

# A LEVEL LINE

Holiday 2016

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## Greetings!

As November begins, so, too, does the celebration of my favorite series of holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and the Opening Day of Duck Season. This time of year provides the opportunity for everyone to reflect and be thankful for the previous year. The Nashville Branch had a very successful year in 2016 all due to our members continued dedication of time and efforts towards the advancement of not only our Society but our profession. Thank you, as always, for your time and for making our branch great.

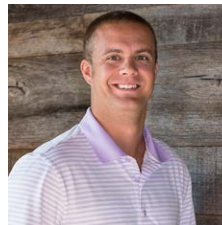
To kick off the end of the year, the November Branch Meeting will be held on November 17th at the TSU Campus Center, with Henry Ajie and Kevin Soloka as our featured speakers. Meeting details can be found in the meeting minute section of this newsletter. Although there are no branch meetings scheduled for December, we hope to see everyone at the Annual Poker Tournament on December 1st at the offices of Smith Seckman Reid.

An excellent opportunity has presented itself for ASCE members to increase their involvement in the Nashville engineering scene. The Tennessee Section is in the process of forming a State Government Relations Committee to keep the section and branches updated on legislation directly effecting our industry and profession. If you are interested in representing the Nashville Branch on this committee, please contact [Ray Tant](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone at our remaining 2016 events and wish you and your families a very Happy Holidays and prosperous 2017.

Sincerely,

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



## Meeting Minute

The November Branch meeting will be a dinner hosted by

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TSU's ASCE Student Chapter on November 17th at the TSU Floyd-Payne Campus Center. Our featured speakers will be Henry Ajie and Kevin Soloka, presenting on the 'Impact of Access Management Features on Pedestrian Safety' and the 'Impact of Access Management Features on Pedestrian and Traffic Operations' respectively.

One PDH will be provided. Registration begins at 6:30 pm, meeting will start at 7:00, and the meeting will adjourn by 8:00 pm. Register [HERE](#) by Friday, November 11th. A map of the campus is [HERE](#).

Dinner prices are the following:

- Student Member: \$10
- Life Member: \$10
- Government Member: \$20
- Member: \$25
- Non-Member: \$30

Note: Those that don't RSVP (non-registered) are charged \$5 more than their respective rate.

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, November 17th - Monthly Branch Dinner Meeting: Tennessee State University Campus Center, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Thursday, December 1st - Nashville Branch Annual Card Tournament: SSR, 6:00pm
- Tuesday, December 6th - YMG Food Bank Volunteer Event: Second Harvest, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

## Membership Moment

Reminder

All memberships in ASCE expire at the end of the calendar year. It's not too early to renew your ASCE membership for next year. You can renew via one of three ways:

1. Online: Visit [www.asce.org/renewal](http://www.asce.org/renewal).
2. Phone: Call ASCE at (800) 548-ASCE (2723) between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., E.T., Monday - Friday.
3. Mail: Send your completed renewal form to Membership Department, P.O. Box 79084, Baltimore, MD 21279.

Your membership shows support in the programming of your local Nashville Branch and Tennessee Section, and keeps us around 1,000 members strong in the Nashville market. Renew today!

## New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:

Abdulrahman Abbas, Edward Blackburn,

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Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

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



Chase Denson, Charles Doktycz, Hunter Finklea, David Flynn, Kenneth Frye, Joseph Fuesting, Jeffrey Gaines, Justin Harrell, Ashley Hazlett, Hassan Iqbal, Eric List, Todd Lynn, & Misty Vazquez

Happy Birthday to these members:



November: Ronald Abraham, Abibat Agbaje, Ernest Alley, Charles Almquist, Hassan Alsalem, Gregory Ballard, Prodyot Basu, Glenn Boerke, John Boren, Janelle Branch, Jorge Carriedo Jr., Christopher Casteel, Austin Channell, Richard Chesbro, Sean Coffelt, Jeffrey Coyne, Marvin Crabtree, Albert Crim, Nathan Curtis, Aurora Davenport, George Dillard, Colton Dorris, Nathan Foust, Rachel Franklin, Dr Kenneth Heathington, Tyler Henderson, Jacob Holloway, David Hornby, Michael Hunkler, Daniel Keaton, Ted Kniazewycz, John Leath, Mark Linkowski, William Lothers Jr., Edwin McDougale Jr., Martin Medley II, Sean Morris, Raymond Murray, Abram Musinguzi, Kyle Neal, Kevin Nolan, Colby Osborne, Michael Penrod, Steven Qualls, Glen Redman, Christian Reid, James Roberson, Taylor Sanders, David Schilling, Levi Sciara, Aaron Shealy, John Sloan, Michael Sulser, Daniel Terranova, Daniel Vanden Berge, & Nelson Whitson

