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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

22nd—YMG Kickoff Meeting (Waldo Pizza)

September

14th—ASCE Presents: “*Dream Big*” at Union Station IMAX

16th—YMG Sporting KC Tailgate

19th—YMG September Meeting (Overland Park)

October

KC Section Joint Meeting with UMKC Student Chapter

DREAM BIG PREMIERE



The 3D IMAX film *Dream Big* is here! ASCE Kansas City Section needs your help gaining sponsorship from your respective companies to send students to see *DREAM BIG* and experience Science City at Union Station! Please visit our website to learn more about potential sponsorship: <http://www.kcengineers.org/dreambig/>

Community leaders and engineering professionals will be invited to the premiere to spread the impact of *DREAM BIG* throughout Kansas City. The premiere screening will likely fill up quickly, so another ASCE screening is in the works. The Extreme Screen Theatre at Union Station is showing the film daily and will continue into 2018.

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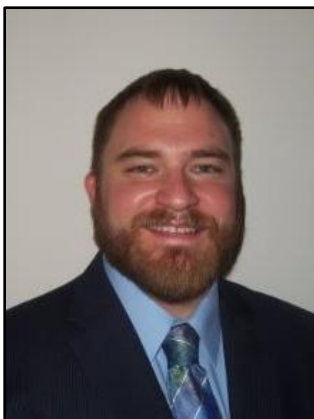
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From the President

Hello fellow ASCE members! We're into another year of ASCE and have a lot of great activities and events coming up. I'm Mike and am proud to serve as your Kansas City Section President this year!

On Tuesday, May 9th, our members installed the 2017-2018 Kansas City Board of Directors. Congratulations to Ozzy Bravo (President-Elect), Mo Ibrawish (Treasurer), Ernie Longoria (Secretary), Stephen Stinger (Continuing Director), Chad Johnson (Director II), Meagan Malloy (Director I), and Paige Snow (Associate Director)! Thanks to ASD for their sponsorship and presentation, and thank you to all of the members that could come out and join us for our election and kickoff meeting.

On Friday, August 11th, ASCE's 12th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Make-A-Wish Missouri was held. The Younger Member Group leads this event, and it was another great success! Learn more about it here in the newsletter. Thanks to Neila, Kevin, the rest of the Golf Committee, and the volunteers for putting together another great event! A special thank you to all sponsors and golfers that attended.

We're going to change up the start of the year a little bit. On Thursday, September 14th, not only will we be hosting our first Section meeting of this ASCE year, we will also be hosting our premiere event of the movie DREAM BIG: Engineering Our World! This 3D IMAX film helps to express the important work that engineers do and inspires kids and young adults to consider engineering as a career. I think you'll find that this movie will amaze and inspire both young and old at how wonderful this profession is! For more information and how you can help out, reach out to Tony Kulesa (816-844-4494 or akulesa@burnsmcd.com). Thank you to our sponsors and make sure to join us on the 14th!



Our Government & Public Relations committee is tasked again with creating the Infrastructure Report Cards for both Missouri & Kansas. We are teamed up with the St. Louis and Kansas Sections, as well as the Wichita Branch to help identify our current standing in all facets of infrastructure, from aviation to our underground utilities and everything in between. Our states received a C- grade during the 2013 Report Cards. I look forward to seeing what our grades are in May of 2018 for the release and help to steer attention to our infrastructure needs in the future! Sheryl Gallagher and her Report Card committee are working to get the first category drafts complete. For more information or to help out, please reach out to Sheryl (913-438-1900 or s_gallagher@geotechnology.com).

