

Staff and Board Member Information



Executive Director - Lori Cannon Spragens

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Ms. Spragens is originally from Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Kentucky in 1982 with a B.A. in Art History and a B.A. in Visual Art with a specialty in graphic design. She was a Phi Beta Kappa nominee as an undergraduate. Ms. Spragens received her Masters Degree in 1986 in Public Administration, again with distinction. After working for several years at the Council of State Governments, original location of ASDSO, Ms. Spragens was asked in 1988 by the ASDSO leadership to become the director of ASDSO and help lead the effort to find a new location for ASDSO. Ms. Spragens has been the executive director of ASDSO since that time. Ms. Spragens spent 13 years playing organ for the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. She has one son and one daughter and two stepdaughters.



Conference & Training Program Director - Susan Amato Sorrell

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Ms. Sorrell was raised in Lexington, Kentucky. She graduated summa cum laude from Transylvania University in Lexington in 1981 with a B.A. in Psychology. She graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Masters in Public Administration, also with distinction, in 1984. She worked for Kentucky State government as a legislative researcher for several years before joining ASDSO. Ms. Sorrell participates in various volunteer organizations in Lexington and has three children.



Marketing & Membership Director - Ross Brown

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Ross Brown is a native of South Vienna, OH. Ross holds a B.A. in History with minors in Government and Coaching and his M.A. in Sports Administration all from Morehead State University in Morehead, KY. Prior to joining ASDSO he spent ten and a half years with IMG in the Association Management Division (now Associations International) working with three different associations and with the UK IMG Sports Marketing group in Lexington. Ross lives in Lexington, KY with his wife Stephanie and their daughter.



Office Administrator and Training Program Support - Jennifer Burns

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Jennifer Burns is a native of Lawrenceburg, KY. She graduated with a B.S. from Midway University in 2005, specializing in "Organization Management" and completed her Master degree in Administration from Sullivan University in 2007. Her work background is primarily in the insurance arena, with a focus on management and administration. Since 2005, she has been involved in the marketing and administration of her husband's business. Jennifer currently resides in Lexington with her husband, Scott, and three children. With three children there is not a lot of time for hobbies, aside from the children's sports and school activities. In her limited spare time, Jennifer enjoys going to the gym, outdoor activities, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



Technical Specialist and States Outreach - Mark Ogden

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Mark is a native of Ohio and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from The Ohio State University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Ohio and a Certified Public Manager. Mark has twenty-five years of experience in state dam and levee safety regulation and he previously served on the Board of Directors of ASDSO and as president in 2007/2008. He is retired from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water where he served as the administrator of the Water Management Section with responsibility for the Dam Safety, Floodplain Management, Coastal Erosion Permitting, and Canal Operations Programs. Mark and his wife live in Columbus and they have four children.



Communications Manager - Katelyn Riley

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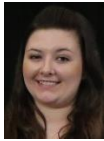
Katelyn was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. She graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2015 with a B.S. in Integrated Strategic Communication with a focus on public relations and marketing. During her time at the university, she was a part of the University of Kentucky HealthCare public relations team and helped to provide content on the university website. Later she took a creative internship with a local advertising agency. Ms. Riley continues to live in Lexington enjoying time with friends and family.



Resources and Committee Management - Sarah McCubbin-Cain

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Sarah McCubbin-Cain was raised in Hodgenville, Kentucky. She holds B.A. degrees in Psychology and Elementary Education from the University of Kentucky, an M.A. in Elementary Education from Georgetown College, and has done post-grad work in Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky. Sarah has one daughter and one stepson.



Office Support - Brittany Lewis

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Brittany is from Cynthiana, Kentucky. She holds a B.A. and an M.A in English.

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President Jon Garton joined the Iowa Department of Natural Resources dam safety program in January 2010 after nine years in consulting engineering, specializing in water resources including floodplain modeling and dam evaluation and design. Jon graduated from Iowa State University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He serves on ASDSO's Dam Failures and Incidents Committee.



