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Illinois Section
ASCE 2025 Annual
Awards Dinner

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago – Magnificent Mile

October 30, 2025



PROGRAM

COCKTAIL HOUR

- Welcome Thomas Janicke
- Incoming Illinois Section President's Address. Monica Crinion
- 2025-2026 ASCE IL Section Officer Installation Megan McDonald

DINNER

- Recognition of Sponsors and Guests Colleen Miller
- Presentation of Life Members. John Lazarra
- Presentation of 2025 Award Presenters
- Young Civil Engineer of the Year. Brian Eads
 - Civil Engineer of the Year. Thera Novotny
 - Young Gov Civil Engineer of the Year &
Gov Civil Engineer of the Year Manar Nashif
 - Citizen Engineer of the Year. Kat Au
 - Construction Engineer of the Year Jon Schumacher
 - Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, under \$10 Million Darnita Lee

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, \$10-25 Million. Kurt Woolford

Sustainability in Civil Engineering
Achievement Award MWRD Vice President Flynn

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, \$25-100 Million. . . .MWRD Vice President Flynn

Outstanding Civil Engineering
Achievement, over \$100 Million.Sanjay Joshi & Katie Bell

CLOSING

Recognition of Sponsors and Guests Joe Wilk

**THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR
ORGANIZING TONIGHT'S EVENT.**

**Special Thank You to Our
IL-ASCE Executive Secretary
Sarah Harbaugh**



On behalf of the Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, we extend our deepest gratitude and warmest congratulations to Sarah Harbaugh on her retirement!

For over sixteen years, Sarah has been the foundation of the Illinois Section—keeping our organization running smoothly and our members connected.

As Executive Secretary, she has served with exceptional dedication, professionalism, and care, providing invaluable support to our officers and committees.

Sarah’s attention to detail and kindness have touched everyone she’s worked with. Her tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured the success of countless events and initiatives, and her institutional knowledge has been a guiding force for the Section’s continued growth and success.

As Sarah embarks on this well-deserved next chapter, we thank her for her outstanding service and lasting impact on our ASCE community. She leaves behind a legacy of excellence.

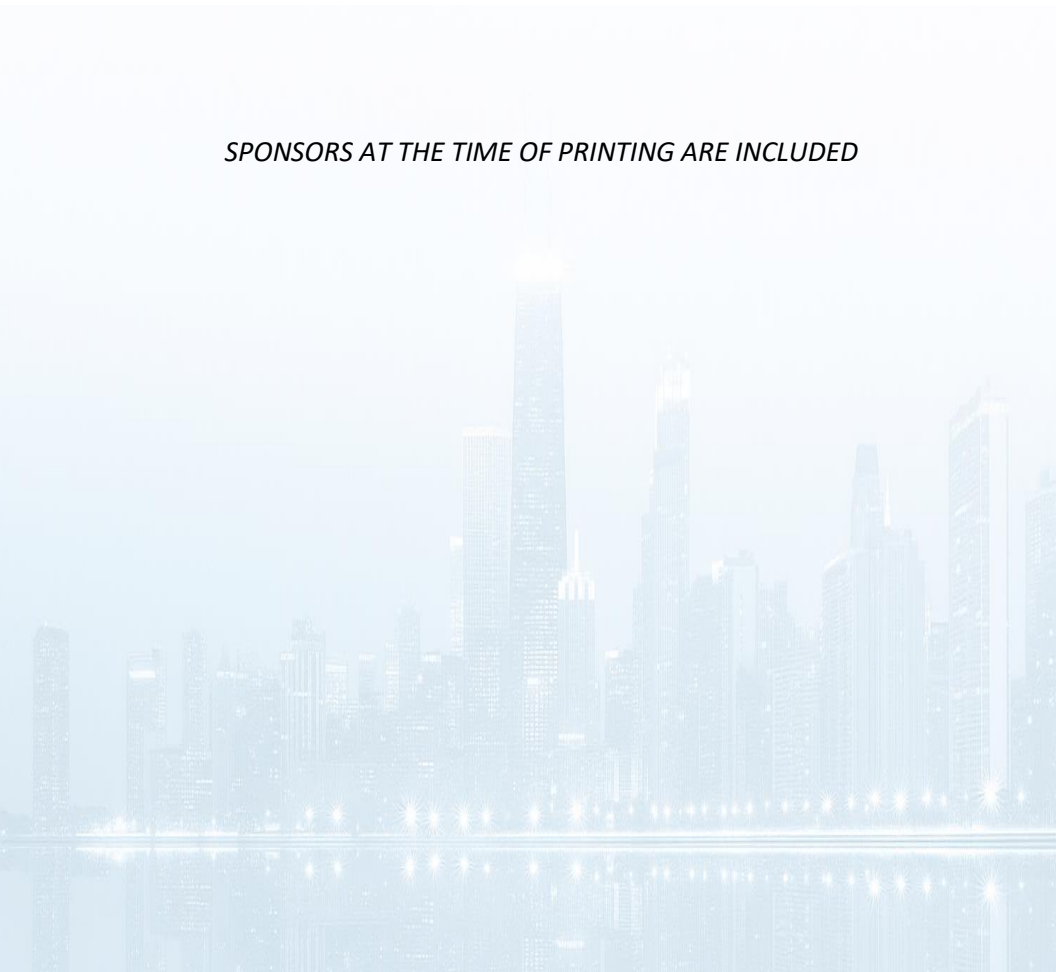
Congratulations, Sarah, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement!

— The Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

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The Illinois Section contains three student chapters, which each consist of a Student Chapter President, Faculty Advisor and Practitioner Advisor.

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



Dulce Rivera, Student Chapter President
Professor Stephen Kleps, PhD, Faculty Advisor
Srikanth Panguluri (Jacobs), Practitioner Advisor
Joshua Starzyk (GFT), Practitioner Advisor

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Sofia Olivares Garcia, Student Chapter President
Mohsen Issa, PhD, Faculty Advisor
Cody Gastel (GFT), Practitioner Advisor



Ella Salcedo, Student Chapter President
Professor Eric Garcia, Faculty Advisor
Kris Salvatera (Primera Engineers, Ltd), Practitioner Advisor

2024 – 2025

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – ILLINOIS SECTION

The 18 - person Illinois Section Board consists of the Executive Committee (Past President, President, President - Elect, Treasurer and Secretary), six Directors, and the chairs of the seven Technical Institutes/Groups. With the Institutes providing much of our technical programming, the various 21 Committees carry out the many of the operations, communications, outreach, and other focus areas within the Illinois Section.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please check out our website: www.isasce.org .

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Thomas Janicke, *President*
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Michael Kowalski, *Director to 2025*
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Daniel Lowery, *Director to 2026*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND APPOINTMENTS

Colleen Miller & Joe Wilk, *Annual Dinner Co-Chairs*

Michael Kowalski & Daniel Lowery, *Awards Chairs*

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Thomas Janicke, *Nominations Chair*

Hugh Regan, *Membership Chair*

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2025 – 2026

INCOMING SECTION BOARD

The Illinois Section (IS) has a strong history of leadership and welcomes any member to run for open Board positions. The 18-person Illinois Section Board consists of the Executive Committee (Past President, President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary), six Directors, and the chairs of the seven Technical Institutes/Groups. The requirements and election process for each position stated in the IS Bylaws.

Each year in the spring, per the IS Bylaws, a Nominations Committee is formed to identify and select nominees for open board positions, which includes the President-Elect (1-year term with automatic transition to President), either Secretary or Treasurer (alternating 2-year terms), and three Directors (2-year term). The Nominations Committee presents their nominee recommendations to the IS Board, which is then voted on and presented to IS-Membership a minimum of three months prior to the annual meeting. A petition period is then initiated for any IS member(s) to run for any of the open board positions, and then a vote is solicited from membership to elect the candidate for that position. If no petitions are filed, the IS Board declares the nominees for the non-contested positions elected.

