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Reminder: Renew Your ASCE Membership
Renew your ASCE membership for 2027, and make sure to select Seattle Section to support your local section.

ASCE2027 early bird pricing ends Monday, Nov. 16
Register now for $949 (members) and join engineers in Philadelphia March 1–5.

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DECEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEADLINE:
November 20, 2026

Meet the ASCE Seattle Section 26-27 Executive Board

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Committee Spotlight: The Infrastructure Report Card Update



What is the state of Washington's roads, bridges, water systems, and ports? Every few years, ASCE volunteers present the answers to those questions with the Report Card for Washington's Infrastructure, a letter-grade assessment that lawmakers, the media, and the public rely on. The Seattle Section is leading the next update, and work is underway.

Co-chairs Bobbie Gilmour and Paul Riemann launched the effort this year alongside the ASCE national staff. They are working with the Tacoma-Olympia Section, and the planning team has been meeting biweekly. The team is building on the last Report Card from 2019.

In September, the team held a kickoff with its first group of volunteer authors. A full orientation with ASCE national staff is scheduled for this fall. The new Report Card is set for release in December 2027 or January 2028, timed to the next state budget cycle so the findings reach legislators when funding decisions are being made. The Section also plans a legislative drive-in in Olympia alongside the release.

Get involved. We're looking for volunteers to help evaluate infrastructure categories, review data, and write chapters. You don't need prior Report Card experience, just expertise in your field and a few hours a month. Firms interested in sponsoring the Report Card report are also welcome. To get involved, contact reportcard@seattleasce.org

Save the Date: Joint Seattle Section / COPRI Meeting, "Seattle's Locks and Ship Canal"

COPRI
COASTS, OCEANS, PORTS & RIVERS INSTITUTE
Seattle Chapter

Seattle's (Ballard) Locks and Ship Canal

Wednesday
December 2, 2026

Ivar's Acres of Clams
1001 Alaskan Way, Pier 54
Seattle, WA 98104

The COPRI Seattle Chapter invites you to an Dec 2 dinner presentation at Ivar's Acres of Clams. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Ott and David Chapman for a presentation on Seattle's (Ballard) Locks and Ship Canal. This meeting is jointly hosted by the ASCE Seattle Section and the COPRI Seattle Chapter.

Please register for this in-person dinner event using the instructions below! If you are interested in the topic, you do not need to be a member of ASCE or COPRI to attend.

Everyone is welcome! Thanks in advance for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,
COPRI Seattle Chapter

Ellis Beckwith, Chapter Chair
Paul Riemann, Treasurer
Charlie Poole, Committee Member
Jeff Bruce, Committee Member
Uva Savic, Committee Member

You can learn more about COPRI Seattle by visiting our website or following us on LinkedIn.

Location:
Ivar's Acres of Clams
1001 Alaskan Way, Pier 54
Seattle, WA 98104

Schedule:
5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Presentation

Topic:

Seattle's (Ballard) Locks and Ship Canal
HistoryLink's Jennifer Ott and David Chapman from the US Army Corps of Engineers will present the history and operations of the Ballard Locks and Lake Washington Ship Canal. As co-author of "Seattle's Locks and Ship Canal", Jennifer will walk through how this engineering marvel came to be, how it works, and how this facility shapes the natural and cultural history of the city. Representing the US Army Corps of Engineers, David Chapman will complement Jennifer's historical presentation with attention to present day operations and future modernization. Books will be available for sale at the event.

Speakers:

Jennifer Ott
Executive Director | Environmental Historian, HistoryLink.org
Jennifer Ott is executive director at HistoryLink.org and an environmental historian. She co-authored Seattle's Locks and Ship Canal with her co-author David B. Williams. Her other works include Olmsted in Seattle: Creating a Park System for a Modern City and Where the City Meets the Sound: The Story of Seattle's Waterfront.

