

ASCE FLORIDA SECTION COMMUNIQUE

President's Message Crystal Markley, P.E., M.ASCE



Happy New Year! As the New Year comes roaring in, many of us find ourselves dealing with new challenges, or considering new opportunities.

The New Year has also already shown us our first natural disaster. ASCE members are joining others from around the US and the World in expressing our sorrow for the loss of life and magnitude of the disaster in Haiti, and many are wondering how they can help. There are many ways ASCE members can respond by either offering financial assistance, or time and talent to the recovery efforts. I know many of you have already made personal contributions to help with immediate relief needs, and many are also asking what else can be done.

The American Red Cross has a long standing memorandum of understanding with ASCE and many ASCE members participate in Disaster Services and Damage Assessment activities with the Red Cross. ASCE also maintains a Disaster Assistance Volunteer Directory, where you can match your skills with those needed in various relief efforts. Many of you are also involved with EWB and may be already working on or planning projects in Haiti. Whatever you feel called to do, I hope you will consider how you might be able to contribute your skills and talent as a Civil Engineer, and encourage your colleagues and other ASCE members to do the same. After some of the immediate needs of the recovery have been addressed, there will be many more opportunities for the global Civil Engineering Community to help the people of Haiti get back on their feet.

Whether we look internationally, or across our own country or local community, I know we can all find ways to engage as stewards of public safety and the natural environment, or in educating the next generation about the Civil Engineering profession. Here in Jacksonville we are beginning our 4th year of the ACE Mentor Program, and I am encouraged more each year at the student's enthusiasm to learn about the Architecture Construction and Engineering Professions. I challenge each of you to find one new way in 2010 to engage in the Civil Engineering community where you live, or perhaps someplace further away.

And please make sure to join us for our Annual Meeting in Ft Lauderdale this year, July 15-17, we are planning exciting speakers and activities that you won't want to miss!



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We have just finalized our continuing education classes; they will be held in Orlando, West Palm, Jacksonville and Tampa! This is a great opportunity to get 8 PDHs in one day.

Planning for the 2010 Annual Meeting is also underway and will be held at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

Ft. Lauderdale July 15-17. You can go online at www.fla-asce.org to register for both the Doubleheader Seminars and the Annual Meeting, hope to see you there! Make sure to register early to hold your spot and receive the best rates available.

“The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.” - Thomas Edison

Upcoming Events

Engineer’s Week—February 14-20, 2010

FES/FICE PE Legislative Days—February 16-17, 2010

Florida Section ASCE—Doubleheader’s

FSASCE will host two educational seminars on each of the below dates and locations. The Laws & Rules course will be held from 8am—12noon and the Green Building and Sustainable Development will be from 1pm—5pm. This is a great opportunity to get 8 PDHs in one day! Registration for these seminars can be found at www.fla-asce.org.

March 3, 2010 - Orlando, FL

Doubletree Resort
 10100 International Drive
 Orlando, FL 32821
 407.352.1100

March 4, 2010 - West Palm Beach, FL

West Palm Beach Marriott
 1001 Okeechobee Blvd.
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 561.833.1234

September 15, 2010 - Jacksonville, FL

The Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village
 500 S. Legacy Trail
 St. Augustine, FL 32092
 904.940.8000

September 16, 2010 - Tampa, FL

Saddlebrook Resort
 5700 Saddlebrook Way
 Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
 813.973.1111

Florida Section ASCE – Annual Meeting 2010

The 2010 Annual Meeting for Florida Section ASCE will be held at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa Ft. Lauderdale on July 15-17, 2010.

The Annual Meeting is the largest event held by the Florida Section of ASCE and has an attendance of over 500 engineers/managers from all over Florida. The technical sessions at the Annual Meeting has something of interest for everyone.

Registration is now open! Visit www.fla-asce.org for further information. Annual Meeting agenda will be forthcoming.

Interested in having your company stand out from others? Are you trying to promote a new product or marketing campaign? Is it time your company got the word out? Become an Annual Meeting Sponsor! Visit our website at www.fla-asce.org and download numerous sponsorship opportunities!

If you have any questions regarding sponsorship please contact Tondra Matthews, 850.224.6500 or tondra@fla-asce.org.

What's Happening in the Branches

Broward

The Broward Branch held a joint holiday party with FES Broward, Gold Coast ITE and Southeast Florida SWE on December 3, 2009 to collect toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Two local marines were present and assisted with the collection. The Younger Members Group also hosted a Social/Food Drive where more than 30 bags and boxes of canned goods were collected for donation to the Cooperative Feeding Program of Broward County. In addition, four (4) representatives from the Branch were present at the Legislative Session on November 20, 2009 in Orlando.

