
NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Given the season, we are all busy with fall activities and addressing a backlog of work to be done before the great Alaska winter is upon us. One of the seasonal occurrences to be addressed is the startup of scheduled monthly ASCE Branch meetings. The Branch officers have met this month on a couple of occasions and have dealt with the difficult task of setting up meetings with presenters that would normally be started the second week of September. As you are now aware, the September meeting did not happen! This was due to a variety of reasons which included very busy Branch Officers and an inability to identify a presenter. It was hoped that a Joint Branch meeting could be arranged with the Anchorage Branch. However, the Anchorage Branch ended up cancelling their September meeting as well.

So here we are! What happens now?

Your Branch officers are continuing to plan for virtual meetings beginning in October, which may be held jointly with Anchorage. To make this happen we will be forwarding an invite for the Anchorage Branch meeting and those who plan to attend need to RSVP to receive a link to the meeting.

Issues of note:

- We need a Mat-Su Branch member to step up and take the vacant officer position of Secretary. Please consider helping. We really need additional participation to make this all work.
- Presenters for our meetings are needed. This includes for the next month. Please let us know if you or someone you know has a relevant topic or project to share.

Current Financial Position of our Branch

Account Balance: \$4,184.67

Let's all get on board as we head into the fast-approaching season of winter. Just remember this:

[Alaska ... Best when Frozen](#)

President's Final Word

October marks the start of a new year for ASCE and with it a "new" set of Branch Officers. So on this the last day of September, I want to thank everyone for the support and participation in our various events over the last four years. I would especially like to thank the current Officers for continuing to serve our Branch.

With that said, I would like to encourage all our members to double check their commitments and see if they can find the time to help our small but productive Branch continue on. Without volunteers, we cannot continue organizing E-Week events like Dream Big and Girl Day or continue to provide annual scholarships to the next generation of aspiring engineers.

I'll do my best to break the Past President tradition of flying the coop and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in person and catching up over a slice of pizza soon.

Thank you,

Matthew Coburn, PE, M.ASCE

President, ASCE Mat-Su Branch