

# October 2021

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## “New” President’s Message:



Jason Fogg, P.E.

Hello Lansing-Jackson Branch Members!

I am honored to welcome you to our 2021-2022 season as your branch president. We already have a full slate of events planned for this season, including lunch and learns, networking activities, our younger member group co-hosted events, and many more! I want to take this moment to thank you all for your energetic and active participation in last year’s events under less-than-ideal circumstances. We were still able to have a productive year in terms of branch events and

especially awarding two scholarships. We have a fantastic group of dedicated sponsors and volunteer presenters who were able to make last year such a success.

I am encouraged by the showing of members at last year’s virtual lunch and learn presentations, and that we had so many presentations across a variety of engineering topics. I hope that we can continue this trend as things shift into hybrid and in-person events. We’re hopeful that we’ll be able to accommodate a variety of locations across our area to continue to make these events easy to attend for everyone.

I’d like to challenge our membership to get involved in branch activities, committees, and events this year. We have had several additions to our board of directors and committee chairs over the

past couple years, and as we continue to grow, we can do more. We'd like to see that continue with more volunteers for committee and board positions, so more of us working together can do more together. With continued growth and member involvement, our impact on our community can also grow.

I'd also like to challenge our membership to recognize each other for the great work you do. We have not had any award nominations over the past two years, and I know that though we were restricted in many ways, we all still did great work, and those projects and individuals should be recognized. Please think about award nominations early for projects and great engineering accomplishments and individuals.

I hope that the past year has been good to everyone, and I'm looking forward to this year and all it has in store. I also want to thank my fellow board members for the hard work they've all done, and the great place they've brought this branch. Together they've made my job easy and have each filled in for me when I've needed their help.

Now, time for some cider and donuts!

Jason Fogg, PE

Branch President

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## **Meet the Rest of the Board of Directors**

### ***Vice President – Ryan Hoensheid, PE***



It is my pleasure to serve as the Vice President for this upcoming year and look forward to growing with the branch. A little background on me, I am a graduate from Michigan Tech (Go Huskies!). After graduating, I worked for two (2) years in Wisconsin before returning to Michigan in 2013. My career focus has been in the railroad and bridge arena since returning to Michigan. I currently serve as a Lead Engineer/Project Manager at WSP Michigan. I live in DeWitt with my wife (also an engineer), and our two children.

Since becoming involved in the branch in 2018, I have held various Board and Committee positions. I encourage all active members to think about becoming involved in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. Without active members, this branch could not function.

**Secretary - Kitty Rothwell, PE**



I am pleased to once again to serve as the branch Secretary for the upcoming year. I graduated from Michigan State University a long time ago. I recently retired from MDOT after 33 years, with my last position as the Associate Region Engineer for Development in the Southwest Region. I am currently working part-time for Fishbeck, helping with proposal writing and marketing.

I am currently in Spokane, Washington, providing childcare for my two granddaughters while my son and daughter-in-law pursue their careers.

Come join us on the board or on a committee. We have plenty of opportunities for you to use your skills. Time commitments vary; you can assist as much or as little as you want.

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**Treasurer – Nate Granger, PE**



My name is Nate Granger, and I am honored to serve my second term as Treasurer. Originally from Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State University, I returned to the area in 2017 after 13 years in Ohio, Texas, and Chicago, IL. My career has been primarily focused on airfield design and aviation-related program management, and I currently serve as the Technical Director for the Aviation Group at Foth Infrastructure and Environment. This year will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year of involvement with the branch in various Board positions and Committees.

I would encourage all our active members to get involved however you feel comfortable. Join a committee, run for a board position, or simply attend one of our events and get to know the group. We'd love to see you get involved!

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**Past President – Matt Wendling, PE**

I'm WSP's Area Manager for Michigan, a proud graduate of MSU (Go Green!) and have over 26 years of Civil Engineering experience. I've had such a wonderful career in this industry, working with so many great, dedicated people on such cool projects from local road and bridge projects to rehabilitation of the MacArthur lock in Sault Ste. Marie (definitely a high point!).

My time with ASCE has also been something I've cherished, working alongside the best and brightest in our field, learning each step of the way! Our Lansing-Jackson Branch covers a diverse group of engineers, all dedicated



to the betterment of the Civil Engineering field and the future of our industry through Scholarships and Mentorship.

It has been an absolute honor representing our branch as the past president and I look forward to continuing in this role for the next year. I encourage all members to consider joining **your** branch's Board of Directors. Do it for yourself and see what networking and a greater sense of purpose does for your career, both professionally and personally!

