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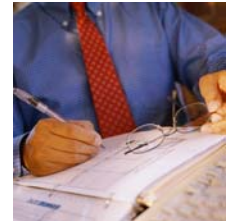
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**President's Pen**

The back-to-school shopping season is here, the football teams are back on the practice fields, and it is 100 degrees in Columbia. This can only mean one thing....its time for another year of ASCE with the Midlands Branch. The officers have pulled together a great lineup of activities this year and I am excited about the opportunities ahead of us.

Let me first say a word of thanks to our outgoing President, Charlene Cassidy. Charlene has done an extraordinary job over the past year, adding community service projects to our calendar and helping organize one of the most successful Section seminars in recent history this past September. Please join me in letting Charlene know how much we appreciate her and all of her efforts.

I often am asked "What is a civil engineer?" and "What do you do as a civil engineer?" At first these questions don't appear odd or unusual. But have you ever asked doctors what they do? We need to be more proactive in telling our community who civil engineers are and what we do. We play an integral role in every day drinking water, roads to

and from work, and pedestrian friendly sidewalks and ball fields in our neighborhoods. This year we are launching an initiative to educate those around us about the importance of civil engineers. Our goal is to make presentations to 25 schools in the midlands this year. By doing this, we will have the opportunity to impact future engineers and make civil engineering more recognizable. Look for more details on this endeavor next month.

Finally, I encourage everyone to attend our first two events of the year. We will be participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program on August 22. Please come out and help us keep the Midlands clean (detailed information is on the following pages). We will also be participating in a joint meeting with the North Carolina and South Carolina Sections of ASCE in Charlotte, NC on September 11 and 12. This seminar will provide you with opportunities for PDHs, networking, golf, and more. The registration package for the seminar is included in this newsletter.

See you in a few weeks!

*Kevin Krick*

## October Branch Meeting

Engineering Ethics – Theresa Hodge, P.E.



Have you ever questioned yourself on engineering ethics? When viewing the situation closely you saw the answer in the gray area and not necessary in the black and white area? Theresa Hodge will help

clear a lot of that gray area up at our first Midlands Branch meeting of the 08-09 season. Ms. Hodge is a newly elected board member to the South Carolina Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors with many years of engineering experience. She is currently the director of utilities at Civil Engineering Consulting Services, Inc. and the former recipient of the SCSPE 2006 Engineer of the Year Award.

## November Branch Meeting

New Wetland Mitigation Rules – Ross Nelson, P.E.

Mr. Nelson is President; Project Scientist of Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. He will give the second talk of the season and it will address mitigation rules and concentrate on what the Corps now requires for all mitigation proposals when a wetland/stream is proposed to be filled.

Mr. Nelson will discuss how the long term requirements for monitoring have increased significantly when performing any on-site mitigation. This increase in requirements will inherently cause the applicants to go toward mitigation banks.

## December Branch Meeting

USC Baseball Stadium Tour



The December branch meeting will be held at the under construction USC Baseball Stadium. After taking us on a tour of the site, the engineers

will give a presentation addressing issues and concerns specific to the project that impacted the construction schedule and plans.

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST, 2008

#### SC SECTION BOARD MEETING

B. P. BARBER, COLUMBIA, SC  
AUGUST 15, 2008 @ 11:30

#### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

US HIGHWAY 1, WEST COLUMBIA, SC  
AUGUST 22, 2008

### SEPTEMBER, 2008

#### SC SECTION BOARD MEETING

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK, CHARLOTTE, NC  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

#### SC / NC ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK, CHARLOTTE, NC  
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2008

### OCTOBER, 2008

#### BRANCH MEETING

SPEAKER – THERESA HODGE, P.E.  
TOPIC – ENGINEERING ETHICS  
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING  
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM  
**COLLECTION FOR HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK**

### NOVEMBER, 2008

#### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

US HIGHWAY 1, WEST COLUMBIA, SC  
NOVEMBER 14, 2008

#### BRANCH MEETING

SPEAKER – ROSS NELSON, P.E.  
TOPIC – NEW WETLAND MITIGATION RULES  
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING  
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM  
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### DECEMBER, 2008

#### BRANCH MEETING

SPEAKER – MICHAEL THOMAS, P.E.  
TOPIC – USC BASEBALL STADIUM TOUR  
USC BASEBALL STADIUM  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

## Adopt-A-Highway

### US Highway 1

Since its start in 1988, South Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway has been successful in keeping the state's roads and highways beautiful. Now it's your turn to help!

Join the Midlands branch on Friday, August 22 at 11:30 and Friday, November 14 at 11:30 on US Highway 1 between Lowe's Drive and Ermine Drive in West Columbia and be a part of Adopt-A-Highway.



Volunteers will meet at the Carolina Pottery parking lot at 11:30 am on Friday, August 22 and Friday, November 14. All participants will need to wear closed toed shoes during pick-up time. Water, vests, and trash bags will be provided. Participants can contact Jennifer Hasting at 803-737-5808 or [hastingjl@scdot.org](mailto:hastingjl@scdot.org) to sign up for pick up or if they have any questions.

