



SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear ASCE Kentucky Section Members:

The spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. I hope everyone has had a successful and enjoyable first 5 months of the 2013 year.

I would like to remind the membership of their current KY Section Board of Direction members:

**Daniel Tegene, PE    Past President**

**Craig Barnett, PE    President**

**Chris Keil, PE        Vice-President**

**Josh Johnson, PE    Treasurer**

**Andy Gilley, PE      Secretary**

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If you have any questions, concerns or comments for the KY Section, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed above. Their contact information is readily available on the contact page.

The KY Section recently held the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Board meeting in conjunction with the Region 4 Delegate meeting in Louisville, KY. The meeting was very well received and it was a pleasure for the KY Section to host the delegate meeting. A big thanks goes out to the meeting organizers, J.P. Mohsen and Jon Keeling. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me by phone (859) 806-6267 or email [craig.barnett@stantec.com](mailto:craig.barnett@stantec.com). I'll be sure to discuss them with the rest of the Board during the quarterly meetings. Our next meeting will be held in July.

Our annual meeting will be held in Louisville on October 25th, 2013. The planning committee is moving forward with plans for the meeting and there will be more information to come throughout the year. Stay tuned and check out the website for updates. For a flyer with some of the details click the link: [2013 KY ASCE Annual Meeting Announcement](#) If you have any suggestions or questions in regards to the annual meeting, please contact the planning Chair, Chris Keil [chris.keil@strand.com](mailto:chris.keil@strand.com).

Regards,

T. Craig Barnett, PE, MASCE  
President, KY Section ASCE

## **BRANCH REPORTS**

### **BLUEGRASS BRANCH**

The Blue Grass Branch had a joint meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the University of Kentucky Student section, where a mini career fair was held, approximately 10 companies participated. On April 19<sup>th</sup> the branch welcomed Jim Buckles who discussed the University of Kentucky flood mitigation project.

The final Blue Grass Branch meeting before summer will be on Friday, May 22 at 12:00 at the University of Kentucky Mining and Mineral Resource Building. We will be welcoming Amy Sohner with Bluegrass PRIDE who will be discussing the Empower Lexington plan.

The Younger Member group will be hosting a cookout on June 29<sup>th</sup>, members and families are welcome to join us!

Please visit our website for additional information: [www.ascebluegrassbranch.com](http://www.ascebluegrassbranch.com)

## **LOUISVILLE BRANCH**

### ***ASCE Louisville Branch Younger Member Group***

For more information on the ASCE Louisville Branch Younger Member Group, please contact Ryan D. Tinsley at [ryan.tinsley@strand.com](mailto:ryan.tinsley@strand.com) or visit our Facebook group page.

## **REGION 4 and GOVERNOR'S UPDATE by Jon Keeling**

Hello Section Members! I just wanted provide an update on recent regional happenings and various activities I have been performing as Governor on behalf of all of you.

As most have seen from recent "ASCE News" emails, we have two official nominees for ASCE National President-Elect candidates, and later this summer all of us will be asked to vote! The candidates are Bob Stevens and Mark Woodsen. I would encourage everyone to review the bios and vision statements of Bob Stevens and Mark Woodson and exercise your right to vote this year. You can find more information on the candidates by going to.

<http://www.asce.org/About-ASCE/Governance/Elections/Official-Nominees-for-President-Elect/>

Other recent activities I have participated in included our recent Region 4 Board of Governors and Assembly of Delegates Meeting, held in Louisville on April 19-20, 2013. I assisted Dr. JP Mohsen (Louisville Branch Member and former Region 4 Governor) with planning and preparations for this meeting, and we had over 30 members attend from Kentucky and our surrounding Region 4 states. JP was honored at the meeting for his service to ASCE as Regional Governor - congratulations and thanks to JP!



JP Mohsen Receiving Service Award

I also offer my congratulations to Sean Craig, Louisville Branch Younger Member, who received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the D.V. Terrell Award Competition, held at our meeting as well. Way to go, Sean!



