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## January Meeting: Golden Corral, Lorna Rd, Hoover

## Call for Management Awards Nominations

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2006 at the Golden Corral, which is located at 3117 Lorna Road behind the Bill Byrd Kia Dealership and Burlington Coat Factory approximately 1.25 miles north of the Galleria. Lorna Road runs parallel to and behind Hwy. 31 until it intersects with Hwy. 31 at the I-65 Interchange. The phone number is 822-1314. Call the restaurant if you need directions or contact any Branch officer.

ASCE is seeking nominations for awards that will recognize distinguished ASCE members. The awards will be presented at the 2006 Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Nominations are due by March 1, 2006. For further information please visit the Honor and Awards section of the ASCE website. For Questions please contact Melissa Prelewicz at (703)295-6341 or [mprelewicz@asce.org](mailto:mprelewicz@asce.org).

### Meeting Agenda

Renew Acquaintances/Meal*	11:30 - 12:15
Business Meeting	12:15 - 12:45
Speaker	12:45 - 1:15

Please get your meal as soon as you arrive and proceed to the meeting room located at the rear restaurant.

\*Attendees will be eligible for a drawing to receive a free meal at this month's meeting. The drawing will be held before the business meeting. Please sign the attendance register to enter the drawing.

### Speaker for January Meeting

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Dusty McClure from Mirafi Construction Products. The presentation will cover the technical design for roadway stabilization utilizing high strength geotextiles and geogrids in both paved and unpaved road applications.

Branch meetings are the first Thursday of each month, September through May. Each month's meeting includes a presentation by a guest speaker. If you have an idea for a speaker or topic, please contact Jonathan Byrd.

### Birmingham Branch Scholarship

The scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the branch Civil Engineering scholarship. Applications are due on April 1, 2006 and forms are available on the Birmingham Branch website at <http://branches.asce.org/birmingham/scholarship.htm> or contact Susan Goertz. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited Alabama University, majoring in Civil Engineering, in the fall of 2006.

### 2006 Younger Members Awards Seeking Nominations

The ASCE Committee on Younger Members (CYM) is seeking nominations for 6 Younger Member Awards for exceptional young engineers 35 years of age or less. The deadline for all award nominations is February 1, 2006. If you have any questions, you may also contact Nancy Berson at 800-548-2723, ext. 6010 or at [nberson@asce.org](mailto:nberson@asce.org). Nomination forms and additional information for all awards may be found at [http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/cym\\_awrds.cfm](http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/cym_awrds.cfm).

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## Newsletter Goes Electronic

The ASCE Birmingham Branch Newsletter has jumping into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by going to an electronic format. Starting with this edition, the newsletter will only be e-mailed to members rather than being mailed. The Birmingham Branch hopes that this new format will be more valuable to the membership, encourage greater and more expedient distribution, and reduce printing and mailing costs. If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail, please send me an e-mail at [hooperv@contech-cpi.com](mailto:hooperv@contech-cpi.com) or call at 823-6224.

## ASCE National and State News

The latest ASCE National News can be viewed at [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org).

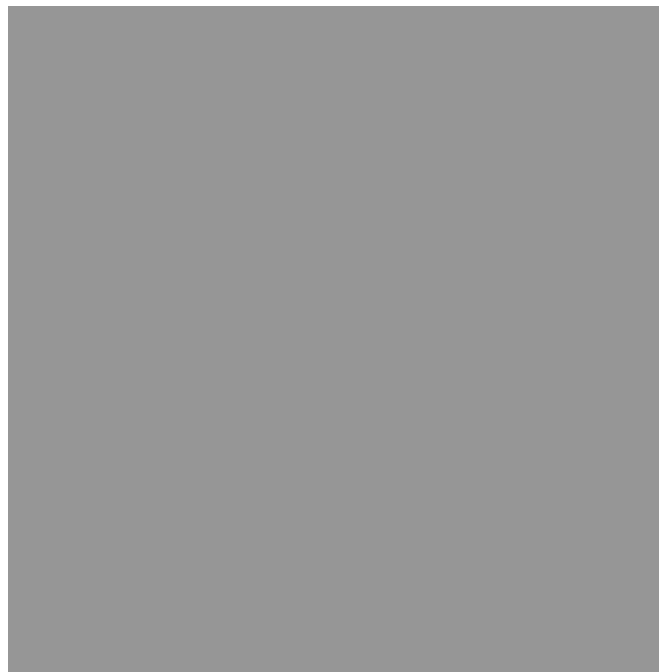
The State Section web site can be found at <http://www.alabama-asce.org/>

## Branch Dues Update

It is a new budget year, so we are accepting dues for the 2005-2006 meeting year. Branch dues are still only \$10! Remember that Branch dues are not included in your National or Section dues. Our Branch budget is supported by branch dues with a small allotment from the Alabama Section so please support your Branch by paying your dues at the meeting or by mailing them to the Branch post office address listed in the newsletter.

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