December: John Agee, Michael Agnew Jr., Harold Beaver, Matthew Bell, Joshua Brome, Curtis Byers, Jennifer Cain, Jackson Caldwell, Glenn Chambers Jr., Vaughan Charles, Richard Colbert, Chad Collier, Michael Corrin, Sianna De La Cruz, Cameron Fagan, Hunter Finklea, Kevin Fix, Robert Garner, Larry Griffith, Robin Hagerty, Craig Hanchey, Garth Hawkins, Floyd Heflin, Mark Herrmann, Peter Hoadley, Joseph Howes, Ruize Hu, Michael Hughes, Andrew Johnson, Richard Jones, Michael Kusch, Michael Lambert, Aurore Larson, Christopher Long, Tiana Lynn, Eric Marchegiani, Joe Mattson, William McCloy, Michael McDonald, Melissa Miller, Timothy Moore, Daniel Morgan, Rebekah Nichols, Clifton Ogden, Patrick O'Leary, Samantha Palko, Arnab Paul, Jeffrey Pintenich, William Pippin III, Joseph Polk Jr., Bill Rogers, Dale Showers, Claudia Smith, Joseph Spain, Stephen Steele, Thomas Tarcy Jr., Douglas Tate, Matthew Taylor, Zachary Thompson, Barry Turner, Blake Turner, Victor Tyler, Joseph Vance Jr., Luis Vargas, Jesse Walker, Kevin Walker, Jordan Wallace, Candace Watson, Benny Weakley, James Weakley, Liam Weaver, Brian Whitaker, Earl Williams, Brad Winkler, Kenneth Wolfe, Matthew Yarnold, & Kyle Zhang

2016 Outstanding ASCE Section and Branch Website Award

We are delighted to announce that the Nashville Branch has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Section and Branch Web Site Award in the "medium" Section and Branch membership category (501-1000 members)! The website was redesigned last year and unveiled in August of 2015. Many thanks to Kenneth Perkins & Ashley Smith for keeping it updated and worthy of this wonderful honor.



## Nashville Branch Picnic



The Nashville Branch held its Fall Picnic at Sevier Park on the campus of the Historic Sunnyside Mansion on Saturday, October 8th. The weather turned out perfect for the almost 30 folks that stopped by and spent some time together, including several of our members that don't regularly attend our Branch meetings. The food was great, but the fellowship was even better. We hope to see you next time!

## Annual Card Tournament



ASCE will hold its annual Card Tournament on Thursday, December 1st at the office of Smith Seckman Reid (SSR), located at 2995 Sidco Drive in Nashville. Registration will begin at 6:00PM and the tournament will begin at 6:30PM. Cost is \$40, which includes entry into the tournament, food and soft drinks. There will be cash prizes for winners and we welcome any company wishing to help sponsor the event. The event will be limited to the first 45 entries that are registered and paid. For more information, see the [registration form](#) or contact [Eric Gardner](#) or 615-979-4382.

## Younger Member Group

Second Harvest Food Bank Volunteer Event  
The ASCE Nashville Branch

Younger Member's Group will be volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank on Tuesday, December 6th from 5:30-8 pm! Second Harvest Food Bank works to feed hungry people and solve hunger issues in Middle and West Tennessee. This is a fantastic way to help an organization that helps those who need it the most, especially around this time of year. Stay tuned over the coming days for information about the specific date! Please contact [Katie Roth](#) if interested in volunteering.



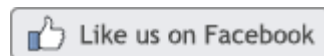
### PE Review Course

If you know someone who is taking the exam on April 21, 2016, 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 TN Engineering Center again this spring. The course will be available statewide. The live session will be held at the TN Engineering Center, 800 Fort Negley Blvd. in Nashville and will be 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 15th 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 registration form is posted [HERE](#). The cost will be \$350 per person for members and \$550 for non-members and will include TSPE membership free for 6 months.



## Educational Outreach Opportunities

A Portland High School teacher is attempting to host her own bridge competition on November 21st and would welcome assistance from engineers in the area with bridge knowledge. At a minimum, she would like some engineers to speak to students about design concepts, etc. leading up to the competition. If you're interested in speaking to students or helping with the bridge competition there, please contact [Janey Camp](#).



The specifications for the national bridge competition aren't out yet, but could be posted any day now. As soon as they're out, we'll start planning and notify area teachers so they can start requesting bridge kits and working with students to prepare. If anyone's interested in getting involved in the planning or simply volunteering when we host our Music City Bridge Building Competition for area high school students (typically a Saturday around E-week in February), please contact [Janey Camp](#).

## Student Chapter Updates

### Lipscomb University

This month's meeting was one of the largest turn out for students, having



40 students in attendance. During the meeting, Mike Schneider from Messer Construction spoke about BIM or Building Information Modeling. We also talked about the progress of our concrete canoe construction and future service opportunities around Nashville.

### Vanderbilt University



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UNIVERSITY

Vanderbilt ASCE had another exciting month getting steel bridge and concrete canoe teams ramped up for the Student Conference in the spring. We are all looking forward to upcoming service and social trips, including a trip to Turner to work with their VR technology and work with refugees in the Nashville area on their professional development. We continue to have professionals in the area attend our weekly meetings, exposing the students to a wide range of civil engineering fields. We are always encouraging our students to interact with the members of ASCE at all levels!

ASCE Nashville Branch

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