



SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the September meeting, I will assume the most honored and best position in ASCE, that of Past President. Matt will be taking the reins, and he has a lot of great ideas.

The South Carolina Section is very fortunate to have the folks in leadership position that we have. I have been to many many meetings, and one thing is immediately evident. Each of the board members, and all officers are only interested in the welfare of the Society and Engineering in South Carolina. I cannot recall anytime during the past year, where someone was trying to do something of personal advantage or profit. You have a lot to be proud of in your board members and officers.

I am also impressed with some of the student engineers that are coming up through the ranks. The Citadel Student Chapter has taken it as a project to produce the ASCE Report Card for South Carolina. As Engineers, we all know the importance of Infrastructure. Can you image what it would be without the roads, bridges, water systems, waste treatment facilities, airports, and other essential elements of modern life?

The Students now need our assistance in preparing this report card, so that it will be the most objective report card we can produce. Now is the time for Society Members to assist them in this very important endeavor. This will be very useful in the coming years to help the public know the state of our infrastructure.

Well, that is it for this month, and for my tenure as President. I have enjoyed working the past year on our projects and I look forward to assisting Matt next year.

—Randy



The new year for ASCE has begun and with a new year some positive changes are underway. Building upon a solid foundation developed by our preceding leaders, ASCE has begun to working on a multi year agenda for South Carolina.

The initial step has been to improve our communications. The board has hired Elizabeth Horton Design to help with the newsletter and redesign our web site (www.ascesc.org). You should expect to receive regular newsletters from the section. The newsletter will also be available to the branches to post their meeting schedules as well as other information. Integrating the website with the newsletter will allow for a central archive site for the section and branches. The site has a calendar feature that you can check to see upcoming section and branch activities. If you wish to submit an article or become a sponsor, please contact Pamela Oree at poree@smeinc.com.

We have re-activated the Catawba branch in the Rock Hill area. This branch has been long dormant and Ms. Melanie Mobley has taken the lead in the formation of this branch. She can be reached at mmobley@keckwood.com. Their first meeting will be held September 18 at noon second floor of the Catawba Regional Center 215 Hampton St, Rock Hill.

The board is reaching out to other engineering communities. In September we will be co-hosting our fall ASCE conference with the North Carolina section. This promises to be a large gathering of our peers and the technical content looks great. The multi day conference will be held in Charlotte and registration and sponsorship information can be found on our web site. We are also examining the potential of having a similar conference with the Georgia section in 2009 or 2010.

In early 2009, ASCE will be issuing an Infrastructure Report card for the state of South Carolina. Similar to the National Report Card, the South Carolina version will be examining our roads, bridges, airports, schools, water, and others. If you would like to participate as a professional advisor, please contact Dr. Ed Hajduk, P.E. at ed.hajduk@citadel.edu.

—Matt

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CHARLOTTE, NC

The conference will present 16 to 20 technical sessions in the following areas: Structural, Geotechnical, Environmental, Management, and General Civil Engineering. This event will also offer a field trip, plus lunch on Friday, September 12. Participants may earn a maximum of 10.5 PDHs, including 3 PDHs during the field trip. Visit our website, www.ascesc.org to view a detailed conference agenda.

REGISTRATION

ASCE Member: \$220
Non-ASCE Member: \$250
ASCE Life Member/Student member: \$50

You may register online at
www.regonline.com/63352_642241
The last day for online registration will be September 9. After this date, you may register onsite only.

For information on being a sponsor and/or exhibitor at the conference, please visit
http://sections.asce.org/n_carolina or
<http://www.ascesc.org>.

If you have a topic/area that you would like to present or is of interest to you, please contact Yolande Stover at gt_ce_grad@msn.com.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

Thanks in advance for your support of the ASCE South Carolina Section.



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September 30, 2008
9:30am-12:30pm (includes lunch)
1406 Shop Road | Columbia, SC 29202

For details and a registration form, click
http://www.ascesc.org/events_9_30.html

Infrastructure Report Card of South Carolina Kick-off



On August 8th, The Citadel hosted a kick-off for the 2009 Infrastructure Report Card of South Carolina.

Stephanie van der Horst and Elizabeth Penn-Sanders conducted the meeting and explained in-depth how the report card would be carried out, while evaluating areas based on condition, performance, and financial support.

The ASCE-SC Section officers were present as well as many professional engineers representing firms all over the state. Also in attendance were current students from The Citadel's ASCE student chapter, who will be leading the way on one of the ten categories being evaluated.

The Infrastructure Report Card goal is to raise awareness about today's infrastructures, as well as create funding to make improvements and design new structures. Please contact us at reportcard@citadel.edu if you would like to participate.

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ASCE Forms Committee on Critical Infrastructure

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In response to recent disasters, both natural and man-made, that have impacted our nation's critical infrastructure, ASCE has responded by appointing a Board level Committee on Critical Infrastructure (CCI) and by focusing resources on preparedness, response, rebuilding, and future critical infrastructure resilience needs. Learn more about our activities and our plans for the future at <http://ciasce.asce.org>.

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