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September 2021

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Greetings!

Thank you for your membership and on-going support and participation in the ASCE Nashville Branch. As the incoming President it is an honor to serve you. I have been involved with the ASCE Nashville Branch as an Officer since 2015 and can't thank our current and previous officers, members, and committee chairs enough for their leadership and training.

2021 has been a challenge for all of us. As we prepare for a new year, we look to improve our virtual footprint, begin opening our doors to in-person events, and explore maximize benefits for our members. While we are not looking to re-write the book, it is evident we need kickstart this Branch into 2022. With that being said, it is more critical than ever that we recruit new talent into leadership positions within the Branch.

Our election was uncontested; however, we have pulled several leadership positions from the Younger Members Group to serve as Officers leaving several vacancies within the Younger Members Group. We have 18 other committees with big agendas and in need for volunteers to help and lead. If you or colleague would like to be involved with our various committees, please email me at President@NashvilleASCE.org. What better way to be involved, give back, get connected and receive free leadership training?

I hope you have seen information about the Nashville Branch's 100th

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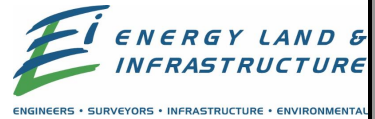
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Anniversary. It has been postponed to 2022, but if you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please let me know and I will get you connected.

Lastly, it's that time of the year again. Make sure to renew your ASCE Membership for 2022.

Dustin Scruggs, P.E., M. ASCE
Nashville Branch President



To join or renew your membership online for 2021, please click [HERE](#). If you have any Sustaining Membership questions, contact [Taylor Sanders](#).

We are excited to return to the TN Engineering Center for the October Branch Meeting on Thursday, October 21st! Please join us as TVA's Veronica Barredo discusses Construction Techniques at the TVA Boone Dam Seepage Mitigation Project.

Doors Open: 11:00 am (Social)
Food/Branch Updates: 11:30 am
Technical Presentation: 12:00 pm

To register, click [HERE](#). Capacity is limited to the first 60, so please register soon!

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 21st at 11:00 AM - Branch Meeting: Tennessee Engineering Center

New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:



Sandy Abid, S.M.ASCE
Virginia Allen, S.M.ASCE
Samal Aminashairi, S.M.ASCE
Alexandra Bowers, A.M.ASCE
Adam Crawford, S.M.ASCE
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Jeremy Hensley, S.M.ASCE
Cody Partlow, P.E., M.ASCE
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Ian Woods, A.M.ASCE

Happy birthday to our members!

Charles H Albright, P.E., M.ASCE
James Vernon Armstrong, M.ASCE
Bernie Auld, P.E., M.ASCE
Clarence E Bennett, P.E., M.ASCE
Jody Kristofer Bomar, P.E., M.ASCE
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Joshua Scheenstra, A.M.ASCE
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Benjamin Dale Shepard, P.E., M.ASCE
John Eric Slayton, P.E., M.ASCE
Monica Jayne Sowders, EIT, A.M.ASCE
Mark E Stone, M.ASCE
Douglas Gene Tarbett, P.E., M.ASCE
Robert Noel Tolbert, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE
William L Vecchione, P.E., M.ASCE

Tennessee Engineers' Conference

The TN Section Awards were recently presented at the Tennessee Engineers' Conference. Multiple Nashville Branch members were among those recognized for their achievements during the awards ceremony. In addition to the award winners, two individuals from the TN Section were honored for significant contribution to the society and the profession by having awards re-named in their honor, including Garland Rose (Nashville) and Sandra Knight (Chattanooga). A full list of award winners is below:



Student Chapter Member Award: Megan Hobbs (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Garland Rose Outstanding Younger Engineer Award: Kenneth Perkins (Nashville)

Sandra Knight Outstanding Government Engineer Award: Karen McKeehan (Knoxville)

Peter Hoadley Educator of the Year Award: Lin Li (Tennessee State University)

Outstanding Project Award: Hampline (Memphis)

Daniel Barge Award for Distinguished Service: Monica Sartain (Nashville)

Nashville Branch's 100th Anniversary

Thanks to our Sponsors for the 100th Anniversary!

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And our special sponsor, the ASCE Foundation.

The Nashville Branch's 100th Anniversary Celebration was scheduled to be held at the Maxwell House Hotel on October 23, 2021. With ASCE's recent guidance to continue to hold events virtually, we have made the difficult decision to move the event to April 23, 2022. Please hold the date on your calendar. We will continue to appreciate the event sponsors and look forward to seeing everyone in person!

