

ASCE Minnesota Member Survey Winter 2018 Results

88 People took the survey.

Scale is 1=Very Dissatisfied, 2 Dissatisfied, 3= Neutral, 4=Satisfied, 5=Very Satisfied

Survey Question 1: I am satisfied with opportunities to learn from ASCE.

Results: 1=0, 2=6, 3=29, 4=39, 5=14

Survey Question 2: I am satisfied with the monthly lunch or dinner meetings ASCE MN holds. **Results: 1=4, 2=13, 3=29, 4=32, 5=9**

Survey Question 3: I am satisfied with ASCE opportunities for earning PDHs.

Results: 1=2, 2=4, 3=30, 4=34, 5=18

Survey Question 4: ASCE provides me with valuable resources to excel in my career. **Results: 1=0, 2=15, 3=32, 4=29, 5=11**

Survey Question 5: I am satisfied with ASCE networking activities.

Results: 1=3, 2=13, 3=32, 4=26, 5=13

Survey Questions 6: I am satisfied with what ASCE gives back to the community.

Results: 1=1, 2=8, 3=32, 4=32, 5=15

Survey Question 7: I feel well informed about important decisions made within ASCE.

Results: 1=1, 2=16, 3=33, 4=24, 5=14

Survey Question 8: I have visited the ASCE MN website in the last 12 months.

Results: 80% Yes / 20% No

Survey Question 9: ASCE MN sends the right amount of emails to communicate effectively. **Results: 1=0, 2=6, 3=51, 4=27, 5=4**

Survey Question 10: Do you read the ASCE MN newsletter?

Results: 93% Yes / 7% No

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Survey Question 11: What is the top reason you maintain your membership in ASCE?

Responses received:

Networking / networking opportunities (15 respondents)

Networking events and the Younger Member Group

Networking and Continued Learning

Professional development / Access to PDH credits / 5 free pdh courses

Networking, Education Opportunities, Hanging out with friends.

PD / maintaining credentials

Professional development and networking

PDH, magazine

Access to education opportunities and technical materials

Journals

Professional development, networking, CE magazine

Civil Engineering Magazine / national magazine

Like the magazine and to see what is happening in the local chapter

subscription to Structure magazine

Obtain News regarding the profession of Civil Engineering

National e-mails and insurance

outreach work

Affiliation

To maintain eligibility for CEAM

Geo-Institute involvement

So I can be on the Steel Bridge team at my University.

Access to the national chapter info / conferences

I hope to have more access to activities in the future.

active in society level committees, utilize society level webinars, and other resources

Great experience in student club

It represents my profession / it's almost mandatory within the profession

work

I made a lot of friends and professional connections when I was involved with ASCE in Philadelphia and want to do so again having moved to Minnesota

I want to make more connections in the MN ASCE community

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I enjoy the people I have met through ASCE

(continued - What is the top reason you maintain your membership in ASCE?)

Be connected with the local, regional, and national engineering community.

Contact with colleagues

Keep in touch with U of M classmates . Maintain membership for purposes of ASCE Insurance programs.

Staying connected to the profession / support of the profession / Just to support ASCE.

Now that I'm retired, mostly it is to support the organization.

I am a retired life member. Though not active, I like to keep my oar in the water!

To keep up to date on what is happening in the profession

I'm a civil engineer

Continuity

I'm not sure. I have kept it mainly for networking opportunities but I question its value in this regard. It seems like ASCE events are only attended by the same handful of people.

Keep up with developments

They keep me informed in the civil engineering world and it looks good on my resume.

Lets me know what's going on in the Civil Engineering Sector.

It is part of being a professional.

I believe in the mission and purpose of the organization.

To keep current with my professional obligations as a Civil (Environmental) Engineer.

Professional contact

PE News

Professional recognition

Learning

Keep current with CE issues and technology. / Keep current with profession

networking within technical fields

Connection to the profession / Professional association

I believe it is my responsibility to support the professional organization that supports my career.

access to information

stay informed of local news.

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Survey Question 12: Please add any other comments below, especially if there is anything you would to change about ASCE.

Responses received:

It's nice to have a mix of daytime and evening meetings for people with different schedules

One of my concerns about Section meetings (and the reason a lot of my responses are kind of lukewarm) is that many of the meetings occur at inconvenient times or places. For example, some meetings occur at midday, which is inconvenient for those of us who are still working full time. Meetings in downtown Minneapolis are not convenient for those of us that work elsewhere, due to traffic and parking issues. I would prefer that most meetings occur in the evening and in locations with ample parking.

I'd like to see more lunch meetings instead of dinner events

I would like to see more events and it would be nice if they all had a social component. Also, fewer lunch meetings and more dinner meetings or happy hours.

add section meeting with structural engineering emphasis

MN section needs more relevance to structural engineers not involved with bridges.

I work in the water resources area of CE and do not feel that the MN chapter has much to offer for me. Luncheon talks, tours and networking pieces are rarely focused on this area. I would see the MN chapter as more of a resource, if my area of interest was covered better.

local meetings poorly marketed and too-late notifications

Events are few and far between and locations and times often make them difficult to attend.

As someone who relies on public transportation to get around the Minneapolis area, I find some of the meeting locations to be inconvenient, though I recognize the difficulty in finding central meeting places.

I usually don't go to the meetings because of the cost

It's annoying that ASCE has high membership fees but the section also requires participants to pay to attend events. I know the fees cover food, and that the national dues are not the same as section dues, but the price often seems high for dinner, and then what are the membership dues covering? I think ASCE does some good work, but if I want to get PDHs and network in the industry, there are more cost effective organizations to participate in.

I would like there to be a chapter in St. Cloud, MN or close to it. I cannot make meetings in the Twin Cities and am unable to get very involved with the group which I would like to be.

No (extremely limited) activities or opportunity for involvement for those of us not within a reasonable vicinity of the metro area.

Too old to travel from Rochester to the Cities for meetings any more.

I am 2.5 hours away from Twin Cities so I am limited in how active I can be.

It is nearly impossible to get involved with ASCE-MN if you aren't located in the metro area. You should consider partnering with MnSPE to better reach out-state areas. Even though MnSPE is multi-disciplined, the majority of members are civil engineers.

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I assume that all of the questions were meant to ask about ASCE MN? Some reference "ASCE MN" and others say "ASCE".

I would like to see the section newsletter return to a more formal presentation. Don't need to go back to the dark ages and mail hard copies, but send a PDF version of the newsletter under separate e-mail with no other topics, attachments or announcements.

Not sure what the focus of ASCE is anymore, not sure what the significance of the organization is anymore in relation to MnSPE, MSES, etc.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy hearing and seeing the involvement of the dedicated women and men in our profession. THANKX!

I know it has always been difficult to keep older members involved. The Past Presidents Forum has been successful at times. Members should be encouraged to circulate to talk to others outside their discipline and age. Archie Carter always made a point to talk with anyone he did not know.

Need to lobby the Mn Eng Board to provide for a life time license status for retired engineers, with considerable experience and in good standing, to continue to be able to practice on an occasional/infrequent basis for personal and community services in their areas of expertise.

I think ASCE has I'm improved by focusing on fewer initiatives.

Nothing I can think of.

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