



# ASCE SLO Branch 2014 Nomination for Outstanding Younger Engineer

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June 3, 2014

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San Luis Obispo, California 93408

**SUBJECT: ASCE SLO BRANCH, 2014 AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNGER ENGINEER**

Dear Carolyn,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Kyle Anderson, PE for the 2014 ASCE Younger Engineer Award. Kyle has many outstanding technical and leadership capabilities that I have witnessed over the last couple of years, and which I will outline with this submittal for your consideration. In addition, attached are a number of supporting documents that show Kyle's commitment to ASCE and our profession.

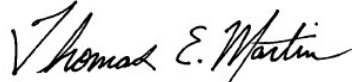
During my term as President of the SLO Branch in 2012-2013, Kyle volunteered to fill a need for an open position on our Board as assistant newsletter editor. Upon joining the Board, Kyle immediately "raised the bar" for himself and began coordinating a new Younger Member Forum in our Branch. This was no easy task, as he had to research the need for this group, provide a proposal to the Board and ultimately establish the Group. Kyle took a leadership position and began organizing social functions for the increasing number of Younger Members in the ASCE Branch. Through his efforts, the Younger Member Group was a success and eventually recognized as the newest Younger Member Forum in our Branch and the Los Angeles Section. The transition from Group status to an officially recognized Forum was a significant secondary accomplishment, since a new set of bylaws had to be written and coordination with ultimate approval from our Board and the Section was gained. But, Kyle did not stop at these accomplishments. In the past year, he has created and managed his own YMF officer board and taken their activities beyond the social realm to education. Recent meetings have included speakers on financial management by local professionals and contract law from the American Council of Engineering Consultants. In addition, Kyle and his YMF board have secured a SPAG Grant to complete an ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for San Luis Obispo County!

Not surprisingly, Kyle's accomplishments go well beyond ASCE. With a Master's degree in Water Resource Engineering, he is an integral part of our technical team at Rick Engineering, and in a very short time has become a key player in many of our stormwater related projects. Kyle is also a volunteer for the NCEES, serving on a committee in Sacramento that coordinates the review and updates to the PE exam. He has also provided volunteer lectures at Cal Poly for general civil engineering students. It is not surprising that he set's the bar high for physical fitness as well, regularly participating in marathon events.

As you will see from the attached documents, his industry colleagues have the same opinion about Kyle that I do. I am confident that his accomplishments make him a strong candidate for this award. I appreciate your time and consideration of this nomination for Kyle Anderson for the 2014 ASCE Outstanding Younger Engineer Award.

Sincerely,

RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'M'.

Thomas E. Martin, P.E.

Associate

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**2014 Awards Program**  
**San Luis Obispo Branch**

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Entries due **June 3, 2014.**

Please submit all information requested in this form to:  
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**CATEGORY FOR NOMINATION:** Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer

**PROJECT PERSONNEL/PERSON NOMINATED**

Individual designated to receive award: **Kyle Anderson, P.E.**

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**PROJECT INFORMATION (PROJECT CATEGORIES ONLY)**

Project name (exactly as it should appear on plaque): \_\_\_\_\_

Project location: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

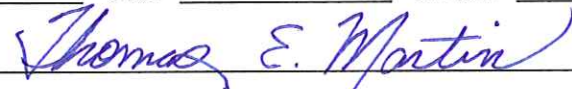
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ASCE Member? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Attach any additional information as suggested in the instructions.

Please see attached letter and associated materials

## **Letter of support for Kyle Anderson ASCE Outstanding Younger Member**

I'd like to express my support for Kyle Anderson's nomination for ASCE Outstanding Younger Member. When Kyle moved to San Luis Obispo, he saw that there was not a local YMF group and took the initiative to create one. There had been unsuccessful attempts to build a group here in the past. He took the initiative to attend ASCE's Western Regional Younger Member Council meeting in conjunction with the Multi-Regional Leadership Conference to learn from other YMF groups in ASCE Regions 8 and 9 and to learn from ASCE leaders and staff.

