

Downtown Milwaukee

# **President's Message**

By: Larry Buechel

Greetings fellow Wisconsin Section members!

I hope you have enjoyed your summer so far. At our house, this year's version of summer has been much more typical than the version we experienced in 2020....



The Section's summer included our annual elections for open positions on the Section Board of Directors. Details on the results of those elections are contained in this newsletter, but I wanted to extend thanks to all those that participated and congratulations to those elected to fill the open positions. Without their commitment and dedication, our organization would almost surely not exist.

This summer we also finally concluded the drafting of modifications to the Section's Constitution and Bylaws. This effort began as a minor revision of those documents to address the inclusion of ASCE Institute-Only Members as members of the Section's Technical Groups and ended as a wholesale revision of those Section documents to bring them into alignment with the Society's current template documents. Thank you to Society's Governing Documents Committee for assisting the Section in that effort. Details

on the modifications made to the Constitution and Bylaws and a request for member feedback on those modifications will be distributed to the membership in the first two weeks of August.

Over the last several months, the Wisconsin Section completed a strategic plan development process and we are pleased to announce a new strategic plan has been approved by the Board of Directors to guide our organization over the next three years. It is our hope that this new plan will increase our effectiveness in delivering value to the ASCE Wisconsin Section membership and allow us to have a greater impact in our communities.

The three main objectives identified within the strategic plan are as follows:

- Foster an environment for greater ASCE Wisconsin Section member engagement.
- Ensure the ASCE Wisconsin Section remains a sought-after association for graduating civil engineering students and civil engineering professionals.
- Promote ASCE Wisconsin Section brand and reputation throughout the State.

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### 2021 ASCE Wisconsin Section Award Recipients Announced

The ASCE Wisconsin Section congratulates the following individual and project award winners for receiving the 2021 ASCE Wisconsin Section awards:

#### Individual Award Winners

#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

Michael W. Paddock, P.E., M.ASCE Mark J. Rapant, P.E., M.ASCE

#### Young Civil Engineer of the Year

Zachary M. Sadowski, A.M.ASCE

**Individual Merit Award for Engineer in Education** Dr. Philip J. Parker, A.M.ASCE

**Individual Merit Award for Engineer in Consulting Practice** Paul R. Eiring, P.E., M.ASCE

#### **Project Award Winners**

Engineering Achievement Award - Category A - Projects with Construction Cost less than \$2 Million CTH HH (Vanderperren Way) Reconstruction in Brown County

Engineering Achievement Award - Category B - Projects with Construction Cost over \$2 Million and Less Than \$10 Million CTH CA, CTH CB to Casaloma Drive in Outagamie County

Engineering Achievement Award – Category C - Projects with Construction Cost over \$10 Million and Less Than \$20 Million Little Falls Dam Reconstruction in Hudson, St. Croix County

#### Engineering Achievement Award - Category D - Projects with Construction Cost over \$20 Million

American Family Insurance Amphitheater Renovation at Summerfest in Milwaukee

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### ASCE Wisconsin Section Board of Directors Elections Results

By: Ken Mika, Past President

Elections for the ASCE Wisconsin Section 2021-2022 Board of Directors concluded on July 7, 2021. Thank you to ASCE Wisconsin Members for casting their votes, and to the current and incoming board members for their dedication and service to ASCE!

President Elect – Danny X. Xiao, P.E., ENV SP, M.ASCE Secretary – Martin Hanson, P.E., F.ASCE Director at Large – Brad Severson, P.E., M.ASCE Director at Large – Jennifer Hurlebaus, P.E. M.ASCE

Thank you to everyone who voted in this year's election!



## 2021 Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

The 2021 ASCE Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting, hosted by the Northwest Branch, will be held virtually on Friday, September 24. Check out our general session speakers and the sponsorship opportunities below. We hope to see you there! Additional information on the event will be distributed in the coming weeks.

**View the Full Event Details** 

Sponsor the 2021 Annual Meeting

# Wisconsin Section To Seek Membership Feedback on Revision to Section's Constitution and Bylaws

By: Larry Buechel, President

Over the last several months, the Wisconsin Section has worked with the Society's Governing Documents Committee (GDC) to modify the Section's Constitution and Bylaws to more closely match the Society's model/template for those documents. Now that those modifications have been made and the GDC has given their concurrence on those modifications, we can now seek feedback from the Section membership on those revised documents.

