

# President's Message: Celebrating and Looking Forward

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Members,

The shortest month of the year is coming to a close and the ASCE active “year” is more than halfway over. Don’t miss out on using your ASCE membership benefits, such as attending Institute and Section events, or volunteering for a leadership role. This month we hosted our premier annual event the ASCE Section Awards Banquet. This sold-out event brought together owners, consultants, and students to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of individuals and projects of 2021 from across the Pittsburgh area. I am proud to be part of an organization that recognizes and celebrates the hard work of individuals and firms that maintain and improve the infrastructure in our region. It was great a great evening reconnecting and catching up with members!



I was proud to stand alongside our 2021 Civil Engineer of the Year winner Kimberly Kennedy, PE, and Awards Committee Chair and Past Past Section President Sam Shamsi, PE at this year’s E-Week Awards Banquet.

At the banquet we also announced our open call period for next year’s president-elect and three open board positions. Those interested in these leadership roles should reach out to Past Section President [Jonathan Shimko](#).

We also have launched our 2022 Member Survey. A lot has changed over the past two years in terms of how we conduct business and interact with each other. The Section Board has created a quick 7-question survey to confirm how the majority of members

want to receive information and what they want our events to look like. Please take a few minutes to [fill out the form](#).

On a final note, I want to thank all of those who volunteered at the Carnegie Science Center E-week Civil Engineering Demonstration table last Thursday and Friday as members used models to teach grade school and middle school children basic concepts of wind loads, watershed pollution protection methods, and geophysics. I was very impressed by the focus and curiosity that several of these children had and am hopeful that events like this will stay in their memories when they start to consider what to pursue after high school.

Thank you for your time and support,

Erin