

ASCE Wisconsin Section Board of Directors Meeting September 2025 Minutes

This Meeting	Location	Start Time	Est. End Time
September 17	Virtual	3:00 PM CT	5:00 PM CT
Next Meeting	Location	Start Time	Est. End Time
November 19, 2025	Virtual	3:00 PM CT	5:00 PM CT

Dial-In Meeting Information			
Meeting ID			
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Officers			
X Brad Severson (President)	X	Zoey Tarnow (Secretary)	
X Seth Johnson (President-Elect)	X	James Epperson (Treasurer)	
X Matt Dahlem (Past President)			
Directors at Large			
X Tony Castle	X	Daniel Witter	
X Richard Schneider		Kris Roppe	
Branch Directors			
	Corona Woychik (NW)	X	Luke Siebert (FRV)
X Ann Thielmann (SW)	X	Caleb Manske (SE)	
Standing Committee Chairs			
	David Sonne (Awards)	X	Carl Sutter (Budget and Finance)
	(Diversity)		(History and Heritage)
	Matt Dahlem (Panel of Directors-at-Large)	X	Matt Dahlem (Membership)
	Brad Severson (Newsletter)	X	Matt Dahlem (Nominations)
	Brad Severson (Yearbook)	X	Gregory Schroeder (Public Affairs)
Technical Committee/Institute Chapter Chairs			
	Brian Udovich (Construction Institute Chapter)	X	Laura Gerold/Mark Augustine (Environmental and Water Resources Institute Chapter)
	Emil Bautista (Geo-Institute Chapter)	X	Harry Farchmin (Management Committee)
	Vacant (Structures Committee)	X	Jaime Hernandez (Transportation and Development Institute Chapter)
Conference Committee Chairs			
	2025 Spring Technical Conference (Southwest)	X	2025 Annual Meeting (Northwest Branch)
	2026 Spring Technical Conference (Southeast)	X	2026 Annual Meeting (Fox River Valley)

Others		
	Jesse Jefferson (Region 3 Governor)	Ken Mika (Region 3 Director)
	Kevin Frost (Engineers Without Borders)	Ken Mika / Zoey Tarnow (Report Card Committee Co- Chairs)
X	Erin Vincent (Core AMC)	

Corresponding documents, as well as this agenda, can be found on the Google Drive:

1. Welcome (Brad Severson)
2. Consent Agenda (Brad Severson)
 - a. [Motion to Approve Consent Agenda](#) - Richard Schneider; Second - Tony Castle; All in Favor, Motion Carried.
 - b. July 2025 Meeting Minutes (Brad Severson) - [Attachment 2a](#)
3. Old Business
 - a. Robert Schumacher Retirement and Replacement for Structure Technical Committee
 - i. This seat is still vacant.
 - ii. Richard suggested contacting Fred Groth at Graef
 - iii. Zoey and Corona were both contacted by a member looking to be more involved (Eric Renfert AFS).
 - iv. Erin will send a targeted communication to Structural Engineers
 - b. Member Event Survey - [Attachment 3b](#)
 - i. Brad would like to send this out soon.
 - ii. Erin will compose an email to go out with the survey explaining why we are doing a survey.
 - iii. [Motion to Distribute the survey](#) - Richard Schneider; Second Ann Thielmann; All in favor, motion carried.
 - iv. Zey suggested planning to have Spring Tech as usual and react as needed.
 - SE Does not have a venue booked and will wait for instruction.
 - c. Maintenance Needs: Point of Beginning Historical Marker near Hazel Green, WI [Attachment 3c](#)
 - i. [Motion to approve \\$1000 for maintenance of the historical marker](#) Luke Siebert; Second - Rich Schneider; All in favor, motion carried.
 - ii. Brad will reach out to National to see if they have plaques. Luke asked if the logos for ASCE and WSLs could be on the sign
 - iii. Ann wondered if we needed to reach out to members for donations.
4. New Business
 - a. Financial Report (James Epperson) - [Attachment 4a](#)
 - i. Budget and Actual are tracking closely. \$1000 short of projected income from membership.
 - ii. [Motion to Approve the Financial Report](#) - Zoey Tarnow; Second - Caleb Manske; All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Approval of board of director election results - [Attachment 4b](#)
 - i. Rahul and Emily - Directors at Large; President-Elect can stay vacant and board can appoint someone at a later date.
 - ii. Zoey said she would like to see the President-Elect be someone who has served on the board before.

