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October President's Column

By Paul Lee

ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section,

I'm excited to serve as your 2026–27 President. We have a new Executive Board that's eager to bring events to the Seattle area.

Get involved as the legislative cycle begins and help shape Washington's priorities regarding our infrastructure. Our Legislative Committee is preparing for the session and looking for members who want to advocate for smart infrastructure investment. You don't need policy experience, just an interest in making civil engineers' voices heard.

The Infrastructure Report Card is full steam ahead, and the Committee is hard at work evaluating the condition of Washington's infrastructure, from roads and bridges to water systems and ports. The Report Card is one of our most powerful tools for informing the public and

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our elected leaders. If you have expertise to share, please jump in.

Join us for our Networking Happy Hour on October 22. Whether you're a longtime member, brand new to ASCE, or a student exploring the profession, come meet fellow engineers and Section leaders for a casual mixer.

Keep reading to see all the ways you can get involved. We've launched a short involvement survey so you can tell us which committees, technical groups, and initiatives interest you, whether you want to lend a hand at one event or step into a leadership role.

I look forward to meeting many of you this year. Thank you for being part of the ASCE Seattle Section.

Lastly, a reminder to renew your ASCE memberships (and select the Seattle section)! It's through your membership that we're able to put on all the programming we do.

Warm regards,

Paul Lee, P.E., M.ASCE, ENV-SP, MPA
President, ASCE Seattle Section

2026-2027 Executive Board

Introducing the new Executive Board Members for the ASCE Seattle Section.



President - Paul Lee



Secretary - Austin Wong



Treasurer - Bobbie Gilmour



Director of Standing Committees -
Dustin Taylor



Director of Technical Committees -
Ava Anvari



Director of Branches - Bianca Casem



YMF Board Representative -
Nicki Peden-Asarch

Membership Interest Survey



Interested in getting more involved with the Seattle Section? Fill out our [membership interest survey](#), and we'll let you know how you can plug in. We have various social and technical committees. Time commitments are whatever you are able to put in. Join as a committee member or, if you're interested, as a committee chair.

Networking Happy Hour - Thursday, October 22, 2026



[Click to RSVP](#)

Meet the Section board for the 2026-2027 cycle and network with fellow engineers.

Where: Last Drop in Capitol Hill
517 E Pike St Ste c, Seattle, WA 98122
When: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

[RSVP Here](#)

Interest Survey - Legislative Day on the Hill Event

ASCE SEATTLE SECTION 2027 LEGISLATIVE DAY ON THE HILL

FILL OUT AN INTEREST
SURVEY TODAY!



Interested in getting involved with Seattle Section's government/legislative affairs? Fill out our [survey](#) as we plan for a legislative day in Olympia and prepare for ASCE Society's Legislative Fly in 2027. Members will have an opportunity to meet with law and policy makers on infrastructure issues affecting civil engineers. Washington legislative day will be in late January 2027 with a prep meeting prior. Open to all ASCE members in Washington state!

Questions? Contact Grace at graceak01@hotmail.com

ASCE Sustainability Committee Updates

Bring Your Ideas to the Table: Sustainability Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Want to help shape the future of sustainability initiatives in the Seattle civil engineering community? Join us for our FY 2026-2027 Sustainability Committee Kick-Off Meeting and learn how you can get involved. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help plan events, connect with industry leaders, support outreach efforts, and bring fresh ideas to the table. Whether you can contribute throughout the year or just lend a hand occasionally, we'd love to have you on the team. **No major commitment required, just your interest and enthusiasm!**

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, October 28

Planning Meeting: 4:00 PM to 4:40 PM (Please RSVP for the meeting link if you'd like to join online)

Networking Reception: 4:40 PM to 6:00 PM (in-person only)

Location: Westlake Building, 4th Floor, [1601 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101](#)

RSVP: asli.acikel@mottmac.com

Get Involved. Make Connections. Make an Impact.

