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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

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**Subject:** "Bowling with the Board" Member Social Event

**Date:** Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** George Pappas Park Lanes [<http://pappasparklanes.com>]

1700 Montford Dr, Charlotte, NC 28209

(704) 523-7633

**Sponsored by:** ASCE Southern Branch and Younger Member's Group

**Cost:** \$10 for members

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by emailing Brian Metzler [[BMetzler@turnbullmetzler.com](mailto:BMetzler@turnbullmetzler.com)]

**Note: Capacity is limited to 30 members, so RSVP early!!**

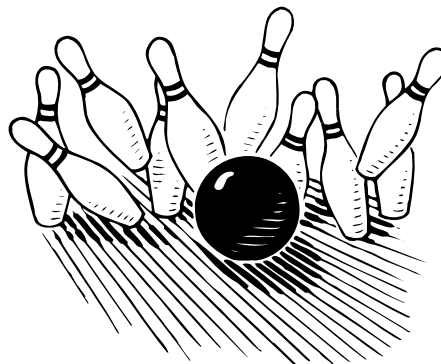
### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Do you have ideas or suggestions to make the Southern Branch better? If so, please contact us!
- For job postings, business card ad information and any newsletter questions, please contact James Starnes at [jrstarnes@mactec.com](mailto:jrstarnes@mactec.com) or 704-357-8600.
- Please contact any of the ASCE Southern Branch Officers if you would like to donate to the scholarship funds.

### Description:

Take this opportunity to meet the new Southern Branch board members. Ask them questions, offer them your ideas, or just enjoy some good food and an evening of fun with fellow engineers.

Attendees will enjoy appetizers and two hours of bowling for just \$10 thanks to the generous support of the Southern Branch and Younger Member's Group. **RSVP early to ensure yourself a spot!**




# NC SECTION NEWS

- ♦ Ballots for ASCE North Carolina Section Board of Direction Elections were due August 25, 2009. Expect the results in next month's issue of *The Bulletin*.

Not receiving *The Bulletin*? Follow this link:

[http://sections.asce.org/n\\_carolina/Bulletin/JulAug09.pdf](http://sections.asce.org/n_carolina/Bulletin/JulAug09.pdf)

- ♦ 2009 North Carolina Section Annual Meeting was August 26-27 at the Greensboro Downtown Marriott
- ♦ View the 2009 North Carolina Infrastructure Report Card: [http://sections.asce.org/n\\_carolina/ReportCard2009.html](http://sections.asce.org/n_carolina/ReportCard2009.html)



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AIRPORTS	D+
BRIDGES	C-
DAMS	D
DRINKING WATER	⊗↑ B-
RAIL	⊗↓ C
ROADS	⊗↓ D-
SCHOOLS	C-
STORM WATER	C-
WASTEWATER	⊗↑ C-
NC GPA	C-

# SOCIETY NEWS

- ♦ **ASCE 139th Annual Civil Engineering Conference, Kansas City, MO, October 29-31, 2009**



Register early and save! Visit the website to learn more and to register online: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/annual2009/index.html>

Keynote speaker **Erik Peterson** (Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies) will discuss where we, as a community, will be 20 years from now, and how to ensure a better tomorrow.

Also, don't miss your opportunity to listen in as **Ben Stein** (Actor, Author, News Commentator, and Attorney) offers up his expert opinion on finance, ethics, and life. You'll be treated to a hilarious Closing General Session Breakfast as he delivers advice with his unique sense of humor, while telling you what you need to know.

Interested in knowing more about what the Society can do for you, what topics are on the minds of our leaders, or how ASCE is working to further our beloved profession? Visit [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

⇒ September Southern Branch Meeting, “Bowling with the Board”  
Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (see Page 1 for details)

⇒ October Southern Branch Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Topic: Garden Parkway Project  
Additional details TBD



⇒ North Carolina Professional Engineer Exam  
Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Details available at: <http://www.ncbels.org/>

⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure and Built Environment in Developing Countries (SIBE-2009), November 2-3, 2009, Bandung, Indonesia  
The conference will provide an opportunity for professionals and researchers to learn, share and exchange about the latest development and research in civil engineering and environmental engineering. The scope of the conference will be broad, covering all aspects of civil and environmental engineering practices. Details available at: <http://www.sibe-2009.org/>.

⇒ Electrical Transmission and Substation Structures Conference, November 8-12, 2009, Fort Worth, Texas  
The conference provides a forum for transmission and substation engineers to exchange ideas and technical knowledge, while providing new engineers with the opportunity to get up to speed on core issues. The conference is recognized as the only one of its kind that focuses specifically on matters related to transmission and substation structures. As a result, it is a “must attend” conference for both utilities and suppliers, allowing both to enjoy an ideal setting in which to learn and network. Details available at: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/ets2009/welcome.html>.

