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August President-Elect's Column

By Paul Lee

ASCE Seattle Section President-Elect

Hello Seattle Section,

Washington Wildfires

As of writing this column, the fires in Eastern Washington continue to rage on. Even here in Seattle, we can see the effects in the dull, hazy air. It takes me back to when I lived in Los Angeles and experienced several wildfires firsthand. The damage was devastating — but communities came together, thanks to the efforts of first responders, local officials, and members of the community.

Right now, I'm certain there are civil engineers on the front lines — managing evacuation logistics, monitoring infrastructure, and working to keep critical systems running under pressure. The unfortunate reality is that hotter, drier weather has become the norm, and we as engineers have to adapt our infrastructure for a changing climate

Life Members and the Awards Banquet

This August, the Seattle Section will honor ASCE Life Members at our annual awards banquet. Life Membership represents decades of service to the profession, and I'm delighted to recognize our inductees as part of the evening. I invite you all to sign up for the banquet — though tickets are nearly sold out — or to read below for the stories and accomplishments of these longtime stewards of our profession.

I'd especially encourage our younger engineers to connect not only with our Life Members, but with all of our seasoned engineers. A few words of mentorship go a long way as we grow and develop as professionals.

Get Involved — Apply for the Executive Board

Lastly, I invite you all to apply for the Executive Board and get involved with the Seattle Section. I have big ambitions for the coming year, and I need a strong board to help realize them.

See you at the banquet on August 20th!

**SEPTEMBER 2026
NEWSLETTER CONTENT
DEADLINE:**
August 20, 2026

ASCE Seattle Section: 2026-27 Board Elections - Application Deadline Extended to August 14

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

NOMINATIONS SOLICITED
JULY – AUGUST 14



Five seats on your Seattle Section Board of Directors are up for election this year: **President-Elect, Secretary, Director of Branches, 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.](#)

Honoring Life Members

[Check out Life Member Spotlights here!](#)

Class of 2023

Tony Michael Allen
Elizabeth L. Anderson
Stuart Murray Beck
Phyllis Ahlers Brunner
Howard S Burton
C Chevy Chase
Kenneth Edward Dahl
William Simon Dershowitz
Ronald Arthur Dorn
Christopher V R Dunn
Hiroshi Eto
Emmanuel Gnanapragasam
Wayne Eric Grotheer

Lawrin V Johnson
Theresa A Lawson
Ronald Joseph Leimkuhler
John V Loscheider
Kenneth F Mc Dowell
Anne E McAteer-Brown
Robert F Miner
Bruce Ivar Ostbo
John William Rundall
Steve J Savage
Kenneth Basil Simons
Richard E Sylwester
Charles Joseph Williams

Class of 2024

Madison Jeffery Batt

Brian Roy Beaman

Russell Alan Browne
Perry Richard Cole
John C Headland
Susan Sarah Kaufman-UNA
Joel Warren Massmann
John M Richards
Jeanne Marie Stypula

Gerard Joseph Buechel
Kathryn Gardow
William Ira James III
Jay S Kidder
Ron K Riach
Mohammad-Ali Shasti-Nazem
Michael Anderson Wright

Class of 2025

Mark James Amrhein
Mary Clare Dahl
Mark A Freiburger
Kurt D Merriman
Kenneth A Oja
Darrell Staaleson
Dale E Topham

Edward Esco Bell
John D Dautel
Greg Allen Guillen
Mark H Morse
Ignasius F Seilie
Andrew Warren Taylor

Class of 2026

Andrew T Guatelli
Lee Marsh
Catherine M Petroff
Carol Ann Ravano
Lisa S Singer
Gary Lee Sturdy
Paris R Whitford

Stephen Thomas Kicinski
Daniel Mikulak III
Dana Eliot Postlewait
Regan W Sidie
Travis E Smith III
Michael R Wachter

Seattle Section Scholarships - Due Friday, August 14, 2026 (Deadline Extended)

Seattle Section scholarships are now open! Due: Friday, August 14, 2026

Richard Williamson Jones Scholarship - Open (Due August 14, 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 August 14, 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.

Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Awards 2026



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.

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.

Sponsor Now!

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sponsorship packages

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

elliott bay

\$500

DINNER BANQUET SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- 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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RSVP Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/dbcyekh>

Sponsorship Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/yugz6pb>

**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



Platinum \$3000+

Gold \$1500+

Silver \$500+

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<https://www.seattleasceymf.org/sponsorships>

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ASCE
SEATTLE SECTION
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](#)

Port of Everett

Project Engineer

Posted 8/3/2026

The Project Engineer assists with construction and infrastructure projects from initial planning through closeout. Working under the Director of Engineering, the role supports project management, scheduling, cost estimating, budgeting, scope development, design reviews, and field condition assessments. It helps coordinate project activities, maintain documentation, and supports consultant and third-party agreements to keep projects on track and compliant. The position also provides regular onsite support by observing construction work, assisting with inspections, coordinating with contractors, and helping monitor quality and adherence to plans and specifications. The expectation for this position is that the successful candidate increases responsibility over time as certain performance and experience levels are reached. Apply Here:

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/e2a8eb15-5f53-4bad-b21b-33c69f83c1c6/Port-of-Everett>

Stantec

Senior Project Manager, Water Wastewater

Posted 7/29/2026

At Stantec, we believe that truly transformative work is born from a culture that values diversity. It's our diversity of thought and expression that sets us apart as an employer—it is through our combined creativity, innovation, and expertise that we do our best work for our clients and have a lasting impact on our world. Stantec's leadership sees our people as our most valuable resource and is committed to the health, wellbeing, and safety of our team. We have adopted a flexible work environment, including remote work as appropriate, so that our team members can deliver their best both in and outside the office. As a Senior Project Manager, you will be responsible for leading exceptional teams to deliver successful projects for our clients in the Water business. You will engage internally throughout the organization with staff at all levels, and externally with clients, members of business and professional organizations, regulatory agencies, subconsultants, and other firms. Apply here:

https://hdhl.fa.us6.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1/job/1005670/apply/email?utm_medium=third_party&utm_source=Stantec.jobs

City of Bothell

Capital Project Engineer

Posted 7/21/2026

The City is looking for an effective, organized, and team oriented professional Capital Project Engineer to manage capital projects from design through construction and play a major role in the development of a thriving, diverse community. Apply using the following link:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bothellwa/jobs/5414407/capital-project-engineer?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

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>

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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