outdoor socially-distant event. Attendance is free for ASCE members.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
5:30-7:30 PM
Lafayette Park
Meet at The Park House
Food, beverages, and lawn games will be provided
RSVP here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asceuymg-summer-bbq-tickets-168127424653

YEC/ASCE Kickball Tournament – The ASCE YMG is partnering with the Young Engineers’ Club (YEC) for this year’s Kickball Tournament to be held on October 16, 2021. We’re looking for day-of volunteers to help this event go smoothly. If you’re interested in volunteering, please email ascestlymg@gmail.com.

Just a couple weeks until the first meeting of the fall! We’d hope to see you there!
See the following page to get our full list of meetings this year!

Contact Michelle Bresnahan, YMG Chair, at MBresnahan@lochgroup.com if you would like to be added to the email list or if you have any questions or comments regarding the YMG Update.
YMG 2021 Calendar

Join us for a monthly happy hour! Rather than the typical bar, we’ll be taking a tour around different parks this year. The exact location will be sent the month before. In the event of inclement weather, the happy hour will be canceled.

*Subject to change throughout the year

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Younger Member Group

Summer BBQ

Join us for our annual BBQ on September 15!

Lafayette Square
(Meet at the Park House)

5:30 to 7:30 PM
Food, beverages, and lawn games will be provided.

RSVP here!
6TH ANNUAL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 16, 2021
Tower Grove Park

SAVE THE DATE!
SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE ASCE YMG AND YEC WHILE NETWORKING WITH OTHER LOCAL ENGINEERS

REGISTER TEAMS OF 8-10 PLAYERS

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE SOON
LUNCH AND BEER INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL MICHELLE BRESNAHAN (MBRESNAHAN@LOCHGROUP.COM) OR JORDAN ATWOOD (JATWOOD@CIVILDESIGNINC.COM)

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EWRI St. Louis Annual Meeting

EWRI St. Louis Chapter Annual Meeting, Virtual on September 21, 2021
You are invited to attend our annual meeting on Sept. 21 Tuesday 11:30am-1pm, virtual on Webex. Please register by 5pm Sept. 14 Tue. at https://forms.gle/nATNxAnXpWRwFuHu8. Webex link will be sent to registered emails by Len Madalon from jim@edm-inc.com.

The meeting will provide Chapter’s status report and discussions of chapter activities including financial update. Please email your proposed agenda items to Chapter chair Jim Zhou at jzhou@siue.edu by Sept. 14.

Election of EWRI Chapter Officer
Our Chapter will elect a new secretary/treasurer at the Sept. 21 meeting. For a two-year term from Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2023, the role and responsibilities of this position are described in our Chapter’s Bylaws at http://sections.asce.org/st-louis/node/18. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member of our Chapter, please email to Chapter secretary Meg Zuercher at Meg.Zuercher@jacobs.com by Sept. 14, 2021.

Getting Involved with EWRI Chapter
You are invited to get involved with various activities of our Chapter such as helping to organize the webinar series and symposium/workshop, offering your ideas how our Chapter can better serve our members and the professional community. Please contact Chapter chair Jim Zhou at jzhou@siue.edu for conversation.

To learn more about our Chapter’s activities, please visit our LinkedIn page at https://www.linkedin.com/company/environmental-and-water-resources-institute-st-louis-chapter?trk=similar-pages_result-card_full-click
EWRI St. Louis Monthly Speaker Series

EWRI ST. LOUIS MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

The St. Louis Section of EWRI is pleased to announce our monthly webinar on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm Central Time.

This presentation will be broadcast live over a webinar. Registration is free to ASCE members. Advance registration is required by noon, Monday, September 13, 2021. Please register online at the following link: EWRI September 2021 Speaker Series Presentation

Registrants will receive detailed login and dial-in information prior to the event.

MODELING HYDROGEOLOGIC FLUXES AND THEIR IMPACT ON NATURAL AND HUMAN SYSTEMS

Climate change, population growth and land use change are increasing the scarcity of surface water supplies and driving greater demand for groundwater resources. This trend has led to the ongoing depletion of many of the world’s aquifers. While many have observed regional groundwater depletion, the processes driving this depletion, and its effect on aquifer dynamics, are poorly understood. One major barrier to improving understanding of these processes is a lack of data at appropriate resolution and scale. The booming satellite industry is providing petabytes of earth observational data that have the potential to answer many of these scale- and resolution-dependent questions, but relating these disparate datasets to hydrogeologic systems requires an improved fundamental understanding of the system properties linking aquifer processes to land surface dynamics. For example, Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) can be used to estimate earth deformation with cm- to mm-accuracy, but the mechanisms linking aquifer dynamics to ground deformation are complex, non-linear and vary with time.

Evapotranspirative flux, a major component of groundwater use, can be modeled with thermal satellite imagery, but these models alone do not adequately explain groundwater demand, indicating complex interrelationships between evapotranspiration, precipitation, groundwater use and surface water use.

In this talk, Dr. Ryan Smith will discuss several ongoing projects that seek to address these challenges, including both process-based and data-driven models that integrate in-situ data, as well as ground-based and satellite geophysics to identify key, scale-dependent drivers of groundwater flux, explore how temporally varying hydrologic parameters can alter aquifer dynamics, and link groundwater over-use to impacts on water quality and plant water stress.

