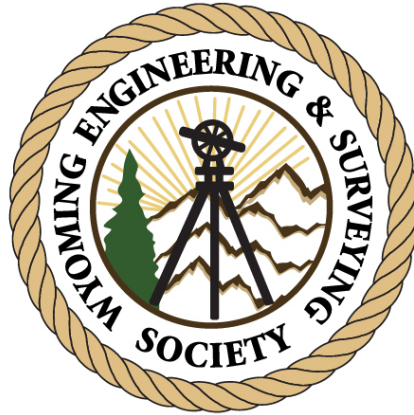


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### Wyoming Engineering & Surveying (WES) Society Newsletter

*Spring 2021*

WES Members,

We wanted to begin by thanking you all for helping make the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual WES Convention a success. For those of you that were able to attend the convention live on February 3, 4, 5, 11, & 12, we were grateful to have you contribute to the program through your questions. For those of you that may have been unable to attend the live convention, we hope you were able to watch the recorded sessions which were available on Cvent through April 15. We will be issuing CPC certificates shortly after the convention officially closes on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

When we realized just over a year ago that the in-person WES Convention we have come know and love was not going to be possible given the COVID pandemic, Harrison, Shelby, Murray, Gary, and I were nervous about what the right course of action was and what to expect given the uncertainty at the time. We explored many options and consulted with various WES constituents throughout the spring and summer of 2020. Ultimately, we concluded that the only option was to take the convention on-line. Originally, we planned to offer a pared down version of the convention simply so our members could garner needed CPC credits. As time went on, and our confidence grew, we ended up offering a nearly complete program for the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual WES Convention. Our expectations for on-line attendance were modest knowing that this was a significant departure from business as usual, and we hoped that we would have enough of our members sign up so that we did not embarrass ourselves and perhaps make a bit of money to offset the significant budget deficit we anticipated for 2020. As it turned out, our fears were unwarranted.

The WES 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention was more successful than any of us could have imagined, and we thank each of our WES Members for attending and contributing this year. It is moments like these that remind us just how fortunate we are to be part of the engineering and surveying community here in the great state of Wyoming.

Here are a few highlights of the WES 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention:

- **Attendance:**
  - Convention registration: 274
  - Average session attendance: 105 (38%)

- **Technical Programming**
  - PLSW sponsored Steve Parrish, PLS who offered 7-hours of in-depth survey content.
  - WES sponsored programming included nine speakers covering a wide array of topics.
  - ASCE courses, which are available at an additional charge that supports the WY ASCE State Section, rounded out the convention with 4-hours of bonus content.
- **WES Scholarships and Awards Ceremony**
  - WES was able to recognize this year's scholarship and award winners with scholarships and Student of the Year awards totaling more than \$30,000 being presented to 16 UW students.
  - The 2020 Project of the Year was awarded to Morrison-Maierle for the North Sheridan Interchange project with WYDOT, Teton County ISWR, and AVI P.C. each receiving an honorable mention.
  - Jim Kladianos was named as the 2021 Engineer of the Year.
- **WES Annual Business Meeting**
  - This meeting provided an opportunity for members to receive committee updates, hear from the State Board of Registration, review the recently revised constitution, and recognize newly inducted honorary members.
- **Professional Society Meetings**
  - ACEC, ASCE, and PLSW all conducted meetings as part of the convention
- **Sponsors and Exhibitors**
  - A special thanks to the companies who graciously supported us this year:
    - ACEC – Business Insurance Trust
    - Carlson Software
    - Keller North America
    - RDO Equipment Company
    - SWCA Environmental Consultants
    - T-O Engineers
    - TrueNorth Steel
    - Vaughn Concrete Products

We are currently preparing for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, which will be held at the Holiday Inn and Convection Center in Sheridan, Wyoming on February 2-4, 2022. If you are interested in volunteering, serving on a committee, or joining the WES Executive Board, please let us know. We welcome your input, so please feel free to reach out to any of us.

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