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Jimmy Canning, *Director to 2027*
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Dan Schriks, *Structural Engineering Institute*
Harsh Patel, *Transportation & Development Institute*
Steve Jandick, *Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute*
Jeremy Metz, *Younger Member Group*

2025-2026 ILLINOIS SECTION OFFICERS

President – Monica Crinion, P.E.

Monica Crinion is a Project Manager with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in Chicago, IL. She has over 17 years of experience in transportation infrastructure improvements including planning and design engineering services for Municipal, County, Illinois Tollway, and IDOT projects. Her background in both State and Local Road projects includes structural design, geometrics, safety analysis, utility conflict mitigation and relocation, and coordination on environmental project elements. Monica received her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Michigan.

Ms. Crinion joined ASCE post college as a young engineer interested in connecting with her peers and promoting diversity in engineering through STEM outreach. The core of her involvement in ASCE has always been centered around inspiring students of all backgrounds to consider a career in Civil Engineering. Within the Illinois Section she has volunteered on the Outreach Committee since 2010, been active in the Younger Member Group (including YMG Director in 2016), served as a Director for the IL Section from 2018-2020, and was even selected as the IL Section's Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award in 2016. On the Society level of ASCE, Monica served on the Committee on Pre-College Outreach (CPO) from 2018-2022 and was the 2021-2022 Chair of the subcommittee focused on Student Transition and Younger Member Retention (STYMR) within ASCE.

Past President – Thomas Janicke, P.E., S.E.

Mr. Janicke is the Director of Structural Design Services at Civiltech Engineering Inc. and has over 16 years of professional experience in the design & management of highway bridge projects. His work has included a wide variety of structure replacements and rehabilitations. He received his Bachelor & Master of Science degrees in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He's a licensed Structural Engineer in Illinois and licensed Professional Engineer in Iowa and Illinois.

Mr. Janicke is a past chair of the Structural Engineering Institute Illinois Chapter, having served a variety of roles at SEI-IL including Secretary, Training Coordinator, and SE Study Group Facilitator. Mr. Janicke also enjoys being involved in many ASCE activities such as STEM student outreach events, Legislative Drive Downs to Springfield, and the Illinois Infrastructure Report Card. He currently lives in Geneva, IL with his wife Amanda, daughter Ingrid, and dogs Stu & Nadia.

President Elect – Kris Salvatera

Kris Salvatera is a Senior Aviation Engineer with Primera Engineers, Ltd. He has 14 years of professional experience in transportation projects. Early in his career, Kris focused on multi-phased engineering services for various transportation agencies including IDOT, the Illinois Tollway, and local municipalities. For the past decade, Kris has focused his skills to aviation design and construction services. Currently, he is working with project teams on some major aviation design programs at Chicago O’Hare International Airport, Philadelphia International Airport, and other General Aviation Airports within Illinois.

Kris has been involved with ASCE for over 15 years, beginning as a student member and taking positions such as the Student Conference Chair at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). As part of the Illinois Section, Kris has served many roles such as past Director (2018-2020), the Illinois Section Student Outreach Chair, Practitioner Advisor for Northwestern University, and other Institute positions with the Illinois Section’s Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI) and the Younger Member Group (YMG). Kris was awarded the IS-ASCE Citizen Engineer of the Year Award in 2018. He lives in downtown Chicago in the South Loop neighborhood with his wife, Tracey.

Secretary – Tom Borges, P.E.

Mr. Borges is the Illinois Transportation Design Manager at Bloom Companies, LLC. He has over 14 years of transportation engineering experience including both planning and design of highway and roadway infrastructure improvement projects throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 2011 and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, Minnesota, and Massachusetts.

Mr. Borges has been actively involved with the Illinois Section for over 11 years, having served a variety of roles on the local Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) board including Student Outreach Chair, Scholarship Chair, Programs Chair, and Chair. Mr. Borges first served on the Illinois Section Board as a Director (2017-2019), and served as Chair of the Membership Committee from 2020 to 2024. He was also lucky enough to be part of the Section’s Centennial Anniversary Committee from 2015 to 2016.

Mr. Borges lives in Clarendon Hills with his wife, Emily, sons Tommy (2.5) and Joey (7 months), and beabull, Bailey (12). In his spare time, he loves to cook, garden, watch movies and go on long walks with the family.

Treasurer – Jeana Gowin

Jeana Gowin is a Senior Project Manager with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. She has over 20 years of experience in water resources planning, design, and permitting for both private development and government agencies. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and is a Professional Engineer in Illinois, a Certified Floodplain Manager, and is a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality.

She became involved in ASCE through the Environmental Water Resources Institute (EWRI) where she served as Chair from 2019-2020. She is currently the co-chair of the Communications Committee through the Illinois Section. She enjoys mentoring younger engineers (both current and future) and encourages everyone to get involved as early as possible. She lives in the North Center neighborhood of Chicago with her husband Michael and their son Benjamin.

Director to 2026 – Daniel Lowery, P.E.

Dan Lowery is an Assistant Vice President and Senior Resident Engineer at GFT. During the last 13 years he has been heavily involved in some of the most complex road and bridge construction projects in the Chicagoland area. He has overseen Phase III construction projects for the Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Department of Transportation, and Will County Division of Transportation.

Mr. Lowery received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Florida. Dan served on the inaugural Board for the Illinois ASCE Construction Institute and has held a variety of roles since its founding in 2018. Most recently he served as the Construction Institute's 2025 Past Chair.

Outside of work, Dan enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Jessica, their one-year-old son, Emmett, as well as with family and friends. Dan also enjoys playing golf, traveling, and competing in triathlons.

Director to 2026 – Colleen Miller

Colleen Miller serves as the Chief Business Development Officer at SINGH + Associates, Inc., where she is responsible for identifying growth opportunities, promoting diversity, and driving the company's strategic expansion. She oversees the development of comprehensive growth plans and ensures the successful achievement of both short-term and long-term financial goals. Colleen earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Illinois and transitioned into the engineering industry in 2015. With a focus on business growth, Colleen excels in the business development lifecycle, implementing customer-centric strategies to expand market share while enhancing the company's regional brand presence.

Colleen joined the Illinois Section of ASCE (IS-ASCE) in 2015 after graduating and became actively involved with the Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI), eventually assuming the role of Chair in 2020. She continues to serve as a Member-At-Large for IS-ASCE T&DI and played a key role in executing the launch celebration for the 2022 ASCE Report Card on Illinois Infrastructure. In addition to IS-ASCE, she is an active member holding leadership positions in numerous organizations, including the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Greater Chicago Chapter – Secretary on the Executive Board, American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC) – Business Development Committee and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) – Emerging Leaders Program (2025), Membership Committee, Public Involvement Committee and The Andrew Weishar Foundation – Ambassador Board.

Director to 2026 – Alex Potter-Weight, P.E.

Alex Potter-Weight is a Regional Sales Manager for Menard USA, a design-build geotechnical contractor specializing in soil improvement. Alex has worked with Menard his entire 15-year career, starting as a field engineer and estimator, before working in their design department for several years in Pittsburgh, PA. In 2017, he started Menard's first satellite office in Chicago, steadily growing their regional presence and eventually opening another Midwest office in Minneapolis. Alex's passion at work is helping his clients solve complex geotechnical challenges across all industries and providing economical and sustainable alternatives to piles and caissons.

Alex received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and holds active P.E. licenses in nine states, including Illinois. Alex was the Chair of the ASCE-IL Geo-Institute in 2021-2022 and served on the local G-I board the three preceding years. He is also a member of the Deep Foundations Institute.

Outside of work, Alex enjoys playing basketball and volleyball, kayaking, and spending time with his wife, Catherine, their son, Max, and their dog, Cal.

