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e-Newsletter

Greetings! I hope everyone has enjoyed this very mild summer we've had. I know I have taken advantage to rack up some miles on the old running shoes and bike. It looks like it is now back to school, back to work, and back to football time. The change of the seasons also means that our local ASCE branches will be more active again. Please look for announcements from them. There are many opportunities to see your fellow colleagues in the industry including monthly branch meetings and younger member and student chapter events. Please make the most of these opportunities to network, volunteer, and help shape the future of the society and the profession.

I also want to thank all of the Section's members for their support of the organization and me over this last year. It has been a pleasure serving as your president. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the next generation of leaders in our profession. I look to examples like Bluegrass branch's outreach to area students in educating them about civil engineering as a career and force for good in developing our nation's infrastructure. With the support of ASCE National's SPAG grant program and Section contributions, the branch will be helping to inspire future generations of civil engineers. As we look forward to what our future leaders have in store for us the Section has taken on a new initiative in drawing from the past. The board has voted to create a new committee of past presidents. This ad-hoc committee has formed with the generous support of several past Section presidents who are ready and willing to help guide the section on important matters facing it. What a great future

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### 2014 Annual Meeting

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our organization has!  
Thank you again and as always feel free to contact me with any of your thoughts or questions.

The Bluegrass Branch is working hard planning this year's State Section Annual Meeting. The event will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Lexington; see additional information within this newsletter. Having been involved in the planning efforts in past years I know how much effort goes into organizing this event. I want to thank the committee now for all their efforts. I know this event will build on the great success of last year's event held at the Parklands of Floyds Fork.

***Chris J. Keil***

***ASCE Kentucky Secion President***

## **2014 Annual Meeting**

***The 2014 KY Section Annual Meeting will be held on  
Friday, October 10, 2014  
at the Lexington Convention Center  
in Lexington, Kentucky.***

For a printable registration form please click the link:  
**[2014 ASCE KY Section Annual Meeting Registration](#)**

You may also register and pay ONLINE at the following LINK. [Online Registration](#)

We are still accepting nominations for Distinguished Engineers in Kentucky. The nomination form can be found by clicking link **[2014 Distinguished Engineer Award](#)**.

Please consider nominating your fellow Kentucky ASCE members for one of the following Distinguished Engineers Awards:

- **Distinguished Engineer in Education**

- Distinguished Young Engineer (Engineer under the age of 35)
- Distinguished Engineer in Private Practice
- Distinguished Engineer in Public Sector
- Outstanding Student Organization
- Gillum Award

All nominations shall be submitted to Jason Hurt, [jmh10060@gmail.com](mailto:jmh10060@gmail.com), by September 22, 2014.

We are still looking for Sponsors and Exhibitors for this years annual meeting. Please consider asking your company to become a sponsor or exhibitor.

The Sponsor/Exhibitor levels are noted below:

\* \$100 Level 1 Sponsor - Your company name will be printed on the Annual Meeting Programs.

\* \$250 Level 2 Sponsor - Your company logo will be printed on the Annual Meeting Programs and displayed during the Annual Meeting Luncheon. Your company will also receive one free registration.

\* \$250 Exhibitor - Your company will receive a table and space immediately adjacent to the meeting conference rooms to set up your company exhibit. Your company logo will be printed on the Annual Meeting Programs and displayed during the Annual Meeting Luncheon. Your company will also receive one free registration.

If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor or exhibitor, please contact Jason Hurt, [jmh10060@gmail.com](mailto:jmh10060@gmail.com).

*Thanks in advance for your help and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, October 10, 2014, at the Lexington Center!*

## Scholarship Committee

Saeed Assef has stepped aside in his role on the scholarship committee, coinciding with his retirement from MSD. For 20+ years Saeed has been dedicated to the oversight of the Fund, growing the fund to ensure the perpetuation of the scholarship program while

making efforts to allow the Section to expand the scholarships offered. In addition to several years of service on the committee as a representative from the Louisville branch, Saeed was chair of the committee for many of those years. Thank you Saeed!

