

Newsletter of the Birmingham Branch/Alabama Section

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## No March Meeting due to Alabama Section Winter Meeting

The Tuscaloosa Chapter is hosting the Winter Meeting. The Alabama Section Meeting will be held on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bryant Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa.

To register, send the registration form to the Tuscaloosa Branch with a check for \$85 by February 27, 2006. The late registration fee for this meeting is \$105.

The program includes up to 6 PDH units that may be claimed for licensure continuing education requirements. Also, a tour of the Bryant Denny Stadium will be given; however, you must bring your own hard hat. For more information please call Jamey Clements at (205) 752-3702.

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

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 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.

## 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.

## Call for Management Awards Nominations

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).

## 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.

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## 2006 Electrical Transmission Conference

Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) is hosting a conference October 15-19, 2006 in Birmingham, AL. This conference will address electrical transmission line and substation structures with a focus on structural reliability in a changing world. For more information please call 703-295-6095 or visit: [www.seinstitute.org](http://www.seinstitute.org).

### 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

THANK YOU to the 37 members who have paid their dues. We now need only 38 more due paying members to meet our goal (75). Your 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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