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The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is the first of the month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Southeast Branch!

As we approach the midpoint of 2020, it's safe to say it will go down as a year unlike any other. It's my sincere hope that in time, we can look back in reflection on this year and find that we made a difference.

Engineers are committed to continuous learning and growth. Our inquisitive nature and dedication to problem-solving leave us uniquely positioned to have a lasting impact on our society and our world. I challenge each of you to use your talents and gifts to do good.

I contend that one universal principle can go a long way to tackling any difficult challenge: **Kindness**. Approach each situation you face with kindness. Treat each person you meet with kindness. Put yourself in the other person's shoes. Think about what is right and good, not just for your own interests, but for everyone involved.

From a young age, we're taught the golden rule: *Treat others how you would like to be treated*. I think this attitude is necessary now more than ever before in my lifetime. If we can put aside our selfish desires and eliminate the divisiveness that has become so pervasive, think of what we can achieve!

I hope you will join me and strive to make 2020 a year of progress and accomplishments in all aspects of our lives: our families, our personal relationships, our workplaces, our communities, our state, our nation, and our world. Let's embrace each challenge we face and join together to make positive impacts each step of the way.



Be safe and be kind!

Sincerely,

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[A Message from ASCE](#)

Greetings,

We are writing to share with you our personal sense of heartbreak and devastation at the events surrounding the death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis. As we witness repeated episodes of violence perpetrated against people of color, it is impossible not to experience a deep sense of disbelief, grief and outrage. We are reaching out to you today to share the disappointment, grief and anger that we know you must also feel, but also to reaffirm our common resolve.

As civil engineers, we serve as expert advocates for the change needed to address some of society's great challenges—climate change, overcrowding and scarcity of resources, to name but a few. While the harms of racial injustice and inequity require multi-faceted solutions and cannot be solved by engineering alone, this does not make our knowledge and judgment less valid, nor our voices less critical, in charting a path forward.

As a community of global leaders dedicated to the safety, health and welfare of the public, ASCE is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, fairness, dignity and respect for all. These tenets form the very foundation of our Society, embodied in our Code of Ethics that includes equitable and fair treatment of all persons as a fundamental canon. ASCE remains deeply committed to these principles.

Honoring our ethical commitment to protect the public welfare and provide equitable treatment to others, engineers must work collectively to establish a professional culture that is safe, respectful and inclusive to all.

As leaders in our local communities, our other social or civic organizations, and in society at large, engineers must play an active role in ensuring that others within our personal and professional sphere embrace those same principles of respect and equity. We urge all members of our professional community to stand up, speak out and take action against racism and injustice wherever it occurs.

ASCE affirms its commitment to serve the profession and our members with the highest standards of integrity, fairness, dignity and respect. We will continue our work to promote concrete, strategic actions to prioritize and drive accountability around [diversity, equity and inclusion](#) within the civil engineering profession, making ASCE a trusting place to have complex and sometimes difficult conversations about diversity, equity and inclusion; providing best practices, leadership training, education and other diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives; and advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to reduce inequities and foster peace, justice and strong institutions.

We recognize that this commitment is not the comprehensive and complete answer.

While the engineering community continues to work to broaden opportunities in our profession, any advances to date are threatened if the fear of racial profiling or violence causes members of color to feel unsafe hanging out in the student lounge, entering a job site, speaking up, conducting a post-disaster inspection or even permitting their children to leave the house.

ASCE knows that together we can make a difference, and we are committed to standing up and leading globally by upholding the highest standards of integrity, fairness, dignity, and respect for everyone. Now is the time for us to come together as we serve together across the engineering community. Our work has never been more critical. Our concern for each other has never been more important.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or have a conversation on the subject. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out to us anytime.

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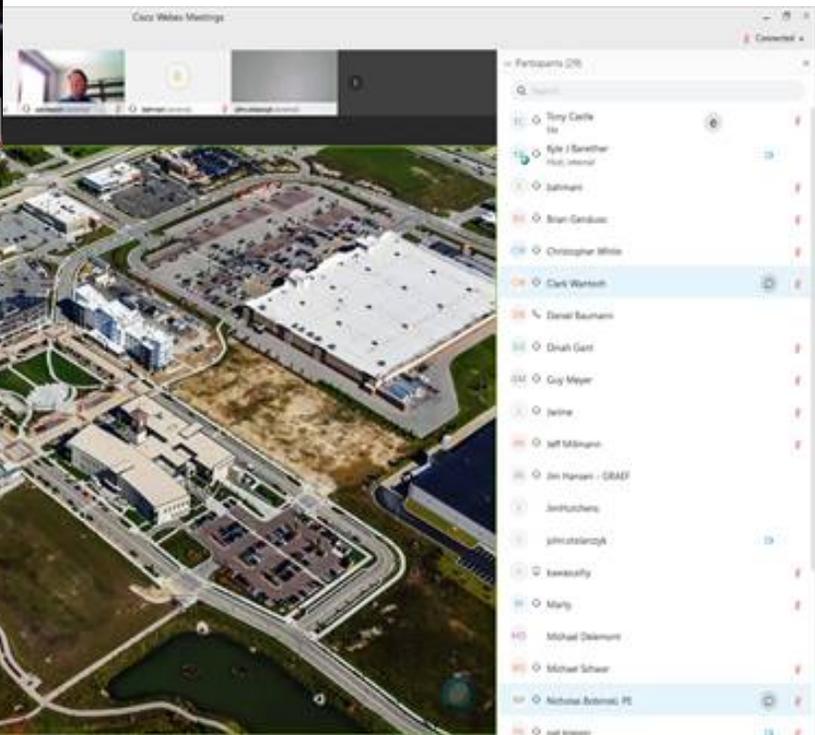
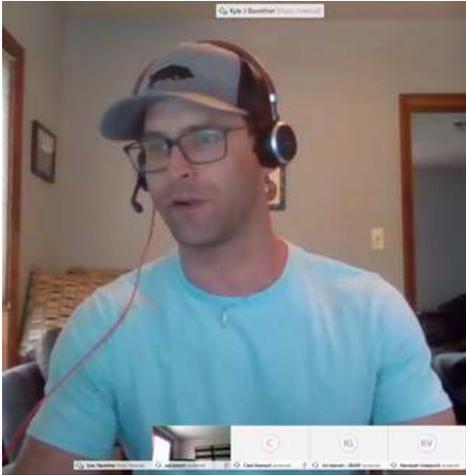
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May Meeting Recap

