
**MARCH 1st Meeting Topic:
“Distance Learning at Auburn”**



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Cost of the luncheon will be \$13. Please email in your reservation to Gary Gleason by noon Friday at gary.gleason@hsvcity.com.

ASCE WINTER SECTION MEETING

The next meeting of the Alabama Section ASCE will be on March 10, 2005, in Talladega, AL, home of the Talladega Superspeedway. This March 2005 Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Alabama Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Local arrangements are being coordinated by Ken Cush of Alabama DOT in Alexander City. The registration fee for this meeting is \$65 until February 25, 2005. Late registration will be \$80. To register, send name, address and phone number by fax to (256) 234-8514 or by email to cushk@dot.state.al.us.

Checks should be made payable to: "Alabama Section ITE" and brought to the registration table at the meeting.

For more information or to see the Meeting Schedule, go to <http://www.alabama-asce.org/> and click on "Section & Summer Meetings".

EWRI YOUNGER MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Environmental and Water Resources Institute and ASCE announce the fifteenth annual photography contest for the World Water & Environmental Resources Congress 2005 at Anchorage Convention Center and Anchorage Hilton, May 15-19, 2005. The theme of the conference is "Impacts of Global Climate Change on Water and the Environment". ASCE or EWRI student chapter or club members and Younger Members are invited to submit photographs appropriate to the theme of the conference. See conference web site <http://www.asce.org/conferences/ewri2005> for details. One photograph will be selected for the cover of the proceedings.

Contest Rules

1. Photograph must be taken by an ASCE or EWRI student chapter or club member, or by an ASCE Younger Member. One entry per member is permitted. Provide name, mailing address, student or younger member status, email address, and telephone number with the photo.

2. Photograph Specifications: Digital images of at least 300 dpi are preferred, but a glossy color or black/white print will be accepted. Negatives are not required.



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3. Mail entries to arrive by March 22, 2005, to Dr. James R. Groves, Virginia Military Institute, 303 Smith Hall, Lexington, VA 24450. Telephone: (540) 464-7413. Email: grovesjr@vmi.edu. Late entries will not be accepted.

4. The Student and New Professionals Activities Council of the EWRI and ASCE Headquarters staff will judge the photos.

5. Cash prizes will be awarded, and the winning photo will appear on the cover of the proceedings with credit to the photographer. The winner will be required to sign a copyright assignment to ASCE. The results of the contest will be announced by April 1, 2005.

E-WEEK 2005



Congratulations to all of the honored by ASCE at the 2005 E-Week. The recipients are (from left to right):

Curtis Walters, A&M Student of the Year

Andrea Dee Presto, UAH Student of the Year

Dale Stevens, P.E., Engineer of the Year

Barbara Lehman, E.I., Young Engineer of the Year

1/21-23/05 ASCE ZONE II LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE

Gary Gleason - Treasurer

In general, attending the conference was worth while considering it only cost the local Branch \$190 after reimbursement from other sources (primarily ASCE National). However, I was not impressed with the quality of roughly 50% of the presentations' content and that generally fell in the areas I thought were most important like "Recruiting and Motivating Volunteer Leaders," "Achieving Results Through Better Meetings," and "Membership: Gain and Retain." Of course, there were other good presentations and break-out sessions as well: "Public Policy as a Leadership Development Tool," "ASCE Resources for Leaders/Use of the FTP Server," and "Regional Implantation of the New Governance Model."

I met Steve McCutcheon, our District 14 Director, who incidentally will be the one of the last District Directors (serving his term through fiscal 2007) prior to full implementation of the New Governance Model. I also met the National President, Bill Henry, who was quite an impressive speaker; the incoming President-Elect, Dennis Martenson, has some shoes to fill. I also met Bill Marcusen, the only person apparently running for President-Elect-Elect if you will; I attended the Zone two voting session (as an alternate) for that position, and needless to say he won. Steve McCutchen is in Georgia and Bill Marcusen is in Mississippi, so I discussed the potential of their coming to speak at one of our meetings. They both seemed willing, so our next step would be to send them a formal invitation letter of some sort. Associated Link: <http://www.asce.org/inside/board.cfm>

