

September 2021

THE TRANSIT



SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION

Upstate Branch



ASCE Upstate Branch Newsletter—South Carolina Section

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Meeting Cost:

VIRTUAL: FREE
Must RSVP for the link and PDH credits

IN-PERSON: Limited
\$10 for Members
\$5 for Students
\$15 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 September 27th.

Engineers will receive 1 PDH for their attendance. The PDH certificates will be emailed after the meeting.

ReWa's COVID protocol includes wearing a mask regardless of vaccination status while inside their facilities. A questionnaire is required as well. See [CheddarUp](#) for more information.

Send cancellations to asceupstate@gmail.com prior to the registration deadline in order to receive a refund.

September Dual Meeting

Date: September 28th

Time: 11:45 pm to 1:00 pm*

In-Person: ReWa Water Discovery Lab

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

Virtual: Link Provided Prior to Meeting

Importance of Civic Engagement for Civil Engineers

Presented by Gaye Sprague, PE Retired—former Principal of Sprague and Sprage and Jonathan Thrasher, PE od S&ME

Gaye Garrison Sprague, PE, will discuss the importance of engineers' participation in elected and appointed government positions and give examples of opportunities. Mr. Thrasher will follow up with discussing ASCE's Advocacy with the Key Contact program for public policy. In addition, he will discuss the use of Infrastructure Report card to educate the public and others on the importance of infrastructure.



2020-2021 Branch Officers

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2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

October Meeting—Reconstruction of Northern State Parkway and Route 110 Interchange; Oct. 26th; Dual In-Person at ReWa's Lab and Virtual

APWA-ASCE Joint Conference—December 2021

Interested in Contributing to the Branch?

- We are looking to update Officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. 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](#).



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Briaud".

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".

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