Local ASCE leadership had some concerns in the past that creating a YMF group in the area may reduce the available volunteer pool in our small community. What Kyle has been able to do is to actually show the opposite. By creating an active YMF group, he has shown that it has increased the pool of civil engineers participating in ASCE events because we now have activities that appeal to a broader range of member interests. I expect that we will see some of the current YMF officers move up into leadership positions at the local branch over time. This will work to strengthen the San Luis Obispo Branch because Branch officers with YMF leadership experience will bring that experience to the Branch. Also, with our strong local ASCE student chapter, the YMF group is now serving to show our ASCE students members that there is a home for them in ASCE after they graduate.

Kyle's enthusiasm and leadership were what the local group needed to create a YMF group. Successful ASCE activities and groups are the result of members like Kyle that will volunteer to step up and lead. I've had the pleasure of watching Kyle build the YMF group here in San Luis Obispo from the ground up. What he's built in a short period of time is impressive. I've now been to several well attended San Luis Obispo Branch YMF events in the past year and a half, and am amazed at how quickly Kyle and his team have gotten the group up and running. They've had a very positive response to their events. Not only have the events been well attended, but the events have also brought together Younger Members, Student Members, and Branch members.

I'm pleased to enthusiastically recommend Kyle for this award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Epp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being large and stylized, and "Epp" written in a more compact, cursive style.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Epp, P.E. M. ASCE  
ASCE Region 9 Director, 2011-2014

June 2, 2014

Awards Selection Committee  
ASCE San Luis Obispo Branch

Re: Mr. Kyle Anderson, P.E.

Dear Selection Committee:

This letter is to serve as the highest recommendation possible of Kyle Anderson, PE for the ASCE San Luis Obispo (SLO) Branch Award for Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer. As the ASCE LA Section YMF Liaison from 2011 – 2013, I had the privilege of working with Kyle to facilitate the creation of a new YMF chapter for the SLO Branch. I witnessed firsthand Kyle's passion for ASCE and establishing a new YMF chapter that would bridge the gap between SLO's very active Branch and student chapter to provide an opportunity for young engineers to get involved with ASCE early in their careers.

It was Kyle's dedication and leadership that brought the SLO YMF to life. Even before the chapter was officially approved, the SLO YMF was already very active having held numerous social events and had begun a non-technical speaker series covering such topics as "Buying Your First Home" and "Financial Planning for Young Professionals". During this time Kyle also wrote the SLO YMF Bylaws and went through the approval process to officially establish SLO YMF as the sixth chapter within the LA Section, joining Metropolitan Los Angeles, Orange County, San Bernardino/Riverside, Santa Barbara/Ventura and Southern San Joaquin. Prior to officially forming the SLO YMF, Kyle also took the initiative to engage with the other LA Section YMF's by attending the bi-annual Joint LA Section YMF Board Meetings where he was able to learn more about what the other groups were doing and easily garnered their support with his enthusiasm for bringing the same opportunities to SLO. Finally, it was Kyle's leadership and encouragement that brought the entire SLO YMF executive board to the Western Regional Younger Member Council, part of the Multi-Regional Leadership Conference, in Phoenix this past January. Kyle's has contributed significantly as the President of SLO YMF, not only in establishing the group but in setting them up for success.

In summary, I can think of no one more deserving of one of ASCE's most prestigious awards than Kyle.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (714) 656-5414 should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Amber M. Girard, P.E.  
ASCE Region 9 YMF Chair

Sept. 2013

# Los Angeles Section

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael Thornton, P.E.  
Los Angeles Section President



## Farewell

The end of September marks the end of my term as your President. It has been said many times, "All good things must come to an end". Don't believe that ALL good things must come to an end but certainly some good things must. My term as your President is one of those good things. I will pass the "baton" to Yaz Emrani as the Section's 101st President. It has been an absolute honor to serve as President of the Section during our 100th anniversary. As I end my term in this role, I realize there are so many people I need to thank.

