From the President

Hello Kansas City ASCE members,

We’re into another year of ASCE and have a lot of momentum on activities and events coming up. I’m Ozzy and am proud to serve as your Kansas City Section President this year!

On Thursday, May 17th, our members installed the 2018-2019 Kansas City Board of Directors. Congratulations to Mo Ibrawish (President-Elect), Ernie Longoria (Treasurer), Stephen Stinger (Secretary), Chad Johnson (Continuing Director), Meagan Malloy (Director II), Chad Charest (Director I), and Mariah Schroeder (Associate Director)! Thanks to ASD and Garrett Klingler for their sponsorship and presentation, and thank you to all the members that could come out and join us for our election and kickoff meeting.

We accomplished many great things during 2017-2018 under Mike Winckler’s leadership, among them, I would like to highlight our Government & Public Relations committee formulating the Infrastructure Report Cards for both Missouri & Kansas. We collaborated with the St. Louis and Kansas Sections, as well as the Wichita Branch to identify our current standing in all facets of infrastructure, from aviation to our underground utilities and everything in between.

Missouri received a Grade of C-

https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/missouri/

Kansas received a Grade of C

https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/kansas/

Now that these Report Cards have been released, our real work begins in creating awareness within our communities. The Board has planned in 2018-2019 to continue to raise awareness through targeted efforts, if you are interested in helping to steer attention to our infrastructure needs in
the future, please reach out to myself or Mo Ibrawish! We will get you involved!

On Friday, August 10th, ASCE’s 13th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting KC STEM Alliance will be held. The Younger Member Group leads this event, and it is looking to become another great success! If you are looking to get outside of the office and support the civil engineering profession and this organization, please contact Mariah Schroeder and/or Brian Herrmann. Thanks to the Golf Committee, and the volunteers for putting together another great event! A special thank you to all sponsors and golfers that will be attending.

The Younger Members Annual Sporting KC tailgate and game will be on Saturday, August 18th! This event is usually well attended and all civil engineering practitioners are welcome, if you are already attending the game, please message me if you would like to attend the tailgate and we will make sure to have some food for you!

The Fall semester means time to prepare for the PE Exam for many of our younger members, please be reminded that if you are a current ASCE member, you are invited to apply for one of the four $400 scholarships to participate in the UMKC PE Review course, which features many experience ASCE members as instructors! Please contact Meagan Malloy for the application form and more information.

There are many opportunities within the Section. If you or someone you know has time to commit to the profession and an interest in networking with clients and colleagues, please reach out to anyone on the Board. There are various committee positions available for additional volunteering support. Please consider giving of yourself by becoming involved in the ASCE Kansas City section. As Winston Churchill once said “We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.”

If you see me at an event, please reach out, say hello, and let me know what it is you like about ASCE and what you want out of your membership! Look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Sincerely,
Ozzy Bravo, P.E., M.ASCE
KC ASCE Section Volunteer Opportunities

Open Positions:

- **Webmaster**—provide consistent updates to content on the website. The time commitment is anticipated to be 2-4 hours per month.

- **Life Member Involvement**—chairing the involvement for Life Members of the Kansas City Section

Please contact Ozzy Bravo at ozzy.bravo@terracon.com or Joe Sturgeon, wsturgeon@hntb.com

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GPR Committee

**Mini Public Relations Training**

Rebecca Moylan from ASCE Society over Public Affairs and Infrastructure Initiatives stayed through the weekend to provide training for the Section on June 18. She covered a variety of topics including what we can do to keep the momentum going for both Missouri’ and Kansas’ report cards. The training prepared us to successfully promote the profession to the media and the topics included:

- public affairs;
- the importance of messaging;
- how to do a media interview; and
- the principles of communication

**Kansas’ Infrastructure Report Card Release**

There were a few stressful moments at the wire deciding to move indoors from the planned outdoor release at Kaw Park, but we did it! Kansas’ Infrastructure Report Card was released June 19 at Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. Kansas received a grade of C, up from a C- from 2013. Marsia Geldert-Murphey, ASCE Region 7 Director, spoke about the importance of infrastructure. After the grades were released Aaron Frits, ASCE Region 7 Governor, discussed the recommendations and solutions. Speakers included Representative Tom Sloan and Amanda Graor of Mid-America Regional Council. At the end, Representative Sloan answered a question about what can we do to raise the grades. He said, “…we need to get to know our legislative representatives – not during the session but NOW. Meet them for coffee or lunch and take them to a job site to help them understand how the infrastructure works and the importance of the eight key criteria each category is graded by.”
Need details about the report card? Look here:
https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/kansas/

**We need your help!**

Do you know someone who can help us create some super-short videos for promoting the report cards? Let us know! ascekc@kcengineers.org

The Government and Public Relations Committee needs your help educating our legislators and voters about the importance of funding infrastructure. We are also planning outreach events. If you have an interest in this committee or connecting with your elected officials, please contact Sheryl at sgallagher@geotechnology.com.