David Chapman, P.E.
Chief of Tech | Lake Washington Ship Canal, US Army Corps of Engineers
David R. Chapman, P.E., is the Chief of the Technical Section for the Lake Washington Ship Canal, where he leads engineering efforts supporting the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks (Ballard Locks). Mr. Chapman brings 17 years of experience with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District, where he has led numerous multidisciplinary teams through complex civil works. David holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington and was named Seattle District's 2022 Project Engineer of the Year.

Sustainability Committee Kickoff Recap & Q4 Event



The ASCE Seattle Sustainability Committee kicked off FY 2026–2027 on October 28, bringing together professionals and students to connect, brainstorm, and help shape the year ahead. The discussion generated ideas for future events ranging from clean energy to urban greening, fish passage, data centers, and climate-resilient infrastructure.

The committee plans to continue its quarterly speaker and networking series, strengthen collaboration with other organizations, and support student and pre-college outreach. New volunteers, speaker suggestions, and fresh ideas are always welcome, whether you can contribute throughout the year or simply help with one event or activity.

Save the date: The next Sustainability Committee networking event is planned for December 8, featuring Radcliffe Dacanay, SDOT's Climate Officer. The event will offer both a technical presentation and an opportunity to connect with others interested in sustainable infrastructure.

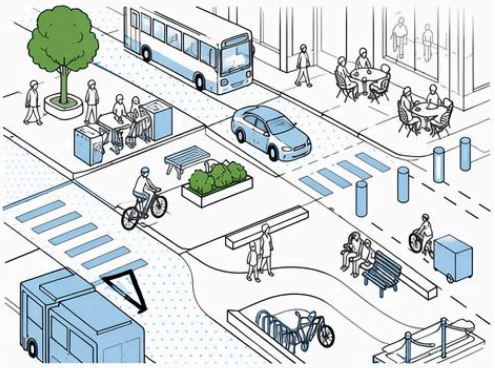


SDOT's Climate Action & Sustainable Transportation Initiatives

The ASCE Seattle Section Sustainability Committee is excited to close out our 2026 speaker series on 8 December with special guest speaker Radcliffe Dacanay, Climate Officer at the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT).

Radcliffe will share insights into SDOT's climate action plans and programs, including how sustainability and climate considerations are being integrated into transportation planning and implementation across Seattle.

Join us for an engaging afternoon of learning, conversation, and cross-industry collaboration, followed by networking over a cocktail dinner. This event is generously sponsored by Mott MacDonald.



Date: December 8, 2026

Location: Westlake Center, 1601 5th Ave #400, Seattle, WA 98101

RSVP by December 3:
Asli.Acikel@mottmac.com or Ayelet.Ezran@seattle.gov

Agenda

4:00 – 4:20 PM	Meet & Greet
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Presentation (25 min) + Q&A (5 min)
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Networking Cocktail Dinner



Radcliffe Dacanay
Climate Officer (SDOT)

About the Speaker

Radcliffe Dacanay is the Climate Officer at the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), with over two decades of experience in sustainable transportation, urban design and climate action. In his role as SDOT's Climate Officer, he works to establish departmental policy as it relates to climate change and sustainability and integrate these policies into the department's broader plans and programs for project implementation such as the Seattle Transportation Plan and SDOT's Low Pollution Neighborhoods program.

Prior to joining SDOT in 2018, Radcliffe's work included serving as a City Planner at the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, a Project Manager at ECONorthwest working on economic analysis and redevelopment feasibility studies, as well as a Regional Planner/Project Manager at Fregonese Calthorpe Associates working on sustainable transportation and land-use visioning projects throughout the US.

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Important BRPELS Licensing Update

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Exams and experience are now decoupled.

Do NOT apply to BRPELS until you have passed your NCEES exam AND met all Washington licensure qualifications.



What is decoupling?

Decoupling separates the experience requirement from the exam. You may take an NCEES exam before completing the required experience.



What doesn't change?

You still must meet Washington's experience and licensure requirements before receiving your license. See WAC 196 and applicable RCW requirements.



