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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SC Engineering Conference 2009



ASCE SC Section has been busy preparing for the upcoming Engineers Conference to be held at the Marina Inn Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach this summer, June 18th through the 21st. This summer's meeting will replace our normally held spring conference. ASCE is trying a different format this year in partnership with the

American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina (ACEC) and the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (SCSPE). Full Conference and "One-Day" Friday Registration will be offered.

ASCE will still maintain a 1 day conference which will be very similar to what our members are accustomed to and the costs will be similar to previous events. Friday's format will be similar to the format of ASCE's Spring and Fall Seminars. There will be 4 tracks with 4 sessions in each track, a luncheon keynote speaker and exhibitors. However, you will have the option to upgrade your registration to attend the entire event. This will include an engineers banquet, roundtable discussions with LLR as well as the engineering deans, and additional technical sessions as well as networking opportunities. You may earn up to 9 professional development hour credits.

Pre-registration will begin soon. Be on the lookout for registration and program information in the next few weeks. Registration information will be sent out via ASCE's new online registration tool CVENT and there will information about the Engineers Conference linked to our web site.

I look forward to seeing you at the beach.

—Matt

FEATURE

Legislative Fly-In Focuses on Infrastructure

Over 120 ASCE members from almost every state descended on Capitol Hill for the Legislative Fly-In on March 25, 2009 generating over 200 congressional office visits to lobby elected officials on infrastructure improvement and renewal. Bob Smith, Gene McCall, and Jack Moore represented the SC Section this year. Leveraging the March 25, 2009 release of ASCE's 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, Bob, Gene, and Jack met with Mr. Colin Allen, Legislative Assistant for Senator Lindsey Graham and Mr. Ben Siegrist, Legislative Correspondent for Senator Jim DeMint. After the Senate meetings were completed in the Russell Senate Office Building, a short walk across Capitol Hill to the Rayburn House Office Building was necessary. There Gene met with Mr. Brad Hamlett, a staffer for Representative Bob Inglis of the 4th district, Bob Smith met with Representative Joe Wilson of the 2nd district, and Jack met with Ryan Bowley, Legislative Director for Representative Henry Brown of the 1st district.

The objectives of the Congressional meetings were to encourage support for three key pieces of legislation. The first item discussed was The Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act (S. 732/H.R. 1770) which would establish a federal program to work with state dam safety programs to repair, rehabilitate or remove unsafe publicly-owned dams. The Association

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of State Dam Safety Officials estimates that \$12 billion is needed over the next 10 years to address the nation's most critical dams. Secondly, the importance of the passage of the FAA



Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 915) was emphasized which would help address congestion on airport runways and gates across the country. Finally, when the current Surface Transportation Authorization expires in September of this year, Congress was encouraged to reauthorize the nation's surface transportation system at funding levels that adequately address the congestion and poor conditions so many Americans endure in their communities. Maintaining the integrity of firewalls to prevent the diversion of funds for non-surface transportation programs is critical to this legislation.

While meetings were held in various congressional offices, the most important voice is yours. ASCE is only 140,000 or so members strong. At every turn we should be telling the story to our friends and neighbors, and taking advantage of every opportunity to illustrate the importance of consistent, long-term investment in our aging infrastructure. The 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure and other tools are available for community outreach opportunities through ASCE.

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Let's Welcome our New Catawba Branch!

We are pleased to welcome our newly activated Catawba Branch (CB) to the ASCE SC Section. The establishment of this new branch was spearheaded by Ms. Melanie Mobley from Rock Hill, SC. Since their conception, they have been going full steam ahead! The Catawba Branch covers 5 counties: Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union. Meetings are currently being held at 12 pm on the last Thursday of every month in the second floor conference room of the Catawba Regional Center located at 215 Hampton Street in downtown Rock Hill.

The Catawba Branch has explored some very interesting topics that included Jill Stewart from SCDHEC discussing the NPDES permitting process and Dave Bixler's (CB Member) discussion of the potential for uncovering one of the myriad abandoned mines in the Charlotte area during site development.

Please join us in congratulating them in this notable feat!

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