

November 2025



## November President's Column

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Hello Seattle Section,

Hope you all had a great Halloween, and great start to the Autumn season.

It was great seeing many of you at our first Section Dinner with the YMF last month. A big thank you to David Peden and BRPELS for giving an informative presentation, and the YMF for planning such a great event.

Section Dinner meetings will resume back in 2026, so please keep an eye out for our next event.

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](mailto:president@seattleasce.org).

Stay updated on our latest events, please check out our Section Website, subscribe to the newsletter and follow us on LinkedIn.

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

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# Sustainability Committee Kick-Off Meeting - November 6, 2025

Following a period of inactivity during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to announce the reactivation of the ASCE Seattle Chapter Sustainability Committee. I am honored to serve as the Committee Chair for the 2025–2026 fiscal year, and I warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming kickoff meeting and networking dinner and drinks.

We welcome students, faculty members, and professionals from both the public and private sectors who are passionate about sustainability in civil engineering. Your participation will be instrumental in shaping the committee's direction and initiatives for the year ahead.

## Meeting Details

□ Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025

□ Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Committee Meeting (Hybrid – Online & In Person)  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Networking Dinner & Drinks (In Person Only)

□ Location:

In Person: Mott MacDonald Westlake Office, 8th Floor, 1601 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101

Online: [Join the meeting online](#)

□ RSVP for in-person attendance by Tuesday, November 4:

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## Agenda Overview

- Welcome & Introductions – Connect with fellow sustainability-focused professionals
- Committee Vision & Planned Activities – Overview of goals and initiatives for 2025–2026
- Volunteer Engagement – Learn about opportunities to support and lead committee efforts
- Collaborative Brainstorming – Share ideas to help define our priorities and future events

Whether you are a long-standing ASCE member or newly engaged with the chapter, we welcome your insights, enthusiasm, and commitment to advancing sustainability in civil engineering.

We look forward to your participation as we work together to foster a more sustainable future for our profession and our communities.

## 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](mailto:president@seattleasce.org).

## ASCE Seattle Job Board

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### **City of SeaTac Director of Public Works**

**Posted 10/9/2025**

The City Council for SeaTac, Washington seeks an accomplished professional to guide the Public Works Department. Under the direction of the City Manager, the Director of Public Works plans, organizes, directs, and evaluates the operations, services, budgets, policy formation, and activities of the City's Public Works Department. The Public Works Department's budget for FY 2025-26 is \$68.4M with 64% of its budget directed towards capital projects, traffic and pedestrian studies, street improvements, and beautification projects. Currently, the Department has a total staff of 40 FTEs in three divisions within the Public Works Department: Engineering; Engineering Review; and Maintenance & Operations.

### **King County Water and Land Resources Division Stormwater/Hydraulics Engineer**

**Posted 10/24/2025**

Are you a collaborative civil engineer ready to join a dedicated and diverse multi-disciplinary and inter-departmental team to improve water quality, enhance public safety, and advance multi-benefit Roads Division capital projects? Are you excited to grow your career as a civil engineer to improve water

quality for salmon and improve the resiliency of stormwater infrastructure for the communities of unincorporated King County? Look no further than the Stormwater Capital Unit within King County, Washington's Water and Land Resources Division. We are seeking a standout professional to join us to deliver crucial capital projects that support public safety, improve water quality and habitat, and meet water quality regulatory requirements. If you're ready to take on a position that's more than just a job, King County's Stormwater Capital Unit is the place for you.

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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.



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