Director to 2027 – Jimmy Canning, P.E., CFM, ENV SP

Jimmy is a Project Manager with Strand Associates, Inc., in Joliet, IL. He has over 7 years of experience in municipal engineering including planning, design, and construction-related services for a wide variety of civil engineering projects. Jimmy's experience ranges from green infrastructure design to water main replacement to local roadway reconstruction to streambank restoration. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Saint Louis University (SLU) and his Master of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Jimmy is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, a Certified Floodplain Manager in Illinois, and an Envision Sustainability Professional.

Mr. Canning joined ASCE in undergrad, serving on the executive board and captaining the steel bridge team. As a professional, he joined the Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) Chicago Chapter, serving a 5-year term on the executive board. He also contributed to the 2022 Illinois Infrastructure Report Card. Jimmy is recently married and lives in Chicago with his wife Samantha.

Director to 2027 – Hugh Regan

Hugh Regan is a Transportation Section Manager with HNTB Corporation. in Chicago, IL. He has over 12 years of experience in transportation engineering including planning and design engineering services for IDOT, CDOT, and INDOT projects. His focus has been on the geometric design of state and local highways. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Indiana.

After college, Hugh joined ASCE to meet other engineers interested in civil engineering's impact on local initiatives. He joined the board of the Younger Members Group in 2020 and served as the YMG chair in 2024. This previous year, he was the Membership Chair for the IL Section.

Director to 2027 – Joshua Starzyk, P.E.

Joshua Starzyk, a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, is employed as a Civil Engineer with GFT. Mr. Starzyk has been utilizing B.I.M. to facilitate the planning and design of highway, tollway, utility, railway and aviation projects around Chicago and the Midwest for the past decade. Active in the Illinois Section of ASCE (ISASCE) Student Outreach committee and now past-chair of the Transportation & Development Institute, Mr. Starzyk enjoys promoting the field of civil engineering to communities and especially enjoys mentoring aspiring engineers of all ages.

Passionate about Chicago, Mr. Starzyk uses his free time to walk around the city and gawk about Chicago's infrastructure to his wife, while they eat at their favorite restaurants.

2025

**ILLINOIS SECTION ASCE
AWARD WINNERS**

The ASCE Illinois Section Awards Committee is comprised of one Director and a representative from each of the six technical Institutes and Younger Member Group.

We congratulate the 2025 Awards Class!!!

YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Jeremy Metz, PE



Jeremy Metz, PE, is a transportation engineer with over seven years of experience serving the Chicagoland area. Since beginning his career at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT), he has contributed to a wide range of projects through both the Aurora and Chicago offices. Jeremy is originally from Morton Grove, a suburb just north of the City of Chicago.

Jeremy earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he also worked as a research assistant in the Civil Engineering Department's Transportation Lab. There, he contributed to multiple transportation-related studies for organizations such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), including work on the Highway Safety Manual (HSM).

More importantly, Jeremy met his wife, Danielle, during his time at Mizzou. They are now happily married and living in Buffalo Grove.

Jeremy's early career was fueled by post-recession demands and his willingness to step up and take on new challenges. Over the past several years, he has served as project engineer on multiple Phase I and Phase II transportation projects.

His decision to pursue civil engineering was driven by a desire to make a lasting, physical impact on the communities we live and work in. Jeremy takes pride in leaving project areas better than he found them—for future generations to enjoy.

CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Joe Johnson, PMP, PE



Joe is Vice President and Principal Project Manager with Stantec, based in Chicago, Illinois. He has worked for 40 years with municipal clients to successfully plan and implement water supply, stormwater management, and wastewater management projects throughout the Great Lakes region, the United States, and overseas. He is currently serving as Co-Program Manager for the Grand Prairie Water

Commission's \$1.5 billion Alternative Water Source Program. He leads a multi-firm team charged with designing and managing the delivery of a new regional water transmission system to bring treated Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago to the six water commission member communities.

Highlights of his prior experience include serving as a consultant to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for its last four Lake Michigan water allocation updates, leading more than 40 master planning assignments, and participating in major projects including the Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel, the City of Chicago's Sewer System Master Plan, the Rockford Water System Rehabilitation Program, and the development of long-term water demand forecasts for the Panama Canal Watershed. Joe received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Davis. He is a registered professional engineer, a certified project management professional, and past president of the Illinois Section ASCE. He is the proud father of three sons, Tom, Michael, and Brian and lives with his wife Carolyn in Elmwood Park, Illinois.

YOUNG GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Ahmad Nafakh, Ph.D, PE



Ahmad Nafakh, Ph.D., P.E., is the recipient of the 2025 Young Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Section. He currently serves as the senior project manager in the Planning Department at the Illinois Tollway, where he leads efforts to deliver major capital projects.

Nafakh joined the Tollway in 2022 to support the agency’s long-term infrastructure investments, including the 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future program and the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future program.

He currently manages a master planning study of the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) interchange — a critical initiative aimed at improving operations and reducing congestion. In addition, he oversees multiple Phase II projects focused on enhancing safety and improving operations at toll plazas throughout Tollway’s 294-mile system.

Prior to joining the Illinois Tollway, Nafakh worked at the Illinois Department of Transportation on a variety of capital projects. At IDOT, he was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter in 2019 for developing a tool that automates the ADA curb ramp design process. Nafakh’s career began in the private sector, where he focused on planning and designing roads, as well as evaluating their safety, capacity, and operational performance.

Nafakh earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and both a Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois-Chicago. He is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Jeffrey J. Allen, PE



Jeff Allen serves as a deputy chief of program implementation for the Illinois Tollway, where he is responsible for managing the Tollway's \$4 billion reconstruction and widening of the 22-mile Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

A critical element of this complex corridor under his supervision is one of the most important interchanges on the 294-mile Tollway system, the interchange of I-290/I-88 at I-294, serving more than 300,000 vehicles daily and at a cost of nearly \$800 million.

Allen also serves as chairman of the Tollway's Contract Cost Change Control Committee, which reviews and recommends all proposed construction change orders and extra work orders sought by construction managers on all Tollway projects. In that role, he provides the close oversight needed to ensure any recommended changes are germane to the contract and in the best interests of the Tollway.

Allen joined the Tollway in 2013 as a senior project engineer overseeing design and construction of the 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program. He has worked on the rebuilding and widening of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Central Tri-State Corridor (I-294), as well as the Illinois Route 390 Tollway and I-490 Tollway projects.

Prior to the Tollway, he has 23-years of experience in design and construction of land development, public works infrastructure, and roadway and highway projects.

Allen earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Marquette University and he is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois since 1994.

CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Lien Dastgir, PE



Lien Dastgir, P.E. is the President and CEO of KAD Engineering PLLC, an award-winning, woman- and minority-owned civil engineering firm serving Illinois and beyond. With more than 25 years of experience spanning the Illinois Tollway, IDOT, FHWA, and local agencies, she has built a career defined by technical excellence, leadership, and public service.

In 2021, Lien founded KAD Engineering with a mission to deliver quality infrastructure solutions while expanding opportunities for women, minorities, and underrepresented groups in engineering. Under her leadership, the firm has earned recognition as the 2023 IDOT Engineering Firm of the Year, the 2025 HACIA Small Business Professional Services Award, and Lien received Outstanding Entrepreneurship Award from Illinois Muslim Chamber of Commerce 2025.

Beyond her professional achievements, Lien is deeply engaged in community and professional service. She currently serves as President of the Illinois Association of Asian Civil Engineers (IAACE), Scholarship Chair for the ASCE Construction Institute, and is an active board member of HACIA. She also teaches construction inspection training at Joliet Junior College and HACIA University, helping to prepare the next generation of engineers and inspectors.