First, I thank a group of individuals that continue to go way beyond the call of duty during the 100 year celebrations in addition to their long history as ASCE volunteers. They are Don Sepulveda, Bob Bein, Mark Norton, Jay Higgins, John Hogan, Shahn Ahmad, Rich Haller, John Morris, Andy Machen, Joe Buley, and yours truly. Don Sepulveda, as our fearless leader and a past Section President, came to the committee with a vision for the celebration and tirelessly worked toward it. At times, his vision was so focused; others had difficulty getting ideas on the table. Beyond all of those duties, he played a key role on the transportation track of the symposium...many thanks to Don! Bob Bein, also a past Section President coupled with a past society president and long time supporter of ASCE, served as an honorary chair. His vast experience has been vital to the success of the programs... an enthusiastic thanks to Bob!

Mark Norton, past Section President and current Region 9 At-Large Governor, contributed tremendously. Mark led so many efforts; it is difficult to remember all of them. Mark was instrumental in the development of the celebration's marketing materials (including event flyers, the medallion and the lapel pin), media outreach, fund raising, and to complement those efforts, led the way to populate the speaker slate for the water track portion of the annual symposium. I often ask myself, how does he find the time and the motivation to do so many things? Immeasurable thanks Mark! Jay Higgins, yet another past Section President and currently serving the section as our Governor to Region 9, managed the fund raising duties for the series of 100-year celebration events. To say he has done an outstanding job is an understatement. I simply am having difficulties believing what great work he has done for the section. Please review the centennial celebration sponsors list presented in this newsletter that documents his leadership accomplishments. Besides this great work, Jay has served the Section for years in various positions and is particularly skillful in keeping our meetings on task and in accordance with ASCE rules... countless thanks Jay!

John Hogan, current Section Past-President, also played many roles. He made the transition for my presidency virtually painless, was key in developing a successful series of 100-year celebration programs, instrumental in the fund raising efforts, and provided value beyond description ... can't thank John enough! Shahn Ahmad, yet another Past Section President, chaired the annual symposium, the crown jewel of the centennial celebration program. Shahn, as he has done so many times,

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## Centennial Series Continues with Focus on San Pedro Bay Ports

In this issue, the ASCE LA Monthly Centennial Series focuses on the Southern California San Pedro Bay Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles that make up our nation's premier gateway for international trade. Both Ports have also recently celebrated 100 years of service, and unique engineering challenges have shaped their growth.

ASCE's Doug Sereno, P.E., ENV-SP, Director of the Program Management Division for the Port of Long Beach, tells the fascinating story of the development of America's first- and second-busiest seaports. He highlights engineering landmarks including building the nine-mile-long breakwater to protect ships in the harbor, solving the dramatic subsidence issues caused by pumping oil from the bay, the advent of containerization, developing "green" initiatives to protect the environment and providing infrastructure for today's behemoth ships that are as long as the Empire State Building is tall.

Full article is available on-line at [www.ascelasection.org](http://www.ascelasection.org).

## Robert P. Stearns Obituary



SCS Engineers (SCS) announces with profound sadness that Robert P. Stearns founding principal, Chairman of the Board, and former president, passed away on August 1, 2013, at his home in Idyllwild, California. He was 75.

In his role as President during most of his 36-year career at SCS, Bob was widely recognized for applying engineering principles to support and improve waste industry business practices, and for his commitment to the ethical practice of engineering.

Retiring from SCS in 2006, Bob remained active as SCS's Chairman of the Board and in many volunteer positions. Bob was inducted into the Environmental Industries Association "Hall of Fame" in 2003; was named a "Professional Achievement Award – Life Member" by the Solid Waste Association of North America in 2009; and served the American Society of Civil Engineers in many capacities, including as Chairman of ASCE's National Ethics Committee.

Bob is survived by Gisela, his wife of 50 years, his daughter, Maria, his brother Tom (Barbara), and four nephews. Private funeral services were held in Palm Desert. A memorial service is planned for September 2013; details were published on [www.scsengineers.com](http://www.scsengineers.com).

