

**June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting****Topic: TREATMENT WETLANDS IN NORTH ALABAMA**

Our own Kate Leonard will be the speaker at the June Huntsville Branch meeting. Dr. Kathleen Leonard is an Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Leonard received her BSCE and MSCE from the University of Wisconsin in 1983 and 1985, respectively. In 1990 she was awarded a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering. She performs funded research in the areas of fiber optic chemical sensing for environmental systems, optimization of wastewater treatment systems, and novel methods for groundwater/hazardous waste remediation. In addition to her academic and research duties, Dr. Leonard is very active in professional societies, including ASCE, SAME, WEF, and SWE. She serves as the chair of the ASCE Environmental and Water Resources Institute's Student and New Professional Activities Council and is a member of the ASCE Committee on Public Service.

Dr. Leonard will make a presentation about "treatment wetlands." She will detail the design and operating efficiency of these "natural" treatment systems. Current research is being done in conjunction with the Huntsville Botanical Garden and TVA.

*Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students). If you do not hear from the telephone committee by noon on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, please call in your reservation to Art Hargrove at 971-1622 or email him at [arth@hiwaay.net](mailto:arth@hiwaay.net).*

**"SURVIVOR" Paddle-A-Thon**

Team UAH is very proud to release details regarding our bid to win the ASCE/MBT National Concrete Canoe Competition with "SURVIVOR." See: [http://www.uah.edu/student\\_life/organizations/ASCE/Competition/2001.htm](http://www.uah.edu/student_life/organizations/ASCE/Competition/2001.htm) Our Paddle-A-Thon begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2nd at the UAH lake. We are hosting this event to help raise the funds that we need to compete in San Diego. So please come out and support us. Details can be found in the attached flyer. Thank you in advance for your support!

*John Gilbert, Faculty Advisor*

**ASCE 2001 Membership Drive**

For each new paid member recruited, you will receive a \$20 ASCE certificate that can be used for ASCE conferences, publications, continuing education, merchandise or dues. This year's top recruiter will choose between a trip to the 2001 Civil Engineering Conference & Exposition in Houston, TX, or \$1000 cash. Each time you recruit a new member, your name will be entered into a drawing for \$1000 – the more members you recruit into ASCE, the greater your chances of winning! You can also help your local organization become the top growing Section and Branch from each of the four Zones, top International Section, or top

International Group – winning organizations get \$250 cash and a banner, and one overall winner will receive \$1000 cash and a deluxe banner. Go to [www.asce.org/membership/memdriveindex.cfm](http://www.asce.org/membership/memdriveindex.cfm) or call 1-800-548-ASCE for rules and details. The Drive runs through July 31, 2001, so recruit today!

**Job Opportunity**

Dianne Sellers of Southern Personnel, a national recruiting firm located in Jackson, MS, is currently working with a national engineering firm to fill positions in their Memphis, TN and Jackson, MS offices. Her client is involved in roadway design/construction, site design/ construction for industrial and commercial use, bridge design/construction, and water/wastewater design/ construction. She is looking for CE candidates with PE/EIT designations and experience in the before mentioned categories. Her client offers excellent opportunities for growth, wonderful benefits and an excellent salary package. Resumes can be sent to [dianne@southernpersonnelcorp.com](mailto:dianne@southernpersonnelcorp.com) or faxed to (601) 956-1360. She will follow up with the candidates just as soon as she receives the resumes.

## Conferences and Seminars in the Southeast Area

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Conference/Seminar</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 4-6	Design-Build Contracting	New Orleans
June 4	OSHA Construction	Orlando
June 5	OSHA Fall Protection	Orlando
June 6-8	Municipal Stormwater Mgmt	Atlanta
June 14-15	Intro to Basins	Nashville
June 14-15	Wind Loads for Buildings & Other Structures	Tampa
June 20-22	HEC-RAS Workshop	Little Rock
June 23-27	13 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Wear of Materials	Norfolk
June 28-29	Hydrologic & Hydraulic Design of Culverts	Memphis
July 9	Wetlands and 404 Permitting	Nashville

\*<http://www.aisc.org/nascc.html>

For more information on these and other ASCE seminars visit:

[www.asce.org/distancelearning/index.cfm](http://www.asce.org/distancelearning/index.cfm)

or

[www.asce.org/conferences/](http://www.asce.org/conferences/)

## Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meeting Dates

2001 July 3, August – AL State Sectional Meeting, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4.

2002: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

## Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter two weeks before the next meeting date (i.e. June 19<sup>th</sup>). Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to me at the following address:

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

@ 11:30 A.M.

Holiday Inn - Research Park

5903 University Drive (Our Usual Location)

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## VOTE YES on CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The June issue of ASCE News will contain the national election ballot. In addition to voting for a new President-elect and other Board officers, the Society's members will be asked to adopt a revised Constitution. Full text of the proposed revision will be carried in the June issue; the full text of both the proposed Constitution and proposed Bylaws are also available on ASCE's web site.

The ASCE Board of Direction three years ago created a Task Committee on Governing Documents (TCGD) to clean up the Society's governing documents, collectively the Certificate of Incorporation, the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Rules of Policy and Procedure. The Board felt this revision was needed due to the significant growth and change the Society has experienced in the 150 years since the first drafts of these documents were first prepared. Task Committee chair and past ASCE Vice President, Dr. Walt LeFevre, P.E., notes "The Society has amended its Constitutional language hundreds of times in our history and many of these changes were proposed without a thorough determination of their effect on the overall document." A lack of clear language and an old-fashioned format are just two of the other problems that necessitated the revision.

*The most important point for members to remember as they fill out their election ballot is that the Task Committee made no changes to the intent of the original document.* While language was clarified, format revised, and content relocated to more appropriate locations, none of the direction and guidance in the original document was changed. According to Dr. LeFevre, "The Task Committee was charged only to clean up and streamline the content of the documents. We have been very careful not to change any of the policies and guidelines contained in those documents during our work."

Membership input was sought many times during the revision process. In addition to many working sessions with the Board, Task Committee members made presentations at each of the 2000 Zone Conferences. Input was also sought through articles in *ASCE News* and postings on the ASCE web site.

For more information on the Constitutional revision, or if you have any questions, please contact Wendy Cowan, ASCE's Parliamentarian and a member of the Task Committee, at [wcowan@asce.org](mailto:wcowan@asce.org).