A proud immigrant and mother of three, Lien balances her roles in leadership, mentorship, and family life with integrity and heart. Her commitment to equity, education, and community empowerment reflects the highest ideals of the civil engineering profession.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PERSON OF THE YEAR

Matthew D'Ambrosia, PE, PhD, FACI



Matthew D'Ambrosia, PhD, PE, FACI is Principal and Co-Founder of MJ2 Consulting where he specializes in solving difficult problems for the construction industry. Dr. D'Ambrosia has over 25 years of experience in concrete materials behavior and research. His interests include materials optimization for specialized applications, durability-related mechanisms such as volume change and cracking, as well as new approaches for prediction and verification of service life. He has expertise with large infrastructure

projects throughout the world, such as tall buildings, bridges, highways, dams, and power plants. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in thirteen states.

Dr. D'Ambrosia teaches industry courses and is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Northwestern University. He has been a Member of ASCE since 1996. He is also a Fellow of the American Concrete Institute (FACI), where he serves on numerous committees, and is the Executive Committee Trustee and former Chair of the ACerS Cements Division. He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Iowa and a Master of Science and PhD in Civil Engineering Construction Materials from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

SUSTAINABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

Lake Katherine Cal-Sag Trailhead Parking Improvement Project City of Palos Heights



The Lake Katherine Cal-Sag Trailhead Parking Improvement project increased parking capacity along the 13-mile Cal-Sag Trail, which is only one of five designated parking areas, and is described as “really crowded” by trail advocates. With up to a thousand daily summer trail users at this location, combined with the visitors of the Lake Katherine Nature Center, the need for improvement was clear. Thanks to support from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Green Infrastructure Grant and Federal Surface Transportation Funding, the City of Palos Heights delivered a much-needed improvement while utilizing green infrastructure.

The project added 52 permeable paver parking stalls, a dedicated school bus turnaround, and improved trail connections as the Cal-Sag Trail passes through the Lake Katherine Nature Center site. Stormwater management features—including underdrains, bioswales, and a wetland-bottom detention basin—helped to naturally filter contaminants and reduce stormwater runoff into the Cal-Sag Channel. The parking lot now interfaces with a restored prairie, enhancing local biodiversity and water quality.

More than just relieving congestion, the new trailhead serves as a living classroom for green infrastructure, educating visitors about sustainable design and promoting healthy, active lifestyles. The Lake Katherine Cal-Sag Trailhead Parking Improvement Project stands as a model for community-driven, environmentally responsible engineering.

**OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
UNDER \$10 MILLION
Replacement of Nettle Creek Aqueduct
IL Capital Development Board**



Since the mid-1840's, an aqueduct has existed at the confluence of the Illinois and Michigan (I&M) Canal and Nettle Creek on the southwest side of Morris, IL. While re-built and modified several times over the last 160 plus years, a flood event in 2013 caused a partial collapse of the most recent 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) era aqueduct. Working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), FEMA and other consulting parties, the State of Illinois through its Capital Development Board (CDB) coordinated efforts to fund, design and construct an historically appropriate replacement structure to not only restore flow in the canal, but also reconnect an important regional recreational trail linkage.

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
\$10-\$25 MILLION
Nicholas Dowden Park Flood Control Project
Village of Libertyville



The Village of Libertyville Nicholas Dowden Park Flood Control Project is one of the largest capital improvement projects in the Village's history. The total project cost was approximately \$17M and took nearly 10 years to complete from the initial studies in 2013 to final completion of construction at the end of 2023. This project significantly transformed the quality of life for over 500 households, which had a long history of urban flooding. It was able to provide 100-year flood protection for 98% of the Village's residents that experienced flooding in this area. The project also received approximately \$5.0M in grant funding through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and \$140,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) 319 funding.

To provide the flood relief needed, the Village installed 38.5 acre-feet (12.6 million gallons) of above-ground storage by lowering the prominent Nicholas Dowden Park by nearly 10 feet. The Park was tiered with an upper and lower bowl, with the upper bowl designed to be inundated less frequently while accommodating the Libertyville Girls Softball Association playing fields and minimizing the impacts to adjacent residents. Other portions of the project included the restoration of 10.7 acres of wetland BMPs, the replacement of an existing pump station (lifting stormwater 10 feet), and the installation of 3.2 miles of oversized storm sewer under streets.

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
\$25-\$100 MILLION
West and Southwest Winnetka Stormwater
Management Program
Village of Winnetka



Village of Winnetka has a long, documented history of flooding, dating back to the early 1900s. More than 85 percent of the community was built without a stormwater management system, so when the Village was hit with historic rainfall events in 2008, 2011, and 2013, it experienced widespread flooding and significant property damage to more than 1,000 homes. This string of losses compelled the Village to hire Strand Associates, Inc.® who developed a Stormwater Management Program for Western and Southwestern Winnetka based on achievable, cost-effective, and sustainable engineering practices. The resulting program entails a series of innovative stormwater conveyance, storage, and pumping facilities that together provide a 100-year storm level of protection while not increasing the downstream stormwater release rate. Green infrastructure and water quality improvements also result in 34 percent stormwater pollutant loading reduction.

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT
Over \$100 MILLION
Longmeadow Parkway Corridor and River Bridge
Kane County Division of Transportation



With a total cost of \$200 million, the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor & Fox River Bridge is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken by Kane County. This four-lane, 5.6-mile suburban highway features a four-span, 788-foot-long bridge that provides a crucial connection across the Fox River, serving a rapidly growing part of the county. The Fox River and its surrounding environs provide a scenic vista along the project corridor and great care was taken to assimilate the new infrastructure into the beauty of the natural environment with aesthetic features. Protecting endangered species, mitigating the impact to trees at a 2 to 1 replacement rate, and safely removing toxic soils are among the environmental highlights. This project also demonstrated the feasibility of developing a county-administered tollway authority to fund infrastructure improvements in a way that allows costs to be shared by users outside the owner's taxing jurisdiction. A value engineering study resulted in the implementation of 25 cost-saving measures at a savings of \$39 million.

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ASCE LIFE MEMBERS

A Life Member is an individual who has made a lifetime commitment to ASCE and the civil engineering profession by remaining a member for the full length of their professional career.

Life Member status is bestowed on an ASCE member in recognition of his or her long-term support of the Society. Fellows, Members, or Affiliates, who have reached the age of sixty-five years, and who have paid dues in any membership grade for a number of years such that when added to their age the sum equals or exceeds ninety-five, shall qualify for Life Member status. Life Members are exempt from further dues, provided that the member has paid dues for at least twenty years.

Lisa M. Brock, P. E.

Lisa Brock graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University. During her senior year, she served as president of the Student Chapter of ASCE.

She began her career with Bechtel Power Corp., in Ann Arbor, MI. She then joined the structural department of Greiner Engineering (a legacy company of URS / AECOM) in Timonium, Maryland, focusing primarily on bridge rehab projects, railroad bridge design and construction. While working at Greiner, she earned her MS in Civil Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and served as the Secretary of the Maryland Section of ASCE. She was named the Young Engineer of the Year in 1990.

Ms. Brock moved to the Chicago area in the 1990s and joined RHMG Engineers (now HMG Engineers). She spent 25 years managing construction projects of increasing complexity and eventually serving as the Village of Wilmette's engineering representative on a 7-million gallon sanitary sewer detention structure, storm sewers, water mains and road reconstruction projects. The highlight was the APWA National Award-winning Neighborhood Stormwater Project, a three-year project that included 3 StormTrap reservoirs and miles of upsized storm sewers, utility upgrades and reconstructed roads.

She has continued to promote ASCE and NSPE as well as mentoring younger engineers. She has been a member of ASCE for 45 years and is a Licensed P.E. in the States of Maryland and Illinois. She is also a licensed Coast Guard Captain and has raised three children.

Glen A. Eriksson, P.E.

