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## *A Word from the President:*

There are many words that can describe what the past 12 months have been like. Difficult, stressful, unknown, challenging, but I think the best is opportunity. While



we have all made great changes in our personal and professional lives to adjust and adapt to how we conduct our daily activities and perform our jobs, we have also improved how we do things. Some of these adjustments were easy, and many were very difficult. That's where we have found opportunities to do some things better, more efficiently, or with a new

perspective. From simple tasks like shopping for groceries, to complex project coordination and execution, we have shown resilience in the face of adversity, and have been successful. While many have had what we would consider to be a "down year", many have also thrived by embracing some of the changes we've faced, focusing on overcoming the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by these trying times to continue both personal and professional growth and success.

Often, we don't reflect enough or analyze lessons learned from the challenges we face. Lately, we may have had too much time to reflect. Either way, it's forced us to think more before doing, which isn't a bad thing at all. Thinking about our challenges, working together to craft innovative solutions, and focusing on goals of making progress, not just moving forward, has been effective and rewarding across our industry. Let's continue this process of careful study and planning in how we engineer the world around us, as it's shown to truly bring out our best, even if we're in our pajama bottoms – inspired solutions can come from any setting, at any time, in any form, as long as we continue to work together at it!

So as we begin 2021, continue to look for the opportunities in the challenges we face, and collaborate to find the best solutions to keep the momentum of progress moving forward. As the way we do things continues to change, continue to adapt. This is what civil engineers have been doing for years and will continue to do for many years to come.

Our branch is small and we have limited activities, influence, and interaction, but that won't hold our members back from doing great things the areas we serve, even as one project presentation at a time. Please keep up the good work out there! It truly takes a village to accomplish great things, and together we can continue to engineer our world for the better.

I'm looking forward to another year filled with great success, personal and professional achievements, and seeing what innovative solutions we come up with to the opportunities we are presented with!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Fogg". The signature is stylized and cursive.

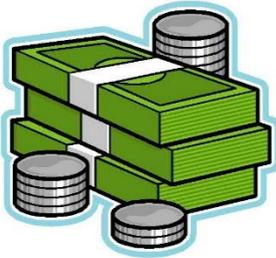
Jason Fogg, PE

Branch President

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## Scholarships for Civil Engineering Students

Committee Chair – Ellen Lurie, PE



Thank you to our 2020 sponsors that have made it possible for the Lansing - Jackson Branch to offer up to two \$1,000 scholarships for qualified Civil Engineering students at Michigan State University. All 2021 scholarship applications have been received and are under review by the Scholarship Committee. Winners will be announced in the coming weeks. **STAY TUNED**

All applicants exemplify the future of the Civil Engineering industry through their personal and academic endeavors! Our industry's future is bright, full of opportunities, and in good hands based on the scholarship applicant quality.

Again, a **HUGE** thank you to our 2020 sponsors and scholarship applicants. Please consider a 2021 sponsorship to help continue our ability to award future scholarships!



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### 2020 and 2021 Sponsorships

Thank you so much to our 2020 sponsors whose generosity contributed directly to this year's Scholarships! Your logos will be advertised at various Branch events including future newsletters. We are looking for continued support in 2021 so that we can continue awarding up to two scholarships for \$1000 each! We are asking for sponsorship, \$300 minimum requested but not required. Please send an email to [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com) if you are interested in sponsorship and more details. We appreciate your support!!

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## **2020 Civil Engineering Award Nominations**

It is time to reflect, celebrate, and honor project and individual achievements! During a year unlike any other, the Civil Engineering industry was able to persevere, and this is your opportunity to ensure those achievements are recognized. The Lansing-Jackson Branch welcomes your nominations for Project Awards and Individual Awards, in the following categories:

### Project Awards

- *Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award*
- *Quality of Life Award*
- *Historic Engineering Landmark Award*

### Individual Awards:

- *Civil Engineer of the Year Award*
- *Young Civil Engineer Award for Professional Achievement*

The 2020 ASCE Awards Nomination Forms, including applicant requirements, instructions and more, for each award category, can be accessed through this link:

## **[ASCE Lansing-Jackson Branch Award Forms](#)**

### Deadline to Apply:

Nomination must be submitted to the ASCE Michigan Section Lansing-Jackson Branch by:

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:00pm**

Please submit nominations in electronic format to:

### Submit Nominations to:

ASCE Michigan Section, Lansing-Jackson Branch  
Attention: Ryan Hoensheid, Branch Secretary  
Email: [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com)

### Supplemental Instructions:

Please note that all Project Award Nominations have a \$25 non-refundable entrance fee, payable to the ASCE Lansing-Jackson Branch, while there is no fee for Individual Award Nominations.

