

## 141<sup>st</sup> ASCE Annual Meeting Update

Memphis will be hosting the Sustainable Infrastructure themed 141<sup>st</sup> ASCE Annual Meeting between October 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The local branch is working with Section, Regional, and National to host a great Annual Meeting. Besides the business meeting, general sessions, and concurrent sessions, the Annual Meeting will also feature:

- Tours of Beale Street Landing, BNSF's Memphis Intermodal Facility, AutoZone Headquarters, University of Memphis' Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law, or Port of Memphis with CNCSX Intermodal Facility
- Preconference short courses that will feature three 1-hour presentations and two 15-minute breaks. Participants should select one of the following three short course session tracks- Structural and Emergency Engineering Operations, Concrete Design Issues for Large Structures Over Time, Seismic Engineering in Memphis
- ASCE's 2011 Annual Community Service Project is headed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to construct and mount scarecrows in their garden. This free event is scheduled for Sunday, October 23rd, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Join colleagues for a day of fun and a bit of competition to see who can design the best scarecrow. Don't miss this pleasurable, free, and unique opportunity to benefit this important hospital's garden! Large quantities of scarecrow materials, including 2x2 treated lumber, straw, wire or twine, and clothing are needed. If you or your company may be able to contribute, please contact Stephanie Ivey at [ssalyers@memphis.edu](mailto:ssalyers@memphis.edu).



You can find out more about the meeting, tours, short courses, and community service at <http://content.asce.org/conferences/annual2011/index.html>,

### Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers will be needed for the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in learning how your help can assure that Memphis is a fabulous host, contact Claire Barnett, Volunteer Coordinator, at (901) 372-7962 or [cbarnett@ensafe.com](mailto:cbarnett@ensafe.com)

### Branch Election Time

The Branch is electing branch officers. Members who are current with their Section dues should have received an email regarding voting from Roger Meier and Ballotbin.com. The current Vice President, Doug Dietz, automatically advances to President while the current President, Stephanie Ivey, automatically advances to Past President. We will need to elect a Vice President, Secretary, and three Directors. The candidates are Philip Stuckert for Vice President, Wesley Goodnight for Secretary, and Nicole Craven, Chris Triplett, Russ Brasfield, and David Sutton for the three positions on the Board. Balloting closes the first of September 2011. Results of the election will be disclosed at the annual kickoff dinner. If you paid your Section dues this year and did not receive a ballot, please contact Roger Meier at [rwmeier@memphis.edu](mailto:rwmeier@memphis.edu) or (901) 678-3284. Please vote!

## Grape for Geeks

The U of M and CBU ASCE Student Chapters are planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grapes for Geeks event. Proceeds from this wine tasting benefit the student chapters. Last year over 150 tickets were sold and the event had a net profit of \$700.00. This year the chapters are looking for sponsors, who will be recognized at the event and on the Grape for Geeks website ([www.grapeforgeeks.org](http://www.grapeforgeeks.org)). Sponsor a tasting table for \$200, the stage for \$400, or provide a donation in any amount. Contact Roger Meier at [rweier@memphis.edu](mailto:rweier@memphis.edu) or Kelsey Ford at [keford@memphis.edu](mailto:keford@memphis.edu) for more information.



The event is a fun evening out, so save the date. Friday, November 4, 2011, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Just for Lunch in the Chickasaw Oaks Village Shopping Center.

## Upcoming Branch Meetings

6:30 pm, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Racquet Club of Memphis, 5111 Sanderlin Avenue

The September Branch meeting is always a great one to attend! Attendees will listen to an interesting speaker, partake of a great dinner, and witness the induction of the 2011-2012 Branch officers. This year's speaker is Mr. Dexter Muller, Senior Vice President, Community Development, Greater Memphis Chapter. More details regarding costs and menu to follow. We hope you'll plan to join us!

### October 2011

There is no monthly Branch meeting in October. Go to the 141<sup>st</sup> ASCE Annual Meeting and Pre-Conference Short Courses instead!

### November 17, 2011

Details have not been firmed up yet, but the planned speaker will be from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Do you have an exciting project you want to share with other engineers, or idea for a topic or speaker? Please feel free to share your thoughts with Philip Stuckert at [pstuckert@lakelandtn.org](mailto:pstuckert@lakelandtn.org).

## Upcoming Section Meetings

The ASCE Tennessee Section Annual Meeting will be held on September 23, 2011 in Smyrna, TN. Events include workshops on engineering management, transportation, structural, geotechnical, and environmental topics. Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities are still available. Detailed information and registration forms are available at <http://tnasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/TennASCE-August-2011-Newsletter.pdf>

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