

# A LEVEL LINE

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Greetings!

With the start of the New Year, I would be remiss to not remind our membership that ASCE's membership cycle is on the calendar year. If you've not yet paid your membership for 2018, you are officially late - please renew! While you are reviewing your membership, please also take the time to review your membership grade. Are you a P.E.? If so, you should upgrade your membership from 'Affiliate Member' to 'Member' in full standing.

2018 looks to be an important year legislatively. Whether you consider a potential federal infrastructure bill, or local consideration of a \$5.2B transit plan, there are a lot of conversations to be had. At the State level, we may have discussions regarding the ability for future engineers to take the 'Principles and Practice of Engineer' exam before obtaining a full four years' experience, a concept referred to as 'decoupling', or defend Qualifications-Based Selection' or QBS. Are you interested in any of these issues or initiatives? Will you join us and others to help advance the Mission of ASCE in 2018? Feel free to [send me an email](#).

Here's to a prosperous and productive 2018!

Sincerely,

Clint Camp, P.E., M.ASCE  
Nashville Branch President



## Meeting Minute

Our January 2018 Branch Meeting will be Thursday, January 18th, at the Tennessee Engineering Center. This month's speakers are Stephen Bland, CEO Nashville MTA/RTA of Middle Tennessee; and James Czarnecky, Associate VP at HDR. They will be speaking on Mayor Barry's "Let's Move Nashville" Metro's Transportation Solution.

One PDH will be provided. Registration begins at 11:15 am, lunch will be served at 11:30 and the meeting will adjourn by 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 12th. Click [HERE](#) to register. Contact [Chris Gwaltney](#) if you have any questions.

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Jan. 18th - Monthly Branch Meeting: Tennessee Engineering Center, 11:15am - 1:00pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 24th - Monthly Branch Board Meeting: TEC Board Room, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 20th - Annual Bowling Tournament: Smyrna Bowling Center, 95 Weakley Lane, Smyrna, TN 37137, 6:30pm
- Saturday, Mar. 3rd - Music City Bridge Competition, Vanderbilt LASIR Facility

## In Memoriam

ASCE Nashville Branch mourns the loss of Jesse Taylor Perry. "Jess" was one of our most active Life Members and a true asset to ASCE and the engineering community, and he loved his profession. He was President of the ASCE Nashville Section from 1974-1975 (before we had a separate Nashville Branch and Tennessee Section, which started in 1988) and the father of Nashville Branch Past President, Jon Perry. The Dyers are the only other parent/child team that has served that office.



Jess earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 1957 on an Army ROTC Scholarship, and served the Army and Army Reserve until he resigned his commission in 1966 at the rank of Captain. He worked as a civil engineer for TVA for 3 years and then for the Nashville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers until his retirement in 1999.

Jess was also a life-long member of TSPE and SAME. He taught A-E Contracting to hundreds of consultants hoping to contract with the Army Corps of Engineers and other Federal agencies. He was considered a national expert in this area.

Please keep the Perry family in your thoughts.

## New Members & Birthdays

### Welcome to these new members:



Asher Benedict, Donald Buchholz, Connor Davis, Caleb Drummer, David Jacobs, Mitchell Lasley, Christian Mbuya, Gheorghe Meyer, Nisha Monteiro, Caitlin Paul, Bibiana Perdomo, & Amelia Shaw

### Happy January Birthday to these members:

Michelle Baker, Daniel Barge III, Paul Barnes, Carl Baughman, Terry Beers, Thomas Blöse Jr., John Brackins, Stephen Brown, Stephen Brown, James Bryant Jr., Wambura Chacha, Hubert Clemmons III, Deborah Cole, Mark Cook, Brandie

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**Thanks to all of our sustaining members!**

**To renew your membership for 2018, please contact [Brian Mulligan](#) or [Mike Kusch](#).**



Cookston, Edwin Cooper, Alexander Corbitt II, Nathan Couch, James Craig, John Crane, Douglas Crowell, James Currey III, Bob Deal, Dewey Deason, Louis Deken, Chase Denson, Brian Diggs, Siphay Douangvilay, James Duncan, George Garden, Julian Giraldo, Sanjiv

Gokhale, Daniel Grecco, Ty Gunter III, Steven Habegger, Alfred Hancock Jr., Christopher Holmes, Richard Holt, Socrates Ioannides, Ted Jernigan, David Kosson, David Kuhlman, Neal Lance, Raymond Lawing, Todd Lynn, Joseph Mc Connell, Camden McConnell, Ashfaq Memon, Gheorghe Meyer, James Mitchell, Brian Mulligan, Wade Murphy, Ronald Oniszcak Jr., Liliana Porras, Bryan Price, William Quinn, Donald Quist, Marshall Ragan, Kevin Ray, John Rehm III, Garland Rose Jr., Vernon Rutledge, Wiley Scott, Charles Shadie, Paul Sharp, James Smithey, Richard Speece, Ruth Steele, Patrick Stephens, Brent Thornton, John Thornton III, Greer Tidwell, Robert Tuggle, Philip Vacca Jr., Jacob Van Geffen, Edward Walker III, Chad Wall, Richard Weakley, James Webb, Ed Wheeler, & Jack Wood

### Membership Renewal Reminder!

Have you renewed your ASCE membership? Do you need PDHs? FIVE FREE PDHs come with your membership. Login to the ASCE website to renew your membership and get access to 90 free on-demand webinars. Each webinar you successfully complete is worth 1 PDH. That's five free PDHs! [RENEW HERE TODAY!](#)



### Branch Awards

The Nashville Award Season has begun! Do you know a project, colleague, mentor, or mentee worthy of nominating for the 2018 Nashville Branch Awards? If so be on the lookout for Award Criteria to be released later this month. If no one comes to mind, don't worry, you have time to think about it, Nominations aren't due until Monday, March 5, 2018. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact someone from the Awards Committee.

