

### Douglas D. Knapp, P.E., M.ASCE



Doug Knapp cannot recall one specific event that led him to a career in civil engineering; “It was kind of like the Plunko game. A million little things created a path that got me here.” After completing his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington State University, Doug worked part-time in the Hydraulic Lab before beginning his Master’s program. Motivated by his interest in water, Doug obtained his M.S. in Civil Engineering at Washington State University, and is currently the Assistant Dam Safety Program Manager at the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District.

Over time, Doug’s involvement with ASCE has evolved. He originally thought ASCE only had student programs, but after entering the field, learned about the true scope of the Society. He has been extremely involved in the Society, serving on the Committee for Younger Members, the Seattle Section Board, the Leader Training Committee, and now as a Region 8 Governor.

#### **The Gift**

While attending a Presidents and Governors Forum at the ASCE Headquarters in Virginia, Doug learned more about the ASCE Foundation, and how vital it is to the civil engineering profession. After the presentation, Doug knew that it was time to give a contribution to the Foundation. He said, “If I am going to chapters and promoting ASCE, as well as the Foundation, I knew I should give a gift.” When asked about the importance of supporting the Foundation, Doug commented, **“If civil engineering is something you are interested in, and gives you energy, you should donate something. It does not matter how large of a contribution you make, as long as you make one. Imagine if every member gave \$25.”**

The ASCE Foundation is proud to have dedicated young donors like Doug, who are creating a positive impact in their communities, and making a difference in the profession. In closing, Doug said, “ASCE is an excellent experience for young professionals. It is like a lab. It provides an opportunity to practice leadership and develop professionally in ways that may not be readily be available in a work environment right out of college. ASCE provided these opportunities to me, so now I am giving back.”