President-Elect Roger Adams is the Chief of the Division of Dam Safety in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. His career with DEP includes 30+ years with the Dam Safety Program. Roger has served as the Chief of the Division of Dam Safety and ASDSO state representative since June 2010 and was elected to the ASDSO Board of Directors in September 2014. He graduated with a degree in civil engineering from West Virginia University. Roger is married to Crystal and they have two sons, Matthew and Jonathan. Roger is a self-proclaimed "motorhead" and, while considered a hoarder by Crystal, enjoys collecting old trucks, boat motors, and anything else that goes "putt-putt" in a cloud of blue smoke.



Treasurer Hal Van Aller has worked as a geotechnical engineer with the Maryland Dam Safety Division since 1983. In 1989 he earned an M.S. degree in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park and he obtained his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in 1979 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. He is registered as a Professional Engineer in Maryland and Virginia. He has been a member of ASDSO since 1985, and ASCE since about 1976. He has been active on several committees which developed the guidance manuals for "Conduits through Embankment Dams (2005) and "Use of Plastic Pipes in Dams" (2007). He is a member of the FEMA/ASDSO Technical Research Workgroup. Hal is married to Sally, an antiques dealer. They spend their free time exploring antique shops, steam trains, and covered bridges. They have a daughter, Molly.



Secretary Bill McCormick holds a bachelor's degree in Geology and bachelor's and master's degrees in Geological Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and a Professional Geologist in the State of Colorado. Bill has over 25 years of professional experience as geologist, engineering geologist and civil engineer involved with design and construction of water projects in Colorado and Nevada including tunnels, pipelines, dams, and water treatment plants. After 14 years in private consulting Bill started with the Colorado Division of Water Resources in 2003 as a dam safety engineer. Bill has been Chief of the Colorado Dam Safety Branch since October 2011 and has responsibility for guiding the dam safety program to ensure comprehensive dam failure risk management as part of a team of 12 dam safety engineers statewide. Bill and the members of the Colorado Dam Safety Branch were recipients of the 2014 ASDSO National Award of Merit for their efforts during the September 2013 Colorado floods and contributions to dam safety at a national level.



Past President Dusty Myers is Chief of the Dam Safety Division of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

Dusty received a BS in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University in 2004 and a MS in Environmental Engineering from Jackson State University in 2010. Prior to entering the Dam Safety Program in 2007, Dusty worked as an Environmental Engineer in the Department's Standards, Modeling and TMDL Branch where he developed Total Maximum Daily Loads for streams listed on the States 303(d) List. Dusty manages the Decade Dam Failure Anniversaries Project for the Dam Failure and Incidents Committee and serves as a member of the Dam Design and Construction Technical Issues Committee. He and his wife Kristi, a Registered Nurse, have two sons, Hayden and Jake. In his spare time, he enjoys attempting to be a woodworker and camping with the family.



Kenneth E. Smith is an Assistant Director of the Division of Water, Indiana Department of Natural

Resources. He has 40+ years of experience in water resource engineering and currently leads the Division's Compliance and Projects Branch, which includes the State's Dam and Levee Safety Section, the Project

Development Section, the Surveying and Mapping Section, and the Compliance and Enforcement Section. Mr.

Smith is a past-President of ASDSO, and currently serves on several ASDSO committees including the Dam Owner Outreach Committee, the Program Peer Review Program Committee, and the new Safety at Dams Committee. Ken is also a member of Indiana Silver Jackets, an inter-agency natural hazard mitigation team, working together to protect life, property, and resources, with the vision "Many Agencies, One Solution". Ken is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and Butler University with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Indiana. He further has served on the National Dam Safety Board of Review.



