

Greetings ASCE Colleagues,

As I am writing this message, we are in the process of wrapping up our National Engineer's Week 2019 events. Did you know that National Engineer's Week was first celebrated in 1951? And that it is celebrated in mid-February, in conjunction with George Washington's birthday? Our First President is also considered our nation's first engineer, mostly due to his survey work. I recently learned from a biography of George Washington that he was a proponent of developing infrastructure for our young, budding nation, especially as it related to development of new roads and waterways to foster transportation links from the Atlantic Coast to the growing western frontier. Therefore, it is fitting that we celebrate National Engineer's Week around our First President's Birthday.

At the ASCE Pittsburgh Section, we kicked off Engineer's Week on with our Annual Awards Banquet on February 16th. At this annual event we honor outstanding projects, people and employers who have made an impact on Civil Engineering and our local communities. Please join me in congratulating all the winners! [The award winners for 2018 are listed on our website and photos are up](#). And while you are appreciating the contributions from your peers, employer, projects, or other professions in the field throughout this year, keep these honors in mind as the call for 2019 Nominations will be open before you know it!

During our Annual Awards Banquet, we also honored this year's [Student Awards Foundation](#) recipients. The purpose of the SAF Awards is to recognize the future leaders of the Civil Engineering profession and we were honored to present awards to three bright, young future leaders of our profession. Remember, the SAF relies on [donations](#) from the membership to help sustain the scholarships, so please consider the SAF when you renew your dues. Every little bit helps!

Speaking of awards, you have probably seen the Section's e-mail blasts titled "Your Award Winning Section". I am proud to report the ASCE Pittsburgh Section won a Certificate of Commendation for Outstanding Section Award for 2018. This award, as presented by the National Office of ASCE, recognizes us as one of the top ASCE Sections in the Country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone whose hard work in community service, volunteer efforts, outreach, advocacy of the profession and diversity and inclusion made this award possible. This is a tremendous achievement.

Speaking further of awards and tremendous achievements, I would like to congratulate Greg Scott, P.E. on receiving the 2018 President's Medal. Many of you probably know Greg since he has worked tirelessly for many years to promote the Section and ASCE National.

Even though Engineers Week is winding down, there are still many events your Section has to offer in the upcoming weeks and months, including:

- [Geo-Institute March Dinner Meeting with Cross USA Lecturer](#)

- [SEI Presents the AISC Lecture – Towards an Integrated Fracture-Control Plan for Steel Bridges](#)
- [UPJ Dinner Seminar – Exploring the Natural Gas Industry](#)
- [Annual Younger Members Joint Social](#)

The best way to stay current with all of our events and activities is to visit our [website](#) frequently, since it is always updated with the latest ASCE Pittsburgh Section News.

Want to become more involved? We are looking for new committee members and volunteers and always welcome new ideas from fresh faces. If you interested in becoming more involved, [send us a message](#) at the Section.

Here's hoping that Punxsutawney Phil's prediction was correct and that spring is right around the corner!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert W. Dengler II". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

Robert W. Dengler II, PE

President, ASCE Pittsburgh Section