



President's Message

By: Jennifer Schaff, ASCE Wisconsin Section President



Our advocacy team is Amazing, and they push on!

ASCE Infrastructure Advocacy

It has been very rewarding to watch the IIA infrastructure bill develop and roll out while the ASCE Wisconsin Section advocated and continues to advocate for infrastructure needs. Almost two years after the release of the 2020 Wisconsin Infrastructure Report Card and the team is still very active. We could not do this work without the help of Platform Communications. They help us edit our message, track down opportunities and put us in front of key media. We would love to have you on this committee. Join us and become part of the team, it's a rewarding experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer L. Schaff".

Jennifer Schaff, P.E., M.ASCE
ASCE Wisconsin Section President

Wisconsin Section Board of Directors Election Coming in August

The Wisconsin Section will hold its annual elections this month to fill open positions on its Board of Directors. The positions on ballot for the 2022-2023 Section year are:

President-Elect
Director-at-Large – 2 positions

Please watch your email later this month for an invitation to cast your vote to elect candidates for these positions.

A background image showing three people in a professional setting. On the left, a man with glasses and a beard is looking down at a document. In the center, a woman with blonde hair is smiling and looking towards the right. On the right, another woman with brown hair is looking towards the center. They appear to be in a collaborative meeting or discussion.

Fox River Valley Branch: Seeking Branch Director

Put Your Leadership Skills to Work!

In order to be effective, both leadership and learning must be utilized together.

The Fox River Valley branch has an opening for a new Branch Director.

Please contact Dan Witter at drwitter@uwalumni.com with any questions about the position or for more information.



2022



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APPLETON, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 7, 2022



2023 ASCE Wisconsin Centennial Celebration Update

By Ken Mika, PE M.ASCE

The 2023 Centennial Celebration Planning Committee is continuing to plan for the ASCE Wisconsin Section's Centennial Celebration in 2023. Planning with a full year of celebration that we hope will include a kick-off at the 2023 Spring Technical Conference, multiple promotional in-person celebration events, highlights of our Wisconsin based ASCE National Civil Engineering Landmarks, as well as one in-person grand celebration event.

We are still seeking sponsorship support for this incredible year from either yourself or your company. Fundraising funds will be used for 2023 Wisconsin Centennial celebration activities including, but not limited to the following items listed below.

- Converting ASCE Wisconsin Section and associated Branch paper archives to digital archives at Marquette University for easy digital access for ASCE members. The current paper archives are being stored at Marquette University and are only accessible in-person at the University. The Wisconsin Section leadership would like to digitize the archives to allow our members to access to the archives from anywhere where they have an internet connection. **This is underway and should be done in the coming weeks!!! Once the data is**

online through Marquette University's archives, we will provide the link to our members.

- Producing a multi-media document of the first 100 years of the ASCE Wisconsin Section for members. This document would highlight the history of the Wisconsin Section and would utilize information from both our paper and digital archives.
- Hosting Centennial promotional and grand celebration events for members that attend. Preliminary plans include having three promotional events prior to the grand celebration. The grand celebration would be put on to celebrate 100 years of ASCE in Wisconsin, recognizing past Society leaders and award winners of ASCE from Wisconsin, Wisconsin Section leaders and award winners, and recognize the future opportunities for civil engineering in Wisconsin.
- Limiting the financial impact of the 2023 Wisconsin Centennial celebration activities on the Wisconsin Section finances.

Sponsorships will include the following opportunities at associated levels:

- Official branding as an exclusive ASCE Wisconsin Section Centennial Year Sponsor across digital and physical materials
- Sponsor spotlight mentions within the Centennial Event promotional articles included within the ASCE Wisconsin Section Quarterly Newsletter – reaches audience of approximately 2,000 Wisconsin Section members.
- Social media mentions with tags leading up to the 2023 Centennial Event
- Promotion at Centennial Events:
 - Branding as Exclusive sponsor for one promotional centennial event
 - Logo recognition on marketing materials
 - Verbal acknowledgement
 - Event tickets
- Promotion at Grand Centennial Event:
 - Opportunity to provide a 60-minute presentation related to the history of civil engineering in Wisconsin at the Grand Centennial Event
 - Logo recognition on marketing materials
 - Event tickets
- Company name and logo listed on ASCE newsletter
- Company name and logo listed on website

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2023 Centennial Celebration, feel free to reach out to us at wi.sec.asce@gmail.com for more information.

