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**Committee on Student Members (CSM) Statement**

**Regarding the Realignment of ASCE Student Conference Boundaries**

ASCE recently created a new committee, the Committee on Student Conferences and Competitions (CSCC), to help increase student involvement within ASCE and provide more resources and guidance for our next generation of civil engineers. One of the Committee's specific tasks is to support student conferences and competitions with the impetus to encourage students to continue ASCE membership after graduation.

To help achieve this goal the committee has been working to make every student conference a flagship event for the students in every region. Part of this process has been to realign the student conferences with the Regions that govern the rest of ASCE membership. Everyone recognizes this is a very difficult process that requires compromise and teamwork on the part of all of our members. CSCC continues to listen to students, advisors, ASCE members, and the leadership team as decisions are made for the future of the conferences.

The ASCE Committee on Student Members (CSM) has been involved with this process and supports CSCC's goals of improving student conferences and helping them evolve with a broader focus on not only new competitions, but on professional topics, networking, and collaboration within ASCE Regions. The process has certainly been monumental, and there is much work left to be done. CSM wants to assure all ASCE members, particularly the student chapter advisors and student members, that we value your voice and we all want to help make ASCE even more inviting for your student chapters. We are listening to your thoughts and respect everyone's opinions during these times of change. We also want to focus on the future vision of the conferences and student membership in ASCE. We firmly believe in CSCC's goals and believe the outcome will help lay the groundwork for the health of ASCE for the generation to come.

Sincerely,

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