



SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ASCE had a successful joint fall meeting with our colleagues from North Carolina in September. The conference had an attendance of 185 people and offered a full day of PDH credits.

Looking forward, the SC board formed a committee to provide additional services to our members. In particular, we are exploring a PE review course to provide to our young engineers. If you are interested in helping or have any thoughts, please contact me at msilveston@wpceng.com.

With the uncertain economy, we are in the process of modifying our ASCE-SC website to offer resume postings to our members. Please check www.ascesc.org.

Our board has recently submitted a grant to ASCE National for a the legislative reception to be held in Columbia in early 2009. ASCE participated for the first time last year and it was an easy way for our members to network with our elected officials. With the issuing of our Infrastructure Report Card in 2009, this event will be an ideal venue to discuss the infrastructure needs of our state. We are also working on a grant application to help fund the report card.

I am happy to say that our Catawba branch has been revitalized and has recently held two meetings. The attendance has jumped from 16 to 33. If you are in the Rock Hill area and wish to attend or participate with branch activities, please contact Ms. Melanie Mobley at 803-324-3192 (phone) or mmobley@keckwood.com

—Matt

COLLEGE CHAPTERS

USC Revives Participation in Concrete Canoe Competition

In the past, Concrete Canoe teams have been very successful at USC, winning many events at the regional and national level. In recent years, however, the team has not had enough participation to compete.



This year marks the largest Concrete Canoe participation rate in quite some time. Last spring, we even went to a competition with a borrowed canoe. We have had a trailer donated and are receiving great support from USC faculty. The only thing we are lacking is much needed funding for supplies. Any support from your company would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact David Boyer at 803-727-7478 or by email at usconcretecanoe@gmail.com to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Citadel ASCE Student Chapter Gives Back

The Citadel Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) donated \$10,000 to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department for the purchase of student response pads, commonly known as "clickers".

"Clickers are a great opportunity for formative assessment of student learning in the classroom. By touching students at the point of learning, we can get instant feedback if students understand the presented concepts. If not, we can adapt our teaching methods to help the students gain understanding" stated Dr. Kevin Bower, PE, M.ASCE. The department had been planning on purchasing clickers to assist in assessing student learning and the donation by the student ASCE chapter greatly sped up the acquisition process. The equipment has already been incorporated

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Citadel ASCE Student Chapter Gives Back (continued)

into courses by over half the department faculty this semester. "This donation shows that the students are focusing on their education and the education of future students in the program, which exemplifies the leadership and values instilled by the Citadel," stated Dr. Ed Hajduk, PE, M.ASCE, the current chapter faculty advisor.

The donation, while assisting in the education efforts within the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, has also instilled a sense of pride within the students. "We recognize that our professors care deeply about our education here at The Citadel. The chapter is proud that we can provide tools to assist them in our education and the education of future students within the program" said Greg Shoemaker, Citadel Student Chapter President. Dr. Ken Brannan, PE, M. ASCE and Head of The Citadel's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, noted "this generous gift from the students has helped the School of Engineering by allowing us to spend money allocated for the equipment in other areas."

The chapter raised the money through their Professional Activities Event (PAE), which is held annually at the Citadel Alumni Center.

Williams Appointed to Advisory Council



Melvin C. Williams, Business Developer with S&ME, Inc. Mt. Pleasant branch has been appointed to the South Carolina State University Industrial Advisory Council for the School of Engineering Technology and Science. This group is responsible for making an assessment of the programs and curriculum within the Engineering Technology and Science Department along with keeping departmental staff and leadership informed of the current needs of the industry to insure that graduates are academically prepared to provide the appropriate skills for employment future employment.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Treasurer position for ASCE-SC remains open. According to our bylaws, the position requires that a candidate be a member of good standing in ASCE and have previous experience through all the officer ranks in one of our branches. The Treasurer is responsible for financial matters of the section, including the preparation of the operating budget for the board and to approve and distribute funds to the branches and scholarship students. At this time we are requesting another election for this position. Currently Mr. Jack Moore has been nominated as Treasurer. Other Candidates may be written in. Votes should be submitted by November 15 via email to Ismail Ozbek iozbek@bpbbarber.com.

SEMINARS & SHORT COURSES

STRUCTURAL

Design of Buildings in Coastal Regions
November 13-14, 2008
Charlotte, NC

STRUCTURAL/GEOTECHNICAL

Design of Foundations for Dynamic Loads
November 19-21, 2008
Charleston, SC

HYDRAULICS & WATER RESOURCES

HEC-HMS Computer Workshop
November 20-21, 2008
Nashville, TN

Treatment Plant Hydraulics for Civil Engineers
November 20-21, 2008
Nashville, TN

Pumping Systems Design
December 4-5, 2008
Charleston, SC

CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT

Residential Land Development Strategies
February 5-6, 2009
Nashville, TN

ENVIRONMENTAL

Wetlands & 404 Permitting
February 5-6, 2009
Nashville, TN

GEOTECHNICAL/TRANSPORTATION/HIGHWAY

Risk Assessment in Geotechnical Engineering
February 26-27, 2009
Nashville, TN

Visit www.asce.org for course details

ACEC Fall Tournament

ACEC, the American Council of Engineering Companies of SC is planning its third annual fall golf tournament, scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2008, at Dunes West Golf Club in Mt. Pleasant, SC.



The format will be four man captain's choice, with a shotgun start at 10:00 am. Range balls will be available at 9:15 am, and a boxed lunch will be served.

The proceeds from this tournament will be used by ACEC-SC to help with engineering issues in our state.

Attached are the sponsorship package and a registration form. Please fill out the form completely; the names of the golfers, and their handicap or average 18-hole score, and shirt size. Please send an electronic copy of your company's logo to ginger@jma-associations.com ASAP if you are to be a hole sponsor.

Keep in mind the purpose of the tournament is to have some great fellowship while raising funds for a very worthy cause. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please fax all sponsorship and registrations to ACEC-SC at 803-771-4272 or email ginger@jma-associations.com by November 10, 2008. You may contact James O'Connor, PE at 843-763-1576 or Ginger Booker at 803-771-4271 for any questions concerning the golf tournament. Don't forget to bring schwag from your company to be raffled off as door prizes at the awards dinner.

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