

November 2018

# ALASKA CAPITAL ENGINEERS

## Upcoming Events

November Luncheon (11/14/18) –  
Speaker: Panel on Solid Waste and  
Recycling, Location: AEL&P

December Luncheon (12/12/18) –  
Speaker: TBD, Location: AEL&P

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## November Menu Lunch Buffet

November 2018  
Catering by Abby's Kitchen  
**\$20 per person**  
Location: AEL&P

Contact Matt McGuan to submit ideas  
for luncheon Speakers:

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# ASCE Juneau Branch President's Message

Greetings fellow engineers,

If you attended last month's luncheon, you probably noticed that you had the option of paying \$20 for lunch instead of the usual \$15. We have been losing money on the luncheon for the past couple of years and we wanted to see how receptive people would be to a higher price. Fortunately, it seemed to go over pretty well and almost everyone pitched in the extra \$5. After much consideration, **the board has officially decided to raise the luncheon price to \$20 moving forward.** Can you really put a price tag on a great meal, time spent with friends and colleagues, and one Professional Development Hour? Yes, you can... it's \$20. We appreciate your understanding and we look forward to your continued attendance.

Speaking of luncheons, I hear they are going well. I was in Chicago and then Boston for the previous two lunches and I will be in Washington D.C. during this month's lunch. Too bad, because we've put together a great panel to discuss the future of solid waste and recycling here in Juneau – one of my favorite things to worry about. Mike Vigue (CBJ Engineering Director), Stuart Ashton (CBJ RecycleWorks Operations Manager), and Eric Vance (Waste Management Landfill Manager) will be our guests. I hope that, unlike your jet-setting rumored-to-be Branch President, you will be able to join them. I look forward to finally seeing everyone at the December luncheon.

Along with organizing the luncheons, your board of officers has also been preparing for the annual APDC legislative fly-in and 2019 Engineers Week. NOW IS THE TIME to start thinking about Project of the Year and Engineer of the Year candidates. The deadline to submit nominations is January 31, 2019.

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# ASCE Juneau Branch President's Message (continued)

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Mark your calendars:

The 2019 APDC legislative fly-in will be held on Wednesday & Thursday, February 6-7. The February luncheon will be held in conjunction with the fly-in on February 6.

The 2019 Engineer's Banquet will be held at the Baranof Hotel on Saturday, February 23.

Thank you,  
Matt McGuan, PE  
ASCE Juneau Branch Vice President



# November Luncheon: Panel on Solid Waste and Recycling

**Mike Vigue, CBJ Engineering Director**



**Eric Vance, Waste Management, Landfill Manager**



**Stuart Ashton, RecycleWorks, Operations Manager**



## Mike Vigue, CBJ Engineering Director

Mike Vigue has been working in the transportation infrastructure sector for over 25 years. Mike is originally from New England and first moved to Juneau in 1986. He is currently the Director of Engineering and Public Works for the City and Borough of Juneau. He has been with the CBJ since May 2018. Engineering and Public Works includes the RecycleWorks program, General Engineering, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Streets and Fleet, Capital Transit, and the water and wastewater utilities. The CIP involves delivering road and utility improvement projects and other capital improvement projects for various CBJ client departments such as Parks & Recreation, Bartlett Regional Hospital, and the Juneau School District.



Prior to joining CBJ Engineering and Public Works, Mike was the Director of Program Development for the Alaska Department of Transportation. He led the effort to consolidate planning and capital program development into a statewide focused division. Mike has worked for the Federal Highway Administration in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Washington DC and Alaska holding various positions in the finance, planning, and environmental program areas. He also spent 4 years with the Maine Department of Transportation as their Capital Resources and Performance Manager leading a team responsible for capital budget, performance metrics and contract administration. Mike and his wife Brenda have been married for over 30 years and they have one daughter.



# November Luncheon: CBJ RecycleWorks

## Stuart Ashton, RecycleWorks Operations Manager

Stuart Ashton has spent most of his life in SE Alaska communities. He has worked at a seafood processing plant in Wrangell. He has also done steel work in Ketchikan and communities on Admiralty and Prince of Wales. He has lived in Juneau for about 15 years; working for the school district, Department of Commerce Insurance Division, and a local preschool.

Stuart has been working for CBJ for 5 years. He started as a process/equipment operator at the wastewater treatment facilities before moving over to RecycleWorks where he took over as the Operations Manager. Most of his time not at work is spent with his wife and their three great danes.