After completing a two-year program of cooperative education, where he worked for IDOT and Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc, Glen graduated from Michigan Tech in 1983 with his BSCE and started working full-time at Barton-Aschman in their site civil engineering group. Glen was very active in ASCE - Illinois in the early years of his professional career and served on the Illinois Section Board of Directors while Chair of the Associate Member Forum (now the Younger Member Group).

After obtaining his Illinois PE in 1987, Glen started a civil engineering practice for Land Design Collaborative, a site design firm in Evanston. In 1989 he joined Haeger Engineering as a Senior Project Manager where he continued to focus his career on site design, and most specifically, large institutional projects such as schools, universities, and medical facilities. In 1995, Glen established Eriksson Engineering Associates, Ltd. (EEA), where he has served as its President for the last 30 years. EEA's team members work out of offices in Grayslake, Chicago, and Milwaukee, and serve clients throughout the Midwest providing civil engineering, traffic engineering, and landscape architecture.

Glen also proudly served on the Grayslake Community High School District 127 Board of Education for sixteen years – during a period of massive population growth – and served as its President for nine years. He continues to serve on Advocate Condell Hospital's (Libertyville) Development Council and on the Executive Committee of the Service Associates for the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Glen resides in Grayslake with his wife of 42 years, Dana, and as an avid skier, he spends as much time as possible in the mountains of Colorado.

Dr. Chu Ho, Sc.D., D.I.C., M.ASCE

Dr Chu Ho is Vice President and Technical Director with the Geotechnical and Tunneling Group, WSP USA based out of the Chicago office. He was formerly Principal Geotechnical Engineer with Patrick Engineering, Lisle, IL, responsible for the Geoscience Team within the Industrial Infrastructure Division. He worked for Arup for 25 years prior to taking an early retirement in 2020. While at Arup he was an Associate and Geotechnical Group Leader in the Singapore and New York offices, and performed the role of Geotechnical Skills Network Leader for the Americas Region. He also previously worked as General Manager, Ground Engineering Division with Presscrete Engineering, a public-listed specialist engineering contractor in Singapore where he was responsible for the Sales and Marketing, Design and Construction departments.

Dr Ho obtained B.Eng. (Honors) in Civil Engineering from the National University of Singapore in 1984, M.Sc. and D.I.C. in Engineering Rock Mechanics from Imperial College London in 1985, and Sc.D. in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering from M.I.T in 2005.

In his 40-year career, he has worked on projects around the globe. He has been involved as Lead Geotechnical Engineer in several high-profile projects in North America, including MTA Second Avenue Subway Phase 1 (New York City), MBTA Green Line Extension (Boston), LIRR 3rd Track (Long Island), Kensico-Eastview Connector Tunnel (New York) and the Gateway Hudson Tunnel (New York).

Dr Chu Ho is a member of ASCE GI Technical Committee on Grouting. He was part of the Task Force for ASCE Jet Grouting Guide Specifications (2016) and is presently working on the Subcommittee for updating the Committee Report on Verification of Geotechnical Grouting.

Stephen M May, P.E., M.ASCE

The bulk of my education, training, and career roles are focused on public works and public administration. I am a licensed P.E. and a certified PTOE. I have other professional organization affiliations that are also at the 25-year mark or greater. Admittedly, the bulk of my participation is with APWA and ITE. I actually joined ASCE as a student at UIC at the encouragement of Professor Marshal Silver (a long, long time ago). Otherwise, I have taken advantage of ASCE training opportunities as they support license renewal. Once I became a PTOE, I gravitated to more ITE traffic and transportation related continuing education. I'm a proud member of ASCE, even though most would not recognize me.

I am from/born Chicago growing up in Downers Grove. I have lived continuously in the Chicago Metro Area no further west than Naperville and east where I am now in La Grange Park. I have had only two different employers across my career. I started with the Village of Westmont as a civil engineer in 1986 as a new grad from UIC. Actually, it was long enough ago that it was UICC (Chicago Circle Campus) at the time. I was also a Westmont resident commuting to school on the train. I continued school at night while employed at Westmont and earned my MS in civil engineering also at UIC.

At Westmont, I held a variety of roles in the Engineering Department until February of 2000, where I was the Village Engineer at the Village of Lemont. In November, 2003 I returned to the Village of Westmont as their (first since the 1950's?) Director of Public Works. Prior to that, Westmont operated separate Street, Water, and Engineering departments. As DPW in 2003, we formed one

Public Works department with these previous departments becoming divisions within one department.

Since 2003, I was DPW awhile then becoming Director of Municipal Services (to include administration of Community Development), Assistant Village Manager, and then Village Manager in 2014 through my retirement. I remain a licensed professional engineer - though enjoying retirement.

Steven J Mikottis, P.E., M.ASCE

Steven J. Mikottis, P.E. received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in June 1984 and served as a student member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) while there. He is a past chair of the Illinois Section Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI).

His career in transportation engineering spans forty years, starting with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) where he rotated through the Bureaus of Construction, Design, Programming, and Materials as part of the Development and Training of Engineers (DATE) program. He was able to utilize the valuable base of experience gained with IDOT while working for several consulting engineering firms in the Chicago area on planning and design projects.

Mr. Mikottis has been privileged to work on numerous interesting and challenging projects from arterials to Interstates for various agencies, serving as a Project Engineer and ultimately Senior Project Manager. Some career highlights included working on the Alaskan Way Viaduct project in Seattle, I-270 over the Chain of Rocks Canal near St. Louis, and the surface transportation component of the O'Hare Airport Modernization Project Environmental Impact Statement project.

Over the last decade Mr. Mikottis has served as a Quality Assurance Auditor and Quality Assurance Manager on projects throughout the country such as the Hampton Roads Bridge and Tunnel across Chesapeake Bay, Kew Gardens Interchange in New York City, and the Southeast Gateway Line light rail expansion project in Los Angeles.

Mr. Mikottis is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Illinois and Missouri, a Certified Quality Auditor and Certified Manager of Quality / Operational Excellence by the American Society for Quality.

Thomas H. Price, P.E.

Tom is a practicing Civil and Water Resources Engineer with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT). He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1983 and 1985, respectively. Over his career, Tom has worked for Donohue & Associates, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (now the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – CMAP), and Conservation Design Forum, which was acquired by ECT in 2019.

Throughout his career, Tom has focused on mitigating the negative impacts of urban development. While at NIPC, he helped several counties create countywide stormwater plans and ordinances. His team also developed the Urban Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual to guide engineers in designing projects that protect natural habitats, improve water quality, and reduce flooding. He also supported watershed groups in preparing their first plans to prevent and recover from environmental degradation.

Since moving to the private sector in 2000, Tom has dedicated his work to designing and implementing high-performance, sustainable projects that enhance public and private spaces where people live, work, and play. He collaborates with architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects, and ecologists to create integrated designs that apply green stormwater infrastructure and nature-based solutions to the built environment. Many of his projects have achieved LEED certification, most at the Gold or Platinum level, and three are certified or pursuing certification under the Living Building Challenge by the International Living Future Institute.

Outside of his professional work, Tom has served as a Village Trustee for more than 20 years, sharing his expertise in sustainable planning and development within his own community.

William C. Thompson, P.E.

With over forty years' experience in heavy haul railroad engineering, design, construction, maintenance, and operations, William C. Thompson currently serves as the Chief Engineer of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) where he has overseen the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) for the last 20 years. In his role, Thompson helps coordinate the one-of-a-kind program to enhance the fluidity, reliability, and environmental performance of the nation's most important rail hub. CREATE brings together diverse stakeholders to advance this shared mission involving contributions from the US Department of Transportation including the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, Cook County, Amtrak, Metra the local Commuter agency, all six class one freight railroads, and two short line railroads including the Belt Railway of Chicago and the Indiana Harbor Belt Railway.

