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**December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Topic: City of Huntsville Master Street Plan.**

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Steve Dinges of the City of Huntsville Planning Department will speak at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on the Master Street Plan for the City of Huntsville. Steve Dinges is the City of Huntsville Assistant Planning Director. Mr. Dinges has been with the City for 16 years and worked as a city planner for 25 years. He has a Bachelor's degree from University of Alabama and a Master's Degree from Georgia Tech. Mr. Dinges' is primarily responsible for developing the master street plan as adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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*Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students). If you do not hear from the telephone committee by noon on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please call in your reservation to Art Hargrove at 544-7964 or email him at [arthur.hargrove@msfc.nasa.gov](mailto:arthur.hargrove@msfc.nasa.gov).*

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**Change in January Meeting Date**

Please note there has been a change in the January meeting date from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**Nominations for the 2001 Hoover Medal**

The national office of ASCE is seeking nominations for the 2001 Hoover Medal. It is conferred upon engineers whose preeminent services have advanced the well-being of humanity and whose talents have been devoted to the development of a richer and more enduring civilization. The award is made by a board appointed from the membership of five societies: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.; The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; The American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and ASCE. Nominations are due in the ASCE Washington Office by January 15, 2001. Contact Fritz Mucke at 532-1659 to make a recommendation.

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**Huntsville Branch 2001 Dues**

The Huntsville Branch Dues for 2001 are due. So please bring your \$10 dues to the next meeting and provide or update your personal information (name, address, phone number, email address). Bob White will be collecting them.

*Note: Personal information provided with the dues is used for distributing the newsletter, so please check the mailing list to make sure your information is correct.*

The deadline for dues is January 2001. Those who have not paid their dues to Bob will not receive the newsletter during FY2001. Life members will receive their newsletter at no cost; however, please

respond so that the records can be updated.

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**Job Opening**

Due to Dr. Alshibli's relocation, UAH is in need of a few good instructors in the geotechnical engineering area. Minimum requirements include a MS degree in CE and preferably a PE license. Classes are held 2 afternoons or evenings a week for 14 weeks. If you are interested in teaching either CE 372 (Soil Mechanics) and CE 485 (Foundation Engineering) this spring semester please contact Ms. Barbara Moore at 824-6854.

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**TVA Plans Gas-Fired Power Plants**

To prepare for increasing electricity demand while decreasing its \$27-billion debt, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has adopted a strategy of adding gas-fired turbines that are used only during peak periods; buying from other power suppliers; and outsourcing the construction of new generating units. In each of the next four years the TVA will add gas-fired turbines to its generation capacity at a total cost of a little over \$1 billion. It will also buy as much as 440 MW from the Red Hills Power Project, a private Mississippi power plant. The TVA says these steps will ensure its power reliability to customers, but the authority's chairman, Craven Crowell—who was recently made chairman of the Electric Power Research Institute—says the outlook for other utilities may not be as solid. According to Crowell, the industry faces a reliability crisis that could have repercussions on the nation and its economy.

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## Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meeting Dates

2000: December 5

2001: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3,  
May 1, June 5, July 3, August – Alabama State  
Sectional Meeting, September 4, October 2,  
November 6.

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## Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter two weeks before the next meeting date (i.e. December 22<sup>nd</sup>). Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to me at the following address:

[mfunderburg@fwenc.com](mailto:mfunderburg@fwenc.com)

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## NEXT MEETING: December 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 11:30 A.M.

**Holiday Inn - Research Park**  
5903 University Drive (*Our Usual Location*)  
RESERVATIONS: Art Hargrove 544-7964

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