## Blue Grass Branch

The Blue Grass Branch has been very active during the second quarter of 2014. In addition to organizing the Kentucky Section Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, October 10, 2014, at the Lexington Convention Center, our Branch had a regular monthly meeting in May, a picnic in June organized by our Younger Member Group, and we have been busy assembling an Outreach Booth to be used by Branch members to connect with potential civil engineering students and their families.

On May 16, 2014, our Branch met at the Coca-Cola Warehouse Facility on Leestown Road in Lexington. We were given a presentation and a tour of the facility's rain gardens and rainwater harvesting system. The presentation and tour was given by Eric Dewalt from Ridgewater.

On Saturday, June 28, 2014, our Branch members and their families met at Veteran's Park in Lexington for a picnic organized by our Younger Member Group. Even though the rainstorms hampered the cornhole games, we enjoyed some great BBQ and fellowship under the picnic shelter.

Michelle Meehan has spearheaded our Branch efforts for developing an Outreach Booth which can be utilized by our Branch members to discuss our civil engineering profession with students from elementary school through college. Our Branch received a State Public Affairs Grant (SPAG) from ASCE National and a donation from the Kentucky Section to help fund the development of this display. The Outreach Booth will contain informational handout materials targeting the different age groups of students, hands-on engineering displays, and project posters highlighting civil

engineering projects in Kentucky. Our Branch will have the Outreach Booth on display at the Kentucky Section Annual Meeting for everyone to review. This will be a great tool to reach out to future Civil Engineers.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 10, 2014, at your Kentucky Section Annual Meeting.

## Governor's Update

**Jon Keeling, PE, M.ASCE**

**A few dates to remember:**

Region 4 Assembly of Delegates and Board of Governors Meeting, Sept. 19-20, Newport News, VA

ASCE Younger Member Leadership Symposium, Sept. 21-22, ASCE HQ, Reston, VA

ASCE Multi-Regional Leadership Conference, January 9-10, 2015, Miami, Florida

## Frankfort Branch

Do you live or work in Frankfort? The Frankfort Branch is looking for new officers. If you are interested in helping in revitalizing the Frankfort Branch please contact Colette Easter at [colette.easter@ky.gov](mailto:colette.easter@ky.gov)



## Louisville Branch Younger Member Group

The Louisville Branch Younger Member Group (YMG) constructed a wheelchair ramp on August 7th and 9th for Repair Affair 2014. Repair Affair is an annual event sponsored by the New Directions Housing Corporation that focuses on making homes safer, more energy efficient, and accessible. A total of twelve volunteers worked together to deliver materials,

construct the 25-foot long ramp, and replace a section of concrete sidewalk. The recipient homeowner was very appreciative of our efforts and the finished product.



Our group also held officer elections at our August 28th lunch meeting at El Torazo Mexican Restaurant. This meeting was our best attended of the year with a total of 19 attendees. The following list of new officers will serve a two year term, commencing at the Louisville Branch Meeting in September.

**President -**  
**Andrew Esarey (Strand Associates, Inc.)**

**Vice President -**  
**Nathan Chappell (BTM Engineering, Inc.)**

**Secretary -**  
**Laura Singleton (Strand Associates, Inc.)**

**Treasurer -**  
**Luke Rebholz (Messer Construction)**

**Past President -**  
**Ryan D. Tinsley (Strand Associates, Inc.)**

## **Louiville Branch**

**This years officers are:**

**Kent Ballard - President**

**Shanaka Ewing - Vice President**

**Sean Craig - Treasurer**

**Eric Walls - Secretary**

**Ryan Tinsley - Welcoming Chair**

### *NOTE FROM THE EDITOR*

First I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this quarter's newsletter in such a timely fashion. Second I want to apologize for the delay getting this

Newsletter out. Due to some technical issues on my end this edition is extremely late. Please forgive the inconvenience of not having this year's registration from much earlier. I know that the Annual Meeting committed has worked extremely hard to put together this year's meeting and we all hope to see you there.

Regards,

Colette Easter  
KY ASCE Newsletter Editor



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