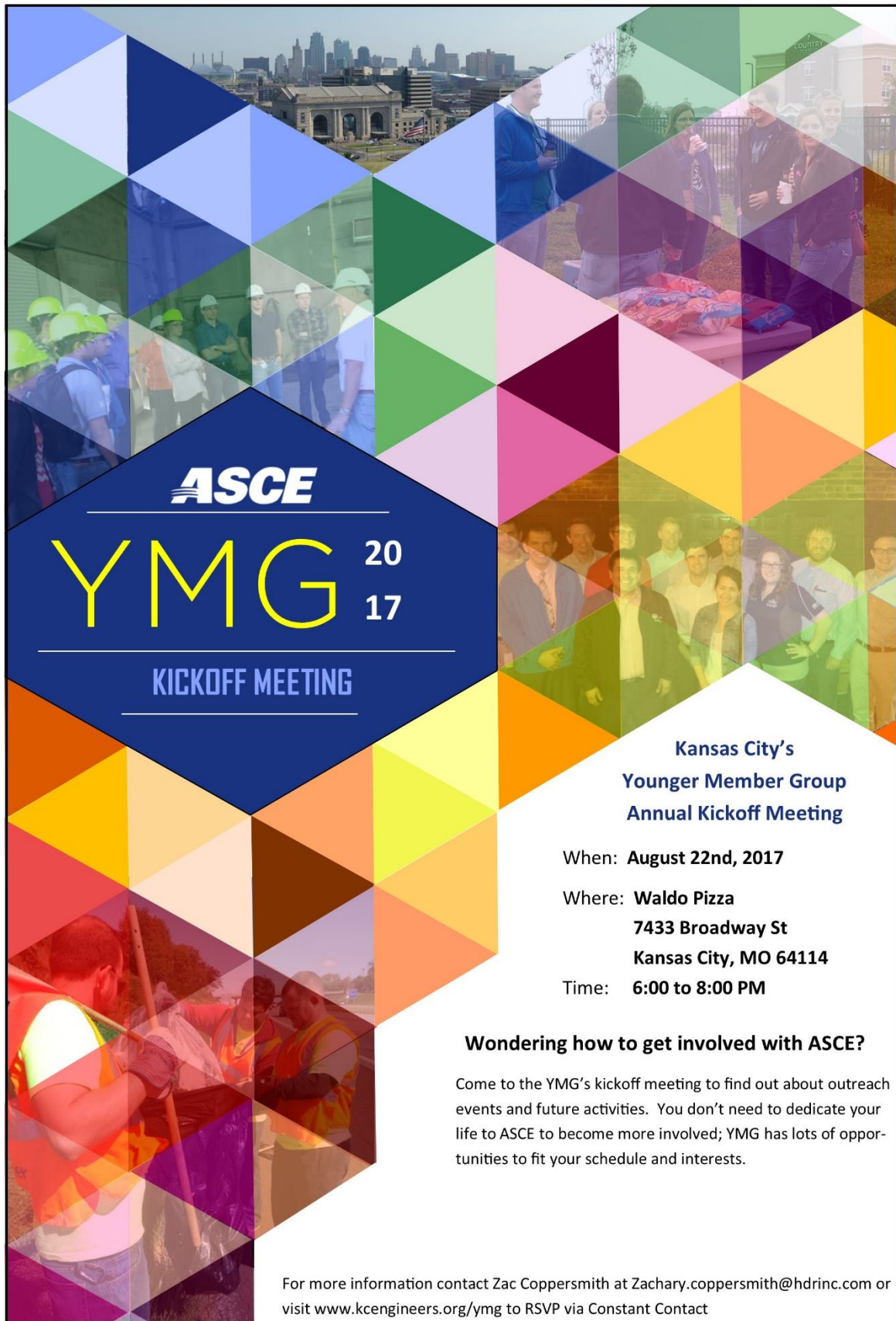
We still have committee positions open for our various technical and society committees. If you want to get more involved at the Section or Society level, feel free to reach out to either me, or any one of our Board members! If you want to meet other ASCE members, make sure to attend any one of the social events throughout the year. The YMG's annual Sporting KC tailgate and game will be on Saturday, September 16th!

I look forward to seeing what we will be able to accomplish this year. If you see me at an event, please reach out, say hello, and let me know what it is you like about ASCE and what you want out of your membership!

Look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Mike

Younger Member Group



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YMG 2017

KICKOFF MEETING

**Kansas City's
Younger Member Group
Annual Kickoff Meeting**

When: August 22nd, 2017

**Where: Waldo Pizza
7433 Broadway St
Kansas City, MO 64114**

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Wondering how to get involved with ASCE?

Come to the YMG's kickoff meeting to find out about outreach events and future activities. You don't need to dedicate your life to ASCE to become more involved; YMG has lots of opportunities to fit your schedule and interests.

For more information contact Zac Coppersmith at Zachary.coppersmith@hdrinc.com or visit www.kcengineers.org/ymg to RSVP via Constant Contact

Sporting KC Tailgate September 16th



ASCE Young Member Group

At Children's Mercy Park

VS **New England**

Date: **Saturday, September 16th**

Time: **Tailgate starts at 5:30**
Game starts at 7:30

Cost: **\$35 (includes food, drinks,
& admission)**

Deadline to Pay

**Friday, August
11th**

Contact zac.coppersmith@hdrinc.com with any questions

PAST EVENTS

YMG Officer Election Meeting

The YMG had its annual officer election meeting on May 16th at the Fox & Hound in Overland Park with 30 attendees. Congratulations to all of the new officers of the ASCE Younger Member Group for the 2017-2018 year. New officers: Tony Kulesa, Tom Greer, Neila Seda, Megan Dierks, Paige Snow, Emily Robbins, Zac Coppersmith, Hilary Zerr, Kaleb Hawk, Sara Goebel, Corey Grace, Audrey Freiburger, Aaron Schneider, and Mariah Schroeder. Thank you also to all the officers from this past year under the leadership of President Stephen Stinger.



