Representing ASCE at the University of Virginia where UVA civil engineers collaborate, innovate, and advertise with professionalism.

The 2014-2015 ASCE board took charge of the new term with optimism and creativity to ensure that their mark would be left with good graces on their civil engineering peers. ASCE featured several speakers including those in the field of transportation to those in wastewater engineering. ASCE students also participated in many student outreach events to high school and middle school students, adults, and peers. Together we took the stage representing great Wahoo pride at the 2015 Virginia’s 2015 Conference held at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

Lastly, to get an idea of our vision for the future, below are some excerpts from current ASCE members on the executive board:

Summary:
Outreach events.
Student Conference.
Service Events.
Professional Speakers.
Collaboration.
Teamwork.
Fun.
As Secretary, I act as the primary liaison between ASCE members and the officers. Through weekly email announcements, I communicate information about ASCE events and other helpful information, such as SEAS career events and any available scholarships. I’m happy to have seen our organization participate in more community events, and I hope this continues to be the trend in the coming school year.

Elaine Chen - Secretary
Herndon, VA
4th Year

I'm a rising third year following the structural track. As Second Year Representative, my goal this past semester was to make the second year class aware of ASCE, our meetings, networking opportunities, and events and encourage active membership. To do so, I spoke briefly once a week to keep everyone updated. This incoming semester, I hope to not only encourage participation in the club but also leadership, as much of our exec board will be graduating. I also hope to encourage new civil engineering 2nd years to get involved early.

Erin Falvey – 2nd/3rd Year Representative
Annapolis, MD
3rd Year

As the treasurer, I set up a budget for the year and deal with all the ASCE expenses for meetings, service projects, social events, Conference, and networking nights. I also apply for grants and receive donations from various companies. This past semester, I organized a fundraiser to sell civil engineering fleeces to help pay for expenses at the VMI Conference. Next semester I aim to organize another fundraiser and possibly apply to more grants.

Veronica Son – Treasurer
Chantilly, VA
4th Year

As the Community Service Chair, I am responsible for organizing and facilitating member participation in community service and philanthropic events. This past spring, women of ASCE participated in the inaugural "Ladies in the Lab" event, which was created and hosted by two fellow female engineers in Darden Court of the Engineering School. ASCE had a booth, and hosted a bridge design and build competition as part of the larger event, which aimed to expose young girls to STEM. We hope to continue to participate in these kinds of events in the future.

Brittany Hungate
Arlington, VA
4th- Year

Our ASCE chapter recently created the position of Alumni Chair in order to help our former members stay in contact with the current members. From the ASCE speaker series to the various networking nights we hold, our chapter felt it was important to establish an alumni network in order to simplify the process of

Concrete Coasters!

Every spring, the Engineering Student Council “E-stud” at the University of Virginia organizes engineering reading days where various groups organize events to showcase! This year, ASCE held a concrete coaster making session outside of D-wing in Thornton Hall. With a 10lb bag of concrete from Lowe’s, stirring rods, and mixing bowls, civil engineers taught all of the other SEAS majors how to make and cure concrete. Over 75 students attended the event and even some said, “wait – so you all learn how to make concrete? This is SO cool!” This event provided a strong “foundation” for civil engineering events to come!
ASCE Conference

The annual ASCE Student Conference location changes each year and for 2015, it was held in Lexington, VA at VMI. Civil engineers from all years participated and competed in various competitions including the steel bridge, concrete canoe, Hardy Cross oratory competition, surveying competition, environmental competition (pictured bottom right), and transportation. Highlights are

1. The Surveying Team (pictured above) placed second for 2015 and placed first in 2014. Trained by Professor Brian Smith himself in CE 2010 (Introduction to Civil Engineering)


3. Lara Sisman (CEE ’16) placed third place in the Hardy Cross oratory competition with her talk on the global warming potential of algae biofuel.

The 2016 ASCE Virginia’s Conference will be held in Washington D.C.!

coordinating these events. As the Alumni Chair, I was assigned the task of creating an ASCE alumni database that would hold the contact information from past members who agreed to share their information. With these contacts now readily available, it has increased communication with past members who are interested in attending our chapter’s future events.

Ryan Culberson – Alumni Chair
Herndon, VA
4th Year

As the Academic Excellence Chair I have worked to foster a positive, high-achieving academic atmosphere within ASCE. This is done mainly through events such as course-advising nights, study breaks, and more, but also by setting up students with tutors, and assisting with planning an advising platform. Over the next semester I plan to focus strongly on assisting the student who is planning the advising system in getting it off the ground and running so as to provide students with a strong base of connections that can help them achieve academically, professionally, and personally.

Andrew Sankowski – Academic Excellence Chair
Toledo, OH
4th-Year

As the Membership Chair, I have been responsible for assisting in chapter outreach. I keep track of attendance to all meetings and events and determine the requirements for receiving extra credit in Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE) courses. I have been involved in the annual ASCE Regional Conference since my 2nd year and it is my goal to improve attendance this next year. This has always been a great chance to meet/network with students from our University as well as others and is a fun way to put what you’ve learned in the classroom to the test.

Bethel Kefyalew – Membership Chair
Lorton, VA
4th Year

These members were unable to submit a biography of their roles due to time constraints, but they are equally integral to our ASCE chapter:

Hannah Luer – Social Chair – 4th Year
Nicole Haselden – Publicity Chair – 4th Year
As the Vice President of ASCE, I have served as the chief organizer of Networking Night, coordinated participation and logistics for the ASCE Virginia’s Regional Conference, and worked with the President, Lara Sisman, to help organize meetings and schedule speakers. We had a successful Networking Night in February and a great Conference in April. This semester, I plan to host another great Networking Night with as many companies in attendance as possible. A successful event will lead to several summer internships and careers for ASCE members.

Fielding Harrison – Vice President
4th Year

Thank you for your interest in our ASCE and please stay tuned for more news and happenings with our chapter! As the President of ASCE, I have been honored to get to individually know students, faculty, and professionals from the surrounding area. I have a passion for getting students excited about civil engineering and the many opportunities within it. As a young second-year, I painted the ASCE concrete canoe and have continued to stay active in Conference planning and coordination. So far, current initiatives of mine include student outreach, organizing speakers, hosting events, and designing ASCE t-shirts. In the coming months, I (boldly) hope to double the size of our chapter attendance.

Lara Sisman – President
Charlottesville, VA
4th Year

Support

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