

September 2025



September President's Column

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ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section,

Hope you all had a great summer!

It was great seeing many of you at the LOCEA Awards last August, and congratulations to our award winners! It is always great to recognize and celebrate the amazing, innovative projects and engineers we have here in the Seattle Section. A big thank you to our awards chairs Paul Lee, PE and Bianca Casem, PE and their committee for putting on a great awards banquet.

LOCEA Award applications will be released soon and hope you can join us in 2026!

Speaking of awards, the Seattle Section would like to congratulate Vidhi Sachdeva, PE on being selected as the Region 8 - Kristina L Swallow Young Engineer of the Year! Congratulations to Vidhi, and thank you for all you do for ASCE.

Please join us on October 22 for our first Dinner of the year with the YMF where presenter David Peden PE, SE, LEED AP board member of BRPELS gives an overview of BRPELS, update members on new items and take questions from members.

Lastly, as we approach October and the end of the 2024-2025 year, I would like to recognize and thank the many board members from the student, YMF, Institutes and Section levels for volunteering their time and their contribution to ASCE and making sure we had fun in the process. For those who are joining for the 2025-2026 year, congratulations on joining the board and we look forward to the great things you will do this year for our members and most importantly continuing the FUN!

If you are looking to get more involved with ASCE, we have many opportunities available so please feel free to contact me at president@seattleasce.org.

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We have many events to attend/volunteer coming up, so please read to the end and we hope to see you there!

Region 8 - Kristina L. Swallow Young Engineer of the Year: Vidhi Sachdeva, PE



**CONGRATULATIONS,
VIDHI!**

**REGION 8 - KRISTINA L.
SWALLOW YOUNG
ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**

We are so proud to announce that Vidhi Sachdeva has been awarded the recognition as the Region 8 Kristina L. Swallow Young Engineer of the Year!

Vidhi Sachdeva, PE is a licensed civil engineer in California and Washington and a passionate leader within the American Society of Civil Engineers where she currently serves as President of the Seattle ASCE Younger Member Forum, where she oversees a 30-member board focused on professional development, outreach, and member engagement. Vidhi has held multiple ASCE leadership roles, including President of the Santa Barbara/Ventura YMF and member of the Government Relations Committee.

Vidhi is a Civil Engineer III AECOM. She is a key contributor to the I-405 Brickyard to SR527 Design-Build project. She has a passion for large-scale multimodal projects and enjoys finding interdisciplinary solutions to complex situations. She is a strong advocate for infrastructure funding and policy reform. Vidhi's work bridges technical excellence and community impact, and she continues to mentor students and professionals while promoting innovation and collaboration across the civil engineering field.

On behalf of the Seattle Section - Congratulations, Vidhi!

First Dinner of the Year! Seattle Section & YMF: BRPELS Talk

ASCE SEATTLE SECTION & YMF BRPELS TALK RSVP

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22 | 5:30PM - 9PM

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SEATTLE) OR
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



Our first presenter of the year will be David Peden, PE, SE, LEED AP.

David is a Principal Structural Engineer with Coffman Engineers with nearly 40 years of experience and a current board member on the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors (BRPELS). He will present an overview of BRPELS, PE licensure pathway and recent exam changes, and engineering ethics. This will be a joint event hosted by ASCE Seattle Section, YMF, and BRPELS. Dinner will be provided.

Both practicing engineers and students are highly encouraged to attend!

Come with questions for BRPELS as Board members and staff will be in attendance.

Please RSVP, and hope to see you at our first dinner of the year!

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Engineering Resume Review Night - October 8, 2025

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 5:00–7:00 p.m. PT
4:45–5:00 p.m. | Arrival,
Check-in, Light Snacks
5:00–5:15 p.m. |
Professionals-Only
Program Review &
Resume Support Tips
5:20–7:00 p.m. | Resume
Review Roundtables

Location: Seattle University,
Oberto Commons

Registration Deadline:
Thursday, September 25, 2025,
at 5:00 p.m.

[RSVP Here](#)

This fall, Seattle University is hosting our annual Engineering Resume Review Night on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

This event is an opportunity for SU alumni and engineering professionals to give back to the Redhawk community while helping students prepare for internships and full-time opportunities during a particularly competitive hiring season.

The evening will begin with a short professionals-only session where our team will walk through the program structure, provide tips for supporting students in this setting, and offer light snacks. From there, we'll transition into speed-round resume reviews. Each professional will be paired with small groups of 1–5 students from their discipline to review resumes, answer questions, and offer advice. After each round, you'll rotate to a new group of students.