SPEAKER

Ryan Smith, PhD

Dr. Ryan Smith joined Missouri University of Science and Technology in 2018 as an Assistant Professor in the Geological Engineering Program. He earned his PhD in Geophysics in 2018 at Stanford University, and his BS in Geology at Brigham Young University-Utah in 2014. Ryan is a remote sensing hydrologist. He studies groundwater resources and quality at regional and local scales by combining satellite, airborne and ground-based geophysical, and in-situ datasets, using both process-based models and machine learning techniques. Ryan’s research is funded by NASA, NGA, USGS, and NSF. He was awarded the NGA New Investigator Proposal in 2020, the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship as a PhD student in 2015, and the Outstanding Thesis Award from the Geophysics Department at Stanford University in 2019. Ryan serves as an Associate Editor for Hydrogeology Journal, and as a Guest Editor for Remote Sensing in Earth Systems Sciences.

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Registration is open for the sixth annual Structural and Geo-Confluence, hosted by the St. Louis Chapters of SEI and GI. This one-day, in-person conference is open to all, and will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration opens at 7:15 a.m., with a continental breakfast and buffet lunch provided.

**Preliminary agenda includes:**

- Geo-Institute 2021 Cross-USA Lecture – Liz Smith, Terracon
- Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures; Case Studies and Lessons Learned – Glen Bell, CROSS-US Chair
- Racine Dam; Complete Structural and Geotechnical Replacement – Bill Walton, GEI
- St. Louis Aquarium – Emily Howard, PGAV Destinations
- Deep Foundations Institute Cross USA Lecture – Tom Richards, Nicholson Construction
- Instrumented Pilot Study and Full-Scale Preloading of Soft Clay – Zachary Fallert, Lucas Carr, Juan Pestana, and Chris Livingston, Geosyntec Consultants
- Design and Construction Repairs for Failed Retaining Walls – John Puls, GSI
- Final agenda to be announced soon

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As we hit the fall 2021 session at Missouri S&T this is certainly a time of change and adaptation for us all. Our student chapter certainly persevered through last year, with notable success and activities. We had over 110 students online and in-person for many of our chapter meetings. We hosted former ASCE President Kristine Swallow and many Miner Alumni, including Gregory Kuntz presenting on the St. Louis Section Project of the year “Poplar Street Bridge Widening & Rehabilitation”.

We are excited to see the collaboration of AISC and ASCE with Steel Bridge competition for the coming year. The team had maintained close coordination with the ASCE chapter and excelled in 2020-21, winning the regional competition and finishing in the top 20 in the national competition, Pictured at below. We look forward competing in person in 2021!

This year the S&T – UMR – Missouri School of Mines hits 150 years of civil engineering in Rolla MO. This legacy of setting a path to be leaders in the field and this fall we will continue that legacy. This October we will celebrate that legacy at our homecoming and with tours of the Clayco-Advanced Construction and Materials Laboratory (ACML) that was opened last year. We are also excited to host ASCE President Elect Dr. Dennis Truax to Rolla this October 20th.

While the COVID pandemic is without question impacting all we do, the entire Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering Department is looking to keep moving forward. We were thrilled to lead the S&T campus with 96% placement in 2020 for our graduates. The Fall 2021 S&T Career Fair continues this trend and looks to have the largest number of companies participating and looking for new Miners to join their companies. September 27th, the night prior to the Career Fair, the CArEE Night to Network to connect students and employers in discussions on career advancement and tips and tricks for the virtual world job hunt. For more information and registering, contact Jody Seely, seelyj@mst.edu.

We are also expanding our programs, including a new Construction Engineering Minor in 2021 and online courses to join our existing distance education degree programs. We have three new certificate programs starting in 2021, include:

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- Building Systems Engineering.
- Surface Water Resources.

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About the Company:

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Requirements:

- BS in civil engineering or related engineering discipline
- 10+ years of experience
- Licensed Professional Engineer
- Prior experience managing civil engineering design projects. Individual can have a background/familiarity in any of the following areas: land development, site development, water resources, water/wastewater, or stormwater

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Candidates must have a Bachelor’s degree in Civil or Structural Engineering and be registered as a Professional Engineer; Structural Engineer registration is a plus. **Project Engineer candidates will also have a minimum of 5 years of experience in bridge and structural design.** The position responsibilities include:

- Develop calculations as necessary for structural engineering components on projects.
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- Perform structural design and develop details as related to roadway bridges, various types of retaining walls, culverts, miscellaneous reinforced/prestressed concrete and structural steel design.
- Act as part of a team of professionals headed by a Project Manager. Candidates must be able to work independently or as part of a larger design team and interact well with the manager and other members on various aspects of the project.
- Prepare cost estimates, calculate quantities, and assist in writing technical engineering and design reports.
- Utilize various structural design and rating software, spreadsheets, and drawing packages (Microstation or AutoCAD) to design and analyze structural components.
- Visit job sites as needed to support projects.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Experience with Missouri and Illinois DOT projects and/or local agency projects is preferred, as is an understanding of the policies and procedures of these agencies. Proficiency with Microsoft Office products including Excel, Word, and PowerPoint required. Previous experience utilizing seismic analysis and design is also preferred.

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Qualified candidates must have:

- BS in Civil Engineering (MS is a plus).
- PE license (SE is a plus).
- Minimum 5 years experience.
- Working knowledge of structural engineering software (RISA is ideal).
- Working knowledge of IBC and other national standard codes.
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TO APPLY
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St. Louis, MO

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Requirements include a B.S. in Civil Engineering from an ABET-Accredited University, Professional Engineer License or plan to obtain a P.E. License, proficiency in AutoCAD Civil 3D and GeoPak, an understanding of construction and bid documents including project specifications and strong technical writing, analytical and communication skills.

Job Title: **Hydraulic/Water Resources Engineer**  
**Location:** Chesterfield, MO

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Job Title: **Engineering CAD Technician**  
**Location:** Chesterfield, MO

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- Possess workload management skills to meet deadlines
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