The Southeast Branch held our first virtual monthly meeting on May 28th with a presentation on the Drexel Town Square project led by Pat Kressin and Jim Hansen from Graef. Thank you again to the speakers and to our Past President Kyle Bareither for moderating the event and making sure it ran smoothly. Also thank you to the more than 60 attendees that helped to make the event a success! Attendees earned 1.0 PDH

Based on the success of the virtual event, we are planning to continue to run our monthly meetings virtually until further notice. Please contact the Board with any suggestions for future meeting topics.



2020 ASCE WI Section Annual Meeting

The Southeast Branch is hosting the Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting in the Fall of 2020, and we're going virtual! Mark your calendar for **Friday, September 18th**. More details to come!

We are currently seeking speakers and topics for the general and technical sessions. We hope to offer attendees up to 6 PDH's!

Please contact Nick Bobinski via email at nbobinski@kapurinc.com with suggestions.



June Past Presidents Meeting

In lieu of the traditional Southeast Branch Past Presidents Dinner, our June Monthly meeting and Past Presidents event will be held virtually on Thursday, June 25th with a presentation on the Harbor View Plaza by Bruce Morrow of Ayres. Please see below for links with more information and to register for the event.

We will also take a moment during the meeting to honor all of our Branch Past Presidents, especially our current Past President Kyle Bareither for his years of dedication to the Southeast Branch.



Registration will be required to receive credit for 1.0 PDH. Similar to last month's meeting, registration will be limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

[Get more Information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Younger Member Group News

Board position available

The YMG is seeking a Co-Outreach Chair to serve the 2020-2021 YMG Board. If you're interested in helping ASCE reach local students, this is the job for you! Contact Josh Mitchell at jmitchell@emcsinc.com

Social event

The YMG hoping to host a social event in July. It has yet to be determined if this will be an in-person or a virtual event. Stay tuned for more details!



[Call for Southeast Branch Board & Committee Positions](#)

Elections for next year's Southeast Branch Board of Directors will be here before you know it! If you or someone you know is interested in a board position for next year, please feel free to reach out to Tony Castle (tony.castle@aecom.com) for more information. There are also several Committee positions open if a board position is not quite your style. We are always open to new, fresh ideas to help make our Southeast Branch membership the best experience it can be. Below is a list of positions up for election and a brief summary of each position's duties.

President-Elect:

The President-Elect shall perform all acts of the President in his/her absence. He/she serves as Board Contact Member to the Programs and Meetings Committee, providing guidance, encouragement, and assistance as may be required in its operation.

Secretary:

He/she carries on Branch correspondence and maintains files of Branch activities. He/she serves as Board Contact Member to the Public Information/Newsletter committee providing guidance, counseling, and assistance as may be required. He/she shall prepare a meeting agenda with the advice of the President and shall record and prepare the minutes of each Board of Directors meeting and transmit approved minutes to the Section, and others as directed.

Director at Large – Scholarship:

The Director at Large serves as Board Contact Member to the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee shall publicize the scholarship program of the Southeast Branch, receive applications from and evaluate the applications for scholarship support and recommend the most worthy students to the Board of Directors for scholarship awards.

Director at Large – Education:

The Director at Large serves as Board Contact Member to the Education Committee. The Committee shall encourage Civil Engineering as a career choice for K-12 students within the Southeast Branch and provide guidance to members with licensure questions. He/she shall recruit volunteers for Science Fairs, Career Days, Future City competition, and other programs run by STEM Forward. She/he will act as a connection to the state of Wisconsin professional licensing board.

Director at Large – Student Affairs (Vacant Position):

The Director at Large serves as Board Contact Member to the Student Affairs Committee. The Committee shall assist ASCE Student Chapters in stimulating student interest in Chapter and Society membership. She/he will recommend to the Board of Directors methods and activities to be implemented in the interest of advancing the objectives of the Student Chapters and provide opportunity for discussion and exchange of information between students in the Student Chapters.

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[Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Is your company interested in a unique sponsorship opportunity? Our monthly member meetings are a great way to connect with Civil Engineers in Southeast Wisconsin! Contact Kyle Bareither (Kyle.Bareither@ramboll.com) to discuss upcoming sponsorship opportunities.

[Speakers](#)

The Southeast Branch is developing a speaker list. If you would like to present at one of our monthly meetings in the area, please reach out to Kyle Bareither (Kyle.Bareither@ramboll.com). This would also be used to provide speakers to our three local student chapters; please consider reaching out and passing on your knowledge!

[10 FREE PDH hours through ASCE](#)

Annual ASCE membership now includes TEN free on-demand webinars worth up to 15 PDHs! Take advantage of this benefit before the end of the year!

[Courses are available in numerous disciplines!](#)

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or by visiting the employment page on our website (<http://www.ascewise.org/employment/>)

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