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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Branch Members,

The branch officers are working to increase the benefits of your ASCE membership. In the past few months, we have moved our meeting location to Roper Mountain Science Center, which will serve as a consistent location for the next year to host our meetings. We have also reduced the rates for the monthly meetings. Members now attend for free, and the non-members cost is just \$10.

Members of ASCE should expect ASCE to work for us and provide benefits. Monthly Lunch and Learns opportunities are the primary value at the branch level. However, if you see additional ways that the branch can provide more value to the membership, please share your ideas with the officers. If there is a topic you would like to see presented at a L&L, please let us know. We will be glad to try to arrange a speaker on just about any topic. In fact, we are also seeking branch members to share their projects with the group. So, if you are working on an interesting project and you are willing to present, please contact us.

We are currently planning our bridge competition which hosts 4th grade students in a popsickle stick bridge building competition. This competition inspires young students and attracts future engineers. By reaching out to students at an early age, we can really make an impact on them and hopefully encourage them to be interested in a future in engineering. If you are able to, I hope you will consider sponsoring the event. See the sponsorship form, attached in this newsletter, for details.

We are currently in need of a member to fill the younger member chair position. We are looking for a younger engineer (35 or younger) to fill the position. If you're interested please contact us. I think this position can be a challenging and rewarding position.

We are always looking to improve and support our membership. Please feel free to contact us.

Tom Hill
ASCE Upstate Branch President

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Featuring:

The Five Greatest Challenges That Are Threatening Companies Today

And the four things a company must do to stay competitive in today's marketplace

Presentation by

*Gregory S. Smith, MS, MSW
Managing Principal of the Center for Advanced Performance*

- DATE:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009
- TIME:** Presentation 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**
- LOCATION:** Hall of Science
Roper Mountain Science Center
402 Roper Mountain Road
Greenville, South Carolina 29615
864-355-8900
<http://www.ropermountain.org>
- COST:** \$0 for members, \$10.00 for nonmembers
(Lunch will be provided.)
- DIRECTIONS:** See page 3 for directions to the Roper Mountain Science Center.

****Engineers receive 1 PDH for their attendance.**

Reservations are appreciated, but not required. Guests are always welcome.
If possible, please contact Bill Phelan at 864-517-1676 or Bill.phelan@fluor.com.

Directions to Roper Mountain Science Center

The meeting will be held at the Conference Center. However, please enter through the Hall of Science. Please see the attached map for the building and parking location.

Directions from Interstate 385 coming from downtown Greenville:

From Interstate 385, exit onto Roper Mountain Road Exit (Exit #37). Turn left at the traffic light. Go over the bridge crossing I-385. Pass the frontage road on the right (at the traffic light). The entrance to the Science Center is the second road on the right.

Directions from Interstate 85:

Exit onto Interstate 385 North (Exit #51). Continue on I-385 until the Roper Mountain Road Exit (Exit #37). Turn right at the traffic light. Pass the frontage road on the right (at the traffic light). The entrance to the Science Center is the second road on the right.

Directions from Highway 29:

At Red Lobster, turn onto 291 By-Pass South. Turn left at East North Street. Turn right onto Pelham Road. Turn right onto Roper Mountain Road Extension. At the stoplight, turn right onto Roper Mountain Road. Roper Mountain Science Center is about a half mile on the left.

<http://www.ropermountain.org/General/directions.shtml>

October Presentation Summary

In this presentation, Mr. Smith will report on the results of a national research study analyzing several million dollars of the latest data on market trends and best practices. This report will examine the most significant *driving forces* that are impacting companies today, and the *critical success factors* for ensuring the future of one's company. The research also found that companies which out-perform their industry peers excel at *eight specific business practices* that will be highlighted in this report. According to the research, companies that consistently followed this formula had better than a 90% chance of sustaining superior business performance, grew twice as fast as the average company in their industry, and generated shareholder returns more than 2000% greater than their peers. If you are in a role of responsibility for the performance of your firm, then we invite you to take advantage of this unique opportunity for advancing your profitability, growth, and competitive advantage.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Friday, October 2 – ASCE Fall Seminar

Location: Columbia Conference Center, Columbia, SC

Tuesday, October 27 – Lunch Meeting

Location: Roper Mountain Science Center

The Five Greatest Challenges That Are Threading Companies Today, Gregory Smith

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 17 – Lunch Meeting

Location: Roper Mountain Science Center

Topic/Speaker TBA

SAVE THE DATE

ASCE Upstate will be hosting our 2nd Annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition on January 30, 2010. The first competition held in February of this year was a huge success, and we plan to make it even more so in 2010. The competition will be held at the Carolina First Center in Greenville, and we can use lots of volunteers. Thanks in advance!

ASCE UPSTATE BRANCH BRIDGE COMPETITION SPONSORSHIP FORM



2009 Winning Teams

The South Carolina Section, Upstate Branch of the ASCE is pleased to announce the second annual bridge competition. In last year's inaugural competition, nearly 1000 local 4th graders participated by building bridges. The event is designed to encourage interest in engineering and construction. We have received overwhelming interest from the schools, faculty, and students in having the event again.

This year, in an effort to improve the event, we are seeking your sponsorship. Please consider donating to this event.

Your sponsorship will be used to:

- Increase activity stations to provide hands on activities that promote engineering
- Provide free event t-shirts for participants
- Develop the bridge competition program into a long standing event that becomes a part of the Greenville school systems annual program
- Provide Prizes for participants

Sponsorship Levels:

Gold- \$500

- Logo Recognition as a Gold Level Sponsor on event t-shirt, handouts, and on the ASCE Upstate website

Silver- \$250

- Logo Recognition as a Silver Level Sponsor on event t-shirt, handouts, and on the ASCE Upstate website

Bronze- \$125

- Logo Recognition as a Bronze Level Sponsor on event t-shirt, handouts, and on the ASCE Upstate website

Friend- Any donation

- Typed Recognition as a Friend of the event on event handouts, and on the ASCE Upstate website as space permits.

Please fill out the following sheet indicating your participation in the program.

For additional questions, comments, or information about our planned programs for the upcoming year please contact:

Tom Hill at Tom.edward.hill@fluor.com

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Company Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: Gold Silver Bronze Friend

Contact for Recognition Setup: _____

(Name)

(Phone)

(E-mail Address)

E-mail to:

Tom.edward.hill@fluor.com

Note:

If there is anything we can do to make this sponsorship more valuable or appealing to you, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

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