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Summer 2020

<p><b>In This Issue:</b></p>	<p>Greetings!</p>
<p><a href="#">Chattanooga Branch</a>  <a href="#">Holston Branch</a>  <a href="#">Knoxville Branch</a>  <a href="#">Nashville Branch</a>  <a href="#">West Tennessee Branch</a>  <a href="#">Membership Renewal</a></p>	<p>I hope this newsletter finds each of you safe and well during these unprecedented times. Typically, our branches across the state would be working through a full slate of in-person summer activities however, as you know, safety concerns have forced us to utilize virtual platforms for almost all current events. While this was an unanticipated challenge, I am extremely proud of the leadership of our branches across the state, all of whom have embraced this new environment and remain committed to providing value for our membership. These leaders seized the opportunity to consider new &amp; creative ways to serve our members, which will have a long &amp; lasting effect that will serve us well in the future.</p>
<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Lukas Salyer</a> President</p> <p><a href="#">Eric Gardner, PE</a> President-Elect</p> <p><a href="#">Patrick Fiveash, PE</a> Vice President</p> <p><a href="#">J. Wesley Goodnight</a> Past President</p> <p><a href="#">Ashley T. Smith, PE</a> Secretary</p> <p><a href="#">Ted A. Kniazewycz, PE</a> Treasurer</p>	<p>Also, at this time in a normal year, the section and branch leadership would be making final preparations for our signature event; the 2020 TN Engineers' Conference. The conference is a cornerstone of our Section activities and features industry renowned speakers and presenters. After extensive evaluation among the leadership of ASCE, ACEC &amp; TSPE, we have decided to cancel the 2020 session of the TN Engineers' Conference (TNEC). The conference will resume in September of 2021 at the Franklin Marriott. I personally want to thank the ASCE members who provided their feedback to the conference committee via inquiries, emails, etc.</p>
<p><b>QUICK LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Website</a>  <a href="#">Newsletter</a>  <a href="#">Events</a></p>	<p>With the decision to cancel the 2020 TNEC, the ASCE TN Section and Branch leadership is now faced with a dilemma in how to replace the value and opportunity for professional development that the conference provides to our membership. This was the most widely discussed topic at our July Board meeting. The leadership is in unanimous agreement that we should provide content and opportunity for our membership. We are however, undecided as to the details on how to best provide what will ultimately be virtual content. Specifically, the schedule, subject matter, etc. As such, we feel the best way to answer these questions is to seek feedback from the most important voice; You!</p>
<p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Matt Caskey, PE</a> Awards Chair</p> <p><a href="#">Tom Lawrence, PE</a> Engineering Management Chair</p>	<p>With this in mind, we will be distributing an email survey (via Constant Contact) to you the membership. The anonymous survey will take less than 15 minutes of your time to complete, and will include simple questions, as well as provide the opportunity for open comments. Essentially this is the most forward step we can take to mold the specific event to the desires of the membership.</p>

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I would ask that every member take a few minutes to respond to the survey and make your voice heard! On behalf of the entire ASCE Section Leadership, I want to thank each and every member for your continued commitment to ASCE. I assure you that your elected leadership remains focused on serving you.

It is my hope that each of you remain healthy and safe during the second half 2020.

Regards,

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**MEMBER SURVEY!!!**

Please click [HERE](#) to take a short survey regarding a possible 2020 Virtual Conference by Wednesday, August 5th.



The input provided will be used to determine our members' desires regarding a possible virtual conference in lieu of the annual Tennessee Engineers' Conference, which is cancelled for 2020.