If anyone is interested in participating on the 2023 Centennial Celebration planning committee, please reach out to Ken Mika at ken.mika@tetrattech.com. The committee meets virtually monthly for one hour over the lunch hour. Even if you are unable to attend our meetings, but are willing to volunteer still, we would be happy to include you on our committee.

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2023 Centennial Year



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2023 Centennial Celebration Sponsor Highlight



Mead & Hunt

Mead & Hunt is a national, full-service architectural and engineering firm that has been serving markets for well over a century. Since its founding, Mead & Hunt has grown significantly in size and diversity, and the firm now provides services nationwide and employs 950 people, with the purpose of shaping the future by putting people first.



GRAEF

GRAEF is a multi-discipline engineering, planning, and design firm headquartered in

Milwaukee, Wis. We offer our clients a full range of design services and take pride in having a dedicated staff skilled in the latest technologies and knowledgeable about the evolving marketplace.

Thank you, Mead & Hunt and GRAEF for your support of ASCE Wisconsin’s 2023 Centennial Year Celebration!

ASCE Wisconsin Infrastructure Advocacy Update

By Jennifer Schaff, PE M.ASCE and Ken Mika, PE M.ASCE

The 2020 ASCE Wisconsin Infrastructure Report Card Committee is rebranding its name as the ASCE Wisconsin Infrastructure Advocacy Committee because we are now planning our 2024 Wisconsin Infrastructure Report Card.

The Committee has been brainstorming on Chapters for 2024 and here is what we are considering Chapters for.

2020 Report Card		2024 Report Card	
1. Aviation	8. Ports	1. Aviation	10. Ports
2. Bridges	9. Roads	2. Bridges	11. Rail - NEW
3. Dams	10. Solid Waste	3. Broadband - NEW	12. Roads
4. Drinking Water	11. Stormwater	4. Dams	13. Schools - NEW
5. Energy	12. Transit	5. Drinking Water	14. Solid Waste
6. Hazardous Waste	13. Wastewater	6. Energy	15. Stormwater
7. Inland Waterways		7. Hazardous Waste	16. Transit
		8. Inland Waterways	17. Wastewater
		9. Public Parks - NEW	

We are also accepting volunteers who are willing to support the 2024 Report Card effort. As with the 2020 Report Card, we are looking for chapter writers, chapter leaders, independent chapter reviewers, fundraising support, release event planning, and overall planning support. We are planning on having our kickoff meeting for the 2024 Report Card in early 2023.

Please reach out to Jennifer Schaff (jennifer.schaff@countymaterials.com) and Ken Mika (ken.mika@tetrattech.com) if you would like to know more or would like to dive right in on the Report Card effort.

Get to Know: Joe Zellmer, P.E., M.ASCE



Joe Zellmer currently serves as the Wisconsin Section Branch Director for the Fox River Valley Branch. He originally became involved in ASCE during his freshman year at Michigan Tech, when he and his roommate decided to join the concrete canoe team.

Over the past 15 years, Joe has come to learn that ASCE will give you everything “and then some” of what you put into it. In addition to previously serving as a student chapter officer, Joe has continued to remain actively involved at the branch and section levels by serving on the FRV branch and Wisconsin Section boards and various sub-committees, including his current commitment on the 2022 Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

Joe is proud to trace the roots of many of his most cherished friendships and experiences back to ASCE. Professionally, Joe currently serves as the Outagamie County Highway Engineer after spending more than 12 years in consulting. His career accomplishments include being part of the delivery of the I-41 Mega project in Brown County, the WIS 441 Expansion in the Fox Valley, numerous roadway and bridge projects in the WisDOT NE Region, as well as serving as a Management Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Local Program. Joe is a proud 2008 graduate of Michigan Tech with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and became a licensed Civil Engineer in 2013.

Joe has been married to his loving wife Carla for 12 years and currently resides in Freedom with their two children, Adelyn (10) and Mason (8). In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and working around the yard, hunting/fishing, spending time at the family cabin in Florence County and coaching youth sports. If it’s a summer weekend, you can most likely “catch” the Zellmer family at a ballpark somewhere in NE Wisconsin!

