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Greetings!

We have several exciting events coming up in the month of September. The Infrastructure Report Card for Tennessee is being finalized and will be released on September 14 at an event in Nashville. Event details will be forwarded to membership as they are completed. After the release event, a link to Tennessee's 2016 Infrastructure Report Card will be provided to the membership.

We are also excited about the 2016 Tennessee Engineers' Conference at the Music City Center in Nashville on September 14 through 16. We have a new social event included with early registration on September 14. The Wednesday Evening Social at the [Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery](#), downtown Nashville is sponsored by Forterra Building Productions (formerly Sherman-Dixie). The Tennessee Engineers' Conference will provide a wide variety of Professional Development Hours and multiple networking opportunities for exhibitors, presenters and volunteers. I hope to see you there.

It has been a pleasure serving as the president of the Tennessee Section. I have enjoyed working with the Tennessee Section Board and have learned a lot in the process. I encourage you to get involved in your local branch or section, and reap the rewards ASCE has to offer.

Brandie C. Cookston, PE, CPESC, CPSWQ,  
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President, ASCE Tennessee Section

**Sign up now!**

**2016 TN  
Engineers'  
Conference**  
(ASCE, TSPE, ACEC, and  
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**Date:** September 14-16, 2016

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**Location:** Music City Center, Nashville

There will be five educational tracks, with something for everyone. 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 Strategies Company
- Friday Breakfast - ASCE Awards & Installation
- Friday Luncheon - presentation on the upcoming [Dream Big Film](#)

[Professional Development Schedule](#) (as of 8/23/16)

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To sign up now to sponsor or exhibit at this event, please email [Helen Hennon](#) or register [online](#). To download [Sponsor](#) and/or [Exhibitor](#) forms, follow the links provided. Deadline for Sponsors and Exhibitors is September 1st (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.

## Chattanooga Branch Report

Chattanooga Branch members and leadership have been active in ASCE from membership & participation growth & retention to monthly luncheons to Regional meetings to participation in the State of TN Infrastructure Report Card. The Branch has been exploring the feasibility of a new ASCE Chapter at Chattanooga State Community College as well as starting Young Member and Life Member Committees.

After participation in March at Engineer's Day on the Hill in Nashville and the Legislative Fly-In to our Nation's capital, branch leadership has been

active this quarter. Both Maria Price (Branch President) and Lukas Salyer (Branch VP) attended the Region 4 Assembly Meeting in Nashville in April gaining valuable insight & invigorated with new ideas and enthusiasm. The event included updates and interactive sessions for both regional and national ASCE initiatives. These initiatives include the TN Infrastructure Report Card, Legislative Interaction & Contact, & Best Practices for local Chapters.

In May, members enjoyed a complementary bottomless menu of good food & drinks and Chattanooga's own Minor League Baseball Team, the Chattanooga Lookouts, from a large skybox.

June marked changes for the Branch as the monthly luncheon date was officially moved to the third Thursday of each month in order to secure the ideal meeting location. The first on the new date was a presentation by Andy Derenski with Uretec on Polyurethane Grout Applications at the Broad Street Grille's Foundry in the Chattanooga Hotel. Members continued to enjoy the discounted luncheon rate and via PayPal, pre-payment was available for the first time.

A few key members received training from the Society on the new Branch website to be unveiled soon. The branch email is [ascechattanooga@gmail.com](mailto:ascechattanooga@gmail.com).

Bill Hoyt will be coordinating Life Member events and the Branch is currently seeking a Young Member Committee Chair.

Plans are in the works to partner with the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Chattanooga State Community College & other organizations to present the Chattanooga Development Symposium this fall with ASCE as the lead organization.

We look forward to an active & membership beneficial Third Quarter!

## Holston Branch Report

The Branch would like to thank Ted Kniazewycz with Gresham, Smith and Partners, and also our very own ASCE TN Section Treasurer, for discussing the Fast Fix 8 project in Nashville. Members were educated with the replacement of the 8 bridges on I-40 using a process called Accelerated Bridge Construction. Ted narrated the discussion of the project with time lapse video for each of the bridges.



The Branch would also like to thank Ron Crockett for all his hard work with organizing the Branch social on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Held at the Foundation Event Facility in Bristol, members spent the evening getting to know each other and participate in several ice breaker activities for everyone to get to know each other better. The event was well received and there was enough interest to have another one in the future.



The next branch meeting will be after the Battle at Bristol. We are currently working out a tour date with Mr. Scott Hatcher, VP of Operations/Development, to give us a personal tour of the Engineering challenges associated with converting the Speedway into "Battle field" and also the structural challenges with installing Colossus.

All of the latest Branch events can be found on the website calendar @ [www.asce-holston.org](http://www.asce-holston.org). If you would like additional information about our branch or upcoming meetings please contact us at [asce.holston@gmail.com](mailto:asce.holston@gmail.com) (goes to the current President).

