



# ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Symposium

Mailer 2

January 21, 2026

Dear ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Chapter,

This is your **2026 ASCE WGLSS Mailer 2**, the second of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

Please carefully read this information and forward copies to the appropriate members in your ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing at the student symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Individual Registration and Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form
- Upcoming deadlines
- Business Meeting
- Student Symposium Paper Competition
- ASCE Society Competition Information
- Local Competition Information
- Tentative Symposium Schedule
- Tentative Presentation Schedule
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements, and
- Thank you to our sponsors!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the email listed below. All symposium information, such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website, also listed below.

Best,

2026 ASCE Western Great Lakes Planning Committee

[2026WGLS@gmail.com](mailto:2026WGLS@gmail.com)

[2026 WGL Symposium Website](http://2026WGLSymposiumWebsite)

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## MAILER TWO ACKNOWLEDGMENT CONFIRMATION

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by February 6, 2026.

Please note the individual registration deadline is February 20, 2026.

Complete the Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form **by February 6, 2026:**

[Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form](#)

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Individual Registration Form is due before February 20.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Western Great Lakes](#) to register for the 2026 ASCE WGLS Student Symposium.

The Individual Registration Form must be filled out by *ALL individuals* attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, guest teams, and faculty advisors. The Individual Registration Form contains liability waiver information required by ASCE that must be reviewed and acknowledged by every individual attending, participating, and/or spectating at the symposium.

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Individual Registration is \$150 per person. Payment must be postmarked by February 20. Payment may be sent in one check for multiple registrants, or in individual checks.

Make check payable to: University of St. Thomas

Mail to:

University of St. Thomas, School of Engineering

Attn: Cathy Fasching

2115 Summit Ave, OSS 100

St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105

If your chapter will no longer be participating in the 2026 ASCE Western Student Symposium, please email

[2026WGLS@gmail.com](mailto:2026WGLS@gmail.com)



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## SOCIETY COMPETITION INFORMATION

### SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE WESTERN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

#### Society-wide Competitions



#### Society Pilot Competitions



## LOCAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

### LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE WESTERN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

#### Student Symposium Paper Competition

*Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals*

#### Concrete Cornhole Competition

#### Geowall Competition

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at [2026 WGL Symposium Website](https://www.asce.org/western-student-symposium/2026-wgl-symposium/2026-wgl-symposium-local-competitions)



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## **BUSINESS MEETING (Eligibility Requirement)**

The business meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Watch for the draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed via email to student chapters for review before the symposium.

The business meeting is the annual meeting for the Student Conference Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates consists of two student delegates (preferably a senior or junior in an ASCE leadership position and a sophomore in or aspiring to an ASCE leadership position), and the faculty advisor from each student chapter.

The draft agenda will include items such as any unresolved discussion topics from the 2025 Business Meeting, the host rotation, new business, discussion of the conference policy and procedures document, and other topics specific to the ASCE Western Student Conference.

Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and ASCE. Each student chapter in the Student Conference has one vote.

**At least one member of your ASCE student chapter must participate in the Business Meeting as part of the eligibility requirements to advance to finals for Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, and Surveying.**

[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)



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## ASCE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM PAPER COMPETITION

The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of an online paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium. The presentation should be a formal 5 minute presentation of the paper, and will have 5 minutes afterwards reserved for questions.

All papers must include a statement at the bottom indicating whether artificial intelligence (AI) or natural language processing (NLP) tools were used in the preparation of the submission. Except where otherwise cited, the statement must clarify the extent of any such use and affirm that the work represents the author's original work. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition, as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. **Any submission past March 1<sup>st</sup> will not be considered for the Mead Paper Competition.** The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

The topic for the 2026 ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Symposium Paper Competition is the same as the topic of the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students. The topic can be found [here](#). Additionally, the scoring rubric can be found [here](#).

**The Symposium Paper is due (to [2026WGLS@gmail.com](mailto:2026WGLS@gmail.com)) on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

## SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the 2026 ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the SSBC National Finals. Competitions requiring participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition, and
- AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition.

*Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.*



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## TENTATIVE SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENTS

THE USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT ALL ASCE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM EVENTS.