YMG Charity Golf Tournament

The ASCE Kansas City Section celebrated the 12th year anniversary of the golf tournament hosted by the Younger Member Group. This event benefits Make-A-Wish Missouri and garnered **\$17,000+ this year, increasing the total raised to over \$100,000**. The tournament was played at Hillcrest Golf Club in Kansas City, MO, which provided a familiar course for golfers and volunteers! The participants enjoyed perfect weather with KC Bier Co bier kegs, a barbeque lunch, and fun games. This annual occasion has grown to become one of the best networking and events for civil engineers in the Kansas City area.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Augie's wish and the wishes of kids like him were supported. Augie is a 3 yr old who was diagnosed with Retinoblastoma cancer in 2015. Despite enduring months of challenging treatment and doctor visits in New York, Augie's spirit has never wavered. He recently completed his wish to visit Cars' Lightning McQueen in Disneyland with his family.

The tournament planning committee of 10+ was splendid, and due to their effort and preparation, the tournament went smoothly with little chaos! Thank you to all our 2017 Golf Tournament Committee Members:

Neila Seda, CFS Engineers – Co-Chair
 Kevin Gallagher, Turner Construction – Co-Chair
 Emily Loiselle, Black & Veatch – Treasurer, Logistics & Charity Coordinator
 Mariah Schroeder, Burns & McDonnell – Volunteer Coordinator & Sponsorship
 Holly Haywood, CFS Engineers – Prizes & Donations Coordinator & Logistics
 Tony Kulesa, Burns & McDonnell – Logistics & Sponsorship
 Kevin Koines, HDR – Logistics & Sponsorship
 Alex Griffin, Burns & McDonnell – Website, Food/Beverage Coordinator & Logistics
 Megan Dierks, HDR – Logistics
 Tom Greer, Burns & McDonnell – Logistics & Sponsorship
 Brian Herrmann – Logistics
 Valeria Hernandez – Marketing



Royals Tailgate

Members of the YMG, as well as a handful from the KC APWA-YP organization, met at Kauffman Stadium on Friday, June 23rd, for a social and tailgate before watching the Kansas City Royals play the Toronto Blue Jays. The tailgate was sponsored by Davidson AE. There were approximately 75 ASCE members, family, and guests of all ages. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers both YMG officers and members the tailgate was an enjoyable experience for all. Down 4-1 in the bottom of the 9th and with two outs, the Royals rallied to a walk-off victory for an exciting finish!



Diversity Corner

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair: Nicole Tauheed (nicole.tauheed@gmail.com)>

“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.” – Unknown

As we celebrate the start of a new ASCE year, as well as the school year for children of all ages, it is an appropriate time to remember the mission of the Chapter’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

To increase awareness of the vast diversity amongst our members, opening the door for differences to be understood and valued, fostering a culture of acceptance and inclusion.

In today’s political and social climate, both in the workplace and at home, it is important to be willing to understand and respect one and other’s differences and points of view. It is also important to note that diversity is far deeper than skin tone. It includes culture, religion, sexual orientation, political and socioeconomic differences as well. And while diversity is representation, inclusion is actively working to hear all voices and perspectives.

Diversity and Inclusion is always in the news. Below are a few articles from around the web detailing what companies are doing to support the cause and why it is still an important topic:

175 CEOs Join Forces for Diversity and Inclusion – by Ellen McGirt for Fortune.com

This summer, the 175 CEO’s from 175 major companies made the commitment to advance diversity and inclusion in the workforce and formed the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion alliance.

<http://fortune.com/2017/06/12/175-ceos-join-forces-for-diversity-and-inclusion/>

Diversity Doesn’t Stick Without Inclusion – by Laura Sherbin and Ripa Rashid for Harvard Business Review

This article explains why inclusion is just as important as diversity and the key factors that drive it.

<https://hbr.org/2017/02/diversity-doesnt-stick-without-inclusion>

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.” – Mahatma Gandhi

UMKC Student Chapter

After placing in stiffness, build time, economy, and display at regionals, UMKC's Steel Bridge Team took 2nd place overall at the University of Arkansas in April. The team spent a month preparing for Nationals, where they took 2nd place in stiffness. The team was so grateful for the opportunity to represent Kansas City's University in Civil Engineering. Meanwhile, the ASCE officers have been preparing to welcome the incoming freshmen class of engineers at UMKC with a tour of the fabrication shop and a showcase of the Nationals bridge. They look forward to the coming joint meeting with the section and are excited to see another year of growth and learning.

