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Greetings!

September is here and my term as president is winding down. In my final president's message I wanted to reflect on the past year both for the branch and the society. Locally, attendance at branch meetings is really starting to increase and hold at a higher level, E-week was outstanding once again, and scholarship award dollars were at an all-time high. We also had some fun golfing, bowling and playing poker once again this year. One of our goals for branch meetings over the past few years has been to seek out interesting speakers and offer great catering to enhance the value of your membership dollars.

On the national society level, Kristina Swallow of Las Vegas is the newly elected 2017 ASCE President-Elect. She will be inducted at the Annual Business meeting September 30th at the ASCE 2016 Convention in Portland, OR. This marks the first time in the society's 164 year history that ASCE will have two women in its two top leadership roles, after current president-elect Norma Jean Mattei is inaugurated as the 2017 President. What an outstanding achievement and milestone for ASCE! At the branch level, we are also trying to make a push for diversity and inclusion with the creation of a new D&I committee. I hope our branch understands the importance of this initiative as we strive to diversify our membership and strengthen our branch and society as a whole.

I want to take a minute to thank our entire team of officers, committee chairs, practitioner advisors and board members. I really enjoyed my time as president over the past year. Thanks for putting your confidence in me. I was a little unsure of myself early on, but it was definitely an honor, a privilege, and a learning experience for me. I truly appreciate your willingness to work with me by serving our branch in your role. The future is bright for the Nashville branch, and I look forward to serving next year as Past President and helping out where I can.

Enough of looking back, it's time to look ahead! Don't forget about our combined meeting in September with

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ACEC and TSPE, the Tennessee Engineers' Conference. The event will take place at the Music City Center on September 14th - 16th. This is a great opportunity to earn your required professional development hours and to interact with other engineers from across the state of Tennessee. One item that I would like to point out is that the ASCE awards and branch president inductions will take place Friday the 16th at breakfast. Please plan to attend and support our next branch president Blake Turner as he is inducted as well as our award nominees.

Nashville continues to grow each day. And with that growth comes opportunity and challenges. Enhance the value of your membership dollars by serving or recruiting today!

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

Warm Regards,

Kevin McAlister, P.E., M.ASCE
Nashville Branch President



Meeting Minute

There will be no meeting this month, with hopes that you can join us for the 2015 Tennessee Engineers' Conference at the Music City Center. See below for more information.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Sept. 14th-Friday, Sept. 16th - TN Engineers' Conference: Music City Center
- Friday, Sept. 23rd - YMG Nashville Airport: BNA, 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Saturday, Oct. 8th - Nashville Branch Fall Picnic: Sevier Park, 10:00am-2:00pm

New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:



Cameron Fagan, Preston Funkhouser, Daniel Keaton and Vaibhav Patil

Happy September Birthday to these members:

Wayne Abernathy, Baig
Abdullah Al Muhit, Hamad
Alyami Sr., Sam Bohannon,
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Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

To renew your membership for 2016, please contact [Mike Kusch](#).



Brewer, Tyler Brogdon, Robert Browning, Mark Buchanan, James Butler Jr., Brent Coates, Caroline Davis, Jerome Dempsey, David Doss, Logan Elliott, Deborah Fast, Steven Finley, William Forte, Jared Ganstine, Kristopher Hatchell, William Heck, Thomas Humbert, Thomas Humbert, Jamie James, Gerald Kirksey, Trent Latta, Fidel Leon, James Locum, Melvin Maxwell, John McAlister III, Jonathan McGehee, Truesdell Miller, Charissa Mishu, Richard Morrison, Donald Reid, Daniel Rikli, Ashley Rivera, Jacob Santoyo, Shreejit Sapre, Jeffrey Shaver, Gerald Shell, Jennifer Shupe, Garland Stone Jr., August Szabo, Camden Treadway, Christine Vitt, & Fred Yazdian

2016 TN Engineers' Conference

Registration Ends on September 7th!

ACEC of TN, TSPE, ASCE TN Section, and TNSEA are joining for the 2016 TN Engineers' Conference at the Music City Center on September 14-16!

There will be five 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! Plan to get your required professional development hours (at least 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!

Online registration is available [HERE](#) and will be available until September 7th. After September 7th, only walk ups will be allowed (\$500 for a full registration and \$350 for a single day).