Sean Craig, PE Receiving the DV Terrell Award Presented by Ted Niemann, PE



2nd Place Winner Kevin McAlister was presented a check for his paper from Ted Niemann

More recent branch and student chapter meetings that I have attended included a January meeting with the University of Kentucky Student Chapter, and a Louisville Branch meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>, where we learned of ongoing activities by the University of Louisville Student Chapter, and I met/talked with several of their officers after the meeting. I would like to congratulate the Univ. of Louisville Student Chapter, for their recent 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish at the ASCE Regional Steel Bridge Competition. Congratulations and good luck in the National Competition in Seattle!!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the ASCE Region 4 Board as your Governor. Please feel free to contact me about any issues concerning ASCE at the local or state level. My contact information is phone: (859) 940-2854 (cell); email: [jon.keeling@stantec.com](mailto:jon.keeling@stantec.com).

### 2013 ASCE Legislative Fly-In Report

The 2013 Legislative Fly-In organized by ASCE National was held in Washington DC from March 19 through March 21, 2013. Jon Keeling and Daniel Tegene attended the Fly-In as the Kentucky Delegation. Over 200 ASCE members attended the session.

Some of the major items discussed at the Fly-In include:

- 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure
- WRDA Water Issues
- Surface Transportation Funding
- National Dam and Levee Safety Program

Jon and Daniel met with the Legislative Assistants of Senator Rand Paul and Senator Mitch McConnell. They also met separately with Rep. John Yarmuth and Andy Barr

The Kentucky Delegation conveyed the message of working across the aisle and working towards a long term funding solution for the Surface Transportation Trust Fund, as well as for the continued successful work on a new WRDA Bill this year. The Delegation also provided an informational binder to the representatives that highlight the results of the 2013 National Report Card.

The Delegation also provided the infrastructure website should the elected officials need further details. <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>

The Delegation stressed the need for Congress to identify a reliable, sustained user fee approach to building and maintaining the nation's infrastructure.

The Kentucky Delegation will continue to meet with the elected officials or their representatives when they came back to their home state. We encourage all ASCE members to write, call or attend local meeting with the elected officials to show support for passage of the bills indicated above or express the need to fund the construction and maintenance of America's aging infrastructure.

Daniel Tegene  
Kentucky Delegation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **University of Louisville Steel Bridge Team - On Their Way to Washinton State**

In August 2012, the University of Louisville Steel Bridge Team began the design of their 2013 bridge, striving for improvements in lightness, efficiency, and practicality in construction. The Team achieved all of these goals; compared with the 2012 bridge, the 2013 bridge is 55% lighter and it requires 67% less time to construct. These successes were made evident at the regional Ohio Valley Student Conference on April 6, 2013, where UofL competed against the likes of the Ohio State University, Carnegie Mellon, and the University of Pittsburgh. The UofL Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in four of the six categories of the competition: lightness, efficiency, economy, and construction speed. These successes enabled the Team to place 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the first time in Uof L history!

The UofL Team will now advance to Seattle, WA, where the 2013 National Student Steel Bridge Competition is to be held May 31-June 1. The students are excited to represent Louisville amongst prestigious schools such as UC Berkeley and MIT. The Team aspires to place in the top ten.

The UofL Steel Bridge Team was revived in 2009. After four years of involvement in this competition, the Team has now been nationally competitive for two consecutive years. These students are proud of the Team's improvements and plan to further grow the program and encourage involvement in other ASCE competitions such as concrete canoe.

Many thanks to the UofL Steel Bridge Team sponsors, whose donations made the Team's success possible: the Walsh Group; Craig Machinery & Design; KSPE Louisville; ASCE Kentucky Section; ASCE Louisville Branch; Caldwell Tanks; C&I Engineering; Luvata; the Structural Engineers Association of KY; Vogt Power International; UofL SGA; UofL CEE department; UofL Dean's Office; Strand Associates; HDR Inc.; Gresham, Smith, & Partners; and individual donors such as Chris Keil and Da-Wyone Haynes.



2013 U of L Design and Build Team

### Fall 2013 Civil Engineering PE Review Course

Faculty of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Louisville, in conjunction with the Kentucky Engineering Center, is offering a PE review course for six Saturdays, from 8-17-2013 through 9-28-2013. This course has been continuously offered each fall and spring since 1996. For a full flyer and registration use the following link. [Fall 2013 PE Review Course](#)

If you have any news that you would like to have included in the next newsletter please email me the information at [colette.easter@ky.gov](mailto:colette.easter@ky.gov). The next newsletter will be sent out in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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