**Chattanooga Branch Report**

The monthly membership meetings and events highlight the Chattanooga Branch Activities. Monthly events for the 2nd quarter of 2020 were:

- \* In April, the branch held a virtual monthly membership meeting and Dora Chang from CDM Smith spoke about Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- \* In May, the branch held a joint virtual monthly membership meeting with CEC and TSPE. Max Cange from Geosyntec spoke about Internal Erosion Remediation and Dam Safety.
- \* In June, the branch held a virtual monthly membership meeting and Ray Tant from Shield Engineering about ASCE's Government Relations committee and Key Contacts program.
- \* Bryan College in Dayton Tennessee has sent their paper work for full student chapter membership to me. It has been filled out and submitted back to them. They are waiting on a couple other return forms to submit their application. They hope for chapter approval in the fall.

Looking Ahead:

\* In July, we will have a virtual meeting and Scott Hadder from the Bio Clean will speak on The Cost Saving Benefits of Underground Stormwater Storage.

\* In August, we might have an in person meeting. If it doesn't work out we will have another virtual meeting.

### Holston Branch Report

There is no Branch Report, as the Branch is currently transitioning leadership.

### Knoxville Branch Report

On April 20, 2020 members of the Knoxville Branch joined the University of Tennessee Knoxville Student Chapter via Zoom for their final meeting of the school year. The students discussed the past year, including involvement with conference and lessons learned. The meeting concluded with a presentation by the incoming Student Chapter President, Kami Reid.

On May 19, 2020 the Knoxville Branch held its first free virtual monthly meeting via Zoom. Daryl R. Armentrout, Ph.D., P.E., Fellow and Life Member of ASCE made a presentation on the "History of the Knoxville Branch" in honor of our 85th Anniversary. In lieu of a group photo, a collage was created to commemorate all past presidents in attendance (see attached). The meeting was attended by approximately 50.

Our free virtual branch meeting on June 16, 2020 was held via Zoom with Mr. Robert Campbell, Jr., P.E. as our speaker. Robert has been the president of his own company for 24 years and served on the board of numerous professional organizations. He made a presentation titled "An Update from the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners". The meeting was attended by approximately 50.

The Knoxville Branch has received nominations for awards and will make recommendations to the Section later this month. With concerns about the spread of Covid-19, our annual golf tournament usually held in July has been canceled. Our officers are organizing a virtual technical seminar series for the month of August to serve as a replacement fundraiser for the ASCE scholarship endowment. We're planning to have 2 hours of sessions every Tuesday in August from 11 am to 1 pm. Tuesday, August 4th will be a special free "ASCE Day" with presentations from Brian Reynolds (Region 4 Governor) and Will McCloy (Region 4 Younger Member Advisory Council Representative). Thank you Brian and Will for supporting the Knoxville Branch!

### Nashville Branch Report

On May 21, the Nashville Branch had a meeting to hear Michael Rankin from Crain Construction, Paul Degges from TDOT, Rodney Chester from Gresham Smith, and Chris Gwaltney from Lipscomb University discuss Life after COVID-19. We had about 70 attendees to our first virtual meeting. On June 18, the Nashville Branch had a virtual meeting on Pathway to Licensure. We had about 36 attendees.

The Nashville Branch July luncheon meeting will be a joint meeting

with ITE. We were planning to hold our Awards dinner in August. At this time, we have canceled that meeting and are planning to hold our 2020 Awards dinner with our 100 year celebration and 2021 Awards dinner in April 2021. We are planning to move forward with our Annual Golf Tournament in October. Mike Kusch recently suggested moving forward with School of Rock virtually. We will move forward with planning that event.

### West Tennessee Branch Report

The West Tennessee Branch as had several meetings in the last quarter, all of which have been virtual. These meetings have included in April - Memphis Harbor Front Drainage Improvements, May - City of Memphis Transit project - new developments, and in June - No Meetings were held. The branch has also decided to provide a Summer Series of meeting with each month offering additional virtual session for extra PDH credits. The branch is also working on bringing School of Rock virtually to our membership.

In addition to our meetings the Section Awards nominations have been determined and submittals are in progress.

Finally, our branch has started the new Officer Nomination with the actual elections set to take place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your ASCE membership for 2020, 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!](#)