Founded in 2003 the CREATE Program consists of 70 separate infrastructure projects to improve the way passengers and goods move over rail through the Chicago Terminal. CREATE enhancements combined with other efforts, have reduced travel time by 30% through the Chicago terminal, which handles nearly 1300 trains per day including 800 passenger trains and 500 freight trains. CREATE is making Chicago's railroad network safer, more efficient, and better able to accommodate growth in freight and passenger traffic.

Bill's role includes coordination of many large rail infrastructure projects within the Program, a subject matter expert across the nation on the CREATE Program's public-private partnership model and advocate for critical funds to further advance the program. Thompson is recognized by the railroads, CREATE partners, and public officials as a tireless leader whose passion for bringing the right people together to meet today and tomorrow's rail infrastructure problems are unmatched.

Bill brings a wealth of knowledge and experience serving in various engineering and operating positions at Union Pacific Railroad and Jacobs Engineering. Bill received his civil engineering degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and is a registered professional engineer.

Brian R Welker, P.E., M.ASCE

With Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) since 1983, Mr. Welker has progressive responsibility to current role of Sr. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He has experience on a wide range of airport, highway, and stormwater management projects as well as involvement in the planning, design, and construction phases of these projects. Project experience includes major projects with the Chicago Rockford International Airport, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, DuPage Airport, Chicago Executive Airport, Village of Schaumburg, and Illinois Tollway. Prior to becoming COO, he served as CMT's Chief Innovation Officer and served as project director for planning and engineering services for CMT's aviation services in northern Illinois and the upper Midwest.

Mr. Welker is a 1983 graduate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a BSCE. In addition to ASCE, he is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives, NSPE, Engineering Society of Illinois, and American Council of Engineering Companies where he recently completed a six-year term as a member of the ACEC-IL Board of Directors. He was the 2025 recipient of the Illinois Public Airport Association's Roger C. Marquardt Excellence in Aviation award.

Michael F Wiscons, S.E., P.E.

Michael F. Wiscons, SE, PE is Principal – Structural Engineering at Building Technology Consultants, Inc. (BTC). Mike earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1982. He earned a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1983.

Prior to joining BTC in 2014, Mike was employed by the following companies: Inspec, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois (2007 to 2014), Hutter Trankina Engineering in Wayne, Illinois (1998 to 2007), Larson Engineering of Illinois in Naperville, Illinois (1993 to 1998), Charles E. Pease Associates in Park Ridge, Illinois (1987 to 1993), and Sargent and Lundy Engineers in Chicago, Illinois (1983 to 1987).

Mike's licenses and certifications include the following: Licensed Structural Engineer (SE), Illinois; Licensed Professional Engineer (PE), Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania; Certified Construction Specifier (CCS); Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA); and Construction Documents Technologist (CDT).

His professional activities include the following: Life Member of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Member of Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI), Member of International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI) Past-President of ICRI-Chicago Chapter, Member of Building Enclosure Council – Chicago (BEC), and Professional Member of American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC).

Mike has authored publications and presented. He also mentors high school students in a STEM education-focused nonprofit program.

Raymond Wojkovich, P.E., M.ASCE

Ray Wojkovich, CM-Lean and a licensed Professional Engineer, serves as Vice President – Healthcare Operations for Bulley & Andrews (B&A), a family-owned and 134-year-old construction management firm, located in Chicago, Illinois. Ray's commitment to the construction industry has spanned over 40 years, starting with the Department of Veteran Affairs, and culminating with B&A. During this career, he has served in various roles and capacities, with each promotion demanding more supervisory responsibilities for assignments supporting healthcare, institutional and corporate clients. In his current role, Ray is responsible for directing B&A's healthcare team to ensure we achieve all our clients' programmatic goals. A renowned champion of process improvement, Ray also directs B&A's enterprise-wide initiative to leverage lean strategies to improve project delivery in the most safety conscious environment possible while always improving the building experience for our clients. A proud graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in civil engineering, and a 4-year varsity letterman in baseball, Ray is well respected by the industry for his technical acumen and attention to detail. Ray has a strong history of building winning teams.

During the holiday season, Ray has passionately coordinated B&A's annual gift drive for Comer Children's Hospital for the last 25-years. When not in the office,

Ray can be found enjoying the great outdoors with a fishing rod or golf club in his hands. He and his wife Judy love nothing more than spending time with family and friends and sharing stories of their sons and their extended families.

**CURRICULUM VITAE FOR THE FOLLOWING LIFE MEMBERS
WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME**

Ahmad Khalid Abdelrazaq, M.ASCE
Bruce Paul Miller, P.E., M.ASCE
Christopher Gerard Rubak, P.E., M.ASCE
Craig William Brunner, P.E., M.ASCE
David A Fanella, P.E., F.SEI, F.ASCE
Gregory E. Lehn, P.E., M.ASCE
James Clayton Swanson, P.E., M.ASCE
James Michael Daum, P.E., M.ASCE
Jesus Gardon Ronan, P.E., M.ASCE
John Wesley Hefner, P.E., M.ASCE
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Steven R Hunsberger, P.E., M.ASCE

2025 Honors and Awards

**International Conference on Computing in Civil Engineering,
New Orleans, LA, May 11-14, 2025**

Computing in Civil Engineering Award
Dr. Nora El-Gohary, Ph.D., M.ASCE

2025 Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, October 5-8, 2025

ASCE President's Medal
Dr. Christopher B. Burke, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, NAC, NAE,
Dist.M.ASCE

ASCE Distinguished Members:

Erol Tutumluer, Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE

ASCE Fellows:

Sybil Derrible, Ph.D., F.ASCE elected 1/27/2025

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1975-76	Sheldon Schumacher	2001-02	Cleighton D. Smith
1976-77	James M. Nakawatase	2002-03	John J. Zimmermann
1977-78	R. A. Pavia	2003-04	Donald G. Wittmer
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1979-80	Steve Mitchell	2005-06	Abdul M. Khan
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1986-87	Thomas J. Collins	2012-13	Lou Arrigoni
1987-88	William A. Macaitis	2013-14	Pat Lach
1988-89	William J. Cadigan	2014-15	Mike MacKinnon
1989-90	Glenn E. Schirmer	2015-16	Thera Novotny
1990-91	G. Nicholas Textor	2016-17	John Lazzara
1991-92	Michael J. Garlich	2017-18	Dhooli Raj
1992-93	Robert Gemmell	2018-19	John Green
1993-94	Karen Daulton Lange	2019-20	Megan McDonald
1994-95	William Babcock	2020-21	Brian Pawula
1995-96	John Carrato	2021-22	Andrew Walton
1997-98	Allen Staron	2022-23	Sandra Homola
1998-99	Christopher B. Burke	2023-24	Matt Huffman
1999-00	John O'Holleran	2024-25	Thomas Janicke
2000-01	David Kendall		

ILLINOIS SECTION PAST AWARD WINNERS

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AWARD

1990	Transportation Division and Minority Student Program Committee
1993	Urban Planning & Development Division and UIC Student Chapter
1994	Transportation Division
1995	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
1996	Associate Member Forum
1997	Younger Member Group
1998	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2001	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2002	Younger Member Group
2003	150 th Anniversary Committee
2004	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2008	Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Group
2010	Younger Member Group
2012	Structural Engineering Institute
2013	Younger Member Group
2014	Transportation and Development Institute
2023	Younger Member Group
2024	Younger Member Group

PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

1994	HNTB Corporation
1995	Rust Environmental & Infrastructure
1996	Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.
1997	Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
1999	HNTB Corporation
2000	Alfred Benesch & Company
2002	Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc.
2003	Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2004	STS Consultants Inc.
2005	HDR, Inc.
2009	Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2011	Patrick Engineering Inc.
2013	HDR, Inc.
2014	Parsons Brinckerhoff
2015	Thomas Engineering Group, LLC
2016	Primera Engineers, Ltd.
2017	Jacobs
2018	Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
2019	EXP
2020	Michael Baker International, Inc.
2021	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
2022	Alfred Benesch & Company
2023	Stanley Consultants

