
February 6th Meeting
Topic: Capital Improvement Plan

Jo Ann Somers, City Engineer for Madison, will be speaking at the February 6th meeting on the Capital Improvement Plan. She has a Bachelor's of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and specialized in sanitary engineering. Most of her career has been in private practice working for consulting engineering companies. As a student, she worked for Consoer, Townsend & Associates designing sewage collection and treatment facilities and maintained that relationship until moving to Huntsville in 1971. After a few years of doing contract work at home, she worked with Connell, Bell & Ellis for eight years, Smith Engineering for eight, and was part owner of Chynoweth, Somers & Kennedy for six years. She left private practice in November 1999 to go to work for the City of Madison as the city engineer. Jo Ann has been active in ASCE since her years at Vanderbilt. She is currently the delegate to District 14 representing North Alabama and is a past president of the Huntsville Branch and the Alabama Section of ASCE.

Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students). If you do not hear from the telephone committee by noon on Friday, February 2nd, please call in your reservation to Art Hargrove at 544-7964 or email him at arthur.hargrove@msfc.nasa.gov.

2001 Engineer's Week Banquet

The 2001 Engineer's Week Banquet will be held on February 23, 2001 from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the VBC South Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There will be 8 people per table. The three meal selections are: (1) Prime Rib (2) Chicken Marsala (3) Vegetarian Meal **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2001.**

To purchase tickets:

- (1) Fill out the enclosed form and fax to Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) at 882-1227.
- (2) Contact your local technical society officer to purchase via cash or check.
- (3) Contact Jerry Robinson at jw_rob@bellsouth.net or at 539-4702 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Winter Section Meeting

The Winter Section Meeting will be Tuesday March 6th. The Tuscaloosa Branch will be hosting the meeting. It will be held at the Mercedes Benz Training Center in Tuscaloosa located on I-59/20 at Exit 89. Pre-registration is \$85.00 (\$105.00 at the door) and must be in by February 16th. Pre-registrations are refundable (less a \$10 handling charge) until March 1st. Hotel accommodations can be made at the Hawthorne Suite Hotel located at the Mercedes Benz Exit 89 on I-59/20. To reserve a room call (800) 527-1133 or (205) 556-3606. The room rate is \$59.00. If you have any questions or you would like to be a sponsor, please call John Stumpff at (205) 750-4835 or Mollie Kirby at (205) 553-7030. The meeting will begin around 8:00.

Have You Completed the Infrastructure Survey?

As our nation gets ready to welcome its new leaders in Washington, ASCE is preparing a new Report Card for America's Infrastructure. The 2001 Report Card for America's Infrastructure will re-assess the 10 infrastructure areas that ASCE graded in its 1998 Report Card (roads, bridges, mass transit, aviation, schools, drinking water, wastewater, dams, solid waste, and hazardous waste), and examine two new categories (waterways and energy transmission). As with the 1998 Report Card (available on ASCE's web site at <http://www.asce.org/govnpub/start.html>), ASCE will not only report on the state of our nation's infrastructure, but will also offer viable public policy solutions that can be adopted by the

107th Congress.

Of course, ASCE's assessment of our nation's infrastructure would not be complete without your input and your observations on the condition of your community's infrastructure. In order to capture your comments effectively, ASCE's Communications and Government Relations Division is conducting an on-line survey to gather information about the latest issues and concerns surrounding your local infrastructure. The survey results will be used for the release of the 2001 Report Card and as a way to illustrate the problems and the policy solutions presented in ASCE's assessment.

To participate in the survey please go to:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?SY1RR5TBMNFV49NG4X5V3T9F>

We appreciate your time and expertise in answering these questions. The deadline for responding to the survey is **Wednesday, January 31, 2001**. If you have any questions or comments, please contact ASCE's Communications and Government Relations Division at govwash@asce.org.

Leadership Training in Government Relations

On March 6-7, 2001, ASCE will hold its first annual Leadership Training in Government Relations in Washington, D.C. Participants will learn valuable skills that will help their Sections be more effective in dealing with government and the media and will put these skills into practice by meeting with their members of Congress while in Washington. Among the topics that will be covered are sessions on the legislative process and how to run a legislative campaign, how to promote ASCE's priority issues, coalition building, and dealing with and using the media. All ASCE members are invited to attend, and expenses will be paid for some participants. If you would like more information or an application to fund your trip to the training, please e-mail govwash@asce.org and ask for a copy of the application. Applications are due no later than February 2, and will be considered on an as-received basis. The sooner you submit your application, the better your chances are of being accepted.

Alabama Land Recycling and Economic Redevelopment Act

As state legislatures go back into session, a number of bills relating to engineers have already been introduced. The following state legislation of interest to ASCE members has been recently introduced in Alabama:

H.B. 74 would create the Alabama Land Recycling and Economic Redevelopment Act, a voluntary ongoing assessment and remediation program for contaminated property in both urban and rural areas of the state.

For more information on the following items, or any other state government relations matters, please contact Austin Fulk, ASCE's Manager of State Government Relations, at (202) 789-2200 or via email at afulk@asce.org.

Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meeting Dates

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

2002: January 8

Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter two weeks before the next meeting date (i.e. February 20th). Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to me at the following address:

mfunderburg@fwenc.com

NEXT MEETING: February 6th

@ 11:30 A.M.

Holiday Inn - Research Park

5903 University Drive (*Our Usual Location*)

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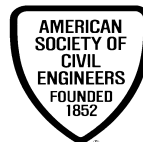
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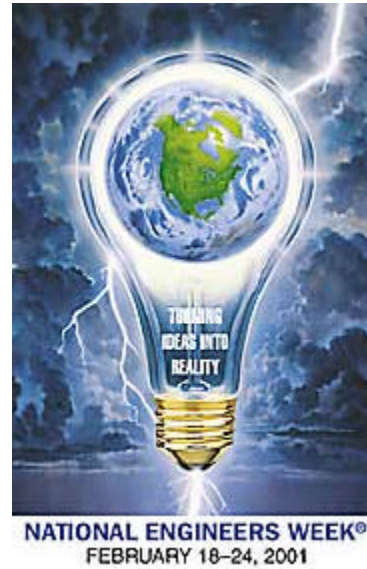
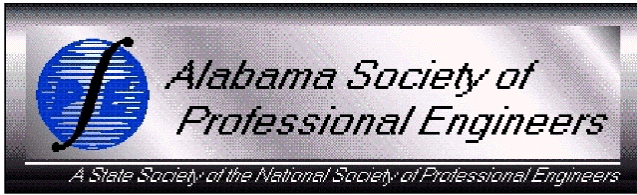
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HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER PROUDLY PRESENTS

Engineers, engineering organizations, and numerous corporations across the country are involved with the **Golden Anniversary** celebration of National Engineers Week, February 18-24, 2001. That's right **50** years. Come be apart of the celebration.

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Tickets must be purchased by 5:00, Friday, February 16, 2001.

Place: VBCC, South Hall

Date: Friday, February 23, 2001

Time: 10:30 until 1:00

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Tables: 8 people per table

Meal Selection: (1) Prime Rib (2) Chicken Marsala (3) Vegetarian Meal

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Society a Member of: _____

Meal Choice: 1 2 3 (Circle One)

Credit Card: Visa () Mastercard () Discover ()

Credit Card #: _____

See you there!