Alon Dominitz is Chief of the New York Dam Safety Section. Alon holds Bachelor of Engineering

and Master of Science degrees from The Cooper Union in Manhattan. After college and before

joining the Dam Safety Section, he worked in New York City office of the Department of

Environmental Conservation. Alon is a member of ASDSO's Dam Failures and Incidents Committee

and the Conference Committee. Alon was born in Israel and lived in the New York metropolitan

area for many years. He currently lives near Albany, NY with his family. In his spare time Alon

enjoys reading, traveling, and all manner of outdoor activities including mountain biking, canoeing, hiking, and trying to catch fish.



Advisory Committee representative **Paul Schweiger** is a Vice President of Gannett Fleming and manager of their Dams and Hydraulics Section in their headquarters in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Paul has a Master of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick, Canada. Paul is currently serving as the Chairman of the Affiliate and Non-Federal Associate Member Advisory Committee (ADCOM), Chairman of the Public Safety Around Dams Committee, and as a member of the Training Committee. Paul's wife Barbara is a registered nurse. They have three daughters. In his spare time Paul enjoys taking ballroom dancing lessons with his wife, gardening, canoeing, and archery and muzzleloader hunting for deer.



Yohanes Sugeng serves as Engineering Manager of the OWRB's Planning & Management Division, where he oversees the state's dam safety program, floodplain management program, and well drilling program. Yohanes has Master of Science degrees in civil engineering and construction administration from the University of Oklahoma. He started working for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as a project engineer for Financial Assistance Division where he assisted communities throughout Oklahoma with municipal water and wastewater infrastructure construction projects and other pollution control projects. Yohanes enjoys his annual trip to Asia to visit his family, watching movies/TVs, and trying different cuisines from around the world.



Charles (Chuck) Thompson is the Chief of the Dam Safety Bureau under the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. He has 24 years of engineering experience that was obtained in both the private and public sectors. He had the opportunity to work on embankment dam projects, hydraulic infrastructure projects and floodplain mapping projects while at consulting firms located in Albuquerque. His prior work in the public sector was in public works project management at the County of Bernalillo and the City of Albuquerque. Chuck received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado at Denver and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico. He has had the privilege to hold the position of Bureau Chief for Dam Safety since August 2012. He feels fortunate to be able to work with a group of highly skilled and dedicated professionals who continue to improve the safety of dams in New Mexico.



Nathan Graves joined the Wyoming State Engineer's Office in 2012 as a Safety of Dams Engineer. Prior to his current position he worked for twelve years in private consulting engineering and the state department of transportation. Nathan has served as Wyoming's ASDSO state representative since 2013. Nathan graduated with a BS in civil engineering from the University of Wyoming. When not traveling thousands of miles each year to the four corners of Wyoming to inspect dams, he enjoys traveling and the outdoors in all the other states.



Ann Kuzyk has worked for the Connecticut Dam Safety Program since 1986. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut and is a Registered Professional Engineer. Ann previously worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. She and her husband, Ivan, have one daughter, Alexandra. [...](#)

David Griffin joined the Safe Dams Program in the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in 2014. Prior to his current position, David spent 15 years with the Georgia Department of Transportation, where he was initially responsible for highway design projects, and later was involved in the maintenance, design, and construction of the state's ports and waterways. David graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia. David and his wife Brooke have three children, Alex, Abi, and Maggie. In his spare time, David is Scoutmaster for his son's former Boy Scout Troop, and enjoys camping.

Ed Knight is the Supervising Engineer for the Dam Safety and Statewide Flood Control Programs at Department of Transportation and Development – Public Works and Water Resources. Ed graduated from Louisiana State University with a BS in Civil Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Louisiana and Mississippi. He is also a member of ASCE and the Louisiana Engineering Society. Prior to becoming a state employee, he worked in the private sector doing development and municipal projects. Ed's wife is a graphic designer and they have two kids. He enjoys nearly all outdoor activities, especially, with his son and daughter. is Dam Safety Engineer with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. He has worked at the DOTD Headquarters in Baton Rouge for the past 4 years. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a BS in Civil Engineering.