## Knoxville Branch Report

The April Monthly Meeting was on April 18, 2016 at the University of Tennessee's Tickle Engineering Building (during the UTK student chapter's regularly scheduled meeting). The Joint Meeting with the Student Chapter was held to install newly elected officers for new school year (2016-2017).

The students provided a report on their participation in the annual ASCE student conference in which the students placed second overall and their year's activities. Additionally, the Branch President (Sam Mayes) performed the installation of new officers for the upcoming school year. The meeting was well attended by both students and members of the Knoxville Chapter.

The May Monthly Meeting was held on May 10, at the Oak Ridge Civic Center, Oak Ridge, TN. Speakers for the meeting were Kristin Qualls & Christie Brown from Region 1 of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The title of the presentation was "Alcoa Highway Realignment and Expansion". The presentation showed the various phases of the highway realignment project and the difficulties encountered during the design and acquisition phases. The presentation was attended by approximately 40 members.

On June 14, 2016, the monthly meeting was held at Buddy's Banquet Hall in Knoxville. The presentation was given by Ms. Amy Mann from the Knox County Stormwater Department. Ms. Mann addressed new regulations being implemented and the impact relative to design and implementation. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 members.

Planning continued on a consistent basis during three leadership meetings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Future events discussed during the planning sessions included the Annual ASCE Golf Tournament, a tour of Neyland Stadium, commemorating Norris Dam with a plaque for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, identifying an upcoming list of speakers for future meetings, identification and nomination of candidates for Branch and State Awards for 2016 and identifying a list of candidates as officers for 2016 - 2017.

The Younger Members Group (YMG) sponsored events during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and will further detail their list in a separate newsletter. YMG events during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter included a River Cleanup sponsored by Cannon & Cannon, Inc., and attending a Tennessee Smokies baseball game in Sevierville, which was sponsored by Superior Drainage Products. Thanks a lot to the companies that continue to sponsor our YMG events.

A link to the Knoxville Branch website can be found here: [www.asceknoxville.org](http://www.asceknoxville.org). Check out the website for information on upcoming activities, the latest newsletter, and resources!

## Nashville Branch Report

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 was another busy one for the Nashville Branch. We were able to continue our activity with a variety of events for our members to attend and serve.

### April

April's meeting has traditionally been an evening meeting. In addition to celebrating our Life Members and scholarship winners we also honored our Past President. We also presented awards for: Outstanding Student Member, Younger Member, Government Engineer, Engineering Educator, Outstanding Engineering Project, and Distinguished Service. This year the event was held at Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse in midtown and we had a huge turnout.

### May

Another successful golf tournament at Hermitage golf course has come and gone in the month of May. This year we had 20 teams participate as we raised over \$5000 to go toward our college scholarship fund. I'd like to recognize our sports committee chairs Matt Bullard and Eric Gardner for their efforts organizing this event. Those of us who just show up to eat and play golf don't always realize how much work goes on behind the scenes to round up sponsors, teams, volunteers, door prizes, refreshments, etc. Great job Matt and Eric! Thank you both so much for making this event outstanding each and every year. We are planning on keeping this event in the month of May once again in 2017.

Ted Kniazewycz was also recognized at our May branch meeting for attaining the status of ASCE Fellow, a prestigious honor held by fewer than 3.5% of all ASCE members.

### June

June's branch meeting was a unique event. We held a panel discussion on the licensing issue of PE Exam "decoupling". Three panelists (Hal Balthrop, Larry Ridlen, and David Peterson) provided some interesting facts and insights for our audience of about 85 people. We also had a chance to utilize some interactive polling with our audience and shared the results with our other members, the Tennessee A/E board, and the NCEES exam committee.

Our younger member group also held a Young Professionals "mixer" and corn hole tournament at a local brewery with several other young professional groups in town. They reported a successful networking and social event with over 75 attendees.

We also continue to promote and utilize all of our social media accounts for branch events, reminders and recognition.

A link to our Nashville Branch website can be found here: <http://www.nashvilleasce.org>. We are also making a conscious effort to utilize all of our social media accounts for branch event reminders and recognition.

## West Tennessee Branch Report

The West Tennessee Branch Board met April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss Branch business. The Branch hosted monthly meetings in Memphis for the membership on various topics including the Transportation Coalition of TN on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and a case study on the Smalley Piper project in Collierville, TN presented by TDEC on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

There was no branch meeting in June due to the summer break. An engineering presentation was hosted in Jackson, TN on April 26<sup>th</sup> regarding Infotech Project Management Software.

Construction was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the event donated nearly 19,000 pounds of food for over 15,000 meals.

"GET IT Too" Geotechnical Conference was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the West TN Geotechnical Committee reported great attendance and speakers.

Larkin Myers and Tom Lawrence attended PR University on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Golf Tournament Committee has been working diligently this quarter on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament coming up in July.