

July 2026



July President-Elect's Column

By Paul Lee

ASCE Seattle Section President-Elect

Hello Seattle Section,

I'm honored to be stepping in as your incoming ASCE Seattle Section President and getting to continue serving the engineering community here in Seattle and across the greater Puget Sound area.

One of my favorite moments this past month was inducting the University of Washington and Seattle University Class of 2026 into the Order of the Engineer. I first took the oath when I graduated in 2015, and it was an honor to welcome the newest generation of civil engineers.

Looking ahead — save the date for our LOCEA Awards on August 20th! We'll be celebrating remarkable engineering projects, exemplary individuals, plus recognizing our newest Life Members.

Lastly, elections are here, and I'd love for you to consider joining the Section Board. It's a great way to build your leadership skills, meet engineers in the industry, and give back to the community. See the election materials below for open positions and how to run.

Thanks for being part of this Section — excited for what's ahead this year!

— Paul

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DEADLINE:
July 20, 2026**

ASCE Seattle Section: 2026-27 Board Elections

ASCE SEATTLE SECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2026-27 BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS SOLICITED
JULY – AUGUST 10



Four seats on your Seattle Section Board of Directors are up for election this year: **President-Elect, Secretary, Director of Technical Committees, and Director of Standing Committees.**

We are now accepting expressions of interest. If you — or someone you know — would make a great board member, please review the election material and fill out the [interest form](#). Nominees will be announced in the August newsletter along with the ballot, which will be distributed to all Members, with results announced in September.

Serving on the Board is one of the most meaningful ways to invest in our profession and our community. We encourage every eligible Member to consider applying and voting.

[For more information, check out this PDF.](#)

Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Awards 2026

You're invited to...

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Awards Night!

Hotel Sorrento

AUG 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM

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Join us on August 20, 2026, from 6-9:30 PM for the ASCE Seattle Section LOCEA Awards Night! We will be celebrating the newest ASCE Life Members and the 2026 LOCEA Award winners.

Grab your Early Bird Tickets before July 25th!

RSVP Now!



details:

Join us for an evening celebrating the civil engineering profession. The night includes a networking hour on the rooftop patio, a three-course plated dinner, and a cash bar.

THURSDAY
AUG 20

Hotel Sorrento

900 Madison St.
Seattle, WA 98104

agenda

6:00 PM: Life Members Networking Hour
7:00 PM: Dinner
7:30 PM: Start of Program
7:45 PM: Awards Presentation

attire

Business Casual or
Business Formal

getting there

Hotel Sorrento is conveniently located in downtown Seattle and can be reached by bus routes 2, 60, 630, and the RapidRide G Line.

Valet parking is available at the hotel. Paid parking lots are available nearby, with locations and pricing to be shared closer to the date.

We also warmly invite you to sponsor the ASCE Seattle Section LOCEA Awards Night. Your support helps make this special event possible as we honor the newest ASCE Life Members and celebrate the 2026 LOCEA Award winners.

Please contact us to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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networking hour

\$3000

THIS YEAR'S NETWORKING HOUR WILL HONOR THE ENGINEERS WHO RECEIVED THEIR LIFE MEMBER RECOGNITION DURING THE PAST 4 YEARS.

NETWORKING HOUR AND DINNER BANQUET SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

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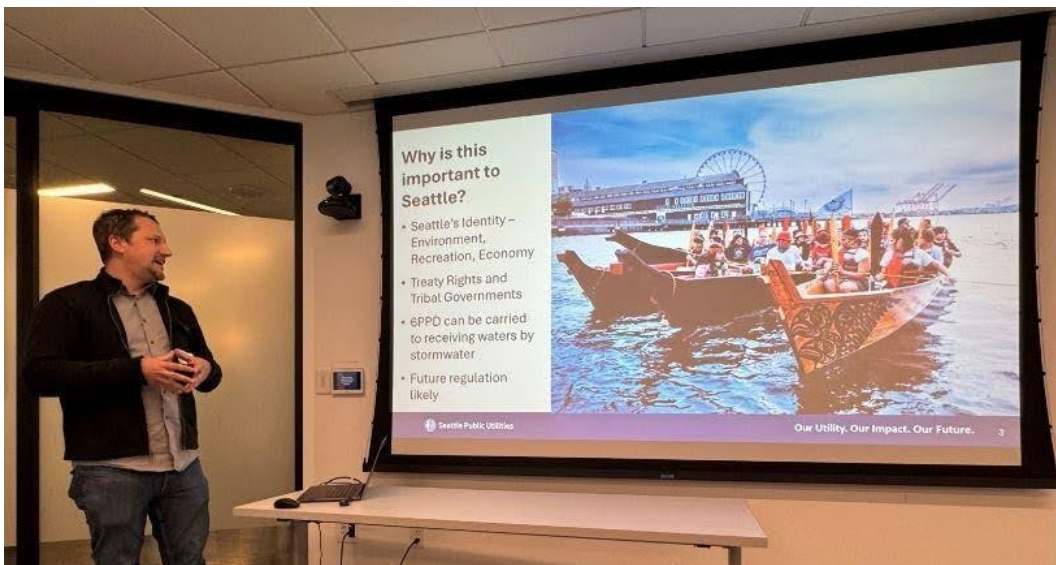
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**Welcoming New Graduates to the
Order of the Engineer**



The ASCE Seattle Section was proud to facilitate this year's Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony, celebrating graduating civil engineers from the University of Washington and Seattle University. Graduates took the Obligation of the Engineer and received their steel rings — a symbol of pride, responsibility, and commitment to ethical practice in the profession. The Seattle Section looks forward to welcoming the recent graduates into the engineering community and seeing the impact you'll make in the years ahead.