Thank You to all the report card volunteers for their time researching, writing, and revising. Without your efforts, the reports cards would not have happened. If you have a chance, also extend a thank you to Anna Denecke and Becky Moylan at Society – they were a tremendous help especially preparing for the releases.

**Key Contact Program:**

ASCE Key Contacts influence the policy process at the state and federal levels by developing relationships with elected officials and becoming a trusted advisor when bills are drafted or considered. Learn more and sign up here http://www.asce.org/keycontacts/. As a Key contact you will receive notifications about upcoming legislation as well as pre-drafted emails to make it easy for you to contact your elected officials.

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**EWRI Committee**

**Update to our Officers**

This year we have had several officers change positions, and several new officers come on board! KC’s chapter of EWRI is looking to expand its membership and influence as we continue to grow and change. We also want to thank our immediate past president, Christian Warren, for his leadership and growth he promoted within our organization.

Chairperson: Yanan Ma. AECOM
Chairperson-Elect: Elango Karuppasamy. CDM Smith
Secretary: Ryan Pohl. AECOM
Treasurer: Meagan Malloy. CDM Smith
Dinner/Attendee Chair: Jay Inoue. Burns McDonnell.

**Past Events:**
January 17, 2018 – KC ASCE and EWRI join luncheon with Matt Davis and Josh Boehm on Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority (RIRCA)

- Luncheon meeting presented by Matt Davis, project coordinator, and Josh Boehm, development manager. RIRCA was established to manage and maintain the Rock Island Corridor, a 17.7 mile stretch from Arrowhead and Kauffman Stadiums south through Raytown and into Lee’s Summit. A portion of the corridor is being transformed into a multi-modal shared use path.

February 6, 2018 – EWRI luncheon meeting with Dr. John Shelley on Reservoir Sedimentation Problems and Management Options

- Luncheon meeting presented by hydraulic engineer and sedimentation specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dr. John Shelley. The presentation discussed sedimentation impacts at reservoirs across the US and provided cost effective management solutions for long-term reservoir sustainability.
We are currently looking for speakers for the 2018-2019 season. We are planning on having our next luncheon this Fall. If you want to share your great story with water related projects/experience, please email your abstract to Yanan.ma@aecom.com.

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**Diversity Corner**

“The price of the democratic way of life is a growing appreciation of people’s differences, not merely as tolerable, but as the essence of a rich and rewarding human experience.” – Jerome Nathanson

As we start a new ASCE year it is good to reflect on our goals and mission for our committee. Our mission is to create awareness on the vast diversity amongst our members, opening the door for differences to be understood.

In the coming year we would like to host a Diversity Panel Discussion in the spring. The hope is to partner with the local chapters of technical organizations such as SWE – Society of Women Engineers, NSBE – National Society of Black Engineers, and APWA – American Public Works Association to organize the event. The Panel will bring engineering leaders from the community together to discuss various topics related to diversity and the work force.

In the meantime, August and September are the months for festivals! If you are interested in experiencing new cultures right in our backyard, consider the Ethnic Enrichment Festival at Swope Park from August 17th to August 19th and kids under 12 are free! The Negro League Baseball Museum will host its annual 2018 Heart of America hot Dog Festival on August 4th near 18th and Vine. Kansas City’s Irish Fest will kick off Labor Day weekend at Crown Center. Go out and enjoy what our city has to offer!
Upcoming Events

PWX Public Works Expo
5k Fun Run & Walk

The Kansas City Section of ASCE will be teaming up with the American Public Works Association to host a 5K run as part of National PWX 2018 annual conference to be held in Kansas City. You do not need to attend the conference to participate in the 5k.

This joint event will be the second annual 5K designed to promote the ASB Bridge Kiosk which was completed in April of 2016. The ASB Bridge is recognized by ASCE as a National Historical Civil Engineering Landmark for being one of two double deck vertical-lift bridges ever built in the United States. The kiosk monuments appear as mock counterweights and they include informational panels of the history of civil engineering in the Kansas City metro and information panels for the bridge itself.

Please join us for the run along the Missouri River at Berkeley Riverfront Park!

Register Today!

Date:
Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Location:
Berkley Riverfront Park
Kansas City, MO

Time:
7:00 – 8:30 am

Cost:
$35 per person

Call for Volunteers:
If you would like to volunteer your time to promote a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark then we need your help. ASCE needs volunteers to pass out water and guide runners along the route. Please contact Cody Porter at cody.porter@wilsonco.com to help.
Younger Member Group

Welcome to Our New Officers!

