Meet the new President

Engr Rasheed Adekunle Hassan is the Founder and Managing Director of RSM Services Limited. An engineering services company with operations across Africa. He studied Civil Engineering at Yaba College of Technology and had his Post Graduate from Federal University of Technology, Akure. He also had Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Lagos State University. A Project Management Professional (PMP) and respected professional in the telecommunications industry when it comes to Civil/Structural Engineering matters.

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The Section inaugurates her 7th Executive Committee

Engr. Rasheed Hassan takes over as the 7th President

Nigeria International Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers inaugurates her 7th Executive committee during her 3rd Quarterly meeting held on the 30th of September 2021 at the Raddison Hotel, Ikeja.

It was one of the most memorable transition event in the section’s history as about 50% of the new excos are young Engineers with track record of excellent leadership and exemplary service to the ASCE.

The Electoral Committee, Chaired by the past President and Region 10 Governor Engr. Dr. Emmanuel Adeyemo, gave a brief on the last meeting for Election held stating the emerging officers for the respective positions.

Based on the result of the ballot, the following members were introduced as members of the 2021/2023 Executive Committee;

- **Engr. Rasheed Hassan FASCE** (President )
- **Engr. Austin Odibi MASCE** (President-elect)
- **Aiyenowo Funmilayo Maria MASCE** (Secretary )
- **Engr. Mrs Monsurah Alagbe MASCE** (Treasurer )
- **Bashir Arowona MASCE** (Financial Secretary)
- **Ahmed Ayinla MASCE** (Publicity Secretary)
- **Yusuf Olatoye MASCE** (Young Member Rep)
- **Engr. Ajose Otinwa FASCE** (Immediate Past President)

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Meet the Section’s new Officers and their brief profile

**ENGR. RASHEED HASSAN FASCE**

*President*

Engr Rasheed Adekunle Hassan is the Founder and Managing Director of RSM Services Limited. He has worked with many reputable organizations including Huawei Technologies and handled several remarkable projects before founding RSM Services Limited. The company has presence in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Niger and DR Congo. It also serves other African countries in telecoms infrastructure provision including Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Kenya. He has served ASCE Nigeria Section as General Secretary and Treasurer before his election as President-Elect in 2019.

**ENGR. AUSTIN ODIBI MASCE**

*President-Elect*

Engr. Austin Odibi, MNSE, MNICE, MASCE, CMC, FIMC is the Lead, Contracts & Infrastructure Engineer at Pillar Oil Limited and Managing Partner with Ziv Engineering Company Limited. Engr. Odibi is a fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants and had previously worked with Costain (W.A) Limited and BTL Construction Limited, among others. He had served the ASCE Nigeria International Section as Financial secretary between 2017 and 2021. In 2021, he was elected the Section’s President-Elect.

**AIYENOWO FUNMILAYO MASCE**

*Secretary*

Aiyenowo Funmilayo is the Project Administrator and HSE Officer at Accord Engineering Ltd. She has headed the Younger Members Section of ASCE Nigeria International Section for several years and has been a driving force in encouraging Students to be members of the Professional body. She has also coordinated the Society’s Events for Technical and Industrial visits and currently serving as the Section’s General Secretary.

**ENGR. MONSURAH ALAGBE MASCE**

*Treasurer*

Engr. Monsurah Abimbola Alagbe is a Civil Servant with the Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development in the Inspectorate and Quality Control Department of the Lagos State Building Control Agency, LABSCA. She is a highly motivated, dependable and adaptable Civil Engineer and has worked with Julius Berger Nigeria Plc for more than 18 years. Engr. Monsurah has served the Section in several capacities and she is currently the Chairperson of the Lagos Chapter of the Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria.
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ENGR. BASHIR AROWONA MASCE
Financial Secretary
Engr. Bashir is a Civil Engineer with Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering at the Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta and a Masters Degree in View. He is an industrious Engineer who had worked with several notable engineering firms which including Larfage, Armosil West Africa, Gemed Engineering Limited, Ove Arup & Partners, FERMA, Neva Nigeria, Aron Nigeria Limited and currently having his Masters Program in Environmental Management at University of Hertfordshire, London.

AHMED AYINLA MASCE
Publicity Secretary
Ahmed Ayinla is a young Innovator and an Environmental Enthusiast. As a young Civil Engineer, he founded AIS, where he employs unusual creativity in churning out world-class innovative and sustainable building solutions. His innovation Plastic to Products is a Tech-driven Circular economy solution that simplifies Community-based Plastic recycling and process them into construction materials.