Sports

The next regular Branch sports event is the annual Card Tournament. The Sports Committee is evaluating the possibility of holding the tournament in person or holding a virtual game night. Look for more information in the next Level Line.



Educational Outreach

The ASCE Nashville Branch would like to welcome back students for the new school year! With schools across our region holding mixed levels of in-person and virtual learning for students, there may be opportunities to meet the needs of students learning from home and/or opportunities for virtual tutoring, or alternative activities and support programs. If you know of any schools needing assistance with outreach, please have them contact us and we'd be happy to help! If you are interested in getting engaged with outreach and helping students, contact [Justin Corbitt](#).



Additionally, ACE is looking for mentors for this year's after-school program and there may opportunities to mentor virtually. For details on getting involved, contact [Janey Camp](#).

We understand that these are uncertain and trying times for our educators and students, and we look forward to helping in any way we can!

Younger Member Group

The ASCE Nashville Branch Younger Member Group is looking for volunteers to join the board for the October 2021-October 2022 year! If you are interested in hearing more about the open positions, please email us [HERE](#).

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You can now shop for Nashville ASCE branded merchandise online [HERE](#).

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.



Membership Renewal



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 2022. 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 Chapter Updates

Lipscomb University

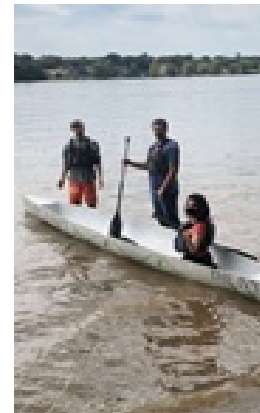


As we enter the heart of the fall semester, the Lipscomb University Student Chapter has been as busy as ever! We kicked off September with our first professional development meeting of the semester during which we outlined our semester goals to the chapter and heard from some upperclassmen about their summer internships. We have also started a weekly tradition of Wednesday night cookouts at our professor Dr. Lynn's house. The goal was to create a relaxed, drop-in-style event that allows for fellowship among the student body and to provide a short break from studying during the craziness of a typical week. Our big event of the month was ASCE Lake Day. We gathered at Old Hickory Lake for a day of music, games, and canoe races in a few of our old concrete canoes. Students from all disciplines in the college of engineering joined us for this fun-filled afternoon!



Tennessee State University

Hello from Tennessee State University Student Chapter! Our president, Zilan Jalal, and our vice president, Elise Russ, have a lot planned for the 2021-2022 school year. We are preparing for the Concrete Canoe competition and will be competing at the 2022 Student Conference at Arkansas State University. We want to thank Gresham Smith and Smith Seckman Reid for donating money to assist with the project. Our faculty advisor, Dr. Nathan, took five students to lake day with the Lipscomb and Vanderbilt student chapters. They let us row one of their canoes and were able to interact with other Student Chapter presidents and faculty advisors. We have contacted companies to connect them with our chapter at TSU. Some have already come, such as W&A and L.A.Fuess, and Kimley Horn is scheduled to come in October. In addition, Dave Livingstone from Brasfield and Gorrie will join one of our weekly meetings to give us advice and suggestions for the concrete canoe competition.



Tennessee Tech University

We had an industry professional from Terracon come and speak to our members about the different types of projects that his company worked on, as well as problems that we as engineers might encounter in the real world. We are also having a community clean-up this upcoming Saturday to try and make our community look even better than it already does. Next Tuesday we have some industry professionals from TDOT coming out to do a sample soil boring for our members to see, and get a pretty cool experience that I feel like a lot of people do not get the opportunity to be a part of. We used our efforts this week at our meeting to promote the STEM Career Fair and to encourage our members to attend and talk with different companies, and hopefully get their foot in the door for an internship or full-time job opportunity. We are also trying to plan a group event that we can do as a club for a fun experience, as well as to encourage people to join our organization.



Vanderbilt University

Happy Fall! Vanderbilt's ASCE Chapter is off to a strong start this school year! We have focused on recruiting new members, particularly first years and Civils who previously never got involved because of Covid. Our



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weekly meetings have featured internship presentations on a variety of industries including construction, water resources, transportation, consulting, and research, a graduate student panel, and a spaghetti tower building competition. Our concrete canoe team hosted a Concrete Canoe 101 event where they taught students about the fundamental components of concrete and everyone got to make their own concrete tray to keep. This weekend we're looking forward to meeting up with Lipscomb for a field day racing canoes and playing field games! We have a lot more things planned for the rest of the year and are looking forward to a more vibrant semester as our campus re-opens more and more.

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