

Fall 2022

Official Newsletter
of the
American Society of Civil Engineers

Michigan Section
Lansing — Jackson Branch



In this issue:

- A Word from the President
- Meet the Rest of the Board
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Potter Park Get-together
- Upcoming Events
- Coming Soon Scholarship Opportunities
- 2022 Civil Engineering Award Nominations
- ASCE Younger Member Group
- ASCE Membership
- About ASCE
- 2023 Branch Sponsorship Opportunities

A Word from the President:

Hello Lansing-Jackson Branch Members!

My name is Ryan Hoensheid and I'm your new branch president. I would like to take a quick moment and introduce myself to those that may not know me. I am a Michigan Tech graduate with a focus in railroad and bridge engineering working at WSP Michigan as a Project Manager. I live in DeWitt with my wife, Katie, who is also a practicing engineer, and our two children, Landon and Tenley.



This year, our goals for the branch are simple: increase membership participation and in-person engagement. To accomplish this, our branch will be

planning more in-person, hands-on tours and networking events in the greater Lansing and Jackson areas. My hope coming out of these events is to reconnect and deepen personal and professional relationships between members. And maybe, just maybe, increase membership interest and involvement along the way! So, keep a look out for information on upcoming events and - in case you missed it - our first event is this coming Wednesday, October 26th. For more information, please see the upcoming events section below. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Hoensheid".

Ryan Hoensheid, PE

Meet the Rest of the Board of Directors



Vice President – Kitty Rothwell, PE

Kitty is a Michigan State University graduate. She is currently working part-time for Fishbeck as a project manager. Prior to Fishbeck, Kitty worked at MDOT for 33 years, with her last position as the Associate Region Engineer for Development in the Southwest Region.



Secretary - Matt Wendling, PE

Matt is currently serving as the Michigan Local Business Leader for WSP. He is a proud graduate of Michigan State University with over 27 years of experience in our industry.



Treasurer – Nate Granger, PE

Nate is going for the three-peat. This will be Nate's third consecutive year serving as the Treasurer for our branch. He is also a graduate of Michigan State University and has 18 years of experience. Nate is currently serving as the Aviation Service Lead at Foth Infrastructure and Environment.

Past President – Jason Fogg, PE

Jason is coming off two consecutive years as the President of our branch. He is currently serving as a senior bridge engineer for HDR and is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. Jason has 21 years of experience with a focus on bridge inspection and engineering.



We Are Still 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. Please consider joining one of our many committees. It's a great way to give back:

Committee/Chair

- ✚ Scholarship: **Ellen Lurie** (Ellen.Lurie@wsp.com)
- ✚ Lunch & Learns: **Ryan Hoensheid** (Ryan.Hoensheid@wsp.com)
- ✚ Awards: **Matt Wendling** (matt.wendling@wsp.com)
- ✚ Student Chapter: **Neeraj Buch** (buch@egr.msu.edu)
- ✚ Younger Member: **Mary Kinney** (mkinney@hntb.com)
- ✚ Web/Social/Newsletter: **Tessa Norman** (tnorman@HNTB.com)
- ✚ Sponsors: **Matt Wendling** (matt.wendling@wsp.com)
- ✚ Sponsor Showcase (new): Open

To learn more about what each committee entails, please visit the Branch's website to view the [Operating Manual](#) or contact the chair to discuss.

Potter Park Zoo Get-together

The Younger Members Group (YMG) hosted an event at Potter Park Zoo on August 17. A great time was had by all! We enjoyed our sips of adult beverages, tiny tastes of food, scavenger hunt, and chatting with the animals! If you would like more information about the YMG or want to learn ways that you can get involved, contact Mary Kinney, YMG President, at ascelanjackymg@gmail.com or join the [YM Facebook page](#) or @ascelanjackymg.



A few of the "wild animals" at the zoo. Matt Wendling claims he was posing as a hummingbird.



The Young Members Group and Chapter Board Representative, Matt Wendling.

Upcoming Events

- **Okemos Road Historic Bridge Replacement Technical Presentation and Tour**
October 26 - 4:00-6:30 pm

Meet at: at Fishbeck's Lansing office (**5913 Executive Dr #100, Lansing, MI 48911**)
Pizza and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Thank you Fishbeck!

Please sign-in to receive 1 PDH

Bring appropriate PPE (vest, hard hat, safety shoes, and protective eye wear)

Itinerary

4:00-4:30 Introduction, Branch update, and Food

4:30-5:15 Presentation: ***Replacement of a Historic Bridge***

5:15-5:45 Drive to site: Wonch Park (4555 Okemos Rd, Okemos, MI 48864)

5:45-6:30 Site tour

- **Dream Big Movie at IMAX Theater (Lansing)** – National Engineer's Week
February 19 - 25, 2023, for grade-school students and parents/teachers – **DETAILS COMING SOON!**

Coming Soon: Scholarship Opportunities



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 or 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 6, 2023**. For information or if you want to help with the Scholarship Committee, please contact Ellen Lurie, Scholarship Committee Chairperson at Ellen.Lurie@WSP.com.



2022 Civil Engineering Award Nominations

It is time to reflect, celebrate, and honor project and individual achievements and this is your opportunity to ensure those achievements are recognized! We unfortunately have not had award nominations the past 2 years and hope this year will be different. 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 2022 ASCE Awards Nomination Forms*, including applicant requirements, instructions and more, for each award category, can be accessed through this link:

[ASCE Michigan Section Award Forms](#)

**Please note these are the State Section forms which will be used for our branch nominations, disregard any dates or filing instructions on the form.*

Deadline to Apply:

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 5:00pm

Please submit nominations in electronic format to:

Submit Nominations to:

ASCE Michigan Section, Lansing-Jackson Branch
Attention: Matt Wendling, Branch Secretary
Email: 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.

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.

OCTOBER 2022

YOUNGER MEMBER GROUP

Lansing Jackson ASCE Younger Member Group

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP

President
MARY KINNEY

Vice President
DERRICK SULLIVAN

Secretary
TESSA NORMAN

Treasurer
MATT MOULTON

Members
ALEXANDRA COSTANZO
ELISEO GUTIRREZ JR.
ELYSE MARTIN
MORGAN ZAPATA



Who we are

AND WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

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 Thursday, at 5:30pm, alternating office and restaurant locations.

It's election month, and we just appointed a new Eboard, listed on the left. We also had our fall Adopt-A-Highway clean up on 10/3, where we collected a total of 17 bags of trash along US-127!

If you would like to join, email ascelanjackymg@gmail.com

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) 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!

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, 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: [ASCE Lansing-Jackson Branch](#). Please connect with us to learn about our upcoming events.



Be a Hero! Sponsor the Branch's 2023 Scholarships!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for 2023, corporate sponsorships start at \$300. Please send an email to ascelanjack@gmail.com for more information. Your logo will be displayed at all our functions, as well as featured on our social media accounts.