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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been a great year for ASCE SC.

As I write my final presidential column, I have been reflecting on the events of the past year. We have been fortunate with a very hard working and productive board. From the efforts of these people, we have accomplished a tremendous amount.

The year began with the successful joint conference with ASCE NC in Charlotte. We took this spirit of partnership and reached out to ACEC and NSPE SC and for the first time had an Engineers Conference in Myrtle Beach which replaced our typical Spring Conference. This summer conference was a 3 day event, however, we recognized that our members were used to having a single day of technical sessions. We were able to offer our members the opportunity to be exposed to these other professional organizations. We were also able to offer a 1 day option for Friday's technical sessions.

Revision of ASCE SC Constitution and By Laws has been a work in progress for several years. Our board was able to complete our constitution and by laws and have them approved by ASCE national in late 2008.

A complete overhaul of our website and newsletter was completed in late 2008. Improved communications with our members was a high priority for our board and having a good web site and regular newsletters was critical to us. It is also a service we have extended to the branches to provide a conduit to present important information statewide.

Our board was challenged to provide value to our members and the firms that support them. To help our younger members, we have begun to provide a PE review course. It was initially offered in Charleston as a pilot program and was very successful. This fall we rolled the PE review course out to Greenville, Columbia

and Charleston. We have reached out to our Liscencing Board to see if they can help fund this program. If approved, we hope to extend this program even further across the state.

In late 2008, we began to collect data for assess the condition of our state's infrastrucutre in conjunction with ASCE's national infrastructure report card. On a national level this has been a very successful program and has helped raise the awareness of the critical needs of our roads, bridges, airports and water systems. I was able to present our findings to state legislator and their aids this summer at the Southern Legislative Conference. We intend to present our state legislators more detailed information from SC at this years Legislative Reception which we co-host with ACEC in Columbia, SC.

Our board is also in the process of revising our scholarship program. The scholarship will be eliminated and be replaced with a cash award to that will be presented to graduating seniors from Clemson, USC and the Citadel. Instead of an individual winner, the award will be presented to the best senior capstone project. Sounds a bit like the real world, where we are working in teams and hopefully rewarded with financial success. It was also intended to capture the recent collecge graduates into ASCE as they enter the professional world.

Finally, our board has been busy preparing for our Fall Conference, which will be held in Columbia on October 2 at the Columbia Conference Center. Our topics will be diverse and informative.

I wanted to thank the rest of the board for all their hard work this year and I appreciate the opportunity to serve our South Carolina members of ASCE.

Matthew Silveston, P.E., LEED AP
 ASCE SC Section President

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Seat Available on SC State Board of Registration

Governor Mark Sanford has the opportunity to appoint a qualified engineer to the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors for a term beginning January 1, 2010.

Each engineering member of the Registration Board must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of SC, must be licensed in this state, must have been engaged in the practice of engineering in this state for at least 12 years, and must have been in responsible charge of important engineering work for at least five years. Responsible charge of teaching engineering may be construed as responsible charge of engineering work.

The SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies is charged by law to make recommendations to the Governor from which he must appoint engineers and surveyors to the Registration Board. They are now accepting letters of applications from engineers who meet the requirements and wish to be considered for the seat.

The application deadline is September 18, 2009.

The following information should be included in interested engineers' letters of applications: education and collegiate achievements, engineering achievements, professional and technical society activities, civic and humanitarian activities, continuing competence, professional experience, general personal data and engineer references.

Send applications with the above information to Mr. Carl Bostic, PLS, President, South Carolina Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies, P.O. Box 263, Irmo, SC 29063.

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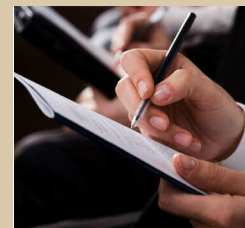


Fall Seminar and Workshops

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

WORKSHOPS

ASCE PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIVERSITY



PR University is Coming to South Carolina! Are you interested in incorporating public relations into your Section/Branch and professional activities? If so, ASCE's PR University is for you! During this full-day, hands-on training on Thursday, Oct. 1 ASCE Communications staff will define techniques for effective communication, with an emphasis on media relations and public outreach. Each attendee will receive a PR Toolkit reference guide to help bring the tools from the communications classroom to the civil engineering profession. Earn up to 6 PDHs. Class size is limited to 40.

CAROLINAS READY MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP

This workshop will provide attendees with a broad range of topics for technical design education using Portland cement-based products. See Agenda for specific topics. Earn up to 5.5 PDHs. Class size is limited to 40.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION FALL SEMINAR

This year's fall seminar will again feature multi-track technical sessions in Structures, Geotechnical, Environmental, and Management. Presentation of Awards and Officer Installation will be conducted during lunch. This is an excellent, cost-effective means to earn professional development hours. A trade show with exhibitors and networking opportunities between sessions is also scheduled. Earn up to 6 PDHs.

TO VIEW REGISTRATION FEES:

http://www.ascesc.org/events_Fall.html

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