

A LEVEL LINE

August 2017

In This Issue

[Meeting Minute](#)
[Upcoming Events](#)
[New Members & Birthdays](#)
[July Meeting Recap](#)
[Education Outreach](#)
[Younger Member Group](#)
[2017 TN Engineers' Conference](#)

Key Contacts

Branch Officers

President - [Blake Turner](#)
Past President - [Kevin McAlister](#)
President-Elect - [Clint Camp](#)
Vice President - [Chris Gwaltney](#)
Treasurer - [Dustin Scruggs](#)
Secretary - [Suzanne Herron](#)

Board of Directors

[Eric Gardner](#)
[Monica Sartain](#)
[Ashley Smith](#)
[George Welch](#)
[William McCloy](#)

Practitioner

Advisors

Lipscomb - [Jeff Hooper](#) & [Michael Cochrane](#)
Tennessee State - [John Brew](#) & [Ron Oniszcak](#)
Vanderbilt - [Ashley Smith](#) & [Kyle McLemore](#)
Tennessee Tech - [Patrick Leap](#) & [Tyler Marshall](#)

Committee Chairs

Awards - [Monica](#)

Greetings!

As we are closing in on the end of our year, it is time to select our officers for 2017-18. We have two worthy nominations in Chris Gwaltney and Suzanne Herron for President-Elect and Vice President. We will be voting on these nominations at the August Branch Meeting. I am also happy to announce that our other officers, excluding Secretary as Suzanne will be moving on to the Vice President role, have agreed to continue for another year and I wish them luck continuing the leadership of the Branch. We are currently looking for someone to fill the Branch Secretary position, if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. We will vote for officers at the August lunch meeting unless it's a contested election, in which case we will have an electronic ballot and the winners will be announced at the August lunch meeting. Remember that there are other ways to be involved, including serving on a committee or volunteering at a Service Project.

We had a great lunch last month. Erik Cole, Metro Nashville's newly appointed Resiliency Officer, presented on the procedures and strategies involved in the planning of our City's future. Thanks Erik, I know I speak for the branch when I say we greatly appreciated it. Our next lunch meeting will be on August 17th at the TEC. Jeff Hammond with Metro Nashville Public Works will be our speaker. One PDH will be provided. It's always a great turnout when one of our MPW leaders speaks to our group. At the July meeting we began collecting school supplies for the LP Pencil Box. If you didn't donate last month, you will have another chance as we will be collecting them again at the August lunch meeting. In addition to school supplies, you are welcome to donate money.

Finally, I want to remind you of our combined meeting in September with ACEC, TNSEA, & TSPE. The event will take place at the Music City Center on September 27th - 29th. Details of the event and registration have already been sent out so do not forget to register prior to the early bird cut-off date on August 11th. This is a great opportunity to earn your required professional development hours in a concentrated and cost-effective

Quick Links

[Nashville Branch](#)
[TN Section](#)
[ASCE](#)

Stay Connected



Sustaining Members

[Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.](#)
[AECOM](#)
[Amec Foster Wheeler](#)
[Barge Cauthen & Associates, Inc.](#)
[Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.](#)
[Benesch](#)
[Brown & Caldwell](#)
[CDM Smith](#)
[Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.](#)
[Civil Constructors](#)
[Civil Site Design Group, PLLC](#)
[Collier Engineering Company, Inc.](#)
[Dempsey Dilling & Associates, P.C.](#)
[ELI, LLC](#)
[EMC Structural](#)

[Sartain & Suzanne Herron](#)
Educational Outreach -
[Janey Camp](#) & [Brian Reynolds](#)
Newsletter - [Ashley Smith](#)
Registration - [Brian Mulligan](#)
Scholarships - [Bill Forte](#)
Social Media/Webmaster -
[Kenneth Perkins](#)
Sports - [Eric Gardner](#) &
[Justin Bryan](#)
Sustaining Membership -
[Mike Kusch](#)
Diversity & Inclusion -
[Christian Reid](#)

YMG Officers

Chair - [William McCloy](#)
Vice Chair - [Kyle McLemore](#)
Past Chair - [David Perry](#)
Secretary/Treasurer -
[Kate McBreen](#) & [Michael McDonald](#)
Service Director - [Katie Roth](#)
Social Director - [Jonathan Vest](#)
PE Review Director -
[Kenneth Perkins](#)
Technical
Director - [Marvin Martinez](#)

manner. It is also a great opportunity to interact with other engineers from across Tennessee.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for other upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Blake Turner, P.E., M.ASCE
Nashville Branch President



