

January 2026



January President's Column

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ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section,

Hope you all had a great holiday season, and Happy New Year!

Visit our
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Sections next Dinner Meeting will be in March with our local Geotechnical/Geo-Institute Chapter who were just recognized as the Best Geo-Institute Chapter for 2024-2025! Please be on the lookout for additional information next month.

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Our team has been very busy planning events and there are several coming up, so please read to the end and we hope to see you there!

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We are still looking for volunteers to join our Awards Committee (Applications for Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Awards will be coming out soon) as well as the Legislative Committee.

Upcoming
Events
Calendar

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.

Current
Job Board
Openings

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

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January 20, 2026



FUTURE CITIES COMPETITION

THE FUTURE CITY COMPETITION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE CITY MODEL JUDGES. CITY MODEL JUDGES WILL ATTEND AN IN-PERSON PRESENTATION DAY AND SCORE THE 3D CITY MODELS OF STUDENTS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

SIGN UP TO BE A JUDGE!

JANUARY 17TH, 2026

8 AM - 4 PM

SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

16101 GREENWOOD AVE N, SHORELINE, WA 98133



**GeoEngineers Tech Talk -
January 22nd, 2026**

TECH TALK.

SERIES: JAN 2026

**Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
GeoEngineers Office @
Belltown, Seattle**

2101 4th Ave #950, Seattle, WA 98121

Refreshments will be provided

RSVP HERE:



HOSTED BY: **GEOENGINEERS**

JOIN US FOR AN INSIGHTFUL PRESENTATION

Marcus Sloniker will be presenting on common excavation support systems.

He will offer a general overview of how each system operates, highlight the advantages and disadvantages of different options, and share real-world project examples showcasing their applications.

Additionally, Marcus will discuss valuable lessons learned and explore mitigation strategies for addressing high deflections or failures in retaining wall systems on construction sites.



MARCUS SLONIKER

Please join us for a tech talk on geotechnical engineering at the GeoEngineers office!

Marcus Sloniker, EIT, will be presenting on common excavation support systems. Specifically, he will provide a general overview of how each system works, the pros and cons of selecting various systems, and some example projects that utilize them. Marcus will also discuss lessons learned and mitigation options for high deflections or failures of retaining wall systems on construction sites.

GeoEngineers is generously providing snacks!

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: GeoEngineers Office

Address: 2101 4th Ave #950, Seattle, WA 98121

Please register at the link below! Additional info will be sent out prior to the talk.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNIMozIJ_WFjX4aqznOWN5nX3kDp3zAZ54pE3I8rSoFVQ3tQ/viewform

Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition - March 14th, 2026

POPSICLE STICK BRIDGE COMPETITION

Calling all **middle and high school students!**

Think you can build the strongest bridge using only popsicle sticks and glue? Put your engineering skills to the test in a fun, hands-on competition hosted by ASCE Seattle YMF!

MARCH 14TH 2026

THE MUSEUM OF
FLIGHT

Interest Form:



**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. SPREAD THE WORD WITH YOUR KIDS, STUDENTS,
AND FRIENDS - COME BUILD WITH US!**

Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition - Student Sign-Up

We are currently looking for middle and high school students to participate in our Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition! This hands-on engineering challenge gives students the opportunity to design, build, and test a bridge using only popsicle sticks and glue. No prior engineering experience is required just creativity, teamwork, and curiosity.

Location: The Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA

Date: March 14, 2026

Competition rules and the official building code will be released soon. Students who sign up through the interest form will be the first to receive updates, rules, and important event details.

Middle and High School Students of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to participate.

[Click this link to sign up!](#)

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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.

Seattle Central College & Puget Sound Engineering Council Engineering Mentor Night - January 29, 2026

Seattle Central College along with the Puget Sound Engineering Council will be hosting Engineering Mentor Night again on Thursday, January 29th, 2026 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Share your expertise and experience with students from the Seattle Colleges! This one-night commitment will be held in person and consists of small group breakout sessions that students can jump in and out of to meet with you!

Engineers interested in participating in the Seattle Central College Mentor Night, please fill out the following form. This information will be shared with students to assist them in determining which mentors they may be interested in speaking with during the event. Pizza will be provided as well as a parking pass to our parking garage.

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/jScJ4v3Mfr>

Location:

Seattle Central College

Building: BE Building- First Floor Atrium

[1701 Broadway, Seattle, WA, 98122](#)

Questions? Please reach out to Luis Leon at luisrafaelleon@yahoo.com (PSEC) or Lorena Hernandez at Lorena.Hernandez@[seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Lorena.Hernandez@seattlecolleges.edu) (MESA Seattle Central College)

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](#)

King County
Special Projects Manager III- TLT/SDA
Posted 1/2/2026

King County International Airport – Boeing Field (KCIA) is searching for an exceptional leader to serve as **Special Projects Manager 3** for KCIA's **Taxiway Bravo Relocation project**. To meet this challenge, the Special Projects Manager 3 will lead the full scope of project management work required to implement all phases of design and construction of a new air traffic control tower (ATCT), Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station, runway rehabilitation, taxiway relocation, and other enabling projects.

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.



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