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

1994 Village of Arlington Heights

1995 Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District of Greater Chicago

CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

1990 John P. Gnaedinger

2010 Lawrence Novak

1991 Niranjan S. Shah

2011 Patrick Lach

1992 Janice Flannery Schultz

2012 Frank Avila

1993 John R. Mackie

2013 Mohsen Javadi

1994 Robert Johnson

2014 Scott Eshleman

1996 Martin J. Joyce & Phillip J. Minga

2015 Thomas Nagle

1997 Richard J. Nogaj

2016 Wilber C. Milhouse, III

1999 Donald Eckmann

2017 Matt Brolley

2001 Walter Linzing

2018 Kris Salvatera

2004 Karl D. Fry

2019 Tim Scully-Granzeier

2005 Frank L. Kudrna, Jr.

2020 P. Kay Whitlock

2006 Erskine Klyce

2021 Soliman Khudeira

2007 Rod A. Beadle

2023 Ahmad Hadavi

2008 Michael T. Ungeran

2024 Katherine Au

2009 Don Wittmer

CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

1959 Louis R. Howson

1982 Frank Klein

2003 James K. Michels

1960 Carl A. Metz

1983 Harold R. Sandberg

2004 G. Nicholas Textor

1961 George S. Salter

1984 Richard A. Parmelee

2005 Michael J. Garlich

1963 Andrew J. Brown

1985 Marshall Suloway

2006 Louis Bowman

1964 Dick Van Gorp

1986 Paul A. Kuhn

2007 Richard O. Finno

1965 Vinton W. Bacon

1987 David Novick

2008 Muthiah Kasi

1966 A.L.R. Sanders

1988 Theodore VanZelst

2009 Christopher B. Burke

1967 John G. Duba

1989 Clyde N. Baker, Jr.

2010 William H. Walton

1968 Max Zar

1990 William J. Cadigan

2011 Daniel P. Dietzler

1969 Thomas M. Niles

1991 Donald A. Dupies

2012 Karen C. Chou

1970 Milton Pikarsky

1992 Not Awarded

2013 Robert Hamilton

1971 Jorj O. Osterberg

1993 William Macaitis

2014 Charles H. Dowding

1972 Fazlur R. Khan

1994 Donald Eckmann

2015 David J. Morrill

1973 Merle H. Goedjen

1995 Stephen Mitchell

2016 Gary F Goodheart

1974 Harold B. Gotaas

1996 Harry W. Lochner

2017 Patrick Pechnick

1975 Mathew D.R. Riddell

1997 Sidney A. Guralnick

2018 Christopher J. King

1976 E. Montford Fucik

1998 Raymond J. Krizek

2020 Allen J. Staron

1977 Eivind Hognestad

1999 Frank L. Kudrna, Jr.

2021 Peter G. Wallers

1979 Jack R. Janney

2000 Michael Goodkind

2022 John Lazzara

1980 John B.W. Corey

2001 John Carrato

2023 Jennifer Maercklein

1981 Carl W. Reh

2002 Dr. W. Gene Corley

2024 Darren Olson

1978 John P. Gnaedinger

YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

1979	Thomas A. McKenna	1996	Jill M. Organ	2011	Andrew Keaschall
1981	Richard A. Sams	1997	Monica Krepfl	2012	Shawn J. Murphy
1982	Phillip E. Borrowman	1998	Erik L. Gil	2013	Donald Oliphant
1983	Mary Anne O'Toole	1999	Donald Wittmer	2014	Brett Sauter
1985	Christopher B. Burke	2000	Thomas T. Burke	2015	Matthew J. Huffman
1986	Patricia L. Wood	2001	Lisa Harbert	2016	Monica Crinion
1987	Karl D. Fry	2002	Joseph Neal	2017	Tina Revzin
1988	Brian F. Pavlovec	2003	Andrew Sikich	2018	Megan McDonald
1989	Jeffrey C. Schuh	2004	Darren T. Olson	2019	Joseph M. Avram
1990	Robert H. Gilbertsen	2005	Graig Neville	2020	Muhammad Ali
1991	Karen Daulton Lange	2006	Bob Gorski	2021	Irsilia Colletti
1992	Charles J. Stenzel	2007	Smita Shah	2022	Joe Kauzlarich
1993	Paula Pienton	2008	Brent Kunz	2023	Stephanie Abezettian
1994	Richard Walther	2009	Catherine Hurley	2024	David Wilkinson
1995	Chris O. Rops	2010	Stephanie Nurre		

GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

1986	Frank E. Dalton	1999	James C. Slifer	2012	Martin Buehler
1987	Zane Goodwin	2000	John C. Farnan	2013	Carl Schoedel
1988	Ned P. Becker	2001	Denise Casalino	2014	Gregory Stukel
1989	P. Kay Whitlock	2002	Joseph Jacobazzi	2015	Peter E Harmet
1990	Richard E. Carlson	2003	Michael LaMont	2016	Paul A. Loete
1991	Ayoub Y. Talhami	2004	Wally S. Kos	2017	Daniel Burke
1992	Irving A. Benjamin	2005	Allan L. Poole	2018	Clarita Reambillo Lao
1993	Nabi Fakroddin	2006	Jeffrey Dailey	2019	Anthony J. Charlton
1994	Vincent Wroblewski	2007	Paul Kovacs	2020	Anthony J. Quigley
1995	Cecil Lue-Hing	2008	Diane O'Keefe	2021	Sarah Hunn
1996	Gregory W. Wilcox	2009	Gary Jereb	2022	Kurt Woolford
1997	Joseph M. McDermott	2010	Richard Saichek	2023	Brian Kuttab
1998	Richard Lanyon	2011	John Fortman	2024	Jennifer "Sis" Killen

YOUNG GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

1986	Karen C. Kabbes	1999	Robert A. Covey	2014	Sarah Hunn
1987	Heidi Pfeiffer	2001	Cris Paperniak	2015	Kristin J Rehg
1988	Diane M. O'Keefe	2002	Chris Vonnahme	2016	Arturo Hernandez
1989	Molly J. O'Toole	2003	Aruch Poonsapaya	2018	Katie Bell
1990	Paul R. Bourke	2004	Nicholas Kottmeyer	2019	Laura Thompson
1992	Thomas Price	2008	John Sadler	2020	Kyle Johnson
1993	Anthony J. Charlton	2009	Jeffrey Ronaldson	2021	Fawad Aqueel
1994	Mary F. Moscinski	2010	Steve Schilke	2022	Michael Kowalczyk
1995	David Moughton	2011	Adam Lintner	2024	Yazan M. Alshawabkeh
1996	Elias M. Gordan	2012	Jason Salley		
1998	William A. Rochford	2013	Johnny Morcos		

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PERSON OF THE YEAR

- 2020 Jared Hamilton
- 2021 Hossein Ataei
- 2022 Daniel Gross
- 2024 Patrick Kielty

EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD

- 1997 Heather Lalley
- 1998 William Recktenwald
- 2001 Rogers Worthington
- 2003 Jon Hilkevitch
- 2010 Blair Kamin

SUSTAINABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 2011 Chicago Green Alley Program
- 2012 Benito Juarez Community Academy – Addition Project
- 2013 McGrath Acura Redevelopment Project – Chicago
- 2014 Goethe Elementary Sustainable Schoolyard Project
- 2015 Lawrence Avenue Streetscape (Western Ave to Clark St)
- 2016 Elm Woods Stream Stabilization
- 2017 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway, I-90 Fox River Bridge
- 2018 Loyola University Chicago Lake Shore Campus Stormwater Mgmt Master Plan and Implementation
- 2019 Oswego Public Safety Campus
- 2020 Riverview Bridge – Chicago
- 2021 Aurora (M-8) Maintenance Facility
- 2022 Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion
- 2023 Green Streets Infrastructure Program
- 2024 The Illinois Tollway LED Lighting Program