⇒ 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on Forensic Engineering, November 11-14, 2009, Washington, DC  
Keynote speaker, Dr. Henry Petroski, Ph.D., P.E., Dist. M.ASCE, NAE (Aleksandar S. Vesic Professor of Civil Engineering and Professor of History at Duke University) is a renowned educator, author, researcher and lecturer. Dr. Petroski will give his address as a public event in the Great Hall of the [National Building Museum](#) on Thursday, November 12.  
Details available at: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/forensics2009/index.html>.

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## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

### JEFF JOHNSON, P.E., CCM NC SECTION, SOUTHERN BRANCH PRESIDENT

Jeff is employed by Richard Brady and Associates, a San Diego, CA based firm that specializes in water and wastewater utilities, master planning and federal contracting ([www.richardbrady.com](http://www.richardbrady.com)). Jeff is a licensed professional engineer in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Maryland. He is also a Certified Construction Manager through the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).



Jeff and his wife Alicia are parents to Megan (12), Lauren (8) and Jack (3), all of whom are homeschooled. The Johnsons moved to Charlotte about 2-1/2 years ago from Melbourne, Florida where Jeff was a project manager with PBS&J for over 7 years. In Florida, Jeff was President of the ASCE Cape Canaveral Branch in 2003 and held many other board positions from 2001 to 2006. Jeff served as the Southern Branch Vice President in 2008-2009 and is looking forward to another great year of activities and service with the Southern Branch as president in 2009-2010.

Jeff's experience in the civil engineering field consists of a wide variety of projects including large surface water restoration projects, utilities master planning, innovative stormwater treatment design, utility design, special engineering studies, and construction management. Since he works for a small company, he is forced to wear many hats including designer, project manager, proposal manager, marketer, and sometimes even secretary.

If you would like to contact Jeff, he can be reached at 704-488-8332 or at [jjohnson@rbrady.net](mailto:jjohnson@rbrady.net).



### Win Money for Your ASCE Section

How far can you make \$1,250 go in your Section budget? ASCE knows in today's economy, belts have tightened. But now you have the opportunity to earn some much needed cash for your Section simply by getting your members to renew. The ASCE Renewal Race ([www.asce.org/finishline](http://www.asce.org/finishline)) pits you against Sections of similar size to see which Section can get the highest percentage of members to renew before Dec. 1. **The top small, medium, and large Section will each receive \$1,250.** Check out ASCE's special Renewal Race page ([www.asce.org/finishline](http://www.asce.org/finishline)) for complete details – and be sure to visit each week to see where your Section ranks on the leader board.

>>Renew your membership, then spread the renewal word to other members in your Section by sending them a reminder e-mail (<http://acserenewal.madflashing.com/index.php>)

### What's New at ASCE in 2010?

Why should you renew your 2010 ASCE membership now? Beyond helping your Section inch closer to crossing the finish line first and earning \$1,250, you guarantee your exclusive member only access to these new and updated ASCE programs in 2009-2010, in addition to the [resources you enjoy every year with ASCE](#):

**New** - [ASCE eLearning Workshops](#) – Use free member-only access to live Web learning programs designed to help you hone critical career skills.

**New** - [Expanded eMentoring Programs](#) – Mentors and protégés benefit from an extended personal online network to exchange ideas, learn new skills, and share experiences.

**Growing** - [Participate in EWB-USA](#) – Help bring sustainable engineering projects to developing communities worldwide by joining or renewing with EWB-USA at an exclusive ASCE member discount.

### ASCE gives you three easy ways to renew:

1. **Mail** in your 2010 renewal form, which was mailed on Sept. 8, 2009.
2. **Renew** online at [www.asce.org/renewal](http://www.asce.org/renewal) and help ASCE “go green” by conserving the paper used in mailing your renewal back and also saving on printing costs for future renewal notices.

**Call** ASCE Customer Service at (800) 548-ASCE (2723) or (703) 295-6300 between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday.

## DON'T FORGET TO ADVERTISE HERE!!

Your advertisements, classified ads, staff needs, business cards, you name it...should be in this newsletter!!

Please contact any of the ASCE members and they can put you in contact with James Starnes. Better yet, contact James directly at [jrstarnes@mactec.com](mailto:jrstarnes@mactec.com), or 704-357-8600.

The deadline for submission is the last work day of the month for the subsequent month's newsletter and the rates are very reasonable. Plus you design your own ad (or you let your creative marketing staff do it for you) and I just insert it in the newsletter. Pay by the word not the amount of space that is used. You could have a full page ad for as little as \$50 per issue (less if you pay for a 6 or 12 month advertisement). See fee schedule below. Contact James for more information.

### Advertising Cost per Issue:

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201–300 words, \$100\*  
301–350 words, \$125\*  
Etc.

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are available for \$35\*.

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