- iii. Motion to approve the Director-At-Large Winners and leave the President-Elect position vacant - Richard Schnedier; Second Zoey Tarnow who added that it be filled by the next board meeting; all in favor, motion carried.
- iv. Erin will double check membership status for Rahul and Emily
 - **UPDATE:** Rahul was a student member and therefore not allowed to run for the board. The runner-up Daniel Witter will be the second Director-at-large.
- v. Brad asked the branches to have their branch directors firmed up for the next meeting,
- c. Approval of Individual and Project awards
 - i. **Category B:** Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 2 & Fish Camp County Park Improvements
 - ii. **Category C:** Davidson Park
 - iii. **Category D:** Germantown Department of Public Works Facility
 - iv. **Luther Graef:** Jake Brunoehler, P.E., M. ASCE
 - v. **Individual Merit, Engineer in Education:** Danny Xiao, Ph.D., P.E., ENV SP
 - vi. **Thomas Walther Distinguished Service Award:** Caleb Manske, P.E.
- d. Motion to approve award winners as presented - Zoey Tarnow; Second Seth Johnson; All in favor, motion carried (Caleb Manske abstained as an award winner).
- e. ASCE-WI Drive-In at the Madison Capitol (Zoey Tarnow)
 - i. Madison Anderson (report card author) is interested in helping with this.
 - ii. Does the section want to be involved?
 - iii. Richard asked if the drive-in was structured around the report card.
 - National has a training. We can talk about the issues without “lobbying”
 - iv. Zoey will spearhead with Madison
 - Brad asked that it is clear that expenses will not be reimbursed and to keep the Board in the loop.
 - Looking at November
 - Zoey will also check in with ACEC for insight
- 5. Reports (provided as information only)
 - a. Branch Reports
 - i. Fox River Valley (Luke Siebert) - [FRV Branch Report](#)
 - ii. Northwest (Corona Woychik) - [NW Branch Report](#)
 - iii. Southeast (Caleb Manske) - [SE Branch Report](#)
 - iv. Southwest (Ann Thielmann) - [SW Branch Report](#)
 - The southwest branch requested to be removed from the Spring Tech Conference hosting rotation.
 - a. The Region 3 Governor is in favor
 - b. Sited burnout
 - Zoey proposed a brainstorm to document issues with running these meetings.
 - a. Large talk needs to happen about moving forward
 - i. Less excitement
 - ii. Ideas
 - b. Luke asked if there was any way to recruit volunteers to run the meetings.
 - b. Conference Committees
 - i. 2025 Annual Meeting (Northwest)
 - Registration is Open - Current Registration: 38
 - Technical Speakers Still Needed: 1
 - Sponsorships: 3 (1 Premier; 1 General; 1 Exhibitor)

- c. Standing Committees
 - i. Awards (David Sonne)
 - ii. Budget and Finance (James Epperson)
 - iii. Wisconsin Infrastructure Advocacy Update (Jennifer Schaff/Ken Mika/Martin Hanson)
 - iv. Membership (Matt Dahlem)
 - v. Nominations (Matt Dahlem)
 - vi. Panel of Directors-at-Large (Matt Dahlem)
 - vii. Public Affairs (Gregory Schroeder)
 - viii. Election (Matt Dahlem)
 - ix. Yearbook (Seth Johnson)
- d. Technical Committees/Institute Chapters
 - i. Architectural Engineering (AE) Technical Committee (Larry Buechel)
 - ii. Construction Institute Chapter (Brian Udovich)
 - iii. Environmental & Water Resources Institute Chapter (Laura Gerold/Mark Augustine)
 - iv. Geo-Institute Chapter (Emil Bautista)
 - v. Management (Harry Farchmin)
 - vi. Structures (VACANT)
 - vii. Transportation & Development Institute Chapter (Jaime Hernandez)
- e. Administrative Management (Core) - [Attachment 5e](#)

6. Schedule Next Meeting/Relevant Dates

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
October 10, 2025	Annual Meeting	7am	The LaCrosse Center
November 19, 2025	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual
January 21, 2026	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual
March 18, 2026	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual
May 20, 2026	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual
July 15, 2026	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual
September 16, 2026	Board Meeting	3pm	Virtual

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn - Richard Schneider; Second - All Thielmann; All in the Favor, Motion Carries.