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Preface

Since 1984, the ASCE Geo-Institute Chapter of the Colorado Section, in collaboration with the Mile High Chapter of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists and the Colorado Association of Geotechnical Engineers, has organized a biennial series of conferences on a wide variety of geotechnical and geologic themes that are attended by civil/geotechnical engineers, geologists, and other geo-professionals. The geotechnical conferences are held at area universities or hotels and offer the opportunity for sharing ideas and experiences among Colorado's diverse geo-disciplines. Since 2004, ASCE's Geo-Institute has published the papers of these conferences in a total of nine Geotechnical Practice Publications, allowing the experiences to be shared with a worldwide audience.

The Steering Committee convened in September 2019 and held monthly meetings to plan for the 2020 Biennial Rocky Mountain Geo-Conference. The Steering Committee convened in September 2019 and held monthly meetings to plan for the 2020 Biennial Rocky Mountain Geo-Conference. Although originally planned for November of 2020, the Covid-19 virus caused a delay in the conference which was ultimately presented as a hybrid virtual and in person conference in April of 2021. The Steering Committee will still plan on presenting another conference in 2022. The Steering Committee members included Christoph Goss (Conference Chair), Lindsay Tita (Vice Conference Chair), James Arthurs, Joel Jackson, Evan Lindenbach, Joels Malama, Cameron Mang, Ryan Marsters, James Olsen, Nicolas Potter, Will Rausch, Becky Roland, Jere Strickland, Tom Szynakiewicz, Tom Terry, Nathan Thompson, Mark Vessely, Chris Wienecke and Richard Wiltshire.

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