As I mentioned earlier, the presentation on the new governance model was pretty good. Although I couldn't explain it as well as they did, I left with the feeling that it was a good thing (although I had voted against it). It does appear that it will be easier for all folks to get involved at higher levels in the organization and that the governance structure will be more efficient. Based on my understanding, full transition will be complete fiscal 2010 and our transition to Region 5 from Zone II/District 14 will be complete by the end of fiscal 2007. Incidentally, Region 5 will include LA, MS, AL, GA, and FA. A question regarding financial savings at the National level subsequent to the new governance structure was put directly to the President-Elect during a morning Q&A session, and he said that any savings at the National level would be passed down to the Regional level to help offset increased burdens at the

Regional level. Although, I didn't get the impression that it would the savings would offset all the of the increased financial burdens.

Associated Link:

http://www.asce.org/governance/components_of_proposal.cfm

Regarding Policy Statement 465, it's my understanding that plans are to have it implemented by 2020 and that the goal of that Policy is still to require a Bachelors degree, 30 additional credits/hours or a Masters Degree, plus the existing real world experience requirement to be eligible for a PE license (with one of the degrees being from an ABET accredited institution). It appeared that the 30 additional credits/hours could include courses/training provided by organizations other than traditional educational institutions.

Reportedly, we're likely to see the first implementation of such a policy in Nebraska in 2007 with the passage of a State law imposing the requirement at some future date.

Associated Link:

http://www.asce.org/pressroom/news/policy_details.cfm?hd lid=15

Getting involved politically at all levels seemed to be quite a key push, especially in the "Public Policy as a Leadership Development Tool" presentation. Interestingly, they reported that there are only four engineers currently in congress, which wasn't to say we should all go out and run for Congress, but they encourage the profession to educate and support our governmental leaders. We were all encouraged to become Key Contacts, which basically puts you on a mailing list for National and State legislative issues related to the Civil Engineering profession. From there, they offer the "6 Clicks" to Advocacy ability which basically allows you to send a form type letter to your legislators regarding such legislative issues in six clicks of a mouse. Additional information regarding these programs should be included elsewhere in this news letter.

Associated Links:

<http://www.asce.org/pressroom/publicpolicy/keycont.cfm>

and

<http://www.asce.org/pressroom/publicpolicy/advocacy.cfm>

Finally, the annual report card on America's infrastructure has a planned release of March 9th. They are looking for folks on a local level to be representatives to local media enquiries, and its my understanding they will be providing a online training session of sorts for the task. Associated

Link: <http://www.asce.org/reportcard/2005/>

TREASURES REPORT

Our current balance is \$2,111.89. Since the last report in the November news letter we have collect an additional \$130 in locals dues and expended \$190 including \$75 for Huntsville Association of Technical Society (HATS) dues, \$40 on ASCE Zone II Leadership Workshop/Conference travel reimbursement, and \$75 for three of four of our Awardees to attend the National Engineers Week Banquet.

We'd like to thank the following twenty-seven members who have paid the local branch '04-'05 dues of \$10, which were due in October.

Art Hargrove, Barbara Lehman, Bob Talianko, Bob White, Christi Robinson, Chris McNeese, Dale Stevens, David Reaves, David Sellers, Diana Lack, Gary Gleason, Gordon Dunn, Greg Qualls, James Foreman, Tom Cunningham, Jason Leggett, Jesse Kalachman, Jim Daughtry, John Potter, Kate Leonard, Kathy Martin, Mike Moran, Richard Best, Richard Hollingsworth, Ron Adams, Scott Leach, Steve Walker

If your name is not on the list, please make plans for payment at our upcoming meeting. If you are unable to attend you can mail a check made out to ASCE to the following address.

City of Huntsville
Engineering Division
Attn: Gary Gleason
P.O. Box 308
Huntsville, AL 35804-0308

Finally, please RSVP by noon on the Friday's before our meetings. The more accurate number we can provide to Green Hills Grill, the better they can staff and be prepared for us, and thus increase the efficiency of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 1st

@ 11:30 A.M.

Green Hills Grill

RESERVATIONS: Gary Gleason *by Noon Friday*

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