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

- 1990 Dan Ryan Reconstruction Project
- 1991 Shedd Aquarium Oceanarium Addition
- 1992 Lake Michigan Water Supply System
- 1993 Side/Stream Elevated Pool Aeration Project
- 1994 Wheeling Township Transfer Station
- 1995 John F. Kennedy Rehabilitation Project
- 1996 Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility
- 1997 Lake Shore Drive Improvement Project
- 1998 North Point Marina Submerged Reef and Revetment (Under \$5 Million)
- Chicagoland Underflow Plan-O'Hare Reservoir (Over \$5 Million)
- 1999 I & M Canal Bikeway: I-55 to Brandon Road (Under \$5 Million)
- Michigan Avenue Viaduct Reconstruction (Over \$5 Million)
- 2000 Baker's Lake Heronry Reconstruction (Under \$5 Million)
- Cermak Road Rolling Lift Bridge Rehabilitation (Over \$5 Million)
- 2001 Cook County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Under \$5 Million)
- Chicago Inner Harbor Turning Basin (Over \$5 Million)
- Transformation of Cicero Avenue at I-294 (Over \$5 Million)

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT, cont.

- 2002 Jewel-Osco Storm Compressor System (Under \$5 Million)
- 2003 Chicago Avenue Pumping System (Under \$5 Million)
Thornton Transitional Reservoir (Over \$5 Million)
- 2004 Fredenhagen Park (Under \$5 Million)
Gerald Ratner Athletics Center (Over \$5 Million)
- 2005 The Morton Arboretum Main Parking Lot (Under \$5 Million)
Neutrinos at Main Injector (NuMI) Project (Over \$5 Million)
- 2006 Reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge (Under \$5 Million)
Millennium Park (Over \$5 Million)
- 2007 Dan Ryan Skyway Interchange (Over \$5 Million)
- 2008 Lincoln Mall Subsurface Remediation (Under \$5 Million)
I-355 South Extension Veteran Memorial Highway (Over \$5 Million)
- 2009 Spring Brook Meander Project (Under \$5 Million)
City of Evanston Combined Sewer Relief Program (Over \$5 Million)
- 2010 Washington Park Stormwater Improvement Project (Under \$5 Million)
I-88 and Eola Road Interchange (Over \$5 Million)
- 2011 Rush University Medical Center Transformation Project - Harrison Tunnel (Under \$5 Million)
Stearns Road: An Environmental Corridor That Happens To Have a Road in It (Over \$5 Million)
- 2012 2nd Street Stormwater Improvements – Downers Grove, IL (Under \$5 Million)
- 2013 Big Timber Road over Pingree and Tyler Creek Project (Under \$5 Million)
Wacker Drive and Congress Parkway Interchange Reconstruction Project – Chicago (Over \$5 Million)
- 2014 Brewster Creek Headwaters Flood Control Project (Under \$5 Million)
Rehabilitation of Wells Street Bascule Bridge Project (Over \$5 Million)
- 2015 Village of Niles Stormwater Relief Basins Project (Under \$10 Million)
Fullerton Parkway Bridge & Pedestrian Underpass at Lincoln Park Lagoon (\$10-\$25 Million)
The 606/Bloomington Trail, Chicago, IL (Over \$25 Million)
- 2016 Busse Reservoir South Dam Modification Project (Under \$10 Million)
Navy Pier Centennial Wheel (\$10-\$25 Million)
Thornton Composite Reservoir MWRD (Over \$25 Million)
- 2017 Village of Northbrook-Wescott Park Stormwater Storage Facility (Under \$10 Million)
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Simpson-Querrey Biomedical Research Center
Earth Retention System (\$10-\$25 Million)
Chicago Riverwalk (Over \$25 Million)
- 2018 McDonald Road Bridge Replacement (Under \$10 Million)
Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel (\$25-\$35 Million)
Wilson Station Reconstruction Project (Over \$100 Million)
Chicagoland Underflow Plan-McCook Reservoir (Mega Project)
- 2019 City of Highland Park Forest Avenue over Ravine Bridge Replacement (Under \$10 Million)
Chicago Department of Transportation 41st Street Pedestrian Bridge (\$10-\$35 Million)
Morton Grove – Niles Water Commission Water Transmission Facilities Project (\$35-\$100 Million)
- 2020 Village of Bensenville & DuPage County Stormwater Management Redmond Reservoir Expansion
(Under \$10 Million)
Village of Oak Park Lake Street Corridor Improvement; Utility, Streetscape, and Resurfacing (\$10-
\$25 Million)
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District CSO LTCP Phase 2 Improvements (\$25-\$100 Million)
- 2021 Ward 2 & 3 Stormwater Improvements (Under \$10 Million)
Lakefront Trail Pedestrian Bridge (\$25-\$100 Million)
Chicago O’Hare International Airport Runway 9C-27C (Over \$100 Million)
- 2022 Lincoln Yards South Environmental Remediation (Under \$10 Million)
Irving Park Road over the North Branch of the Chicago River (\$10-\$25 Million)

OUTSTANDING CIVIL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT, cont.

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Bride (\$25-\$100 Million)
- Midway International Airport Security Checkpoint Expansion (Over \$100 Million)
- 2023 City of Evanston Central Street Bridge Replacement (Under \$10 Million)
- Village of Niles Golf Mill Park (\$10-\$25 Million)
- Village of Wilmette Neighborhood Storage Project (\$25-\$100 Million)
- Illinois Department of Transportation Jane Byrne Interchange (Over \$100 Million)
- 2024 LOT Air Traffic Control Tower Site Development (Under \$10 Million)
- Clavey Road Reconstruction City of Highland Park (\$10-\$25 Million)
- Addison Creek Reservoir (\$25-\$100 Million)
- Houbolt Road Extension/Bridge & I-80 Diverging Diamond Interchange (Over \$100 Million)



IL-SECTION ASCE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2025-2026

Program Goals

- Connect university students/recent graduates with working professional members of ASCE to create a long-lasting networking relationship.
- Increase student motivation and excitement about the industry.
- Transfer the mentor's knowledge gained through experience as a professional.
- Expand leadership, coaching, and interpersonal skills.
- Provide an opportunity for students to learn and practice professional networking.

Schedule

- Oct. 31st – Applications Due
- Nov. 14th – Mentorship Pairs Announced
- April 1st – Mentorship Program Completed
- April TBD – Free invitation to the IS-ASCE Spring Dinner



Mentorship Program Information found at:
<https://isasce.org/mentorship-program/>

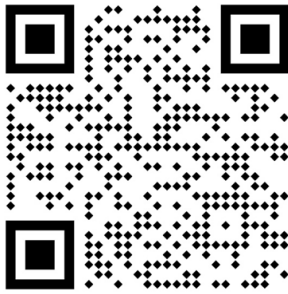
2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure

The 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure gave the nation an overall grade of C. The report was led by former **Illinois Section President, Darren Olson, PE**, who chaired the national committee. Civil engineers across the nation, including many from the Illinois Section, evaluated eighteen infrastructure categories. The findings revealed seven categories are in mediocre condition, while nine are in poor condition, underscoring the urgent need for investment and improvement nationwide.

The Report Card was created to help every citizen, stakeholder and decision-maker in the United States understand the state of our infrastructure and where we can collectively work to improve it. As civil engineers, our role in society is to plan, design, construct, and maintain our infrastructure networks and this document allows us the opportunity to share

that information with the public. This infrastructure snapshot enables us to track how our investments are doing while engaging in conversations about where we want to be going in the future. We hope that this information provides the insight needed to start that conversation and ignite action.





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