

Greetings!

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Welcome to our first official, much anticipated newsletter of the Lansing-Jackson Branch! The first few months of 2020 have certainly been challenging; however, I believe strongly that our industry has met the challenge and will remain strong through what could be an uncertain future.

Your branch has continued with regular board meetings and although many of our scheduled events have been impacted, we continue to move forward with our operational tasks and look forward to upcoming Board elections. This edition will also provide an update on cancelled, suspended, or rescheduled activities.

As we look ahead to a bright future and election of new board officers, I want to thank you all for your flexibility, participation, and consideration in taking on an active role in our branch. You truly are what makes ASCE and our industry tick!

Matt Wendling, PE, M.ASCE
President, Lansing-Jackson Branch



OPEN BRANCH COMMITTEES/BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Our current Branch Board of Directors consists of the following members:

- Matt Wendling, President
- Nate Granger, Vice President
- Brad Ewart, Past-President
- Kitty Rothwell, Secretary
- Jason Fogg, Treasurer

According to our bylaws (which I'm certain you've memorized!), the following committees are active in our branch and we are looking for members to participate:

- ◇ *Program Committee* - Coordinates Lunch & Learn and other activities.
- ◇ *Scholarship Committee* - Reviews entries and selects winner(s).
- ◇ *MSU ASCE Student Chapter Contact Committee* - Coordinates activities and maintains communication
- ◇ *Awards Committee* - Reviews entries and selects winners
- ◇ *Historical Committee* - Maintains branch files
- ◇ *Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Manual (CBO) Committee* - Reviews and proposes changes to Board
- ◇ *Election Committee* - Selects one or more candidates to each Board position and transmits nominees to Board
- ◇ *Technical Committee* - Publishes technical papers



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All committees are open; however, **we are looking to fill the Election Committee immediately for the upcoming Board elections in July, 2020.** Please volunteer today via our email at ascelanjack@gmail.com.

2020 MSU Scholarship Winners!

The Scholarship Committee, under Chair Ellen Lurie's leadership, selected 2 scholarship awardees this year who both demonstrated an incredible dedication to the Civil Engineering industry in their personal and academic endeavors! The Committee was able to award each student \$1000 which will go a long way toward their future educational expenses. A hearty *THANKS!* to our generous sponsors who contributed!



Kalyssa Klausing is a senior in MSU's Environmental Engineering program and currently has a 3.89 GPA! She currently works for MDOT in their Hydraulics Unit. Congrat's Kalyssa!

Justin Pauken is also a senior in MSU's Civil Engineering program pulling in a very respectable 3.82 GPA! Justin is the MSU ASCE Student Chapter Secretary and has previously worked for PEA in their Troy office. Congrat's Justin!



2020 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 still looking for more support for the remainder of the year and into 2021 so that we are able to continue awarding no less than 2 scholarships for \$1000 each! We are asking \$300 for corporate sponsors. Please send an email to ascelanjack@gmail.com if you are interested in sponsorship and please submit your company logo if you have not already done so.

This year's sponsors include;

HNTB	Northern Concrete Pipe (NCP)
OHM	WSP
Great Lakes Engineering Group (GLEG)	Hubbell Roth & Clark (HRC)
HDR	Soils and Materials Engineering (SME)
Foth	Therese Kline (private donation)

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Lunch & Learns

- * June 3rd (Virtual Mtg) - La Guardia Airport Landside Roadway Design Build Project. Presented by Elana Freedman, PE, Hardesty & Hanover
- * September (TBD) - Pontiac Silverdome Redevelopment Project. Presented by Cheryl Gregory, PE, Rowe Engineering
- * October (TBD) - Using Modified HDD Techniques To Mitigate Sinkhole Risks. Presented by Abdulnasser Almadhoun, PE, CSS, NTH Consultants



We are looking for more interesting topics to be presented and are anticipating we'll be back in MDOT's Lakeshore Learning Center in the Van Wagoner building again starting in September. Please send an email to ascelanjack@gmail.com with your topic and we'll do the rest!

Annual Awards Gala - POSTPONED TO 2021

Due to complexities presented by the COVID pandemic and the uncertainty in public gathering for the remainder of this year, your Board decided to postpone the 2020 Awards Gala to April, 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 Lumnus Stadium. The awards submittals we received in 2020 will carry over into 2021. 2020 scholarship recipients are invited to the 2021 gala where they will be recognized alongside the 2021 recipients.

Other Events

- ◇ Social events with MSU Student Chapter - IN THE WORKS!
- ◇ Field trips for Lansing - Jackson Members - IN THE WORKS!
- ◇ Dream Big Movie at IMAX Theater (Lansing) - Spring 2021 for grade-school students and parent/teacher

ASCE Young Member Group (YM)

If you would like more information about the Young Member Group or want to learn ways that you can get involved, contact Morgan Zapata, YM President, at layp.asce@gmail.com or join the YM Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lansing-Area-ASCE-Young-Professionals-982809235401506/>

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
- ⇒ 5 FREE PDH's online each year
- ⇒ Book, Journal, Articles, and Conference Paper Discounts
- ⇒ Savings on the cost of Branch Lunch & Leams, webinars, industry texts, PE review course, and conference registrations

Becoming a Member

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

About ASCE

Lansing-Jackson Branch

We are the Lansing-Jackson 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 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 or feel free to contact any of our board members directly with any questions about any of our events, committees, activities, sponsorship, or membership.