Please also **save the date** for our next networking dinner event which will include a presentation by **Radcliffe Dacanay, SDOT's Climate Officer**. We are targeting either **December 8 or 9** in the Westlake Building. Additional details will be shared soon.



Food Prep Volunteer Event [RSVP by Oct 5th]



 **FARESTART**

 **ASCE**
SEATTLE SECTION
YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

Sunday

11th
Oct

10:00
AM

Food Prep Volunteer

Community
Service

Scan QR to RSVP



Community Meals
Kitchen
@ Lower Queen Ann

[RSVP Here!](#)

Please join us for our next volunteer event in partnership with FareStart! We will be helping prepare community meals to support our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

Please note that space is limited, so registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis (or rather, first to serve). RSVP by **October 5th**.

When: Sunday October 11th, 10:00am -3:00pm

Where: Galaxy Building, 635 Elliott Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119

ASCE EWRI October Meeting



ENVIRONMENTAL &
WATER RESOURCES
INSTITUTE
Seattle Chapter

OCTOBER 22, 2026

12PM - 1PM PST

Smarter Stormwater Systems: Integrating Infrastructure, Monitoring, and Adaptive Control

Speaker:

Katie Vranesic, Oldcastle Infrastructure
Laney Nelson, Opti

Description

This presentation will provide an overview of Oldcastle Infrastructure's stormwater product portfolio and Opti's suite of digital stormwater management solutions, highlighting how physical infrastructure and intelligent controls can work together as a coordinated system. The session will examine SmartCapture™, which combines Oldcastle Infrastructure's precast StormCapture® storage system with Opti's Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control (CMAC) technology. The integrated approach uses sensors, automated controls, weather forecasts, and an actuated outlet to actively manage storage and discharge rather than relying solely on a passive design.

Speaker Bio

Katie Vranesic is a Stormwater Consultant with Oldcastle Infrastructure, helping engineers and municipalities across the Pacific Northwest solve stormwater challenges through practical, sustainable infrastructure solutions. With a background in civil engineering, facilities engineering, and large capital projects, Katie brings both technical expertise and real-world construction experience to conversations about water quality, detention, infiltration, and water reuse.



Laney Nelson is a Civil Engineer, PE and is currently a Senior Solution Engineer with Opti, where she leads West Coast business development, modeling and evaluation of real-time controls, and cost-benefit analysis for stormwater management projects.



[Meeting Invite Here](#)

Call for Volunteers - Future City Competition



Future City Creates Future Engineers
4500+ volunteers to make it possible
We need you!



– 7th Grade Student, New Jersey
I loved that both my artsy and nerdy side
could be expressed throughout Future City.

The Seattle Section is partnering with Future City, a national competition where middle school students imagine, design, and build cities of the future. The design theme for the year is wildfire resilience. It's a hands-on way for young people to see what civil engineers actually do.

[Register](#) to be a volunteer.

ASCE Seattle Section Monthly Board Meeting

Time: Nov 4, 2024 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every month on the First Mon, 36 occurrence(s)

Monthly:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/83453555955?pwd=plZowaEH6XFmRASsfkLVc0pYO1EMyX.1>

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Meeting ID: 834 5355 5955
Passcode: 911281

ASCE Seattle Job Board

[Click here to view open positions](#)

PTI Services

Engineer (P.E.) – Seattle, WA - US

Posted 9/18/2026

The Structural Engineer ("Engineer") plays a key role in delivering structural engineering design and analysis for wireless communication and telecommunications infrastructure projects. This position is responsible for ensuring the structural integrity and compliance of both new and existing building and non-building structures, as well as non-structural components. The role supports the full project lifecycle - from concept and design through deployment and quality assurance - by collaborating closely with clients, contractors, project design teams, and regulatory authorities. The Engineer will prepare detailed reports, calculations, and technical analyses, while also providing quality control oversight of work performed by other engineers. This role contributes directly to the safety, reliability,

and innovation of tower and telecommunications network projects, supporting the company's mission to connect communities through innovative infrastructure solutions.

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>

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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