In August, these revised documents, along with a summary of the revisions made to them, will be distributed to the Section membership for review. The membership will be asked to cast their vote on acceptance of the revisions to the Constitution and to provide the Section's Board of Directors with any comments they might have on the proposed changes to the Section's Bylaws. Please watch your email for additional details on revisions to these documents, and the associated request for feedback on those revisions.

**Constant Contact** 



# Southeast Branch Scholarship Golf Outing - Friday, August 27, 2021

by: Nick Bobinsnki, PE M.ASCE

The ASCE WI Southeast Branch Scholarship Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, August 27th at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex. We can't wait to hit the links to support scholarships for local Civil Engineering students.

See below for further information, and contact Steve Weyda with questions.

2021 ASCE WI Southeast Branch Scholarship Golf Tournament



## ASCE UW-Platteville Student Chapter's 28th Annual Golf Tournament - Friday, September 10, 2021

ASCE UW-Platteville Student Chapter would like to cordially invite alumni and friends to join our 28th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 10, 2021. The Chapter is making an event plan to ensure the safety of all attendees by following CDC Guidelines. More details and registration are available below. Be safe, be strong, be Pioneers!

**UW-Platteville Student Chapter Golf Tournament Registration and Details** 



### Get to Know: Danny X. Xiao, P.E., ENV SP

Dr. Danny Xiao is an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He teaches courses related to construction materials and transportation engineering. He also leads research projects on pavement materials and design.

He is currently investigating the impact of deicing and anti-icing materials on the durability of concrete pavements and how to minimize the impact, both sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He started the American Concrete Institute (ACI) UW-Platteville Student Chapter in 2016 and serves as the faculty advisor for the Chapter. He also serves as a technical oversight committee member at Wisconsin Highway Research Program (WHRP), a member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Standing Committee on Design and Rehabilitation of Asphalt Pavements (AKP30), and a member of the Platteville Airport Commission.

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# ASCE Wisconsin Section Member John Howard Kissinger, P.E., S.E., M.ASCE receives 2021

### Edmund Friedman Professional Recognition Award

The Wisconsin Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is pleased to report that **Mr. John Kissinger, P.E., S.E., M.ASCE** has been selected by the *Society's Committee on Advancing the Profession* to receive the **2021 Edmund Friedman Professional Recognition Award** for "exemplary professional conduct and service in the field of



civil engineering, delivering vital and enduring projects, for commitment to engineering education and helping young engineers from diverse backgrounds, and outstanding community leadership and philanthropy."

Please join the Wisconsin Section as we congratulate Mr. Kissinger for being recognized with this prestigious award.

A copy of GRAEF's press release can be viewed <u>here</u>. Download a copy of the ASCE Wisconsin Section press release <u>here</u>.



## Welcome New Wisconsin Section Members!

The Wisconsin Section would like to welcome our newest members, who have joined since our last quarterly newsletter. We are excited that you've joined us!

John Colton Janowiak, A.M.ASCE Ryan Michael Leahy, Aff.M.ASCE Jacob Pellmann, Aff.M.ASCE

Katrina Rabeler, S.M.ASCE Martin Sell, R.A., A.M.ASCE



#### Membership at a Glance

Total WI section members: 1,728 Affiliate: 73 Assoc: 390 Distinguished: 5 Fellow: 53 Member: 1,040 Student: 162 New Members since last Newsletter (May): 5



## Greater Green Bay Chamber Event: Pedestrians, Ports, Pedalers, Potholes & Pickup Trucks

Thursday, August 12 - 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. \$15 for Guests

Transportation is a key component of life that helps individuals get to school or work, move commerce from point A to point B and allows individuals to enjoy their communities.

Over the last year, Current's Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) has been meeting with various stakeholders from Northeast Wisconsin to discuss current transportation efforts and where transportation is going.

Join YPAC as they host a forum with transportation stakeholders from around Northeast Wisconsin. Stakeholders will start off by giving an overview of where their current transportation infrastructure is at and where its future is going. Then, in-person attendees will be able to ask specific questions to any of the stakeholders.

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**Event Detail and Registration** 

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