Sustainability Technical Committee - Q2 Event Recap





In celebration of **Earth Day**, the ASCE Seattle Section Sustainability Technical Committee hosted a well-attended Q2 networking event and dinner, bringing together professionals from across the region for an enjoyable evening focused on advancing sustainability in engineering practice.

The program featured a presentation by Nathan Hart on the emerging contaminant 6PPD-q, an issue of growing importance in Washington State. 6PPD-q forms when a common tire additive reacts with ozone and is carried into waterways through stormwater runoff. It has been shown to be highly toxic to certain fish species, particularly coho salmon, highlighting the close connection between our infrastructure systems and environmental health—and the important role engineers can play in finding solutions.

The discussion explored current knowledge, ongoing research, and potential paths forward. The strong participation and open, thoughtful dialogue throughout the evening reflected both the complexity of the issue and the shared commitment to making a positive impact.

The committee looks forward to continuing these conversations at future events and warmly welcomes new members who are interested in contributing to sustainability-focused initiatives within the civil engineering community. Anyone interested is encouraged to get involved and join upcoming meetings and events.

The Sustainability Technical Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of Mott MacDonald Northwest Division for sponsoring committee activities and helping make events like this possible.

[Sustainability Committee](#)

sustainability@seattleasce.org

Seattle Section Scholarships

Seattle Section scholarships are now open! Due: July 31, 2026

Richard Williamson Jones Scholarship - Open (Due July 31, 2026)

The Richard Williamson Jones Memorial Scholarship was established by his wife, Kathie, because Richard often commented that when he was a student, he would have been much better off if he had just had a little more money for books and supplies. The scholarship continues through Kathie Jones' estate.

Richard Jones was a civil engineer and a member of the Seattle Section of ASCE, when he died in an airplane crash at the age of 53. He was a graduate of the

University of Washington and was admitted as a Member of the Society in 1949 and as a Fellow in 1959. Mr. Jones joined General Construction Company in 1933 where he worked on many projects in the Seattle and Portland area, including the Bonneville Dam and as Chief Engineer on the Hungry Horse Dam. At the time of his death, he was Executive Vice President of General Construction Company.

The typical scholarship amount distributed annually is \$2,000.

R. H. Thomson Scholarship - Open (Due July 31, 2026)

The R. H. Thomson Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded by the Seattle Section each year to honor the accomplishments of R.H. Thomson. The application must be submitted by July 31, 2026 and announcement of the recipient will be made in August 2026. The scholarship in the amount approximately five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) will be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year, with one minor award for one-thousand (\$1,000) may be awarded for an exceptional runner-up. The disbursement could be in one year or in four years, depending on the recipient's college career schedule. The aim of the scholarship program is to encourage students to pursue a course of study leading to a Bachelor or a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering or one of the specialties within the Civil Engineering discipline. It also strives to honor R. H. Thomson, a civil engineer who had a profound and lasting impact on Seattle's infrastructure.

[Apply Now!](#)

RESCHEDULED
ASCE Seattle YMF Pickleball Tournament -
August 16, 2026



Due to weather, the original June 6, 2026 tournament was postponed and has been rescheduled. To ensure we have an accurate player count and updated brackets, all teams must complete a new registration, even if you were previously registered for the June event.

Previous registrations will not automatically transfer to the new tournament date. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your flexibility as we work to host a safe and enjoyable event.

If you registered for the original tournament, please take a moment to re-register to confirm your team's participation.

When: Sunday August 16th! (all-day activity)

Where: Bitter Lake Courts (North Seattle)

Address: 13035 Linden Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133

RSVP Again: [ASCE Seattle YMF Pickleball Tournament 2026 Sign Up - NEW TOURNAMENT DATE](#)

ASCE Seattle YMF 2026 Sponsorship Package



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YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

The **ASCE Seattle Younger Member Forum (YMF)** supports civil engineering professionals and students across the region through professional development, K-12 outreach, university partnerships, networking, and community service. To operate these programs, YMF manages an annual budget of \$43,240, funded by ASCE Section support, event income, and community sponsorships.

For 2026, YMF offers three sponsorship tiers:

Platinum - \$3,000+

Includes premier recognition, newsletter and website placement, social media spotlights, and top tier event sponsorships such as PSB, Pickleball, Summer Picnic, and the Holiday Party.