LOCEA Awards Night Recap - August 7, 2025



LOCEA AWARDS 2024/2025

LOCAL OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDEES

2024 Outstanding Ports & Waterways Project:
**Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary
Restoration**

2024 Outstanding Structures Project:
Totem Lake Connector

2024 Outstanding Water Resources Project:
60th Ave W Culvert Replacement

2024 Outstanding Geotechnical Project:
**Lower Dungeness River Floodplain
Restoration and Levee Realignment**

2024 Young Engineer of the Year:
Bianca Eloisa Casem, P.E.

2025 Outstanding Transportation and
Development Project:
Lynnwood Link Extension

2025 Outstanding Structures Project:
**SR 520 Montlake to Lake Washington
Interchange
and Bridge Replacement Project**

2025 Honor Award:
NE 8th Street Crossing

2025 Young Engineer of the Year:
Evan James Jordan, P.E., LEED AP BD+C

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On Thursday, August 7, the ASCE Seattle Section hosted the 2025 Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (LOCEA) Awards Night for 2024 and 2025 project and individual winners. The night was full of cheerful celebrations and riveting presentations from awardees. Congratulations to all the award winners!

ASCE 2025 Convention - October 8-11, 2025

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Join civil engineers from around the world in Seattle Oct. 8-11 for 3 days dedicated to inspiring innovative infrastructure!

[Register today for ASCE 2025.](#)

ASCE Seattle Job Board

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Puget Sound Energy Civil Engineer III

Posted 9/11/2025

As a member of the substation engineering design team at Puget Sound Energy, you'll contribute to vital projects that power our communities and support the escalating demand for green energy across Western Washington, all while growing your expertise and advancing your career as a Civil Engineer III. This position requires considerable experience with developing civil permit and construction drawings for land development associated with new and existing substations. Experienced at grading plans, storm drainage, erosion control and other civil related elements required.

Puget Sound Energy Senior Civil Engineer

Posted 9/11/2025

As a member of the substation engineering design team at Puget Sound Energy, you'll contribute to vital projects that power our communities and support the escalating demand for green energy across Western Washington, all while growing your expertise and advancing your career as a Senior Civil Engineer. This position requires substantial experience with developing civil permit and construction drawings for land development associated with new and existing substations. Experienced at grading

plans, storm drainage, erosion control and other civil related elements required. Working understanding of state and local storm water regulations, building codes and industry standards is essential.

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division

Stormwater Capital Projects Manager (Capital Project Manager III)

Posted 8/21/2025

King County's Stormwater Capital Unit is currently seeking highly qualified candidates for the position of Stormwater Capital Project Manager III (Capital Project Manager III) to manage the highest priority stormwater projects for King County Water and Land Resources Division. We are looking for a resourceful and technically skilled project manager who can lead and deliver capital projects while being supported by a team of dedicated water resources professionals. The capital project manager will lead large projects (\$3-10M) through initiation, design, construction, and closeout. The capital project manager will be responsible for leading project teams (including consultants and County staff) within constrained budgets and schedules.

King County Water and Land Resources Division

Stormwater Capital Projects Supervisor

Posted 8/13/2025

This position will supervise up to six (6) staff including capital project managers and the Computer Aided Design and Survey staff who work on a wide range of projects and programs within the work unit and the Capital Section. Projects include flood mitigation, detention and water quality facility repair or retrofit, feasibility projects, and regional stormwater facilities. The Capital Projects Supervisor is a working supervisor position, with an expectation to work 50% of time on capital projects in a project management and/or technical role and 50% of time in supervision/leadership.

King County Water and Land Resources Division

Stormwater Engineering Supervisor

Posted 8/13/2025

This position will supervise up to six (6) engineers who work on a wide range of projects and programs within the work unit and the Capital Section. Projects include flood mitigation, detention and water quality facility repair or retrofit, feasibility projects, and regional stormwater facilities. The Engineering Supervisor is a working supervisor position, with an expectation to work 50% of time on capital projects in a project management and/or technical role and 50% of time in supervision/leadership.

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Upcoming Committee Meetings

Younger Member Forum (YMF)

Interested in networking events and opportunities with ASCE Seattle's Younger Members? Be sure to [subscribe to the YMF Newsletter here](#) to stay up to date.

Small Project Development Committee

Our next meeting will be on September 17th at 12 pm to 1 pm. This will be a general meeting where we discuss small projects that we are currently working on or have completed. The meetings are online and everyone is encouraged to bring questions or talk about their projects. If you want to be included in our email notifications, please send me an email at LisaHarbert@outlook.com.





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