ASCE KC YMG had their officer election on May 15 at Bier Station in Waldo for the upcoming year. The YMG’s many activities requires a large group of dedicated leaders and many volunteers to be successful. Please welcome all the new officers for the new year!

President: Tom Greer
Vice President/ Treasurer: Andrew Robertson
Communications Co-Chair: Megan Dierks
Communications Co-Chair: Alex Griffin
Membership Co-Chair: Morgan Race
Membership Co-Chair: Emily Robbins
Membership Co-Chair: Margaret Kempf
Social Co-Chair: Neila Seda
Social Co-Chair: Zac Coppersmith
Professional Development Co-Chair: Mariah Schroeder
Professional Development Co-Chair: Spencer Ferguson
Community Service Co-Chair: Sara Goebel
Community Service Co-Chair: OPEN
School Outreach Co-Chair: Aaron Schneider
School Outreach Co-Chair: Rajesh Kondoju
School Outreach Co-Chair: Nick Eschbacher
Golf Tournament Chair: OPEN

Note that our group is still seeking a second Co-chair for Community Service and a Golf Tournament Chair for next year. If anyone is interested in getting more involved please contact Tom Greer at tmgreer@burnsmcd.com.

Thank you to our past president, Tony Kulesa, for being a great leader and for making a big impact with your commitment to Dream Big. The YMG plans on continuing to work with the Section on the efforts to get the Dream Big film into as many classrooms in the area as possible. Tony’s new role will focus on increasing our engagement with ASCE student chapters in an effort to improve the conversion rate of student to professional members.
For this upcoming year, the YMG will focus on new initiatives such as the Civil Engineering & Architecture Day through Project Lead the Way which is the new philanthropy of the ASCE KC YMG Golf Tournament. We hope to execute our regular packed schedule while continuing to build additional partnerships with other engineering organizations. We look forward to this year and our new leadership is excited to work together to add to the successes of one of the top YMG in the nation.

Other Past Events:

June 15th Royals Night at Kauffman Stadium:

ASCE KC YMG tailgated in the heat and enjoyed some refreshments, giant jenga, and good company. Thank you Stephen Stinger for again cooking up delicious burgers and smoked pulled pork. This is one of our best attended events and has found additional success in partnership with the APWA young professionals. The Royals couldn’t best the Houston Astros this time, but the fireworks post-event and “buck” night sure made for a nice evening. We want to again thank Olsson Associates for sponsoring our group.
June 19th Meeting at Char Bar in Westport:

ASCE KC YMG met at Char Bar Tuesday June 19th for happy hour and to meet some new interns and other young professionals. Attendees enjoyed bbq sliders on the outdoor patio with yard games available. The meeting included details about upcoming events and people continued to network until even after 8pm.

Upcoming Events:

1. ASCE KC YMG Officers BBQ - July 29th
   a. At this informal meeting, our officers will set new goals and discuss responsibilities for each position.
   b. This event is open to anyone interested in becoming a future YMG chair.
2. July Meeting with Streetcar Maintenance Facility Tour - July 24th / 4:00pm
3. Sporting KC Game at Children’s Mercy Park - Aug 8th, 5:30pm Tailgate, 7:30pm
4. Annual Golf Tournament - Aug 10th / Morning (Please contact Mariah Schroeder at mgschroeder@burnsmcd.com or Brian Herrmann bpherrmann@burnsmcd.com to volunteer or sign up a team)
UMKC ASCE Chapter

In May, the UMKC student chapter held a joint meeting with the Kansas City Younger Members Group. This meeting was an open discussion with members of both the UMKC chapter and the YMG about current and upcoming events in Kansas City’s ASCE groups. The YMG talked about the importance of involvement in ASCE after graduation. The meeting was very productive for the student chapter and the YMG, which included valuable feedback for planned ASCE events.

In June, the UMKC chapter officers met over the summer to get a head start on the annual report for the spring semester’s events, as well as plans for the fall semester. Some of these events in the fall include our August meeting where some of our members will give presentations about their internship experiences. In September, we have scheduled a Mentorship Luncheon with the student mentees and the practicing engineer mentors. The student chapter has also started selling UMKC Civil Engineering T-shirts! Please contact our President Jacob Dean (jdctc@mail.umkc.edu) if you would like further information about our upcoming events or projects.
Upcoming Events

Join us October 24 & 25, 2018
Commercial and Industrial Parking Lot Training

SCHEDULE
Wednesday, October 24
8:00am - Registration
8:30am - 4:30pm - Training
5:00pm - 7:00pm - Optional Facility Tour and Reception

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Atterbury Student Success Center
Pierson Auditorium
5600 Holmes - Kansas City, MO 64110

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