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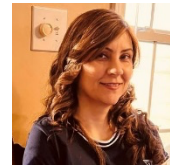
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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings fellow engineers,

This is Atefeh, the newly assigned President of the Eastern Branch. I am a geotechnical engineer working for RK&K, mainly working on transportation projects.

I am proud to be part of the Eastern Branch's team, and I hope that we can continue serving the engineering society through this coming year.

It's been two years since we adjusted our monthly meetings from in-person to virtual and thanks to your continued support, we were one of the most active branches in the region.

I'd like to invite and encourage everyone to consider presenting your favorite project during one of our monthly meetings. In addition to helping us grow, you may get some valuable feedback that can help you with your future projects. If you're interested, please reach out to our President-Elect, Cole Koffi, at [cnkoffi@ncsu.edu](mailto:cnkoffi@ncsu.edu)

The monthly meetings are scheduled to be held virtually on the third Thursday of each month from noon until 1pm. Once we get back to normal, we will hold the meetings at the NC State University Club. The goal is to have a 45 minute presentation with a 15 minute Q&A. If the meeting is held in person, lunch will be provided for all speakers.

Potential topics include:

- New technologies, methods and techniques in Civil Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Transport Infrastructure
- Traffic Engineering
- Water resources Engineering
- Economics & Management in Civil Engineering
- Disaster Assessment & Mitigation in Civil Engineering

It's been my pleasure to serve as your President. I hope to see you in person soon.

Sincerely,

Atefeh Asoudeh, President

## The ASCE NC Section 2021 Fall Conference

The ASCE NC Fall Conference was held virtually on October 15, 2021.

Over \$1,000 was raised for a scholarship that will go out early next year.

A big thank you to our speakers, Pegah Ghasemi, Joe Milazzo, and Tripp Ford, for their excellent presentations!

And congratulations to our Section award winners, Natalie Carmen and Stewart Engineering.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Organized by the Eastern Branch's  
Younger Member Group



The Eastern Branch Young Member Group, YMG, had their TOYS FOR TOTS event on December 11, 2021.

13 people attended this event and roughly 2 dozen gifts donated. Eastern Branch Board voted for donation of \$100 to this event.

It was fun meeting some ASCE younger members, playing cornhole, and enjoying the nice Raliegh weather in December! A big thank you to Patrick Gilmartin, YMG President, and Jennifer Smith for organizing this event. And thanks to all who donated.

## THE 2021 EASTERN BRANCH MENTOR PROGRAM

The 2021 Mentor program concluded in October 2021. This program was organized and led by Chas Webb, with the help of the YMG. Mentees and mentors were paired in September and began communicating with each other.

We look forward for more participants in the upcoming year so that this program can contribute succesfully to the growth of both young and experienced engineers.

If you are interested in participating in the program, be sure to watch for an announcement in the late Spring of 2022.

## Speaker Spotlight – Rodney Money, PE

Rodney Money served as HDR's Design Manager on NCDOT's I-40 Business Reconstruction Design-Build Project which was the presentation topic for the November 2021 ASCE-NC Eastern Branch meeting.

Rodney has over 25 years of industry experience and currently serves as HDR's South Atlantic Area's Transportation Quality & Delivery Manger where he works with Project Managers and Project Teams to improve the quality and overall health of our projects.





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## Upcoming Events

- **February Meeting (February 24, 2022, virtual), Engineer's Week 2022**  
Speaker Ayman Elfouly, PE, is going to talk about ELS Software for Structural Analysis
- **Multi Region Leadership Conference, MRLC 2022 (February 9-11, Virtual)**  
Several Eastern Branch Board members will attend this meeting.
- **2022 Legislative Fly-In (March 2-4, Washington DC & Virtual)**

## ASCE Eastern Branch 2022 Civil Engineer & Young Civil Engineer of the Year Awards

The ASCE Eastern Branch is accepting nominations for the 2022 Civil Engineer of the Year and 2022 Young Civil Engineer of the Year. These awards are being created with the intent of recognizing the top civil engineers in the Eastern Branch. The awards will be presented to a civil and young civil engineer who has made outstanding professional contributions to his/her profession, public welfare and the community at large.

Please see the email sent from ASCE NC Eastern Branch on 1/24/2022, for the nomination and criteria forms or click on the links below. The award winners will be announced during the February meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, to celebrate Engineers Week.

To submit nomination forms please complete the applicable forms, and send it to ASCE Eastern Branch President, Atefeh Asoudeh at [aasoudeh@rkk.com](mailto:aasoudeh@rkk.com). Forms received after February 9, 2022, at 5:00pm will not be accepted.

Click on the links below to download the forms:

[2022 Young Civil Engineer of the Year Criteria](#)

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