

ASCE - East Branch Report 7/8/2011 - 11/16/2011

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Branch Executive Meetings:

8/29/11 – Met to plan upcoming events. Last board meeting with Amy Russell as President; completed officer rotation. Current officer list:

- President/Webmaster Keith Schinkoeth
- Past-President Amy Russell
- Vice-President Genevieve Long (Pavement Engr. With Applied Pavement Technologies, Inc.)
- Secretary Matthew Moffitt (Engineer with Foth, Inc.)
- Treasurer Christopher Gutkowski (Environmental Engr. With Clark Dietz, Inc.)
- Advisory Board Member Kirankumar Topudurti

9/19/11 – Met to review prior event and plan upcoming events. Added Social Chair and Student Liaison to the Board.

- Social Chair Giselle Rodriguez (Env. Engr. In compliance wastes at CERL)
- Student Liaison Roman Vovchak (Structures graduate student, UIUC)

10/21/11 - Met to review prior event and plan upcoming events. Treasurer, Christopher Gutkowski, nominated to attend Regional Workshop. UIUC faculty meeting, encouragement from faculty to become more involved with student branch through presentations on campus.

11/14/11 - Met to review prior event and plan upcoming events. Presentation of new East Branch website and officer web account tutorials.

General Meetings and Events:

08/23/11 – **Branch Social Event:** Joint event with ISPE at the Buvons Wine Bar in Urbana, IL. Provided a sampling of various cheeses/snacks and attendees could sample wines at half price at their own expense. Some students attended in addition to a decent attendance by professionals.

9/6/11 – **Luncheon Seminar:** Shake Table Presentation and Tour by Jim Wilcoski at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' CERL facility. Presented several projects which utilized the table including a scale masonry building, IBM server cabinets, and aviation equipment. The East Branch also invited the local ISPE chapter to this event.

10/12/11 – **Branch Social Event:** University of Illinois Women's Volleyball game vs. Michigan University. 6 attendees, but well received by those who attended. The Illini were victorious! Board decided we would like to repeat this type of event in the future with other University sports.

11/7/11 – Engineering Soft Skills Seminar at Biaggi's in Champaign, IL. Students and professionals were invited to a dinner seminar as an opportunity to network and partake in a presentation by the University of Illinois Career Services Center on Professional Etiquette. This was the first attempt at a dinner seminar and it was well attended (28 total, including students and professionals and Professor William Buttlar from University of Illinois.)

Upcoming:

12/19/11 – **Branch Social Event:** Toys-for-tots Holiday Toy Drive and Happy Hour. Open to members/non-members/students/friends-and-family at Destihl Restaurant and Brew Works in downtown Champaign. Nominal fee and a toy donation gains admittance (two toys, and we waive the fee?)

January – **Luncheon Seminar:** Presented at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Construction Engineering Research Lab (CERL) on either *State-of-the-art Structural Health Monitoring of Steel Truss Bridges* or *Integrated Security for Drinking Water Distribution Systems*.

February – possible social event

March – possible luncheon seminar