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Greetings!

Welcome back to another year with ASCE! We proudly kicked off this year with our first meeting on September 18, 2019 at the offices of OHM Advisors in Livonia.

We would like to announce your 2019-2010 ASCE Southeastern Michigan Branch Board of Directors:

Jeremy Curtis, President
Zachary Carr, Past-President
Crystal Kozak, President - Elect
Drew Sandahl, Secretary
Patrick Droze, Treasurer
Steve Matheny, Director of Member Services
Ottavio Palazzolo, Director of Professional Activities
Bryce Burkett, Director of Technical Activities

We look forward to providing several technical and professional programs for our membership throughout the year. Please stay tuned and watch your email for all announcements!

Upcoming Events

October 10-13, 2019
ASCE 2019 Convention in
Miami, Florida

November 6, 2019
ASCE Monthly
Branch Meeting

December 4, 2019
ASCE Monthly
Branch Meeting

January 8, 2019

Sincerely,

Crystal A. Kozak, PE,
President-Elect
ASCE Southeastern
Michigan Branch
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ASCE Monthly
Branch Meeting

January 10-11, 2020
Region 3, 6, 7
Leadership Conference

Monthly Branch Members Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15am at Nello's Restaurant in Royal Oak, unless otherwise indicated (reach out to a Board Member to verify date, time and location). As always, all members are welcome to attend to discuss ideas and get involved with Branch activities.

Featured Links

[Click here to visit the ASCE SE Michigan Branch Website](#)

CYM Facebook 

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Please continue to update your e-mail address and always contact ASCE National for any changes to your contact information.



Open Branch Committee Chair Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help fill out Committee Chairs! Committee Chairs are responsible for finding professionals and vendors pertaining to their assigned topic to host programs for our ASCE membership (with the help of their respective Board Director). As a chair, you may also host a program yourself, but is not required! If you think you might be interested, please contact a Board Member for more information.

We have the following vacancies:

Professional Activities

- Project Management Chair
- Legislative Affairs Chair

Technical Activities

- Construction Chair
- Environmental Chair
- Geotechnical Chair



Multi-Region Leadership Conference Coming to Detroit!

Exciting news for Michigan ASCE across the state - the 2019 Multi-Region Leadership Conference (MRLC) for Regions 3, 6 and 7 is coming to Detroit! The conference will take place on January 9-11, 2020 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

We are currently looking for sponsorships! For more information, click the link below:

[I'm interested in becoming a 2020 MRLC Sponsor!](#)

Stay tuned to your email for information on social events during the conference! Here is a sneak preview:

Civil Engineering Career Fair - Thursday, January 9th
Welcome Bowling Social at Garden Bowl - Thursday, January 9th
Construction Site Tours - Saturday, January 11th

[A Successful 2019 Golf Outing!](#)

June 27, 2019 was a beautiful day in more ways than one - Mother Nature blessed us with a warm and sunny day; the course at Greystone Golf Club was green and lush; and over 70 golfers were out in full force. More importantly, the outing raised over \$3,300 for the ASC Southeast Michigan student scholarship fund!



While every team deserves our gratitude for their time and donations, we need to give a special shout out to our event sponsors: ADS, HRC, and Northern Concrete Pipe.

Also, a well-deserved congratulations to our Men's Scramble Champions (Mitch O'Connor, Brian Girard, Rich Philippi, and Tom Dubak) and Co-Ed Scramble Champions (Lynn Harmala, Aaron Wheeler, Trent Daavettila, and James Klonowski).





Thanks again to everyone for making this event a success and we can't wait to do it all again next summer!

- Summary & Photos provided by Rebecca Wolters, PE, CYM President

CYM Working Hard to Keep Our Roads Clean

Every year, more than 270 groups and organizations participate in the Adopt-a-Road program in Oakland County. By pitching in, volunteers clean up approximately 453 miles of roadway throughout Oakland County each year, saving taxpayers a hefty chunk of change and beautifying our communities.





ASCE Southeast Michigan CYM is proud to clean-up our stretch of 12 Mile in Novi every year and do our part. This year we had a great turn out with seven volunteers who endured the misty weather on Saturday, September 28, 2019 and we had a lot of fun doing it. Special thanks to three students from University of Michigan who drove out to lend a hand and get involved!

- *Summary & Photos provided by Rebecca Wolters, PE, CYM President*

2019 ASCE SE Branch Annual Meeting

Earlier this year, the ASCE Southeastern Branch celebrated another year of civil engineering excellence with the 2018-2019 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. This year's event was hosted at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods which provided an intimate setting for awardees and guests to share each other's company and celebrate the excellent work of our engineering profession.

This year's event recognized engineers and projects in several categories.

Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award
Ashley Lesser, PE (NTH Consultants)



The Franklin D. Meyers, PE
Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year Award
Bob Breen, PE (Wade Trim)



Outstanding Civil Engineering Project of the Year Award:
Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant 66-inch Diameter
River Crossing Pipeline Rehabilitation (NTH Consultants)
Owner: Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner



The James F. Bilskey, PE

Quality of Life Project of the Year Award:
Jackson Road Pump Station Oxygen Injection System
(OHM Advisors)
Owner: Scio Township



The branch was also pleased to celebrate six (6) engineers who were awarded as life members. This year's life members included:

James J Bier, P.E.
Denis Couture, P.E.
Kenneth Heck, P.E.
Peter Hellekjaer, P.E.
Richard Hinson, P.E.
Kevin Hoppe, P.E.
Steve Vandette, P.E.

The Committee on Younger Members presented its annual scholarship. This year's recipient was Kelly Ni. Kelly currently attends the University of Michigan.



This year's event was made possible by our membership as well as generous sponsorship from:

Logan Clay Pipe
NTH Consultants
FK Engineering
Wade Trim
OHM Advisors

Thank you to all our sponsors, members, and attendees for a successful and fun Annual Meeting!

- *Summary & Photos provided by Patrick Droze, PE, Branch Treasurer*

ASCE Committee on Younger Members

If you would like more information about the Committee on Younger Members or want to learn ways that you can get involved, contact Rebecca Wolters, CYM President, at rwolters@conteches.com.

Or join our Facebook Group to stay up to date on what's happening

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25583413455/>

About ASCE Southeastern Michigan Branch

We are the Southeastern Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a non-profit national organization. ASCE's mission is to provide essential value to our members, their careers, our partners and the public by developing leadership, advancing technology, advocating lifelong learning and promoting the profession.

Our Southeastern Michigan Branch serves members of the civil engineering profession in greater Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties.

<http://branches.asce.org/michigan-se/>

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