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## **Looking for ASCE Members Who Want to Make a Difference**

Are you looking for a way to make an impact on the future of Civil Engineering? The Lansing-Jackson Branch has numerous opportunities for you to help, either as a chairman or a committee member. The time commitment varies by committee. Contact either the committee chair or send an email to [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Committee/Chair**

#### **Scholarship Committee:**

Chair: Ellen Lurie ([Ellen.Lurie@wsp.com](mailto:Ellen.Lurie@wsp.com))

Responsibilities: Update and distribute the scholarship application; collect and review the applications to select the finalists.

#### **Program Committee:**

Chair: Ryan Hoensheid ([Ryan.Hoensheid@wsp.com](mailto:Ryan.Hoensheid@wsp.com))

Responsibilities: Provide quality programs and maintain a high level of member involvement. Example program types are Lunch & Learns, Annual Awards Gala, Activities with MSU Student Chapter and Young Members Group.

#### **Awards Committee:**

Chair: Vacant

Responsibilities: Administer, receive, review, and recommend selections of Branch award applications for outstanding projects and individuals within the Civil Engineering community.

#### **MSU ASCE Student Chapter Contact Committee:**

Chair: Neeraj Buch ([buch@egr.msu.edu](mailto:buch@egr.msu.edu))

Responsibilities: Coordinate activities and communicate with the MSU ASCE Student Chapter. Attend ASCE MSU Student Chapter meetings, serve as liaison for the ASCE.

### **Historical Committee:**

Chair: Kitty Rothwell ([krothwell@fishbeck.com](mailto:krothwell@fishbeck.com))

Responsibilities: Preserves Branch records, including but not limited to Newsletters, Meeting Attendees, Financial Statements, Annual Reports, Secretary Reports, Treasurer Reports, Annual Proposed Budget, etc.

### **Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Manual (CBO) Committee:**

Chair: Jason Fogg ([jason.fogg@hdrinc.com](mailto:jason.fogg@hdrinc.com))

Responsibilities: Review, recommend changes, revise, and update the Branch Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Manual.

### **Election Committee:**

Chair: Jason Fogg ([jason.fogg@hdrinc.com](mailto:jason.fogg@hdrinc.com))

Responsibilities: Administer and oversee the election of the Branch Board of Directors in accordance with the Branch Bylaws.

### **Technical Committee:**

Chair: Vacant

Responsibilities: Update Branch members on technical issues within our industry and increase Branch member involvement. Produce Branch technical publications (not mandatory).

### **Web/Social/Newsletter Committee (new):**

Co-Chairs: Tessa Norman ([tnorman@HNTB.com](mailto:tnorman@HNTB.com))  
Kitty Rothwell ([krothwell@fishbeck.com](mailto:krothwell@fishbeck.com))

Responsibilities: Assist in setting up and maintaining the chapter's web page and social media sites; assist in gathering information, formatting, and publishing quarterly newsletter.

### **Sponsorship Committee (new):**

Chair: Matt Wendling ([matt.wendling@wsp.com](mailto:matt.wendling@wsp.com))

Responsibilities: Outreach and engagement with our industry sponsors. Promote our Branch and the value of sponsorship.

### **Sponsor Showcase Committee (new):**

Co-Chairs: Nate Granger ([nate.granger@foth.com](mailto:nate.granger@foth.com))  
Tessa Norman ([tnorman@HNTB.com](mailto:tnorman@HNTB.com))

Responsibilities: Work closely with the Sponsorship and Web/Social/Newsletter Committees to promote and acknowledge our sponsors.

## Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

The Lansing-Jackson Branch of ASCE is proud to announce the winners of our scholarships. Up to two \$1000 scholarships are offered to MSU Students in the College of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. This year we selected Alexandra Lazzara and Andrea Vera as the winners.

Alexandra has just completed her Junior year at MSU. She is a member of ASCE Student Chapter and the Society of Women in Engineering. This spring she was an Undergraduate Learning Assistant for Risk Analysis in Civil Engineering; and in 2018-19 she served in the Mentor Program for Women In Engineering. Alexandra is treasurer and member of the MSU Women's Lacrosse Club. Alexandra has interned at Professional Engineering Associates in their engineering, surveying and Geotech departments. Alexandra plans to graduate from MSU in May 2022.



After spending some time at University of Iowa and Eastern Illinois University, Andrea selected MSU and began her Spartan education in the Fall of 2019. Andrea is an active member of Engineers Without Borders and serves as the Vice President of the Student Chapter and planned to be a project leader for the 2020 trip to Tanzania. She is also a member of Environmental Engineering Society, Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi. She is a member of MSU's Outdoor Club. Andrea has been on the Dean's list since Fall of 2019. She has worked as a research intern for MSU's EnSURE program where she performed shotgun sequencing of groundwater DNA at five contaminated sites. Andrea plans to graduate from MSU in May 2023.