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
April 16th	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Check - In	UMN
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Quiz Bowl	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Captain's Meeting	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Steel Bridge Captain's Meeting	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Captain's Meeting	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Construction Institute Captain's Meeting	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Surveying Captain's Meeting	UMN
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Geowall Captain's Meeting	UMN
	6:00 PM	9:30 PM	Paper Competition Presentations	UMN

**\*Please note that the Scavenger Hunt Competition will take place over all three days of the symposium, with clues released at various times throughout the event.**



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Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
April 17th	6:30 AM	4:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition	Lake
	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Surveying Field Tasks	Lake
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concrete Cornhole	Lake
	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Volleyball Tournament	Lake
	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Geowall Competition	UST
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	3D-Printed Bridge Competition	UST
April 18th	6:00 AM	5:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	UST
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Presentations	UST
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Presentations	UST
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Survey Presentations	UST
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Construction Institute	UST
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Career Fair	UST
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster Session	UST
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Survey Poster Session	UST
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	UST
	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	UST



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## ASCE SOCIETY COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide finals competition include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition. The AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility requirements below. See [SSBC Rules](#) for more information.*

The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the engineering and professional skills of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide finals competitions are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT SYMPOSIUM COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
  - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than the start of their Student Symposium.
  - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Finals Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
  - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
  - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100. Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify to advance to competition finals; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
  - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.
  - b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to [student@asce.org](mailto:student@asce.org).



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## HOTEL ROOM BLOCK INFORMATION

To support traveling teams attending the Western Great Lakes ASCE Student Symposium, we will be offering a hotel room block at the **Days Hotel by Wyndham** on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. Rooms will be available at a rate of \$99 per night, per room (plus tax). ASCE UMN will coordinate the room block and cover the initial booking cost. Participating chapters will reimburse the rooms they reserve. Check in will be on April 16 and checkout will be April 19.

At this time, we are asking chapter presidents to complete a short form indicating how many rooms their chapter anticipates needing. This information will help us determine the appropriate size of the room block.

Please note that this is not a reservation; more concrete booking, payment, and reimbursement details will be shared in a follow-up email once interest is confirmed. Any payments or incidentals will be the responsibility of each school.

The hotel website can be found [\*\*here\*\*](#) for reference, but all chapters are free to explore other hotels in the area at convenience. Please fill out the [\*\*Hotel Room Block Interest Form\*\*](#) by February 20.

Questions regarding hotel reservations should be directed to [\*\*2026WGLS@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:2026WGLS@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING DATES

**We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.**

### 2026 DEADLINES

Statement of Intent & Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements Form due from each team intending to compete in a Society-wide or Society Pilot Competition – Concrete Canoe, Student Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, Surveying, Construction Institute, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing.

*One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. The online form\* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each entity will submit a separate form.*

*\* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the [2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules](#). Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deduction.*

**ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!**

There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition!

[Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge](#)

*(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)*

[Statement of Intent to compete for Surveying](#)

*(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)*

[Statement of Intent to compete for Sustainable Solutions](#)

*(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)*

[Statement of Intent to compete for Construction Institute](#)

*(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)*

[Statement of Intent to compete for 3D Printing](#)

*(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately).*



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January 5, by  
5:00 pm  
Eastern Time

Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m.  
EST in the [ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site](#).

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January 21

Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.  
Late Student Chapter Registration is due (see instructions on page 1)

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February 1 by  
11:59 p.m.,  
Eastern Time

ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found [here](#). If you have questions on your Annual Report, email [student@asce.org](mailto:student@asce.org). Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

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February 1 by  
11:59 p.m.,  
Eastern Time

ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

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February 3

ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.

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February 6

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter

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February 20

Attendee Registration and Hotel Room Block Interest Form is due

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February  
12 by 5:00  
p.m.  
Eastern  
Time

Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials  
Notebook due.  
(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)

February  
23 by 5:00  
p.m.  
Eastern  
Time

Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST  
(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)

March 1

Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to [2026wgls@gmail.com](mailto:2026wgls@gmail.com)  
and Hotel Reservation Cutoff

March 26

Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.

March 27

Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and  
Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due.  
(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE).

April 3

Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter and Final Date for  
Late Registrations

April 16-18

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Note: Please see [competition rules](#) for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.