

# ASCE Reading Branch Quarterly Newsletter

Hello !

Check out our Fall 2024 Newsletter below with all sorts of new information and a slew of updates/reminders. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas that you may have, as we love hearing from our members!



## President's Message

And just like that we are officially into the fall... time flies when you're having fun, so I guess my first few weeks as Reading Branch president must have been exactly that!

I am still absolutely honored and privileged to be serving as Reading Branch president, and am working diligently to support each of you as members of ASCE in the Reading area. This newsletter contains a variety of information for you to look over and review, but please always feel free to pass along information to me [via email](#).

Lastly, I want to remind you all that the Reading Branch is looking for volunteers to join our board. It is a minimal time commitment for you to serve as an advisor for event, programming, and resource planning for your fellow ASCE members. Please [email me](#) if you are interested!

Thank you! Stay safe!

-Andrew

## Upcoming Events

### Cities of the Future Screening(s)

The Reading Branch applied for and received a grant to help fund screenings of ASCE's new IMAX film *Cities of the Future*. We are currently in the process of connecting with the public schools across our geographic boundary to gauge interest and pick a date.

Are you interested in seeing the film? Do your kids go to a school nearby that we should focus on? [Let us know!](#)



Lehigh Valley Section

Our parent section has a variety of upcoming events, both technical and social, for you to check out! Learn more about their upcoming events on [their website](#).

Some highlights include:

- EPIC Golf Outing - 9/27
- Allentown Waterfront Site Tour & Presentation with LVPC - 10/10

### Philadelphia Section

Our neighbor section to the southeast has a variety of upcoming events, both technical and social, for you to check out! Learn more about the upcoming events of the section on [their website](#), and the upcoming events of the section's YMG group on [their website](#).

### Central Pennsylvania Section

Our neighbor section to the west has a variety of upcoming events, both technical and social, for you to check out! Learn more about their upcoming events on [their website](#).

### ASCE HQ Sponsored Events

ASCE HQ always has a variety of webinars, programs, conferences, and events coming up! Watch your inbox for messages from ASCE's technical institutes, CTA, and other groups.

One upcoming highlight is the [2024 ASCE Convention](#) in Tampa, Florida from October 6th to 9th.

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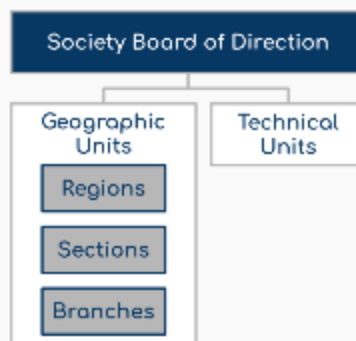
## ASCE Society News

### Region 2 Call for Corresponding Members

The Region 2 Board of Governors is currently seeking applicants to serve as corresponding (non-voting) members. Corresponding members help to give added perspective to the conversation, bring representation from a more diverse set of backgrounds, and generate a larger pool of active volunteers to help organize programs, events, and member offerings.

In case you don't know what Region 2 is, ASCE's structure for geographic units can be seen in the below hierarchy diagram. The Reading Branch is a subsidiary group of the Lehigh Valley Section, which is a subsidiary group of Region 2. ASCE has 10 regions, with Regions 1 through 9 covering the United States, Mexico, & Canada & Region 10 covering the other 174 countries that ASCE members call home across the globe.

The application to serve as a corresponding member is due to [Joseph Platt by email](#) before October 4th, 2024 and can be found at [this link](#).



### LTC Hosts 2024 PGF & Leader Orientation

On September 15th and 16th, over 100 Section and Branch Presidents, Region Governors, incoming Society Directors, Technical Region Leaders, Committee Members, and Presidential Officers from around the world participated in the 2024 Presidents and Governors Forum and Leader Orientation at ASCE Headquarters. This event hosted by the Leader Training Committee provided opportunities for attendees to learn about ASCE resources, network with other ASCE leaders, discuss best practices, and develop leadership skills that would benefit their ASCE groups.

The program began with a Welcome and Society Overview by President-elect Feniosky A. Peña-Mora and Executive Director Tom Smith. Following the welcome, the participants were engaged in a 2-part dynamic leadership session on "It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish!" by COL Jim O'Brien, P.E., M.ASCE. Brock Barry, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE from West Point brought his expertise to the table with presentations on Nonverbal Communication Skills and Presentation Skills – How to Wow Your Audience! Afterwards our Section and Branch leaders shared successful programs and activities during our Best Practices sessions. ASCE's General Counsel Tara Hoke capped off the day with a presentation on Legal Issues impacting ASCE's local groups.

On the second day attendees participated in an interactive session with President-elect Feniosky Peña-Mora, President-elect Elect Marsha Anderson Bomar, and Executive Director Tom Smith, followed by an engaging discussion on Proposed Changes to ASCE Membership from Society Director, Ken Mika. The day continued with attendees discussing Section/Branch Challenges and Brainstorming a Presidential Plan and Sharing Measurable Goals and Lessons Learned. And we ended the day with closing remarks by our 2025 ASCE President-elect, Marsha Anderson Bomar.

The overall sentiment was that the program was reinvigorating, energizing, and motivational.

Want to learn more about the PGF? Contact [Nancy Berson \(ASCE Staff\)](#) or [Andrew Kline \(Reading Branch President & 2-time PGF Attendee\)](#).

### Don't Forget About These Member Benefits!



**Did You Know?**  
ASCE dues are **discounted 50%** for professional members 28 years of age or younger, and free for Student Members!

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## Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteers within the Reading Branch!

Do you have an interest in joining our board to serve as an officer? Do you have ideas for events that you want to help plan? Do you have a passion for developing newsletters and sending email blasts? If you answered yes, or even stopped to think for any of those question, we need you!

[Email us](#) to express interest and get involved!

### We Want to Hear From You

If you have a topic that you might think would be good for a technical presentation at an upcoming meeting, please reach out to us. We want our events, messaging, and programs to reflect the needs and wants of our members!

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