YUSUF OLATOYE MASCE
Young Member Rep
Yusuf Olatoye is a promising professional of Civil Engineering, an environmental enthusiast that helps contribute to sustainable environmental development through ensuring project standards and advocacy. He is also a Creative Digital Marketer with proficiency in content development which has earn him local recognition with Enactus, Mzuah Africa and global recognition with Hult Prize. Outside office he enjoy painting and reading.

ENGR. AJOSE OTINWA FASCE
Immediate Past President
Engr. Otinwa is a seasoned Civil Engineer with over 30 years experience in Structures and Hydro Engineering. He is the Managing Partner of Serop Engineering Nigeria Ltd. American Society of Civil Engineers Nigeria Section is currently enjoying his wealth of experience as the ASCE Nigeria International Section Immediate Past President.
The Technical presentation was given by the Guest speaker Engr. Dr. Victor Olusegun Oyenuga whose citation was taken by the incoming President-elect, Engr. Austin Odibi. Engr. Oyenuga is the CEO of Vasons Concept and the author of notable structural engineering textbooks used by professionals and students of higher institutions. It was an interestingly educated session with the erudite scholar as he did great justice to the topic “Introduction to Design of Interchanges in both Urban and Rural Areas”.

The Technical presentation session was followed by an emotional moment where the outgoing President Engr. Ajose Otinwa gave a brief speech of appreciation and presented each exco member that had worked with him, with dedication even during the COVID pandemic in 2020, with a certificate and a personal gift. He thanked them all for their services to the Section.

ASCE Nigeria Section’s 3rd Quarterly Meeting was held as a hybrid at the Radisson Hotel, Ikeja Lagos, and on the zoom platform on the 30th of September, 2021. The ASCE Annual Convention was discussed under matters arising which would be held virtually on 6th October 2021. This was followed by reports from branches, committees and student chapters. Engr. Joseph Akinteye and Engr. Falalu gave the reports on Abuja and Kaduna branches respectively while Engr. Monsurah Alagbe gave an update on the students’ activities stating the impact of COVID-19 as a major obstacle preventing the committee from achieving its goals. The lists of affiliated Tertiary Institutions are: Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), Moshood Abiola Polytechnic (Mapoly), Kaduna Polytechnic (Kadpoly), Lagos State Polytechnic Ikorodu, Federal University of Agriculture (FUNAAB), University of Lagos (UNILAG), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (Abu-Zaria).
Black Day in the construction Industry

ASCE sympathises

In response to the unfortunate incidence of the Ikoyi building collapse, ASCE Nigeria Section organized an interactive Panel Discussion on the Menace of Building Collapse in Nigeria to articulate the views and perspectives of key building professionals on the subject matter.

In commemoration of the ASCE Day 2021, the discussion, which held on the 9th of November, 2021, featured respected Civil Engineering practitioners across the diverse areas of Building Construction in Nigeria. The discussion started with the President of the Section, Engr. Rasheed Hassan who introduced the audience to the annual ASCE Day.

From the contractor’s point of view, the Founder of Construction Kaiser, Engr. Igbanu Okaisabor stressed that there must be clear interaction between design and construction of buildings. The Geo-technical expert, Engr. Dr. Kofoworola Popoola emphasized that construction stakeholders must insist to have a thorough Geo-technical investigation of their construction site to avoid building collapse while the project management guru, Engr. Nimot Muili shared her insights on how to prevent building collapse stressing that building should be constructed and used for their intended and approved purposes.

Engr. Abdul-Azeez Shonibare who has been a structural engineer for over 35 years charges all the construction stakeholders to ensure that there is strict adherence to the three stages of construction which are Planning, Design and Construction.

ASCE Nigeria Section’s President-elect, Engr. Austin Odibi, who is also the moderator stated that as at November 8, 2021, about 44 lives had been lost to the Ikoyi building collapse and charged all the stakeholders, including the clients, to share responsibilities.

ASCE Day celebrates the Society’s founding on Nov. 5, 1852. Twelve esteemed engineers gathered at New York City’s Croton Aqueduct to establish what would become the American Society of Civil Engineers. And with 2021 marking ASCE’s 169th anniversary, here are three ways members could celebrate:

- **Get Social**: Members engaged with the #ASCEDay hashtag on social media to join the celebration and share what ASCE means to them.

- **Special offers**: Members took advantage of several ASCE Day offers, including discounts on the annual bridges calendar and 50% off an “Engineering the Future – Code of Ethics” webinar on Nov. 5.

- **Give back**: And of course, the best way to celebrate ASCE was to give back to the organization with a donation to the ASCE Foundation.