## Midlands Job Postings

A well-established & respected Civil Engineering firm with offices throughout the Southeast is looking for a Transportation Group Manager to run this growing group in Columbia. Job requirements are as follows:

- Minimum BSCE with 8+ years of experience in Transportation projects – preferably SCDOT related experience
- Must be registered as PE in state of SC or ability to obtain registration in reasonable amount of time
- Must have management & marketing skills and/or experience

If interested, contact Ron Graves at:

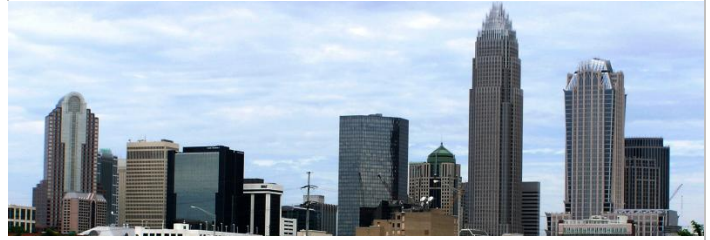


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## SC/NC Meeting and Seminar

### Charlotte, NC



Please join the Midlands Branch in Charlotte, NC at the Marriott Charlotte Executive Park on September 11-12 for the Annual SC/NC Meeting and Seminar. There will be 20 technical sessions covering the Structural, Geotechnical, Environmental, Management, and General Civil disciplines.

If you have a seminar topic you would like to, please contact Yolande Stover at [gt\\_ce\\_grad@msn.com](mailto:gt_ce_grad@msn.com)

Registration fees and forms and a meeting agenda are attached. The agenda and registration information can be found on the ASCE SC website ([www.ascesc.org](http://www.ascesc.org)).

Hotel room rates at the Marriott-Charlotte Executive Park are \$159 per night. Reservations must be made by August 20th to get this rate.



If you'd like to list a job opening in the ASCE Midlands Branch Newsletter, please contact Jessica Hinman at [jhinman@schabel-eng.com](mailto:jhinman@schabel-eng.com).

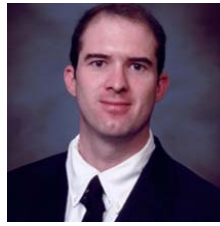


**We Want to Hear From YOU!!**

If you'd like to recommend an ASCE member for the Member Spotlight or if you feel your firm deserves to be featured in the Company Spotlight, please email Jessica Hinman at [jhinman@schnabel-eng.com](mailto:jhinman@schnabel-eng.com). Please provide 3-4 paragraphs about the member or company and why they should be featured.

**Member Spotlight**

Phillip Hutcherson



Mr. Hutcherson is a Senior Project Manager in DRMP's Transportation Division with 10 years of experience. His primary responsibilities are project management and civil engineering design for

transportation projects ranging from intersection improvements to new multi-lane interstate. He is experienced in providing services for location studies, detailed geometric roadway design, traffic control plans, hydraulic analysis, survey calculations, pavement design, roadside safety analysis, construction cost estimates, field reviews, and plan quality control.

Mr. Hutcherson was recently selected to participate in the Strategic Training for Transportation Agency Representatives (STAR) program sponsored by the SCDOT. This year long management training program was put in place by the SCDOT in order to develop leaders with a comprehensive knowledge of SCDOT project requirements.

**Company Spotlight**

DRMP

Since 1977, Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt, Inc. (DRMP) has strived to provide each of our clients with professional and technical expertise to develop innovative solutions for a wide range of projects. Our firm has

continued to grow over the past 30 years which has included establishing a branch office in Columbia, South Carolina. The qualified professionals in this office provide a full array of transportation

engineering services. At the forefront of those services, are the capabilities and experience in providing roadway design, transportation planning and traffic engineering.

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**2008 Annual Fall Meeting  
September 11 & 12, 2008  
Marriot Executive Park  
Charlotte, North Carolina**

**Registration Form**

Name:	Organization:
Name as it is to appear on Name Tag:	
Street Address:	Phone:
P. O. Box No:	Fax:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail:
Date:	Member Number (if applicable):

Early Registration (postmarked by 8/20/08)

- ASCE Member - \$180
- Non-ASCE Member - \$220
- Life/Student Member - \$50

Late Registration (postmarked after 8/20/08 and on-site)

- ASCE Member - \$210
- Non-ASCE Member - \$250
- Life/Student Member - \$50

Hotel room rate at the Marriott -Charlotte Executive Park is \$159/night. Reservations must be made by August 20 to get this rate.

Charlotte Marriott Executive Park  
5700 Westpark Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
Phone: 704-527-9650  
Toll Free: 800-359-7961

Make checks payable to ASCE NC Section. Please return registration form and check to:

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Credit Card Payments Accepted



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**Thursday, September 11, 2008**

8:00	Registration opens
9:00 – 10:15	Technical Session #1
10:30 – 11:45	Technical Session #2
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch (box lunch provided by request during registration)
1:00 – TBD	Golf Tournament – Additional Fee
1:00 – 4:00	Field Trip
5:30 – 7:00	Happy Hour
7:00 – TBD	Hospitality Suite open
7:00	Dinner (on your own)

**Friday, September 12, 2008**

7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast of Champions
8:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:15	Technical Session #3
10:30 – 11:45	Technical Session #4
11:45 – 1:45	Lunch (to include installation of Section Officers, awards presentations)
2:00 – 3:15	Technical Session #5
3:30 – 4:45	Technical Session #6



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**Golf Tournament Registration Form  
September 11, 2008 1:30 PM - Charlotte Golf Links**

Name:	
Street Address:	Phone:
P. O. Box No:	Fax:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail:
Date:	

Players may sign-up individually or up to 4-man teams. Format is Captain's Choice

Cost \$75/player

Team Members:

Player No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ HC\_\_\_\_\_ Player No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ HC\_\_\_\_\_

Player No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ HC\_\_\_\_\_ Player No. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ HC\_\_\_\_\_

Players who do not list team members will be assigned to a team.

Range balls will be available prior to the start of the tournament.

Prizes will be awarded for the team with the lowest gross score, team with the lowest net score, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Make checks payable to ASCE NC Section. Please return registration form and check to:

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**Golf Tournament Sponsor Form  
September 11, 2008 1:30 PM - Charlotte Golf Links**

Contact Name:	Organization:
Street Address:	Phone:
P. O. Box No:	Fax:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail:
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