

June 2026



June President's Column

By Romulos P. Ragudos, Jr.

ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section,

It was great seeing many of you last May with our joint meeting with the University of Washington and Seattle University ASCE Student Chapters. Congratulations to our student chapters, their teams, and the winning presenters from each school.

Please join the Seattle Section on August 20th for our annual Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Awards where we will be recognizing our Sections outstanding engineers, projects and Life Members. Please join us for a fun evening celebrating these amazing people and projects. RSVP in the link below.

We are looking for members to join the leadership team for the 2026-2027 year! If you are looking to get more involved with ASCE, we have many opportunities available so please contact me at president@seattleasce.org.

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DEADLINE:
June 30, 2026**

ASCE Student Competition Winners



Please join the Seattle Section in recognizing our top student presentations from the University of Washington and Seattle University. The top three winners received a financial prize, and the top winners presented at the May Seattle Dinner Meeting. Additionally, thank you to the judges who volunteered their time.

University of Washington

1st Place – Nishanti P.

2nd Place – Peter Y.

3rd Place – Mehrad N.

Seattle University

1st Place – Shem K., Mira M. Tamara S.

2nd Place – Carl C, Mathea C. Alexandria H., Enya P.

3rd Place – Colette C., Frances G., Davey P., Paolo S.

2026 LOCEA Awards Night - Save the Date & Sponsorship Opportunity



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20TH
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HOTEL SORRENTO

6:00 - 7:00 PM
NETWORKING HOUR

7:00 - 9:30 PM
DINNER & AWARDS

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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Join us on **August 20, 2026, from 6:00–9:30 PM** for the **ASCE Seattle Section Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievements (LOCEA) Awards Night**. We'll celebrate the **2026 project and individual award winners** as well as members who have achieved **Life Member status**. More event details will be shared soon, but we invite you now to consider becoming an **event sponsor** and supporting this special evening.

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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:

- NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE NETWORKING HOUR
- COMPANY LOGO FEATURED ON EVENT MATERIALS FOR THE NETWORKING HOUR AND DINNER BANQUET
- 4 EVENT TICKETS
- COMPANY LOGO FEATURED IN THE SECTION NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR 4 MONTHS
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY JOB POSTINGS, REDEEMABLE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF PLEDGE
- MAXIMUM OF 1 COMPANY SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

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\$1500

DINNER BANQUET SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- LOGO ON EVENT MATERIALS FOR THE DINNER BANQUET
- 4 EVENT TICKETS
- COMPANY LOGO FEATURED IN THE SECTION NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR 4 MONTHS
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY JOB POSTINGS, REDEEMABLE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF PLEDGE

elliot bay

\$500

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- LOGO ON EVENT MATERIALS FOR THE DINNER BANQUET
- 2 EVENT TICKETS
- COMPANY LOGO FEATURED IN THE SECTION NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR 3 MONTHS



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Networking Hour Sponsor — \$3,000

Our premier sponsorship includes:

- Naming rights for the Networking Hour
- Company logo on event materials for both the Networking Hour and Dinner Banquet
- 4 event tickets
- Company logo featured in section newsletters and social media for 4 months
- 2 complimentary job postings, redeemable within 1 year of pledge
- Exclusive opportunity limited to 1 sponsor

Olympic Mountains Sponsor — \$1,500

This sponsorship includes:

- Logo on Dinner Banquet event materials
- 4 event tickets
- Company logo featured in section newsletters and social media for 4 months

- 2 complimentary job postings, redeemable within 1 year of pledge

Elliot Bay Sponsor — \$500

This sponsorship includes:

- Logo on Dinner Banquet event materials
- 2 event tickets
- Company logo featured in section newsletters and social media for 3 months

Community Sponsor

We appreciate all sponsorship support. Community Sponsors will receive recognition at a level that reflects their contribution. Every sponsorship helps make this celebration possible.

Why Sponsor?

Sponsoring this event is a meaningful way to:

- Showcase your company to civil engineering professionals and community leaders
- Align your brand with excellence, recognition, and professional achievement
- Support the celebration of impactful projects and individuals in the industry
- Build visibility before, during, and after the event

Join us in recognizing excellence and strengthening our engineering community through your support.