How to take your exam

BRPELS no longer accepts exam applications and you no longer need Board approval before testing. Register directly with NCEES for:

- FE — Fundamentals of Engineering
- PE — Fundamentals and Practice of Engineering
- SE — Structural Engineering
- FS — Fundamentals of Surveying
- PS — Principles and Practice of Surveying



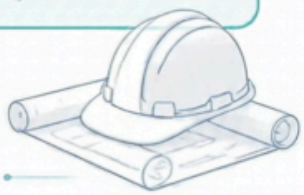
When should you apply to BRPELS?

Only after you have passed the required NCEES examination AND met all Board licensure requirements should you submit your Washington State licensure application.



BRPELS applications remain active for only 3 months. After that, the application is abandoned and the fee is forfeited.





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ASCE Seattle YMF 2027 Mentorship Program



ASCE SEATTLE SECTION
YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

2027 Mentorship Program

MOVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD WITH PURPOSE

This six-month program pairs Younger Members with civil engineering professionals whose skills and experience align with the mentee's career interests and development goals.

Program benefits:

01 AS A MENTEE

- Set meaningful career goals
- Gain feedback and practical guidance
- Grow your professional network

02 AS A MENTOR

- Share experience and lessons learned
- Ask questions that encourage reflection
- Support the next generation of engineers

MENTEES SIGN UP BY 11/13

Scan QR for signups and more details

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

November	Early January	Late January	June
Interest Forms Due	Matches completed	Kickoff	Close-out
		Seattle-area	



ASCE Seattle YMF is launching a new six-month Mentorship Program connecting mentees with experienced civil engineering professionals. Participants will receive personalized guidance, networking opportunities, periodic check-ins, and two in-person events. Mentor-mentee pairs will be matched based on interests, experience, and career goals.

Monthly Board Meetings



Board meetings are held on the **second Monday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM**, and members are always welcome to attend.

November Board Meeting
Monday, November 9, 4:30–6:00 PM
Online via Microsoft Teams
Add to your calendar

December Board Meeting: Hybrid
Monday, December 14, 5:00 PM
In person at Degenkolb Engineers' downtown Seattle office, or join online via Microsoft Teams

For questions or location details, email president@seattleasce.org.

Renew Your ASCE Membership for 2027



It’s time to renew your ASCE membership for 2027! Renewing keeps your member benefits going and supports your Section, Younger Member Forum, and student activities. When you renew, please select the Seattle Section. Selecting the section is how part of your dues supports your local chapter.

A few tips: ASCE’s auto-renewal covers all of your membership dues, including ASCE, section/branch, and affiliate memberships. You can turn it on during this year’s renewal.

Renew your membership

ASCE2027 Early Bird Registration Ends Monday, Nov. 16



ASCE2027: The Infrastructure and Engineering Experience takes place March 1–5, 2027 in Philadelphia. It brings together all nine ASCE technical institutes for technical sessions, guest speakers, and site tours.

Register by Monday, November 16 to get the lowest rate. The early bird price is $949 for ASCE members and $1,179 for non-members. After Nov. 16, prices go up to $1,089 for members and $1,359 for non-members.

Register for ASCE2027

ASCE Seattle Job Board

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Posted 9/18/2026

The Structural Engineer (“Engineer”) plays a key role in delivering structural engineering design and analysis for wireless communication and telecommunications infrastructure projects. This position is responsible for ensuring the structural integrity and compliance of both new and existing building and non-building structures, as well as non-structural components. The role supports the full project lifecycle - from concept and design through deployment and quality assurance - by collaborating closely with clients, contractors, project design teams, and regulatory authorities. The Engineer will prepare detailed reports, calculations, and technical analyses, while also providing quality control oversight of work performed by other engineers. This role contributes directly to the safety, reliability, and innovation of tower and telecommunications network projects, supporting the company’s mission to connect communities through innovative infrastructure solutions.

Advertise your current open positions to ASCE Seattle members today for only $75 for the first month and $50 for each subsequent month of the same content.
Email communications@seattleasce.org to learn more.

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.

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