Congratulation Alexandra and Andrea!!!!

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## 2022 Scholarship Applications

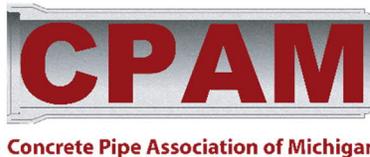
### *Committee Chair – Ellen Lurie, PE*

ASCE Lansing-Jackson Branch is offering up to two scholarships each worth \$1000 for Michigan State University students enrolled in the College of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Initial judging will be made on the basis of each candidate's academic record, participation in extra-curricular activities, evidence of leadership, character, and self-reliance, and comments from employers and university officials. Preference may be given to applicants that are student members of ASCE and are active in the student chapter of ASCE.



Applications will be available in early December, with responses **due February 1, 2022**. For information or if you want to help with the Scholarship Committee, please contact Ellen Lurie, Scholarship Committee Chairperson at [Ellen.Lurie@WSP.com](mailto:Ellen.Lurie@WSP.com).

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021  
SPONSORS!



## Upcoming Virtual Lunch and Learns

- Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Topic: The M-30 Emergency  
ACROW Temporary Bridge over the  
Tobacco River

Presented by Shaun Bates, MDOT  
and Abbey Smith, ACROW



- January 2022 (Date TBD)

Topic: Accelerated Rail in Michigan

Presented by Quandel Consultants



We are looking for presentations for 2022. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your 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 – Coming Spring 2022

Add a note to your calendar: The Awards Gala is returning in Spring 2022. We are working out the event details and will provide additional information to the membership soon! The 2022 Awards Gala is anticipated to remain at The View at the Lansing Lugnuts Stadium. This event will be a celebration of all our branch's accomplishments over the past two (2) years under extraordinary circumstances. Please consider attending. Additional information will be provided once it is available.

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## 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) – National Engineers Week  
February 20 –26, 2022 for grade-school students and parents/teachers – **DETAILS  
COMING SOON!**

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# YOUNGER MEMBER GROUP

Lansing Jackson ASCE Younger Member Group

## 2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President  
**TESSA NORMAN**

Vice President  
**MATTHEW MOULTON**

Secretary  
**MARY KINNEY**

Treasurer  
**ELYSE MARTIN**



## Who we are

AND WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

The Younger Member Group (YMG) was started in 2019 with only 4 members. YMG is for Lansing - Jackson area ASCE members who are of the age of 35 and younger. We have monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday, at 6:00pm with varying locations. Our monthly activity is a great way to network and get involved in the local communities. Some of our past activities include gathering for a white elephant dinner and venturing out to local cider mills. We also give back to the community through our new section of Adopt-A-Highway. If you would like to join, email [ascelanjackymg@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjackymg@gmail.com)

Join the YMG Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/lajp.asce>

## **ASCE Membership Information**

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**
- All others, go to <https://www.asce.org/member-benefits/> and be sure to select Lansing Jackson Branch as your home chapter!

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## **Again, a Big Thank You to Our 2021 Scholarship Sponsors!**

We could not be more thankful for the extreme generosity of our 2021 Sponsors. As we started our annual sponsorship drive in January, we understood that the impacts of COVID-19 would affect our members and their companies in ways that may make giving more difficult than it may have been otherwise. We are extremely pleased to announce that 2021 was our best year to-date, in terms of both the number of sponsors and sponsorship amounts. The generosity of our member firms made it possible to provide two scholarships to very deserving students and will allow some flexibility in upcoming events as we return to in-person gatherings. Thank you all!!

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## **Seeking 2022 Scholarship Sponsors!**

One way to impact the future of Civil Engineering is to help our branch fund our scholarships. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for 2022, corporate sponsorships are \$300. Please send an email to [ascelanjack@gmail.com](mailto:ascelanjack@gmail.com) for more information. Your logo will be displayed at all our functions, the quarterly newsletter, as well as featured in our social media accounts.

## **2021 Civil Engineering Award Nominations**

It is time to reflect, celebrate, and honor project and individual achievements! Please consider submitting your application 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 2021 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 no later than:

**Friday, March 11, 2022 at 5:00pm**

Please submit nominations electronically to:

**ASCE Michigan Section, Lansing-Jackson Branch  
Attention: Kitty Rothwell, 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. There is no fee for Individual Award Nominations.

Submit the 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, other branch nominations will be forwarded to ASCE's Michigan Section for State level award consideration.**

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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.