

## October 2020



*(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiBXSwt19Q&feature=youtu.be>)*

Dear Members,

Happy Fall, Y'all! The leaves throughout Pennsylvania and the region are on full display this week and I hope that each of you are able to get outdoors to appreciate the beauty of the season. This is my favorite time of the year. The days are getting cooler, there are sports being played, and it's time to enjoy the harvest (maybe my favorite part of all).

As we all know, this year continues to present challenges and test our resilience. One thing that we must all be sure of is that our voices are heard. The foundation of our democracy is dependent upon the participation of our citizens in the election of public officials. I encourage each and every one of you to vote. There is still time to request an Absentee Ballot if you are not able or prefer not to vote in person on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, early voting stations are open in the region to receive ballots. Please visit the [Pennsylvania Election Website](#) for more information on when, where and how to make your vote count. I do believe that every single vote will matter as we head to the polls for the 59<sup>th</sup> presidential election in this country's history. So, please do not sit this one out.

October is typically the time for our Fall Kick-Off Dinner and Recognition of our Life Members. This year we will be providing a virtual experience. Expect to see more details and announcements for this event in the coming days. As mentioned in the introduction video to this message, we are planning to release similar event content in

November that can be viewed asynchronously by registrants. I also encourage our membership to consider sponsoring the event to support Section activities and to support the recognition of our distinguished [2020 Life Members](#).

ASCE's Virtual 2020 Convention will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. The ASCE Convention is the Society's flagship membership event. It is the single annual opportunity where the entire Society is represented together and reflects the diversity of civil engineering that ASCE encompasses. The Convention program is designed to have integrated, multi-disciplinary, technical, and educational components to meet the needs of the profession. [Registration](#) for the 2020 Convention is open, but you must hurry!

As I close, I again want to applaud, encourage and support all of you that are planning to sit for the PE Exam later this week. Professional licensure is a monumental step in the career trajectory of an engineer and is one of the most distinguishing aspects of our profession. Good luck to all of you! I look forward to saying congratulations to you in the near future.

Thank you all for supporting ASCE as an engaged member. Please feel free to contact me anytime at [jshimko@mckimcreed.com](mailto:jshimko@mckimcreed.com).

Sincerely,

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