Wisconsin Section Member Richard Smith Honored as New ASCE Fellow



Congratulations to Richard A Smith, M.S., P.E., F.ASCE on being named as a Fellow Member by the ASCE Board of Direction.

Richard A. Smith, M.S., P.E., F.ASCE, (Rick), founder of raSmith, has been named a Fellow by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Board of Direction.

At the age of 28, Rick accepted the challenge of turning a struggling civil engineering and surveying firm into one of the state of Wisconsin's leading multi-discipline firms, raSmith. Rick started the company with three founding principles: stability, quality, and innovation. This vision was based on his belief that you should treat people the way you would like to be treated and that the emphasis should be on long-term relationships. With just 10 employees at that time, raSmith provided civil engineering and land surveying services primarily to local government entities in southeastern Wisconsin.

raSmith has now grown to over 215 employees with seven office locations in Wisconsin, Illinois, and California and provides a wide range of consulting engineering services to both the private and public sectors. An award-winning firm, raSmith has completed projects locally and across the U.S. in the areas of site planning and design, structural engineering, municipal engineering, transportation and traffic, surveying, development management, ecological services, landscape architecture, LiDAR (3D laser scanning), UAS (unmanned aircraft systems), construction services, and geographic information systems (GIS).

Rick's accomplishments and contributions to the civil engineering profession over the last 45 years are many. He prides himself on raSmith's commitment to quality design and that close client contact is maintained throughout each stage of a project. Rick earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Rick has held leadership positions with Marquette University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board, the Management Resources Association (board member, 2004-2013), Xaverian Missionary Fathers Board (president, 2004-2020), Wisconsin Policy Forum (board member, 2004-2022), Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation (president, 2006-2015), and Woodstock (member, 2016-2022).



WISCONSIN SECTION

2022 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

	Jan	
ASCE Multi-Region Leadership Conference February 9-11	Feb	
	Mar	ASCE Legislative Fly In March 2-4
2022 Spring Technical Conference April 8	Apr	
	May	ASCE WI Board Meeting May 18
	Jun	2022 ASCE WI Southeast Branch Scholarship Golf Tournament June 10
ASCE WI Board Meeting July 20	Jul	
	Aug	
ASCE President and Governor's Forum September 11-12	Sep	UW - Platteville ASCE Tom Nelson Benchmark Open September 16
	Oct	ASCE WI Board Meeting September 22
ASCE WI Board Meeting November 16	Nov	2022 Annual Meeting October 7
	Dec	

Sponsorship Opportunities Available for the **2023 Centennial Year**

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Planning is underway for:

- Multiple in-person celebratory events
- Highlights of our ASCE National Civil Engineering Landmarks
- One in-person Grand Celebration Event



Thank you to our exclusive event sponsor:



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2022 Wisconsin Section Awards Update

By Darrell Berry, ASCE Wisconsin Section Awards Chair

Nominations for 2022 individual and project awards have been received and are under review by the Panel of Directors-at-Large. Final decisions on award winners will be made by the Board in mid-August. Announcements about award winners will be made in late August or early September.

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!

Colin Miller, S.M.ASCE
Joildo Oliveira, S.M.ASCE
Mohammadsohel Kazi, S.M.ASCE
Lisa Okhuofu, S.M.ASCE
Alireza Khatami, S.M.ASCE
Emad Farahani, S.M.ASCE
Muhammad Bajwa, S.M.ASCE
Yuan Liu, S.M.ASCE

Membership at a Glance



Total WI section members: 1,809

Affiliate: 90

Assoc: 441

Distinguished: 3

Fellow: 54

Member: 1,083

Student: 188

**New Members since last Newsletter
(April): 13**



Top reasons to attend ASCE 2022

- Attend sessions examining emerging technologies and ensure the infrastructure you build today will be future ready
- Gain up-to-the-minute insider information on implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act at the federal and state levels
- Explore the latest approaches to making infrastructure more resilient to cyberattacks and extreme weather events
- Get the latest on risk management, new funding for resilience, energy broadband and more
- Learn the latest on contracts and standards that will benefit projects and clients
- Participate in technical tours of local innovative engineering projects
- Honor the OCEA winners at the OPAL Awards Gala

Register today!

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