Meeting Minute

Our next Branch Meeting will be Thursday, August 17th at the Jack Wood Hall in the Tennessee Engineering Center. One PDH will be provided. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, lunch is served starting at 11:30 and the meeting should adjourn by 1:00 PM. Jeff Hammond with Metro Public Works will be our featured speaker. Please click [HERE](#) to register in advance. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, August 10th - YMG Live On the Green: Frothy Monkey/Public Square Park, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, August 15th - PE Review Course: Lipscomb University, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, August 17th - Monthly Branch Meeting: Tennessee Engineering Center, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Wednesday, August 23rd - Monthly Branch Board Meeting: TEC Board Room, 11:30am - 1:00pm

New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:



Benjamin Boatright, Clayton Foster, Matthew Howard, Kyle Ogden, Kevin Ray, & Patrick Stephens

Happy August Birthday to these members:

Ebrahim Ahmadisharaf,
Catherine Armwood,
Christopher Bagley, Clayton Barron, Carter Bearden,
Christopher Beaver, Landon Binkley, Paul Bizier, Michael Bronzini, Justin Bryan, Roger Bybee, Jon Chamblee, Jason Cummings, Walter Davidson,
Charles Doktycz, Zachary Dufour, Mark Dunning, Kevin Eakes, James Ensley, Ian Faucher, Dante Ferguson Jr.,



[Engineers, P.C.](#)

[Forterra](#)

[Geotek](#)

[Gresham Smith & Partners](#)

[HFR Design, Inc.](#)

[Ingram Civil Engineering](#)

[Lose & Associates, Inc.](#)

[McMillen Jacobs Associates](#)

[Neel-Schaffer](#)

[Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.](#)

[PDC Consultants](#)

[Power Consulting Associates, LLC](#)

[PSI](#)

[Ragan-Smith Associates, Inc.](#)

[Sain Associates, Inc.](#)

[Structural Design Group](#)

[Trestles, LLC](#)

[T-Square Engineering](#)

Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

To renew your membership for 2017, please contact [Mike Kusch](#).

Blake Fulton, Wayne Gibbs, Thomas Green Jr., Zachery Grigg, Glenn Harper, Jim Harrison, Ashley Hazlett, Ashley Hazlett, Richard Heckel, Ruisa Hinds, Traci Holton, Matthew Howard, Curtis Ingram, Hassan Iqbal, Daniel Johnson, Eric Lang, Patrick Leap, James Lowe, Anna Maddox, Chelsea Mason, Chelsea Mason, Patricia McNeese, Shane McNeill, Matt Miller, Mitchell Morris, Jubal Parris, Mary Caton Peffen, Jesse Perry, Malcolm Pfotenbauer, Craig Philip, Justin Pope, Thomas Richardson, David Roos Jr., James Ross, Mary Roth, Teofisto Saralde Jr., Joseph Schrank, Trenton Sexton, Pete Shack, Louis Sloyan, Charles Smith IV, Zachary Stilp, William Stockard, Roy Stone III, Philip Stuckert, Timothy Talbot, Kelli Taylor, Aaron Thomas, Lori Troxel, Evan Van Tassel, Mariah Vinson, Phillip White, Edward Williams, Michael Wrye, & Donald Yarbrough

July Meeting Recap

Our July Branch Meeting featured Erik Cole as our guest speaker, Nashville's first Chief Resiliency Officer. Erik's task over the next year is to develop a strategy to make Nashville more resistant to various shocks and stresses that we face as a community, which can be as varying as the built environment to access to healthcare. We hope the civil engineering community can engage and support this valiant effort. Stay tuned for more information.

Education Outreach

School Supply Drive at August Branch Meeting

We will be collecting **school supplies and donations** for the LP Pencil Box at the August Branch Lunch



Meeting. Thanks to everyone who donated at the July meeting. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$172.00 for school supplies.

The LP PENCIL Box is a non-profit partner with Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) that works to obtain and warehouse school supplies for teachers across MNPS. You can learn more about the LP PENCIL BOX [HERE](#). Many of the students in MNPS are at or below poverty levels, which means an estimated 9 out of 10 teachers are likely using their own money to provide school supplies for their students. Local teachers have the opportunity to "shop" once per semester for FREE school supplies at the warehouse, often picking up the basic supplies (glue, crayons, paper, backpacks) for students in their classrooms that otherwise would go without. Also, teachers can't use school funds to purchase cleaning supplies like wipes, etc. to clean up from very cool, but sometimes messy hands-on projects that they do with their students. Everything in the store is donated, so the LP PENCIL Box relies on groups like

ours to help them fill the bins with the necessary supplies for teachers.

Key items needed right now are listed below (new items only):

- Composition Notebooks
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Staplers/Staples
- Tissue Boxes
- Ziplock Bags
- Tape/Tape Dispensers
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencils (No. 2 and Colored)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sharpies
- Calculators
- Rulers, Compasses and Protractors
- Graphing Paper
- And the list goes on (see [HERE](#))

Also, if you or your office has been cleaning over the summer and have gently used 3-ring binders, clip boards, staplers, tape dispensers, hole punchers, or letter-sized file folders, please consider donating them as well.