Conference Highlights (included in full registration):

- Wednesday Early Registration - Sponsored by Newforma Inc.
- Wednesday Evening Social - Sponsored by Forterra (formerly Sherman Dixie)
- Thursday Breakfast - ACEC/TSPE Awards & Installation
- Welcome Reception - Sponsored by Crow Friedman (a Risk Management Company)
- Friday Breakfast - ASCE Awards & Installation
- Friday Luncheon - presentation on the upcoming Dream Big Film

[Professional Development Schedule \(as of 9/01/16\)](#)
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To sign up now to sponsor or exhibit at this event, please register [online](#) or email [Helen Hennon](#) (ASCE) or contact [Judy Logue](#) (TSPE/ACEC of TN) at 615-242-2486. Deadline for Sponsors and Exhibitors is September 7th (or as soon as they fill up).

The [Hyatt Place Nashville](#) is now sold out. Other hotels in close proximity are listed below for your convenience:

[Hilton Garden Inn](#) (615-251-3013)
[Hampton Inn](#) (615-277-5000)
[Hilton Nashville Downtown](#) (615-620-1000)
[Holiday Inn Express](#) (615-244-0150)
[Fairfield Inn & Suites](#) (615-690-1740)

Music City Center Parking Rate & Info: [MCC P2 Parking Map](#)

The Hyatt Place Hotel rate is \$29.00 for Self-Parking and \$32 for Valet.

Educational Outreach

School Supplies Drive



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our school supplies drive in July and August!!! We were able to deliver two large containers of supplies to the LP Pencil Box from the items collected at the lunch meetings and those purchased with the monetary donations (\$155 in donations). They were thrilled to receive our donation! We also donated some gently used 3 ring binders. If you have gently used

office supplies (binders, 3-ring binders, clip boards, staplers, tape dispensers, hole punchers, or letter-sized file folders etc.) from a home or office purge/move, please consider donating them to the LP Pencil Box in the future.

Another Volunteer Opportunity - Glenclyff High School's Environment and Urban Planning Academy

The Nashville Branch of ASCE is a Pencil Partner with Glenclyff High School. If you're interested in attending advisory board meetings for the fall representing ASCE, please contact Janey Camp. There are about four meetings this fall on Fridays around lunch time. The Advisory Board helps the Academy teachers consider and plan for classroom experiences and key issues related to our disciplines to prepare students for college and careers in the community.

If you're not going to be at the TN Engineers' Conference, WE NEED YOU as volunteers for the Academy Showcase on the evening of September 14. This involves manning our booth and talking to students and parents about what it means to be a civil engineer and how you got where you are, the kind of work you do, etc. This year, they are going to set it up as a tailgate type of event, so it should be fun.

To find out more about either of these opportunities to get involved, please contact [Janey Camp](#).

Younger Member Group

BNA Tour

The Metro Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) has graciously offered to take the Nashville ASCE Group on a guided tour of the current BNA International Airport ongoing construction projects, as well as upcoming construction project sites. For those who have not heard, the airport recently announced plans for a \$1.2 billion overhaul of the airport including a new hotel.


This event should be very informative as well as an interesting behind the scenes view of an international airport. The event will be held Friday, September 23rd from 8:00 AM to noon. Lunch will be provided by ASCE afterwards.

If interested, please RSVP to [Patrick O'Leary](#) by September 9th.

Radnor Lake Cleanup

Last Saturday, several ASCE younger members joined members from Engineers Without Borders and others from the community to replenish trails at the Radnor Lake State Natural Area. We hauled dozens of wheelbarrows full of mulch over 1 mile to resurface the trail and help prevent future trail erosion. The work was strenuous, but it was very rewarding to contribute to one of Nashville's most important natural areas.



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Vanderbilt ASCE Student Chapter



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The Vanderbilt ASCE Student Chapter is excited to kick off another year of school with several interesting events, presentations and service opportunities. As the semester progresses, ASCE officers will be proudly displaying the student chapter and inviting incoming freshman to join as national members.

Our upperclassmen will be taking advantage of the new year to talk about their internships and past experiences with the younger members. The chapter is also gearing up for the regional conference in Spring by forming teams for the steel bridge and concrete canoe.

Save the Date: Nashville Branch Picnic!

ASCE Nashville's Fall Picnic will be October 8 from 10 - 2 at Sevier Park in Nashville. Stay posted for more information on games and food list! We hope to see you there.



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