Gold - \$1,500+

Includes newsletter + website recognition with one specialty event sponsorship (PSB or Pickleball) and one networking event sponsorship (Picnic or Holiday Party).

Silver - \$500+

A single event sponsorship (PSB or Pickleball) including marketing visibility and day of recognition.

Community - Donate your own amount

Community Sponsorship will match the benefits of Platinum, Gold, or Silver based on the amount donated.

These sponsorships directly fund YMF's biggest programs, including the Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition at the Museum of Flight, the annual Pickleball Tournament, scholarships, conferences, and student support helping inspire and empower the next generation of civil engineering leaders.

Please email us for the full sponsorship package and additional information.

Volunteer Opportunity: Awards Night Planning

Are you passionate about recognizing excellence and celebrating civil engineering achievement? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Awards Committee!

We especially need volunteers to help plan the Awards Dinner, ensuring a fantastic and memorable celebration for all honorees.

Interested? Reach out to Bianca Casem (biancasem819@gmail.com) to get involved today!

Legislative Committee Recruiting



I'm Grace Amundsen Barnkow, chair of the Legislative Committee. I hold a BS in Civil Engineering and Business from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and an MPA from the University of Colorado Denver. Over the years I've worked with the Alaska and Washington State DOTs, the City of SeaTac, Pacific County, and in private practice.

Our committee keeps an eye on legislation that matters to engineers, gathers input from members on priority issues, and helps make sure our profession's voice is heard. We're looking for new members to join us—whether you're interested in tracking bills, sharing your perspective, or just learning more about how policy affects engineering.

If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to have you! Those who are interested can email president@seattleasce.org.

ASCE Seattle Job Board

[Click here to view open positions](#)

WSDOT

Area Consultant Liaison Engineer (TTE)

Posted 7/2/2026

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is seeking a detail-oriented and collaborative Area Consultant Liaison Engineer to support the successful delivery of transportation projects throughout the Eastern Region by administering consultant agreements from procurement through contract closeout. This position will manage the full lifecycle of consultant contracts, including consultant selection, agreement development, payment processing, compliance monitoring, contract administration, records management, and closeout while ensuring adherence to state and federal laws, regulations, and WSDOT policies governing consultant contracting. The role will also provide technical guidance and contract administration support to regional staff, Area Consultant Liaison personnel, local agencies, and external partners, helping ensure consultant services are delivered efficiently and in support of WSDOT's Design and Construction programs. Strong candidates will possess strong knowledge of consultant contracting and procurement practices, excellent organizational and project coordination skills, and the ability to build productive working relationships while managing multiple priorities in a complex regulatory environment. See link for more information, including details on how to apply:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/wsdot/jobs/5397586/area-consultant-liaison-engineer-tte>

City of Loveland, Colorado

City Engineer

Posted 6/11/2026

The City Engineer will step into a vital leadership role as a member of the department's executive team. The Public Works Department has a strong foundation of collaboration across the organization in place, a motivated team, and a clear three-year strategic agenda. It needs a skilled, people-centered engineer to drive that work forward with consistency, innovation, and a genuine commitment to the community. This is a rare opportunity to shape how a fast-growing Colorado city plans, builds, and manages its infrastructure for the next generation of residents and businesses. Applications will be accepted electronically by Raftelis at <https://www.raftelis.com/opportunity/city-of-loveland-co--city-engineer>.

City of Sequim

Development Review Specialist

Posted 6/10/2026

For full job details and to complete an application, please visit the City of Sequim Careers Page: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sequimwa. The City of Sequim is seeking a detail-oriented and collaborative professional with experience in municipal engineering, permitting, development review, or construction inspection who is ready to play a key role in supporting quality development outcomes for the City. In this role, you will help guide projects from review through coordination and inspection while balancing regulatory compliance, stakeholder interests, and responsive public service.

University of Washington, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

Research Scientist, Environmental Health Exposures and Field Data

Posted 6/5/2026

The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington is hiring a full-time temporary Research Scientist to work with the NHERI RAPID Facility supporting environmental

health exposure data collection after natural hazard events. This hands-on role will work with RAPID technical staff and external research teams on field deployments, drone-supported data collection, analytical instruments, environmental sampling, GIS, technical protocol development, training materials, logistics, and data collection in complex post-disaster settings. The position may be a good fit for candidates with backgrounds in environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental health, exposure science, chemistry, biology, industrial hygiene, GIS, natural resources, public health, or related field research. See link for more information, including details on how to apply: http://wd5.myworkdaysite.com/en-US/recruiting/uw/UWHires/details/Research-Scientist-Engineer-2_REQ-0000132958?q=RAPID

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](mailto:Emailcommunications@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.

Small Project Development

We will be meeting on July 15 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. David Baumgarten from the Riley Group will be giving a presentation on mounding analysis. This presentation will be geared towards reviewers and why a mounding analysis does not work if you have no water table. Please email me if you want to attend or get on our mailing list. LisaHarbert@outlook.com



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