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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear ASCE Kentucky Section Members:

The summer is swiftly coming to an end and that is hard for me to believe. The KY Section recently held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board meeting in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Board members discussed some of the upcoming ASCE meetings and conferences. Here is a brief summary of those meetings:

- September 6<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> - Region 4 Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina
- October 9<sup>th</sup> - ASCE National Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina
- **October 25<sup>th</sup> - KY Section Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky**
- February 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> - Multi-Leader Conference Indianapolis, Indiana

There is more information on the KY Section Annual meeting throughout the Newsletter. Please continue reading!

As President of the KY Section, I have enjoyed serving each and every member. I would like to thank my current Board members for their support throughout the past year. Also, I would like to thank the past ASCE Board Members and any member of ASCE that I have reached out to for guidance. I still have 3 months to serve as President and I look forward to the upcoming months, especially the annual meeting. Hopefully, I will see each of you there. Don't forget to check our website for any updates: [www.kyasce.org](http://www.kyasce.org)

Regards,

T. Craig Barnet, PE, MASCE  
President, KY Section ASCE 2012-2013

## IN REMEMBRANCE

The Kentucky ASCE Section celebrates the life and mourns the loss of our friend Charles William Ritchie. Please see the attached announcement [Charles William Ritchie](#).

## BRANCH REPORTS

### BLUE GRASS BRANCH

The Blue Grass Branch had their first meeting after summer on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. George Binder of the Kentucky Engineering Center discussed P.E. requirements in Kentucky. The new officers for the 2013-2014 year were also installed. The upcoming year will include tours of local construction projects, more community outreach events, a new website, and lots of younger member sponsored social events!

Septembers meeting is scheduled for Friday September 20th at the Lexington Public Library. We are please to have Andrew Grundwald with LFUCG. He will be presenting on the status of tech Newtown Pike Extension (Oliver Lewis Way) Project from Versailles Road to Broadway. For further information or to register to attend please contact [rjohnson@gray.com](mailto:rjohnson@gray.com).

### Blue Grass Branch 2013-2014 Officers:

President: Jason Hurt (  
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Vice President: Michelle Meehan ([Michelle.Meehan@stantec.com](mailto:Michelle.Meehan@stantec.com))

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Kenny Bussey ([Kbussey@flohut.com](mailto:Kbussey@flohut.com))

Community Outreach Coordinator: Adam Mays ([Adam.Mays@stantec.com](mailto:Adam.Mays@stantec.com))

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[Cblatta@vaughnmelton.com](mailto:Cblatta@vaughnmelton.com))

## **LOUISVILLE BRANCH**

The Louisville Branch has been working over the summer to plan for this year's Annual Meeting. We look forward to everyone coming to town to enjoy great technical sessions and catching up in a unique and beautiful setting.

Our first luncheon was on September 6th at the University Club starting at 11:30AM. Our speaker was Mr. Dave Vogel with the Louisville Water Company. Mr. Vogel spoke on Measuring and Improving Customer Service. The 2013-2014 new officers were also voted in at the meeting. The following members' nominations were approved at the May 2013 meeting:

Past President - Roy Flynn  
President - Paul Maron  
Vice-President - Kent Ballard  
Treasurer - Shanaka Ewing  
Secretary - Sean Craig  
Welcoming Chair - Eric Walls  
Younger Member Pres. - Ryan Tinsley

### **Upcoming Branch Luncheons:**

- October, 2013 - No meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the KY Section Annual Meeting
- November 8, 2013
- December 13, 2013
- January 10, 2014
- February, 2014 - No meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the Engineer's Banquet.
- March 14, 2014
- April 11, 2014
- May 9, 2014

Please visit our website for additional information: [www.ascebluegrassbranch.com](http://www.ascebluegrassbranch.com)

### ***ASCE Louisville Branch Younger Member Group***

For more information on the ASCE Louisville Branch Younger Member Group, please contact Ryan D. Tinsley at [ryan.tinsley@strand.com](mailto:ryan.tinsley@strand.com) or visit our Facebook group page.

## **REGION 4 and GOVERNOR'S UPDATE by Jon Keeling**

Hello again Section Members! Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer. I just wanted to provide a brief update on recent regional happenings within ASCE.

While the summer season is fairly quiet with regards to statewide or regional ASCE activities, Region 4 is making preparations to hold the next Assembly of Delegates and Board of Governors meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. The meeting will be held on September 6 - 7, 2013, at the Westin hotel in downtown Charlotte, in conjunction with the North Carolina ASCE Section meeting. All members are welcome to attend as delegates! If interested in attending, please coordinate with Craig Barnett, our Section President. I will again be planning to attend various Branch and Student Chapter meetings within the state, starting this fall - I look forward to perhaps meeting you at one of these meetings!

As you may recall, the University of Louisville ASCE Student Chapter qualified to attend and compete at the ASCE 2013 National Steel Bridge Competition in Seattle - I understand that the Chapter members represented our state well, under some seriously fierce competition! The students definitely expressed their appreciation to our Kentucky Section for being a Silver Sponsor of their efforts. Everyone is looking forward to next years' competition!

This past year, I've also helped review ASCE National budgeting and finances by serving on the Program and Finance Committee (PFC). Some of the highlights from the national budgeting process that took place in May through July this year are that there will not be a national dues increase for ASCE members in the upcoming year, and there will be a return to limited funding for the SPAG program (SPAG stands for State Public Affairs Grants). In general, the purpose of the SPAG program is to enable Sections and Branches to introduce public affairs programs at the local level, or to enhance existing programs, to promote civil engineers and the impacts of our profession within the community. Our Region has definitely used SPAG funds for many beneficial programs in the past (including here in Kentucky) and I would encourage you at the branch level to consider applying for SPAG funding for a worthy project - applications are usually due in October. For more information on SPAG, please contact me, or ASCE National at [govwash@asce.org](mailto:govwash@asce.org)

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the ASCE Region 4 Board as your Governor. Please feel free to contact me about any issues concerning ASCE at the local or state level. My contact information is phone: (859) 940-2854 (cell); email: [jon.keeling@stantec.com](mailto:jon.keeling@stantec.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2013 Kentucky Section ASCE Annual Meeting

This year's Kentucky Section Annual Meeting will be held at a one of a kind and scenic location - the Parklands of Floyds Fork. The Parklands are Louisville's newest addition to the park system. The meeting will be held on Friday, October 25, 2013. Click the link for a registration form [2013 Annual Meeting](#). A map to Gheens Foundation Lodge can also be downloaded [Direction to Gheens Foundation Lodge](#) or visit <http://theparklands.org>.

The annual meeting is a great opportunity to earn professional development hours (PDH) credits and network with other engineering professional in the Section.

### 2013 Distinguished Engineer Awards

A great part of the Annual Meeting is giving out awards to exemplary members. These candidates are nominated by their fellow ASCE members. So we ask you to please think about your fellow members that are deserving of these distinguished awards. Click the link to find the nominations form [2013 Distinguished Engineer Awards](#). Please submit your nominations or further questions to Sean Craig at [sean.craig@louisvillemsd.org](mailto:sean.craig@louisvillemsd.org) by September 27th, 2013.

### 2013 Ohio River Valley Soils Seminar

This year's Ohio River Valley Soils Seminar (ORVSS) will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on November 15th at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. For full details please click the link for this year's flyer. Link [ORVIS XLIV](#).

If you have any news that you would like to have included in the next newsletter please email me the information at [colette.easter@ky.gov](mailto:colette.easter@ky.gov). The next newsletter will be sent out in December 2013. Sincerely,

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