Younger Member Group

Civil PE and FE Exam Review Courses

PE Review Begins Tuesday, August 15th

If you know someone who is taking the PE exam on October 27, 2017, please pass this information along. If you would like to sit in on some of the sessions as a refresher for PDHs, you may register for a single session (or more) also.



The PE Civil exam review course will be held at the Fields Engineering Center - on the campus of Lipscomb University this Fall. The course will be available statewide and available via a videoconferencing link.

As we have in the past, the course will be taught by Professional Engineers and based on the *Civil Engineering Reference Manual* (Lindeburg - Latest edition). It will focus on the "breadth" (morning) portion of the exam and will include the general topics covered during the morning part of the exam. Seismic and land surveying will not be covered, as they are not covered on the morning exam. Sessions include Hydrology, Waste & Water Treatment Facilities, Concrete and Steel Design, and Transportation.

The online registration form is [HERE](#). The cost will be \$350 per person for members and \$550 for non-

members and will include TSPE membership free for 6 months.

FE Review Begins Tuesday, September 19th

ASCE is pleased to announce that we will also be hosting, alongside Lipscomb University, TSPE, and TDOT, an FE Review course beginning September 19 and ending January 30. The course will be held at the Fields Engineering Building on the school's campus and will also be streamed and available for off-site attendees. The course will meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. The schedule is available [HERE](#), the online registration form is available [HERE](#), and the campus map is [HERE](#). Contact [Chris Gwaltney](#) with any questions.

Omohundro Water Treatment Plan Tour

On July 19, 2017, ASCE YMG attended a tour of the Omohundro Water Treatment Plant hosted by Metro Water Services. Everyone who attended the tour thoroughly enjoyed the behind the scenes access to this facility which first began operating as the George Reyer Pumping Station built in 1889. The Omohundro Water Treatment Plant is a historic and integral part of Nashville and it was a privilege to see it in person.



Live On the Green



ASCE YMG group will be attending Lightning 100's Live On The Green on Thursday August 10th, 2017. Music starts at 6:15 with Arkells, followed by Michael Franti & Spearhead, and ends at 11:00 with St. Paul and the Broken Bones. Our group will gather at Frothy Monkey (235 5th Avenue North, Nashville, TN) between 5:30

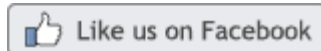
and 6:00 and make the trek over to the square around 6:00 PM. This event is open to Younger Members, members, friends and family. So come out and enjoy what Nashville is most well-known for, its music scene!

YMG Board Elections

The Younger Member Group is close to holding elections for next year's board and invites anyone who is interested in helping coordinate and plan future events to join us. Otherwise, we welcome you to stay engaged and keep participating in both our events and the branches. Please email us at ym@nashvilleasce.org no later than August 31st if you are interested in joining next year's board.

Kickball

The ASCE YMG is also once again participating in a kickball league this fall season. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact [Marvin Martinez](#).



2017 Tennessee Engineers' Conference

Early Bird Discount Ends on August 11th!

TENNESSEE ENGINEERS' CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2017

TENNESSEE ENGINEERS'
CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2017 | MUSIC CITY CENTER, NASHVILLE

TENNESSEE ENGINEERS

IMPROVING LIVES

ACEC of TN, ASCE TN Section, TNSEA, & TSPE are again joining for the 2017 TN Engineers' Conference at the Music City Center on September 27-29!

There will be six educational tracks and even more networking opportunities with something for everyone. The conference will have the following education tracks: Civil / Environmental, Structural, Geotechnical, Transportation, Engineering Management, Electrical / Mechanical / Industrial, and a Student Session for our collegiate ASCE student chapters - so mark your calendars!

Plan to get your required professional development hours (up to 12) in a concentrated and cost-effective manner. You will also have the opportunity to network with engineers, business owners, product experts, and service providers! The Conference brochure with the schedule of events, education topics, and additional

details is available for paper registration - click [HERE](#).

[Register online for the conference today](#). **The Early Bird discount ends on Friday, August 11th!**

New this year:

- Six Educational Tracks
- All Events in Exhibit Hall
- All Meal Events included in cost of registration

For room reservations, call or go online to the Hyatt Place Nashville by Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 615-687-9995 and ask for the group rate, which is \$219 per night. Use the group code "2017 Engineers Conference" when booking your reservation.

If you would like to sponsor or exhibit at this event, go to the online [Sponsor/Exhibitor Registration](#) or contact Judy Logue (TSPE/ACEC of TN) at 615-242-2486.

ASCE Nashville Branch

Copyright © 2017. All Rights Reserved.