

# A LEVEL LINE

September 2020

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Dear ,

Fall is almost here! Schools are back in session and we have opportunities for ASCE participation!

Our first opportunity is officer elections! If you are interested in serving as Nashville Branch Vice President, please let me know. A Nomination Committee of Kenneth Perkins, Chris Gwaltney, and myself has been formed to take nominations and present them to membership. Please email me [HERE](#) with nominations or if you are interested in the position. The Vice President position begins a four year commitment as it rolls into President-Elect, President, and Past President. The networking opportunities are amazing!

Our second opportunity is the ASCE Tennessee Section 2020 Virtual Conference. This will be a week of virtual meetings in bite size pieces. From September 21 to 24, there will be virtual meeting opportunities for a couple of hours each day. ASCE President Gunalan will be our keynote speaker on Monday. We will also present awards and have an ethics presentation. For the following three days, there will be sessions on each topic - Civil/ Environmental, Geotechnical/ Structural, and Transportation. We are also having a Virtual Social Event on Tuesday evening! I hope to see you there!

Our third opportunity is the School of Rock. The School of Rock will look much different from what we were planning in March. This version will be virtual sessions in more bite size pieces held on four Thursdays in October from 10 am to noon each day. Speakers will include Metro Government leaders, pipeline video inspection professionals, and members and staff of the American Concrete Pipe Association. Each session will be \$25 and all proceeds go to the Nashville Branch Scholarship Fund. More information can be found below.

Our fourth opportunity is the 28th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble. The Scramble will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at the Hermitage Golf Club. As has been the case for many years, this event will also benefit the Nashville Branch Scholarship fund. Sign up and sponsorship information is below.

Out of these three events, two will provide PDHs and two will benefit the Nashville Branch Scholarship fund. We hope to see you soon!

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## 2020 Sustaining Members



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Again, I know that these are difficult times. If there is anything that your ASCE family can assist you with at this time, please let me know [HERE](#).

Suzanne B. Herron, P.E., CPESC,  
M.ASCE  
Nashville Branch President



## Meeting Minute

During the month of September, the ASCE Nashville Branch will not have a meeting. Please join us by attending the Tennessee Section's Virtual Conference on Sept. 21-24, 2020, which is free to current ASCE members. For conference information and to register, click [HERE](#) (you will need your ASCE Member Number to register).

## Upcoming Events

- Monday-Thursday, September 21st-24th, 2020:  
ASCE TN Section Virtual Conference

## New Members & Birthdays

### Welcome to these new members:



Joseph Novak, Cameron Schaff, & Samuel Withers

### Happy birthday to these members:

Nancy Abdo, Wayne Abernathy, Kyle Blissard, Sam Bohannon, David Brewer, Christina Brown, Kolby Browning, Mark Buchanan, James Butler, Wyatt Cupp, Keanna Dakwa, Caroline Davis, Jerome Dempsey, David Doss, Mark Drury, Deborah Fast, Michael Feeney, Steven Finley, Clayton Foster, Matthew Gamblin, Josue Garduno, Presley Gobbell, Theresa Green, Tom Hadzor, William Heck, Alexander Holzke, Sam Huddleston, Jaclyn Huitt, Thomas Humbert, Jamie James, Stephen Karpenko, Gerald Kirksey, Nicholas Laning, Trent Latta, Gretchen Manco, Melvin Maxwell, John McAlister, Mark McDonald, Jonathan McGehee, Truesdell Miller, Charissa Mishu, Richard Morrison, Junaid Nazeer, Edwin Neely, Jacob Palmer, Ashley Pelham, Michael Perkins, Donald Reid, Lexi Revis, Jeremy Roberts, Daniel Rose, Zech Rowley, Jeremy Salmon, Sangappa Shane Shamanur, Gerald Shell, Daniel Shin, Kevin Sigg, Johnathan Smith, Cameron Snook, Joseph Spillers, Chardin Stengele, Garland Stone, Tim Thomson, Daniel Work, Garrett Wright, & Fred Yazdian



To join or renew your membership online for 2020, please click [HERE](#).  
If you have any questions, contact [Mike Kusch](#).

2020 ASCE TN Section Virtual Conference

## Register today!



Since there is no Tennessee Engineers' Conference this year, the ASCE TN Section is holding a Virtual Conference on Sept. 21-24, 2020, which is free to current ASCE members! For conference

information and to register, click [HERE](#) (you will need your ASCE Member Number to register). This event is first come, first served, so sign up now to reserve a spot!

## Sports

### 28th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble

We will be having our 28th annual ASCE Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 20th at the Hermitage Golf Club. Registration will begin and lunch will be served at 11:30AM. The shotgun start will be at 1PM. To register online, click [HERE](#). There are plenty of opportunities to sign up a team, individual players, or be a sponsor.

We appreciate the support we have gotten over the years as this is one of our major events for raising money toward the scholarship fund. If you have any questions, please contact [Eric Gardner](#).



## School of Rock

### Upcoming Sessions

ASCE & ACPA will use a series of four 2 hour webinars to support Metro Nashville in their goal to explain expectations of always receiving properly installed RCP when located in Right of Way or



public utility and drainage easements. School of Rock will define responsibilities and expectations of the Engineer, Producer, Installer and Metro. Speakers will include: Metro leaders, Pipeline video inspection professionals, and members and staff of ACPA - American Concrete Pipe Assoc. Check out the flyer [HERE](#).