## ASCE Los Angeles Section Welcomes Its Newest Younger Member Forum!

We are excited to announce the addition of the San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum (SLOYMF) to the Los Angeles Section. San Luis Obispo, home of California Polytechnic State University, already had a very active branch and student chapter but no bridge to connect the two groups. The San Luis Obispo Branch saw the need to fill that gap and has been gathering support and working on bylaws for the YMF for the past year. Recently, the Section board voted to form the YMF and approve its bylaws. The addition of the SLOYMF brings the total number of YMF groups in the LA section to six along with Metropolitan Los Angeles, Orange County, San Bernardino/Riverside, Santa Barbara/Ventura and Southern San Joaquin. Although they have only just become an official group, the SLOYMF has been very active this year. They have already held numerous social events and have recently begun a non-technical speaker series covering such topics as "Buying Your First Home" and "Financial Planning for Young Professionals". We are always excited to see such enthusiasm from our younger members. Keep an eye out for more news from the SLOYMF as they continue to establish and grow.

For more information, contact the SLOYMF President, Kyle Anderson at [kanderson@rickengineering.com](mailto:kanderson@rickengineering.com)

## Message From the Membership Committee

By Brad Dybel, PE, GE, CEG

Chair of Membership Committee, ASCE Los Angeles Section

The Membership Committee extends congratulations to the entire Los Angeles Section for an exciting and event-filled Centennial Celebration year. The Centennial Celebration events revitalized our Section, resulting in a spike in Section membership that followed several years of little or no growth. Independent sources indicate that Section membership swelled by 270 new members this year. Section records indicate that revenue from Section and Society dues increased by more than 18 percent.

The Section's success in increasing membership is due to the hard work by numerous individuals inside and outside the Section, including the following:

- Phil Davies, Chair of Membership, Centennial Committee
- Eric Walker, Chair of Student Activities, Orange County Branch
- Ravi Shah, YMF President, Orange County Branch
- John Rogers, Treasurer, San Bernardino Riverside Branch
- Julianna Gonzalez, YMF President, San Bernardino Riverside Branch
- Kaitlin Hannon, Chair of Student Activities, MLAB Branch
- Marcia Boyd, Manager, ASCE Membership Champions & Marketing
- Curtis Nunley, ASCE Member Services Director.



## Tom Martin

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**To:** Tom Martin (tmartin@rickengineering.com)  
**Subject:** FW: [ASCE Officers] Fw: San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum State Public Affairs Grant Proposal

**From:** [officers-asce-slo@googlegroups.com](mailto:officers-asce-slo@googlegroups.com) [<mailto:officers-asce-slo@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** [cberg@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:cberg@co.slo.ca.us)

**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 11:45 AM

**To:** [officers-asce-slo@googlegroups.com](mailto:officers-asce-slo@googlegroups.com)

**Subject:** [ASCE Officers] Fw: San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum State Public Affairs Grant Proposal

A BIG congratulations to Kyle and the YMF Board who received \$1000 SPAG grant to conduct a SLO Co Infrastructure Report card! More details to follow as they move forward. For now, be sure to congratulate our YMF on this big success!

Wes, maybe we can add a short blurb to the blog?

Best regards,  
Carolyn

Carolyn Berg, P.E.  
County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Public Works  
Utilities Division Staff Engineer  
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----- Forwarded by Carolyn Berg/PubWorks/COSLO on 12/06/2013 11:42 AM -----

From: "Kyle Anderson" <[kanderson@rickengineering.com](mailto:kanderson@rickengineering.com)>  
To: <[CMalejan@wsc-inc.com](mailto:CMalejan@wsc-inc.com)>, <[geckrich@fugro.com](mailto:geckrich@fugro.com)>, <[chenink@cannoncorp.us](mailto:chenink@cannoncorp.us)>, "Adam Fischlin" <[afischlin@rickengineering.com](mailto:afischlin@rickengineering.com)>  
Cc: <[cberg@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:cberg@co.slo.ca.us)>  
Date: 12/06/2013 11:39 AM  
Subject: FW: San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum State Public Affairs Grant Proposal

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Congrats everyone! It isn't the full \$1500, but at least it is better than nothing. We will have to start discussing our plans for the report card at our next officer's meeting.