# 2018 Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year

It's time to think about nominating candidates for the 2018 ASCE Juneau Branch Engineer and Project of the Year awards! The deadline to submit your nominations is January 31st, 2019. Download your nomination forms here: <http://branches.asce.org/juneau/awards>

**Richard Pratt, PE, SE,  
Chief Bridge Engineer, AK DOT&PF  
2017 ASCE Juneau Branch  
Engineer of the Year**



**Port of Juneau  
Cruise Ship  
Berths**

**2017 ASCE  
Juneau Branch  
Project of the  
Year**



# ASCE News Brief



## Kemper ASCEnds to 2019 Presidency

BY [Ben Walpole](#)

October 13, 2018

The thing about ascending to the ASCE presidency is the moment never comes as a surprise. After all, Robin Kemper was elected nearly 18 months ago.

But the lack of drama doesn't make the moment any less sweet.

Kemper was inducted as ASCE's 2019 president at the Society's annual business meeting, Sunday, during the ASCE 2018 Convention in Denver, her family by her side, a tear in her eye.

"It was beautiful. It was emotional," said Kemper afterward. "I wanted to recognize my mother (Rita Block), who passed just over a year ago. Hearing my daughters talk, having friends for over 40 years there – it is a very beautiful feeling.

"My hope as president is to leave the Society even better than it is today."

Kemper, P.E., LEED AP, F.SEI, F.ASCE, is the third consecutive woman to serve as ASCE president, following Norma Jean Mattei and Kristina Swallow. Kemper said she looks forward to following their lead and continuing to push ASCE into the forefront of civil engineering's future.

[Read More >>](#)

*Robin Kemper was installed as the 2019 ASCE president during the annual business meeting at the Convention. PHOTO: Jason Dixon Photography*





# Engineers Week 2019



FEBRUARY 17–23, 2019



This year's Engineers Week theme—**Engineers: Invent Amazing**—resonates with us as we are continually amazed by all of the engineers we know and all of the amazing ways they make the world a better place. We're amazed by the engineers who recently landed two rovers on a asteroid. We're amazed by volunteers, like this month's spotlight Anthony Marino, who work to create the next generation of innovators.

Engineers Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate amazing engineers and engage today's students in engineering.

Start your Engineers Week planning by reading the [10 Ways You Can Celebrate Engineers Week](#) and [Engage Students in Engineering](#). Then order your [Volunteer Kit](#) and check out the brand-new [2019 activities](#).

Join us and help [invent the future](#) of amazing!



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### Professional Development Hours

The ASCE Juneau Branch will provide electronic continuing education development hour certificates for those who are interested in tracking development hours received by attending the Alaska Capital Engineers Luncheons to hear speakers present on engineering topics. Certificates can be found on the branch webpage: <http://branches.asce.org/juneau/>

### ASCE Juneau Branch Website

Bookmark this website for easy access to the events calendar, PDH certificates, new and archived newsletters, contact information and much more: <http://branches.asce.org/Juneau/>

For questions or concerns regarding the Juneau Branch ASCE website, please contact Ethan Roemeling.


### AccessEngineering

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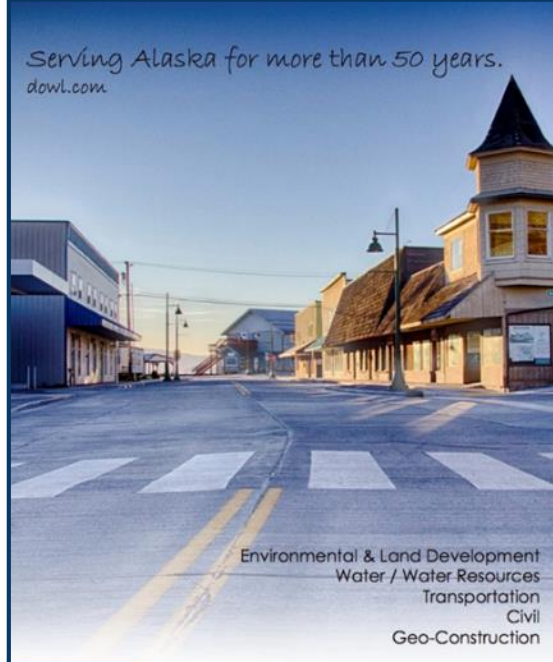
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[NSPE Membership Information](#)

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Halibut Feed - Please Volunteer

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