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2021 TEXAS-MEXICO STUDENT CONFERENCE

October 30, 2020

Dear ASCE Student Chapter Member of the Texas-Mexico Student Conference:

This is your 2021 Texas-Mexico Student Conference Mailer I, the first of three packets to be sent to each of the participating schools. The Texas-Mexico student conference is part of the larger ASCE Texas Student Symposium, which also includes the Career Fair, Continuing Education sessions, and Awards Banquet. Since we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are all experiencing a variety of learning situations as well as safety, social distancing, gathering, and travel requirements through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, local government, and university policies, we wanted to let you know about our plans for the event in 2021. Due to the uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are planning a virtual conference. We are currently looking into conference platforms and logistics. More information will be included in Mailer II.

Please read carefully through this packet and forward copies to the appropriate chairpersons in your Chapter. Do not delete this mailer. The information that is given here may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Receipt confirmation
- Deadlines summary
- Tentative conference plans
- Regional competition rules and contacts
- Eligibility requirements for advancement to Society-wide competitions

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by emailing the enclosed form by November 15th, 2020. Information on the student registration fee and the form will be sent to you no later than January 15, 2021.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the e-mail address: texmexsymposium@gmail.com. All questions and answers concerning the events, rules, etc. will be posted on our web site: <https://www.texasce.org/our-programs/student-symposium/>. We will do everything possible to answer your questions in a timely manner, but please be patient – we are learning as we go and this is definitely a unique year.

We look forward to your participation in the 2021 ASCE Texas Student Symposium and to an engaging conference.

Sincerely,

Megan Westhoff
President, ASCE Student Chapter
University of Texas at Austin

Sabika Bharmal
Chair, 2021 Texas-Mexico Student Conference

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Receipt Confirmation

Email to: texmexsymposium@gmail.com before November 15th, 2020. Please copy office@texasce.org.

Please print or type!

As the subject line please use "Receipt Confirmation [student chapter name]"

School Name:

Faculty Advisor's Name:

Faculty Advisor's Phone Number:

Faculty Advisor's Email Address:

Student Contact's (i.e. Chapter President or designate) Name:

Student Contact's Phone Number:

Student Contact's Email Address:

Which events does your Chapter plan (this is not registration for the competition, just for the host school to begin to estimate attendance) on competing in?

Society-wide Competitions

- Concrete Canoe
- Sustainable Solutions
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition
- Technical paper/presentation
- Blue Sky Innovation

Regional Competitions

- Concrete Frisbee
- Concrete Bowling
- Mystery Design

This confirms that we have received Mailer I regarding the 2021 Student Conference.



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Deadlines Summary

Participants:

November 15th	Mailer Receipt Confirmation
January	Attendee Pre-registration
April 15 th – 17th	Texas-Mexico Student Conference

Host:

October 29 th	Mailer I
January 15th	Mailer II (Initial schedule, updates, registration forms)
March 1st	Mailer III (final schedule, updates)



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Eligibility Requirements for Society-wide Competitions

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to participate in an ASCE-sponsored Society-wide Competition.

- 1) Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a) Have paid their Annual Dues, as received by ASCE, prior to the start of the Student Conference;
 - b) Have submitted their student chapter full Annual Report in time to be graded (reports submitted on or before February 1st to meet this qualification), and have received a minimum score of 40 points out of a possible 100. **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify;** and
 - c) Act appropriately as representatives of ASCE and the civil engineering profession, all competition and conference participants are expected to and must act professionally and courteously. The use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substance is strictly prohibited.

Note: Invitations to Conference and Society-wide Competitions are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act appropriately can result in letters of reprimand, mandatory behavior management plans, and loss of invitations to further competition for individual institutions and/or entire conferences.

- 2) Attend and participate in their assigned Student Conference as shown through their school's:
 - a) Good faith participation in the Student Conference Business Meeting (at least one (1) student representative present at the **start** of the Business Meeting);
 - b) Good faith participation in the Student Conference Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by at least one (1) 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 Conference Paper Competition; and
 - c) Meeting any additional requirements of Student Conference participation set by the Student Conference at the previous year's business meeting or in their written and approved by-laws, standing rules, or constitution.



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Competition Rules

The following link are the society wide rules for the Concrete Canoe competition:

<https://www.asce.org/concrete-canoe-rules-regulations/>

The following link are the society wide rules for the Blue Sky Innovation Competition:

https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership_and_Communities/Student_Chapters/Content_Pieces/2021-ASCE-Blue-Sky-Innovation-Contest-Rules.pdf

The following link are the society wide rules for the Sustainable Solutions competition:

https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership_and_Communities/Student_Chapters/Content_Pieces/2021-ASCE-Sustainable-Solutions-Competition-Rules.pdf

The following link are the society wide rules for the UESI Surveying Competition:

https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership_and_Communities/Student_Chapters/Content_Pieces/2021-ASCE-UESI-Surveying-Competition-Rules.pdf

The following link is for the rules of the paper competition:

<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Annual-Student-Technical-Paper-Presentation-Competition-Rules.pdf>

The following link is for the rules of the Concrete Frisbee competition:

<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Concrete-Frisbee-Rules.pdf>

The following link is for the rules of the Concrete Bowling competition:

<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Concrete-Bowling-Rules.pdf>

Mystery Design information:

The Mystery Design rules will be released the day of the competition. The competition will be an engineering design challenge that will need little to no preparation. More details will be included in the following mailer.

