

October 2021

THE TRANSIT



SOUTH CAROLINA
SECTION

Upstate Branch



ASCE Upstate Branch Newsletter—South Carolina Section

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Meeting Cost:

FREE VIRTUAL:

Must RSVP for the link and PDH credits

IN-PERSON:

\$12 for Members

\$5 for Students

\$17 for Non-Members

Lunch and seats will only be provided for those who RSVP for in-person attendance

RSVP: [CheddarUp](#)

**Online registration closes at 4 pm October 25th. Please fill out and email your ReWa COVID Questionnaire when you register .*

October Dual Meeting

Date: October 26th

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm*

In-Person: ReWa Water
Discovery Lab

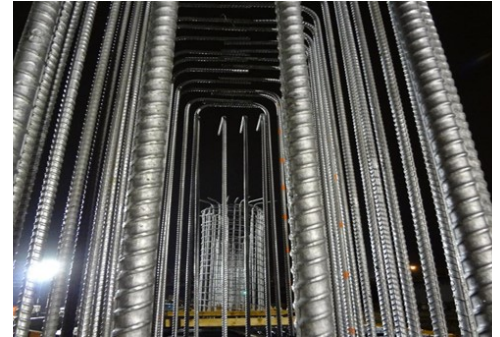
[561 Mauldin Rd, Greenville, SC 29607](#)

Virtual: Link Provided Prior to Meeting

Northern State Parkway Interchange with Route 110 Suffolk County, Long Island, NY

Presented by Henry W. Hessing, PE, F. ASCE

Henry W. Hessing, PE, F. ASCE, will discuss a major interchange reconstruction project that illustrates how a positive public image of engineering excellence was created. The project earned several awards including: ASCE Metropolitan Section Long Island Branch 2013 Project of the Year; ACEC Gold Award and GreenLITES Evergreen Rating, the highest level of sustainability.



2021-2022 Branch Officers

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2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

7th Annual ASCE/AWPA Upstate Joint Conference–
December 1, 2021

Interested in Contributing to the Branch?

- We are looking to fill our Membership and Website Chair positions. If you are interested in contributing in this capacity , please contact asceupstate@gmail.com.
- If interested in earning 2 PDHs by giving a presentation to the Branch, please contact asceupstate.vicepresident@gmail.com.
- If you are interested in joining the Younger Member Committee, please contact stuart.timmons@ice-eng.com.

JOB OPENINGS

Please see the ASCE Upstate Job Board for postings.

ASCE members can earn up to 10 PDHs for free on the [ASCE website](#).



SAVE THE DATE

7TH ANNUAL ASCE/APWA UPSTATE JOINT CONFERENCE

December 1, 2021

Additional Details to Follow

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or presenting on a topic, please contact;

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August 17, 2021

Dear ASCE Institute, Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member and Student Leaders:

As you know, in our previous memo to Sections and Branches, we encouraged the use of virtual alternatives for all activities through Labor Day. Unfortunately, the advent of the Delta variant has resulted in a significant increase in the number of covid cases with more than two-thirds of all counties in the U.S. reporting high levels of community transmission.

Again, recognizing our professional and ethical responsibility to protect the health and safety of our members and the public at large, ASCE does not believe the current circumstances allow for a relaxation of our existing guidance. Accordingly, all ASCE entities are **encouraged to pursue alternate options, such as the use of virtual platforms, for all meetings and events for the remainder of the calendar year (until Monday, January 3, 2022).**

As noted in our previous guidance, decisions to conduct in-person events should be made only after a thorough consideration of how critical in-person involvement is to attain the desired objectives, and the ability to observe all recommended safety protocols and procedures. This of course includes strict compliance with all applicable state and local requirements for gatherings and events as well as current guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control.

Note that ASCE staff business travel also remains restricted through the end of the year.

We again thank you for your continued diligence in leading our Society and we appreciate the hard-work and resilience you have exhibited in meeting the challenges of these past many months.

Best regards,

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Jean-Louis Briaud, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, Dist.M.ASCE
ASCE President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas W. Smith III". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Thomas W. Smith III, ENV SP, CAE, F.ASCE
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