**From:** Gagnon, Adam [<mailto:agagnon@asce.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 11:34 AM

**To:** Kyle Anderson

**Cc:** Yazdan T. Emrani ([YEmrani@hfinc.com](mailto:YEmrani@hfinc.com)); [cadenadiego@yahoo.com](mailto:cadenadiego@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** RE: San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum State Public Affairs Grant Proposal

Good Afternoon Kyle-

On behalf of the State Public Affairs Grants (SPAG) Committee, we are pleased to inform you that your Section has been awarded a State Public Affairs Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to fund the following activity:

THE ACTIVITY THAT WILL BE FUNDED:

San Luis Obispo Report Card

\$1,000

Two copies of a formal award letter will be sent out next week. One copy shall be sent to the Section President and one to the Section Treasurer. The letter to the Treasurer shall include the check for the full amount.

Congratulations!

Adam

Adam Gagnon  
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American Society of Civil Engineers  
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**From:** Kyle Anderson [<mailto:kanderson@rickengineering.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2013 12:05 PM  
**To:** spag  
**Subject:** San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum State Public Affairs Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Gagnon,

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum, I am pleased to submit the attached State Public Affairs Grant Proposal. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

Kyle Anderson, P.E., M.ASCE  
San Luis Obispo Younger Member Forum President

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## Tom Martin

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**From:** Serge Haddad <serge.haddad@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 10:31 AM  
**To:** Tom Martin  
**Cc:** Girard, Amber; Kyle Anderson; Clem Chung; Jeremy Chrzan; Justin Arndt; Kristin 'KC' Atkins; Kyle Twitchell; Megan Peal; Michelle Everett; Renee Whittenberger  
**Subject:** Re: ASCE SLO Branch Younger Member Forum Bylaws

Hello Kyle,

Congratulations my friend. You worked on this goal for a long time and really saw it through. The really great thing is that you established San Luis Obispo Younger Member Group in the LA Section's centennial year!

Looking forward to attending one of your meetings in the near future.

Thank you,  
Serge

On Thu, Aug 1, 2013 at 8:24 AM, Tom Martin <[tmartin@rickengineering.com](mailto:tmartin@rickengineering.com)> wrote:

Amber – thanks so much for your support and coordination in this effort – the Branch really appreciates it.

Tom

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**Thomas E. Martin, PE**

Associate

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013 9:17 AM  
**To:** Kyle Anderson  
**Cc:** [serge.haddad@gmail.com](mailto:serge.haddad@gmail.com); Tom Martin  
**Subject:** RE: ASCE SLO Branch Younger Member Forum Bylaws

Hi Kyle,

It's official, the Section just approved the bylaws and creation of SLO YMF! CONGRATS!!! I will be in touch shortly regarding some additional items including funding and an announcement in the Section Newsletter ☺

Amber

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**From:** Kyle Anderson [mailto:[kanderson@rickengineering.com](mailto:kanderson@rickengineering.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 4:08 PM  
**To:** Girard, Amber  
**Cc:** [serge.haddad@gmail.com](mailto:serge.haddad@gmail.com); [tmartin@rickengineering.com](mailto:tmartin@rickengineering.com)  
**Subject:** ASCE SLO Branch Younger Member Forum Bylaws

Hi Amber,

Attached are the bylaws for the San Luis Obispo Younger Members Forum. The bylaws have been approved by the officer boards for the San Luis Obispo Branch and the YMF. They have also been reviewed by Tara Hoke (Legal Counsel for ASCE) and Serge Haddad (Western Geographic Representative for the Committee on Younger Members) and are ready for review and approval by the Los Angeles Section. Can you forward the bylaws on to the rest of the Section officers for review and approval? Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Kyle Anderson, P.E.

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