Payment via Constant Contact includes an additional processing charge. **Other payment methods are available—please email awards@seattleasce.org for more information.**

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!

ASCE Seattle YMF Pickleball Tournament - August 16, 2026



The poster features a blue background with white and yellow accents. At the top right is the ASCE Seattle Young Member Fund logo. The main title 'ASCE SEATTLE YMF PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, a paragraph in white text invites players of all skill levels. The new tournament date, 'AUGUST 16, 2026', is highlighted in large red letters, followed by 'SUNDAY - ALL DAY' in red. A yellow box with a QR code and the text 'REGISTER HERE' is on the left. To the right of the QR code, the location 'BITTER LAKE TENNIS COURTS NORTH SEATTLE' is written in white. At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'OPEN DOUBLES!' in white, and to its right, 'ALL SKILL LEVELS! ALL AGES WELCOME!' is written in white. The poster is decorated with illustrations of a pickleball paddle, a pickleball, and a tennis net.

**ASCE SEATTLE YMF
PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT**

Join us for the **3rd Annual Pickleball Tournament!** Players of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy a fun and competitive day on the courts.

**NEW TOURNAMENT DATE
AUGUST 16, 2026
SUNDAY - ALL DAY**

REGISTER HERE

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NORTH SEATTLE**

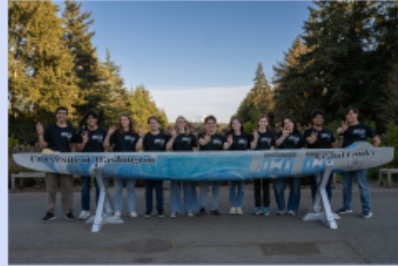
OPEN DOUBLES!

**ALL SKILL LEVELS!
ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Fundraising for Concrete Canoe Team

HELP US GET TO *NATIONALS*

After placing first overall in the regionals competition, Concrete Canoe at the University of Washington is going to nationals! So much time and effort went into this achievement. Every sub-team designed or constructed a crucial innovation that allowed Grand Coulee to come to life. Our hull was designed from the ground up and our mix completely changed. A new post-tensioning system and custom foam inlay molds brought accuracy and precision. The people paddling the boat were in the lake multiple days a week. We cannot wait to bring this fantastic product to nationals, but we cannot get there alone. Between registration, driving the canoe and the display to West Virginia, and flying out the team, nationals is going to cost us \$20,000. Without your help, we will not be able to go. We at Concrete Canoe at the University of Washington are beyond thankful for any support you can lend us.



The Concrete Canoe team at the University of Washington is a student-led engineering organization backed by ASCE. As an open-to-join engineering RSO, Concrete Canoe prides itself in its diverse, interdisciplinary member selection and has something to offer to any student seeking an uplifting community that teaches valuable life skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and project management.

After a fantastic year culminating in a victory at the ASCE Concrete Canoe Regional competition, CC@UW has the honor of representing the University of Washington at the national level at **Fairmont State University in Fairmont, West Virginia**. The national competition will give their members the opportunity to connect with industry professionals, meet students from all over the country, and gain valuable experience for future years at Concrete Canoe. Through TogetherUW, they hope to provide this opportunity to as many members as we can.

Please make the check payable to: "University of Washington – Concrete Canoe Team"

Mail checks to:

Attn: Concrete Canoe

University of Washington

201 More Hall, Box 352700 Seattle, WA (98195-2700)

-OR-

Use this direct link: <https://together.uw.edu/i/uw/campaign/concrete-canoes>

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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](#)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Civil Engineer 3

Posted 5/27/2026

Want to join something GREAT and make a difference? The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking for a Civil Engineer 3 for DNR's Northeast Region. You will tackle engineering challenges that standard highway engineers rarely touch. Based in rural Colville, WA, an outdoor enthusiast's dream location with rolling mountains reaching the blue sky, and green forests in every direction. As our journey-level Civil Engineer 3, you will design and manage critical forest road networks, conduct structural bridge inspections, and engineer innovative fish passage structures. From surveying and database modeling to managing public works contracts and heavy equipment crews, you will have the autonomy to solve diverse hydraulic and structural problems in Washington's most beautiful terrain. View a complete position description with full application instructions at careers.wa.gov.

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.

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.



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