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CHATTIN WITH CHAS WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow engineers,

This is Chas Webb, President of the Eastern Branch. In the last newsletter it appeared that things were on their way to getting back to normal. Fortunately that continues to be the case as we move towards the end of this pandemic. While we may not completely return to normal immediately, it was encouraging that the Board voted to return to in-person meetings for September. This was based on your feedback as well as guidance from the Society. As much as we want to return to in-person meetings, we also value the safety and health of our members. Therefore, we will be hosting meetings in-person as well as online. This will allow those who do not feel comfortable or cannot make the in-person meetings to still be able to make the meetings. The September meeting will be the first in-person meeting since February of 2020. Nobody could have predicted the events that would dictate our lives for the next 18 months.

But as we know, this pandemic has been far from predictable. As we start to transition back to some level of normalcy, I encourage everyone to have a level of understanding, appreciation, and patience. Just as we all showed those qualities when we entered this pandemic, we will need those qualities as we exit this pandemic.

Nobody has been through a pandemic of this magnitude before, so nobody knows how things are going to go. But the one thing we can do is be supportive and encouraging of each other. I know our membership can do that because we have some finest professionals in the area.

I look forward to welcoming you back in-person in September.

Stay well and safe!

-Chas

FALL-ING INTO PLACE

The ASCE NC Section announced that the Fall Conference will be returning to in-person. The conference will be held on Friday, September 17th at the DoubleTree hotel on Hillsborough Street in Raleigh. Right now, planning is ongoing for the conference. Planners are looking for speakers and volunteers. If you would like to speak or volunteer for the event, please get in touch with an officer from the NC Section. More details about the conference will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

The NC Section is very excited that the conference will be returning to in-person as the 2020 conference was hosted virtually.

For those who will be visiting from outside of Raleigh, a reservation link will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

For more information on the conference or anything related to the NC Section please visit ascenc.org.



Lonnie Poole Golf Course

The Eastern Branch is excited to announce the 25th Annual Golf Tournament is back. This time at full capacity! Last year we were able to hold the tournament with limited capacity because of the ongoing pandemic.

This year we will be back at (or near) full force. The date is Friday, October 1. Registration is at 9:00 and there is a 10:00 am shotgun start. At 3:00 the prizes will be announced. Registration is \$130 per person and covers green fees, cart, range balls, beverages on course, box lunch. Most importantly proceeds from the event go onto support the ASCE North Carolina Scholarship Fund. In addition there will be hole-in-one prizes and raffles.

The event will be held at the beautiful Lonnie Poole Golf Course.

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THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IS BACK (AT FULL CAPACITY)

Lonnie Poole is home to NC State and was designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer.

The course is a challenging but rewarding course, with opportunities for scoring. The course also provides scenic views of the Raleigh skyline.

The format of the event will be captain's choice. If you are unfamiliar with that format it is also called a scramble. Each player hits a shot and the best shot is selected. Each player then plays from the selected shot. This process is repeated until the ball is holed.

Players do have the ability to purchase mulligans, which can come in handy.

While fun and friendly competition is an objective of the tournament, the ultimate goal is to support the ASCE NC Scholarship Fund.

With that we are looking for sponsors. Sponsorships help offset some of the costs which then allow higher scholarships amounts to deserving students.

If you would like to sponsor the event please get in touch with Kris Malpica at keamalpic@ncsu.edu.

More information regarding sponsorships and event registration can be found on the ASCE Eastern Branch website. Please note that online registration will close on September 3rd.

We look forward to seeing you back on the golf course as we come together to have fun and support a great cause.



NORTH CAROLINA SECTION
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Meet the new Society President-Elect

Maria C. Lehman

The Society's 2022 elections took place. Maria C. Lehman was elected as the 2022 president-elect by a majority of those voting.

Lehman, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE has nearly four decades of experience in civil engineering. She has practiced in a number of fields including transportation and facilities engineering. She is currently the director of U.S. infrastructure for GHD and was the interim executive director for the New York State Thruway Authority.

In an interview with asce.org Lehman said, "It's an honor to represent ASCE and the civil engineering profession as the Society president. I look forward to the challenge."

Lehman added, "I've made a lifelong commitment to ASCE and have been involved in a lot of things over a lot of time. So, I feel I have an interesting voice to add – to be able to right some of the wrongs in the profession right now and really set up to be the leaders that we're meant to be. "

We at the Eastern Branch would like to congratulate Ms. Lehman on her new position with ASCE.

"Ms. Lehman points out there are challenges facing our profession. She's absolutely right, but I believe she'll be the leader that ASCE needs to get us past those challenges." Said Chas Webb, Eastern Branch President.

Lehman is the president-elect for 2022 and will become the Society president in 2023.

EYE ON IT

What's going on with the Section?

As announced on the previous page the Fall Conference is back to being held in person. We at the Eastern Branch are very excited that the conference will be held in Raleigh.

In addition, the Section is working on its 100-year celebration. It's hard to imagine that the Section has been around for 100 years. More information on this celebration will be in future newsletters.



The Section is also looking for help on the Section Report Card. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact any of the NC Section officers.

Speaker Spotlight – Joe Angell and Sue Kranes

Our May Speakers were Joe and Sue.

Joe Angell and Sue Kranes presented during our May virtual meeting.

Joe is a professional engineer with over 38 years of hands-on leadership experience infrastructure and facilities management from budgeting and resourcing.

Joe was also named the 2021 Eastern Branch Civil Engineer of the Year and helped create the 2020 Mentor Program.

Sue Kranes joined the North Carolina Military Business Center in 2008 to support NC Business as a Federal Military Construction Specialist. In that capacity, she helped existing businesses identify, bid, and compete for architectural, engineering and construction contracts.

Joe and Sue gave an excellent presentation on federal opportunities,

Collaboration and political engagement in the military.



While not part of the NC Section, we also want to bring attention to a record-breaking donation made by Society President, Jean-Louis Briaud. He and his wife donated \$1 million to the ASCE Foundation. That's quite the gift!



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OUR MEMBERS. PLEASE
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CONTACT ANY OF OUR
OFFICERS.

Upcoming Events

- **July Meeting (July 15th, virtual)**
Wayne Miles with Raleigh Stormwater will be giving updates on Raleigh Stormwater.
- **July 17 YMG Foodbank Volunteer (1-4pm)**
Come join the Young Member Group for a great cause.
- **August Meeting (Date TBD, virtual)**
- **September Meeting (Date TBD, in-person and virtual.)**
- **September 17th NC Section Fall Conference**
- **October 1st – Golf Tournament, Lonnie Poole Golf Course**
- **October (TBD) YMG Stream Cleanup**
Come join the Young Member Group as we cleanup a stream.

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We're now on LinkedIn! Find us by searching ASCE Eastern Branch. There you will get weekly updates with what is on with the Eastern Branch.

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