To register for one or more sessions, click here:

- [Session 1 - October 8](#)
- [Session 2 - October 15](#)
- [Session 3 - October 22](#)
- [Session 4 - October 29](#)

## Educational Outreach

### Recent Updates

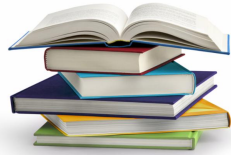
With schools across our region holding mixed levels of in-person and virtual learning for students, there may be opportunities to assist with supplies to meet needs of students learning from home and/or opportunities for virtual

tutoring, support of programs like Lego clubs, etc. We are reaching out to some schools to try and learn more about potential needs. If you are interested in getting engaged in helping support students, please reach out to [Justin Corbitt](#) or [Janey Camp](#).

Additionally, ACE Mentors Nashville Affiliate recently decided to postpone activities with schools until after the end of the calendar year to allow for time for the students and teachers in consideration of the complexity with learning right now as well as considering safety of the volunteer mentors and all involved. ACE mentors will be recruiting mentors in the coming months to work with students (potentially virtually) in the spring semester.

## FE Review

### Civil FE Exam Review Virtual Course Begins Tuesday, September 15th



A Civil FE Exam review course will be offered at Lipscomb University in a virtual live ZOOM format, Tuesday September 15, 2020 through Tuesday January 26, 2021 (no class the week of Thanksgiving

or in December). The course is sponsored by Lipscomb University and TDOT and will also be available via a videoconferencing link and recording. The course will be taught by Lipscomb professors and TDOT engineers using The FE Civil Reference Manual, and Practice Problems for the Civil FE Exam (all by Lindeburg).

Online Registration is open now until September 22 (no students will be added after this date) for the 2020-21 course. Contact [Chris Gwaltney](#) for additional information or registration. The cost will be \$100 for full-time students enrolled in any undergraduate program (with proof of enrollment), and \$200 for others. The fees include a COVID-19 discount.

## PE Review

### Civil PE Exam Review

If you know someone who is taking the exam on October 23, 2020, 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 a web-based offering through Microsoft Teams. We believe that the web-based course will allow students to safely attend the course and interact with the instructors.

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 Water Resources, Geotechnical, Structural, Construction and Transportation.

We are offering a one-time discount of \$100 per person to accommodate for the impact of COVID-19 on A/E firms. The updated cost will be \$250 per person for members and \$450 for non-members and will include TSPE membership free for 6 months. Sign up [HERE](#).

## Sustaining Members

### Become a Sustaining Member for 2020!

We are into the 2020 Sustaining Membership Drive, and we would like to ask for your support of the award-winning ASCE Nashville Branch with a Sustaining Member Corporate Sponsorship. This year we are excited to continue offering two levels of sponsorship. For more information about the two levels and the benefits of Sustaining Membership, or to join or renew your sustaining membership online, click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about Sustaining Membership, contact [Michael Kusch](#).

## Volunteers for Branch Leadership

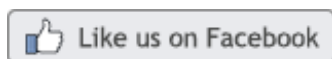
### Become a Volunteer



There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the Nashville Branch leadership. We always need help in our many committees, from members to chairs. This is a great way to serve your Society at the ground roots level, learn how your Branch is governed, and prepare for an officer's role in the future. We need help with meeting registration, sustaining membership, educational outreach, budget, younger members group, and more. Please speak with the current Committee Chair or a Board member for more information.

## Younger Member Group

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## 100th Year Anniversary Committee

### Committee Planning

In anticipation of the 100th Year Anniversary (2021) of the formation of the Nashville Branch of ASCE, the Branch is looking to form a



committee dedicated to the planning of all the events surrounding this milestone. If you or anyone you may know



would like to be a part of the planning committee, please reach out to [Kenneth Perkins](#). We look forward to hearing from you and most importantly celebrating this milestone with you.

## Membership Reminder



We've had another great year for the Nashville Branch of ASCE. We trust that you've been able to participate and take advantage of the many benefits of having a membership. We would like to encourage you to

continue your membership with ASCE into 2021. To complete your renewal, please use the link on the ASCE website [HERE](#). As a reminder of the fantastic benefits your membership provides you, please click [HERE](#).

## Student Chapters

### Lipscomb University

A warm welcome back to Lipscomb University's beautiful campus! As we begin the semester we had the opportunity to meet all the new Civil Engineers during our Engineering Department's annual open house. This took place on Wednesday August 26th where we had a table set up for questions, info, and free t-shirts! We also showed the chapter a mock up of our new t-shirt design for the chapter this year.



The Board has also met together and has discussed potential service projects for the chapter this year. Here they are as follows: making cornhole board frames, properly mounting two air hose reels in our concrete lab, cutting out a steel sheet to make a metal schedule board for our labs, and taking care of some damaged

flower beds around campus. We have a unique year to look forward to and we hope that everything will go as planned!

## Job Postings

### Lipscomb University

#### Civil & Environmental Engineering Faculty Member

The Civil & Environmental Engineering Department at Lipscomb University is currently searching for a fulltime faculty member to start in January 2021.A



PE and PhD is preferred along with experience in both practice and teaching in the area of Structures, Hydraulics, or Environmental Engineering. And of course ASCE membership is a plus! Please see the [Lipscomb HR site](#) for the official job announcement and additional information on applying. You may also contact [Chris Gwaltney](#) for additional information.

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