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Greetings!

As your new TN Section President (since September), I wanted to introduce myself to everyone. I'm an Environmental by trade, have a degree from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, and am a member and past/present officer of the West TN Branch. Our 5 Branches have all had fun and exciting things going on this past quarter, as you can read in this newsletter, and the students are preparing (many with casting of their concrete canoes) for the annual Spring Student Conferences. Our 9 ABET accredited engineering schools across the state compete in different conferences, and we wish them all the luck in the world at their respective Spring conferences.

We are starting to make preparations for this year's Tennessee Engineering Conference, which will again be held at the Franklin Marriott. We have reviewed everyone's comment card from the 2018 TEC, and have taken your concerns into consideration. The dates of the conference are September 15-17, 2019. Please note that this is a Sunday-Tuesday, so mark your calendars now!

Let us know if we can do anything to help you or your Branch, or if you think of something that will help us to be a better Section. As always, thanks to the many hard working volunteers who make the Branches and the Section successful. You are our greatest resource!



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2019 TN Engineers' Conference**

**Date: September 15-17, 2019**

**Location: Franklin**



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## Marriott Cool Springs

ASCE TN Section, ACEC TN, TNSEA, and TSPE will combine again for the 2019 Tennessee Engineers' Conference. With a wide variety of PDHs and countless networking opportunities, it is the premier gathering for engineers of all disciplines across the state. Stay tuned for more information!

## Chattanooga Branch Report

The monthly membership meetings highlight the Chattanooga Branch Activities. Monthly events for the 3rd quarter of 2018 were:

- In July, the branch held a monthly membership meeting where Lukas Slayer presented a detailed overview of the ASCE National Report Card. He is an outstanding presenter, and held the audiences' attention well, even in a noisy hotel bar.
- In August, the branch held the 3rd annual Chattanooga Development Symposium which was attended by 100 guests and had 24 presenters. Maria Price is the Development Symposium Chairperson, and worked extremely hard to herd all the cats for another successful event.
- In September, the branch encouraged and promoted attendance at the TN Engineer's Conference.

Looking Ahead:

-In October, the Branch will hold (held) a monthly membership meeting and Amy Katcher from TDEC will be speaking about the Draft ARAP Changes

-In November, the Branch will hold a monthly membership meeting and Alisha Hartley from FM Global will be speaking about Flood Assessment and Mitigation.

-In December, the Branch will hold a Christmas social at the Terminal Brew House and participate in the annual Toys for Tots Campaign.

## Holston Branch Report

The results of the Holston Branch Elections for the 2018-2019 year are as follows:

President - Jennifer J. Moore  
Vice President - Richard Beck  
Secretary/Treasurer - Brian Johnson

The Branch would like to thank the 13 members who took the time to vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl and Grill within the Bass Pro Shop at the Pinnacle Shopping area. Our guest speaker is Raymond A. Whitner, III, the Engineering Field Director for the Virginia Department of Health - Office of Drinking Water. He will be discussing Lead in Public Drinking Water and the information obtained from Flint, Michigan's water crisis. 1 PDH will be given.

All of the latest Branch events can be found on the website calendar

at [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**

Our August lunch meeting at the city of Knoxville, with the speaker of Dawn Michelle Foster. Dawn Michelle spoke is the director of the economic development for the City of Knoxville. She spoke on the present and future projects part of the economic development in the city.

In September we held a showing of the Dream Big Movie at the Casual Pint. We had a field trip to the newly completed Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Our October meeting was held at Buddy's banquet hall with the speaker of Julie Childers of KUB. She spoke on the Century II program. We had the local coordinator of the "First City" program give the members information on the program and how they can get involved.

New officers installed are President Patrick Fiveash, Vice President Karen McKeenan, Secretary Jenny Retherford, and Treasurer Helen Hennon.

The Young Members Group went to a Tennessee Smokie baseball game.

### **Nashville Branch Report**

Elections were held in September 2018:

- President: Chris A. Gwaltney
- President Elect: Suzanne Herron
- Vice President: Kenneth Perkins
- Secretary: Christian Reid
- Treasurer: Dustin Scruggs

August luncheon meeting presentation "Expanding BNA" was presented by Robert Ramsey, PE, AAE, IAP, Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (approximately 70 attendees). October meeting presentation "Smart Mobility and You?" by Steve Field and Susan Marlow of Stantec (approximately 50 attendees). November meeting will be held at Vandy and cohosted by Lipscomb, TSU, and Tech.

Topgolf Outing was attended by approximately 45 "golfers." Proceeds (~\$750) go to the Nashville Branch Scholarship fund. Thanks to Eric Gardner for hosting.

School of Rock was attended by approximately 70. Proceeds (~\$5,000) go to the Nashville Branch Scholarship fund. Thanks to Mike Kusch, TCPA, and Bio Clean for hosting.

### **West Tennessee Branch Report**

The West Tennessee Branch Board met July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Branch business. Branch meetings were

not held in July and August as the Branch does not typically host summer meetings. Four new life members were recognized at the ASCE West TN Branch Kickoff Meeting. The four new life members include Dennis Henderson, Lee Schulz, Marshall Austin and Larry Marshall. The new officers for the branch were installed including the new younger member group officers. George Abbott, Director of External Affairs with the Memphis River Parks Partnership spoke about the proposed improvements at Tom Lee Park. Engineering presentations were hosted monthly in Jackson, TN.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual ASCE West TN Branch Golf Tournament was held on July 27<sup>th</sup> and \$3,150 was raised to pay off the trailers for the student chapters of the Branch.

## Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your ASCE membership for 2019, please do so soon.

Memberships run on a calendar year schedule. Each Branch and Section has a database with contact information for members and past members. After two years, former members that haven't renewed for two years will be removed from the database. Please renew before your contact information is removed.

Log in to the ASCE website to renew your membership and get access to several free webinars. [Renew Here Today!](#)