### Education Outreach

**Overton Receives Bridge Competition Trophy**  
 Recently, a few of us visited Overton High School to officially present them with the trophy for the 2017 Bridge Competition. The Engineering Academy teachers gathered all of their students for the presentation. They hope to come back stronger and take the trophy again this year at the competition.



Pictured

from left to right: Tony Snyder, Bridge Competition Coordinator; Antonio Allen - Overton student; Janey Camp, Education Outreach Chair

### **Dream Big Film Viewing - Coming Soon**

The Nashville Branch will be hosting a viewing of the film "Dream Big" for members and families as well as members of the general public early in 2018. Details are being finalized now, so stay tuned for updates and registration information to see the film. We are also planning a girls night out for area high school and middle school girls, so please contact [Janey Camp](#) if you'd like to help with that event.

### **2018 Music City Bridge Competition - March 3rd**

The 2018 Music City Bridge Competition will take place on March 3rd at the Vanderbilt LASIR Facility in Metro Center. The competition entails high school students making bridges out of bass wood and bringing them to test at the competition for a chance at prizes and an opportunity to qualify for the national competition. Also, if you know a high school student (or class) that would be interested in competing, please see the [flyer](#) or check out our [Facebook page](#). We will have another planning meeting in January for anyone interested in getting involved. If you'd like to help out, please contact [Janey Camp](#).

### **E-Week - February 19-23, 2018**

We will try again this year to get some engineers in local classrooms to do hands-on activities to introduce students to engineering. The teachers and students have loved having engineers come out to visit over the past few years. Contact [Janey Camp](#) to get matched up with a school/classroom in our region.

### **Engineers' Day at the Adventure Science Center - February 24th**

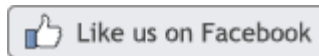
The Adventure Science Center is celebrating their Engineers' Day on February 24th. Our younger member group will likely have a booth and the Science Center is always looking for engineering firms to host tables with hands-on activities for visitors as part of this event. If you're interested in hosting a table for your company/firm at the event, please contact [Janey Camp](#).

## **Younger Member Group**

### **ReLeafing Day**

We had an amazing time participating with the Nashville Tree

Foundation during ReLeafing Day! We planted multiple trees at Glenclyff Elementary School and at St. Basil's Cathedral in South Nashville. There were numerous trees planted all over South Nashville that day and we were glad that we were able to help.



## Sports

### Card Tournament



The Nashville Branch hosted its 6th Annual Card Tournament on December 7th. While we had a few less players this year, we were successfully able to raise a record amount of over \$675 for this event thanks to the support and generosity of our players and sponsors. Special thanks to our host company Smith Seckman Reid and our company sponsors; Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Gresham Smith Partners and TTL. We had 22 players battle for our prizes and bragging rights. Congratulations to this year's winner, Brian Reynolds, 2nd place participant, Eric Gardner and our 3rd place participant, Zach Stilp. After eliminating Zach, Brian and Eric battled back and forth through several hands until Brian gained an advantage and applied enough pressure to force Eric all in. Brian's hand of Ace-nine trumped Eric's Queen high when neither player was able to pair up their hand.



Our next sporting event will be the annual bowling tournament on Tuesday, February 20th at the Smyrna Bowling Center. Be looking for a future email with the registration form and more information.

## Nashville Branch Scholarship

It is that time of year when students are starting to think of what may be ahead for them in the upcoming school year. For the parents and the students, the ever increasing expenses of higher education are fresh on their minds.



The Nashville Branch membership has been generous and has provided some assistance for the Civil Engineering students at our four local universities. The Nashville Branch has granted almost \$150,000.00 in scholarships the last 24 years to junior, senior and graduate Civil Engineering students. We will typically award three scholarships to those students who demonstrate the quality and standard that meets the goals of the Nashville Branch.

We continue to encourage students at LU, TSU, TTU and VU to take advantage of this program. Do not forget that students working toward a graduate degree in Civil Engineering are also eligible.

The scholarship program is also available to the children of current members of the Nashville Branch who are enrolled in Civil Engineering, regardless of the school they attend.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the application and more information.

The application deadline (by mail or email) is **midnight March 30, 2018**.

## Student Chapter Updates

### Lipscomb University



The chapter is gearing up for the SE Conference with the Concrete Canoe cast and Steel Bridge being fabricated. We have been blessed with a great 2017 and looking forward to an even better 2018. 2018 elected officers are pictured below (L to R: Lauren

Kemper, Bibiana Perdomo, Dustin Callahan, Ben Vogel, Tia Lynn, Noah Kimbrough).



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### Vanderbilt University



This December, Vanderbilt's ASCE proudly hosted over sixty Hillsboro High School students for our Dream Big Event. On arriving, students were given presentations by distinguished faculty about the world of possibilities created by engineering. Then, ASCE members



led the students on a tour of Vanderbilt's engineering school as well as The Wond'ry -Vanderbilt's new innovation center.

Finally, students and the Vanderbilt engineering community sat for a rare screening of the ASCE produced movie, Dream Big: Engineering Our

World. Vanderbilt's Chapter is very honored that the event was able to spark the imagination of students and show that engineering is an accessible field. Vanderbilt's ASCE also held officer elections this month. We are very excited to start the new year off with our talented team of new officers.

ASCE Nashville Branch