

Newsletter of the Birmingham Branch/Alabama Section

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Lorna Rd, Hoover**

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007 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.

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

The speaker for the January meeting will be John Gordon, P.E. with Wiser Company, LLC. His presentation will be on Greenways and Trail Projects in Jefferson County, AL.

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 Virgil Hooper.

**NCEES to Adopt New Guidelines
for PE**

*"Council Votes to Increase Amount of Education
Required for Engineering Licensure"*, www.ncees.org

At the 2006 Annual Business Meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), delegates voted to modify the NCEES Model Law requirements for licensure to require additional education for engineering licensure.

The approved language states that an engineer intern with a bachelor's degree must have an additional 30 credits of acceptable upper-level undergraduate or graduate-level coursework from approved providers in order to be admitted to the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination.

If you would like to comment on the new academic requirements contact Jerry Carter (jcarter@ncees.org) or use the online feedback form (http://www.ncees.org/introduction/about_ncees/feedback/).

Branch Dues Update

THANK YOU to the 18 members who have paid their dues for 2007. Branch dues and a small allotment from the Alabama Section support our local operation. These funds are used to supplement our community base programs, so your support is greatly appreciated. We are starting a new year so please invite a co-work or colleague to come out to our meetings.

Please remember that your dues paid to Nationals do not cover your local chapter dues. Your local dues go to help support the coloring book competition and scholarship program, as well as many other activities.

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Total Due \$10.00

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ECOB Soliciting Nominations for Annual Awards

The Engineering Council of Birmingham is now accepting nominations for Distinguished Service Award, Young Engineer of the Year, and Engineer of the Year. All nominations are due by **January 12, 2007**. ECOB requests that all nominations be submitted electronically. One nomination per professional society will be accepted. The guidelines and requirements will be posted on the ASCE B'ham website. The awards will be presented at the ECOB banquet in February.

Alabama Section Meeting 2007

The Montgomery Branch will be hosting the 2007 Alabama Section Meeting on March 15, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. We are looking for speakers to fill the morning program with a variety of topics suitable for PDH credits. The afternoon program will feature speakers and tours of projects in Downtown Montgomery. Perhaps you have had an interesting speaker at your branch that would be of interest to the entire Section. Anyone interested in speaking needs to contact Robert Thompson, P.E. (rthompson@danbrownandassociates.com or 334-850-2794) or Kidada Dixon, E.I. (dixonk@dot.state.al.us or 334-353-6940). A postcard will be mailed to the entire Section in December. Registration information will be mailed out in early February.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Trenchless Technology Seminar: Trenchless Technology, SSES and Buried Asset Management; to be held in Mobile January 17 & 18, 2007
- The ECOB Banquet will be held February 22, 2007 at the McWane Center.
- The SWE Regional Conference will be in Tuscaloosa March 2 - 4, 2007.

- 2007 SEI Structures Conference is to be held in Long Beach, California on May 16th - 19th.

ASCE National and Section News

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

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