

# ASCE Reading Branch Quarterly Newsletter

**Hello !**

Check out our Summer 2025 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!

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## President's Message

Here we are, nearing the end of summer (unofficially)... while the weather is still quite warm and kids are still enjoying summer breaks, we will be into the fall before we know it! All of this corresponds with a return from a little time off for our volunteers within ASCE at the branch and section level.

This newsletter might be on the shorter side, but there is still plenty of important stuff happening across our great organization! Stay tuned for event announcements from the Lehigh Valley Section and the Reading Branch as we begin to plan for the 2025-2026 season.

I also want to keep you prepared for upcoming communications regarding leadership opportunities and openings in the Reading Branch in the coming weeks. Our leadership team is working to make sure that our by-laws align with the realities of the Branch, including a leadership structure that will set us up for ongoing success.

Sincerely,  
Andrew C. Kline, EIT  
*Reading Branch President*

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## Upcoming Events

### Planning for the 2025-2026 Season

We are working to plan a slate of webinars, construction site tours, and more for the 2025-2026 season, but we need your input! Do you want more sessions on history & heritage, a specific discipline, ethics, or something else? Email us at [readingbranch.asce@gmail.com](mailto:readingbranch.asce@gmail.com) to share your thoughts and ideas!

### From the 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:

- *SEI Ben Yen Seminar - 8/14*
- *Summer Picnic & Annual Meeting - 8/21*
- *8th Annual EPIC Golf Outing - 9/19*

### From the 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](#).

### From the 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](#).

### From ASCE HQ...

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.

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## ASCE Society News

### ASCE Student Support Summit Held at HQ

#### ***From the LVASCE Newsletter***



On Saturday, July 19th nearly two years of work via a series of three ASCE task committees culminated in an all-day event known as the Student Support Summit, or simply S3. S3's stated purpose was: "Develop a visionary roadmap for ASCE's student programs and resourcing to generate greater student involvement, retention, inclusivity, and applicability to our organization and the profession". Simply restated, S3 was a convening of ASCE leaders from all across the globe to work on identifying an actionable

plan for the future of ASCE student membership. With about 50 people in attendance, the Summit produced actionable plan recommendations relating to using ASCE Student Symposia as a strategic level and sustained engagement of members through transitions. Not only was the Lehigh Valley Section the most represented section at the Summit with three LVASCE board members in attendance, but two members of our section served on the nine member implementation team that made S3 a reality. With this article is a picture of, from L to R, Kristen L. Sanford, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE, Andrew C. Kline, EIT, M.ASCE, & Gregory J. Kuklinski, P.E., F.ASCE out front at the iconic ASCE HQ sign.

### Society Election Results

Back in early June, the 2025 society elections wrapped up and along with the closing of the polls came results for our new slate of leadership!

On the ballot for 2026 President-Elect (and the eventual 2027 President) were two excellent candidates, but Carol Haddock of Houston, Texas (ASCE Region 6) came out victorious.

Here in Region 2 we also had a Director seat and 2 Governor seats up for election for three year terms (Oct. 2025 to Oct. 2028). While those elections were all uncontested, a huge congratulations goes out to:



- Gregory (Greg) F. Scott, P.E., F.ASCE - *elected to serve as Region 2 Director*
- John Caperilla, EIT, A.M.ASCE (Reading Branch Past President) - *elected to serve a second term as Region 2 Governor*
- Rosanna J. La Plante, P.E., F.ASCE - *elected to serve as Region 2 Governor*

While there were also multiple other positions on the ballot across other geographic regions and the technical region, a constitutional amendment was up for a vote. The amendment proposed the consolidation of the Affiliate, Associate, and Member grades into a unified Member grade. The voted needed to reach a minimum of two thirds support for passage, and it garnered 78.3% in favor resulting in passage and implementation. The three member grades are now formally combined into M.ASCE, but members can be assured that there are no changes in member benefits or dues costs as a direct result of this vote. The membership grades of student member, fellow, and distinguished member remain unchanged.

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



## 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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