Submit Project Award Nomination fee to:

ASCE – Lansing – Jackson Branch, PO Box 16207, Lansing, MI, 48901

**DO NOT** submit applications directly to the ASCE Michigan Section. All State awards must be nominated by an ASCE Michigan Branch. After selection of Lansing-Jackson Branch award winner, suitable branch nominations will be forwarded to ASCE's Michigan Section for State level award consideration.

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### Upcoming Virtual Lunch and Learns

We need your help!! Our branch is actively looking for presentations for 2021. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your project, organization and/or firm. Please send an email to [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com) with your topic and we'll do the rest! Lunch and learns will remain virtual until further notice.

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### Annual Awards Gala - POSTPONED TO THE FALL OF 2021

Due to the ongoing complexities presented by the COVID pandemic, the uncertainty of public gatherings, and virtual meeting fatigue we are all experiencing, our Board has decided to further postpone the 2020 Awards Gala to the fall of 2021. We will inform you of the exact date when we get closer; however, please note the venue will continue to be *The View* at Lugnuts Stadium. The Awards Gala will celebrate and honor both 2019 and 2020 award nominees and winners along with the 2020 and 2021 scholarship recipients. If safe, we hope to see you in person to celebrate our branch achievements and reconnect!

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### Other Events

- Michigan Bridge Conference – **March 16**
- Legislative Day – **March 19**
- 2020 Civil Engineering Awards Nominations to Lansing-Jackson Branch – **March 24**
- Michigan Infrastructure Conference – **May 12**
- Social events with MSU Student Chapter – **POSTPONED**
- Field trips for Lansing - Jackson Members – **POSTPONED**
- Dream Big Movie at IMAX Theater (Lansing) - For grade-school students and parent/teacher – **Postponed to Engineer's Week, 2022**



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### ASCE Young Member (YM) Group

If you would like more information about the YM Group or want to learn ways that you can get involved, contact Tessa Norman, YM President, at [layp.asce@gmail.com](mailto:layp.asce@gmail.com) or join the [YM Facebook page](#):



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## **ASCE Membership**

ASCE is always looking for new members, so please reach out to your co-workers, peers, subordinates (young members!), friends, family, etc.!

Membership Advantages include:

- Insurance: High Limit Accident Insurance, Long-Term Care, Disability and Catastrophic Disability Insurance, Dental Insurance, Hospital Indemnity Plan, Pet Insurance, Life Insurance, Auto Insurance Discounts, Liability Insurance
- Discounts: Member Deals, Travel Discounts, Discounts for Vehicle Rental, Discounts for Computer Purchases
- Finance: ASCE Bank of America Cash Rewards Visa Signature credit card
- 10 FREE PDHs online each year
- Book, Journal, Articles, and Conference Paper Discounts
- Savings on the cost of Branch Lunch & Learns, webinars, industry texts, PE review course, and conference registrations

Becoming a Member

- MDOT staff contact Shirleen Buck ([BuckS1@michigan.gov](mailto:BuckS1@michigan.gov)) to coordinate and receive a 20% discount on membership!
- Student Member Upgrades to Licensed Engineer: FREE
- Everyone else, go to <https://www.asce.org/member-benefits/> and be sure to select Lansing – Jackson Branch as your home chapter!

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## **About ASCE Lansing-Jackson Branch**

We are the Lansing-Jackson Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a non-profit international 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 Branch serves members of the civil engineering profession in the counties of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston, and Shiawassee. Please contact the Lansing-Jackson Branch at [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com), or feel free to contact any of our board members directly with any questions about any of our events, committees, activities, sponsorship, or membership.

Our Branch is now on LinkedIn. Please connect with us to keep informed.