Cape Canaveral

The Cape Canaveral Branch has rolled out our redesigned webpage. We hope to utilize it this year as a bulletin for meeting reminders and activities information, to thank our sponsors, and provide contact information to our members. You will find it at: <http://branches.asce.org/capecanaveral/Publish/>

In attempt to standardize our scholarship awards program, we are currently creating a questionnaire and rubric for future awards to the students. The FIT students continue to make progress on the concrete canoe and steel bridge designs in preparation for regional.

East Central

The Branch under the leadership of Tom Caffery has started an ongoing service project at the Orlando Science Center (OSC). The activity has gained a lot of interest from Science Center staff as well as branch membership. Planning efforts are underway to create an Infrastructure Exhibit at the OCU to help visitors learn about the components of our infrastructure that are an integral part of our everyday life and for public safety. This activity recently received a SPAG grant that has helped us in planning for the setup of an Infrastructure Display at the Orlando Science Center.

YMF sent six representatives to the ASCE Annual Civil Engineering Conference in Kansas City, MO. The conference proved to be a great opportunity for ASCE members from across the nation to exchange ideas and discuss the future of our civil engineering profession.

Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Branch would again like to congratulate its nominee and winner of The Florida Section Engineer of the Year award, Dr. Stephen Nix.

In September ASCE partnered with Florida Engineering Society in Jacksonville to provide a Public Engineer Review Course; all money raised will benefit the scholarship fund.

In November we joined again with FES and SAME chapters for a food drive with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Miami

The September 23rd dinner meeting of the Miami-Dade Branch was one of our most successful events of this year with over 120 members and guests attending. During this meeting, the branch held its annual awards presentation. During this ceremony, awards were presented to Marlin Engineering (Engineering Firm of the Year), Julieta-Rivero Manso, EI (Young Engineer of the Year), Alberto Delgado, PE (Government Engineer of the Year), Amir Mirmiran, PE, PhD (Engineer of the Year) and to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Roadways Program (Project of the Year).

On November 5th, the Branch held a career seminar at the University of Miami (UM) for Engineering Students. The Branch facilitated a panel of four professionals from different areas of engineering practice to provide background and answer questions from students.

Palm Beach

Over the past three months, the Palm Beach Branch has hosted/participated in the following activities: Monthly Branch Lunch Meetings, where presentations were given on the "West County Energy Center", "GIS Application for Engineers" and "Efficient Leadership".

Annual Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser which had over 60 participants and raised \$1,200 for the Florida Atlantic University Concrete Canoe Team.

Southwest

Has partaken in many luncheons with students from Florida Gulf Coast University discussing Deep Foundations, a non-profit *institute* for professionals involved in *deep foundation* construction and earth retention systems technologies. A panel was also put together for the students of FGCU on how to present themselves for job openings when they have no prior experience.

Our Younger Member Group has been meeting and had a get together at an Everglades game. It was attended by approximately 10 engineers and families.

Tallahassee

The Statewide West Point Bridge Competition was held on August 21st during the ASCE Florida Section's Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg. After winning first place in the Tallahassee West Point Bridge Competition on May 16th, two of our local students traveled down to take part in the Statewide competition. We are very proud to announce that Celia Garthwait placed third in the statewide high school competition, and David Weng placed first in the statewide middle school competition.

The Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders hosted a 5K at the College of Engineering in November. All proceeds will go to the FAMU-FSU Chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA.

The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering held its third annual Order of the Engineer ring ceremony in December at the Don Veller Seminole Golf Course & Club. There was a record number students and professionals who were inducted this year.

SOME NEW FACES AT FSASCE



Tiffany Harrell



Lauren McLendon

Tiffany Harrell is a graduating senior at Florida State University majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in General Business, and will be interning until the end of April. Out of this opportunity, Tiffany is hoping to gain better knowledge of the engineering field and a better sense of non-profit agencies. Some things she will be adding her special touch to are the newsletter, the annual meeting, promotional materials and social media marketing. She looks forward to working with the FSASCE and is grateful for this opportunity!

Lauren McLendon is definitely no stranger to FSASCE! She assisted with the Annual Meeting registration desk, awards luncheon program, and exhibit hall last year. Being a recent graduate of Flagler College with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Business Administration and a seasoned FSASCE veteran, she's decided to come back for more! Lauren will be lending her extraordinary skills to recruit sponsors and exhibitors for the Annual Meeting, update/maintain the website, meeting planning and assist members during the registration process.

FSASCE welcomes both Lauren and Tiffany!

SOCIAL MARKETING? YES, PLEASE!

In today's world, information is only a touch of a button away! Networking and social marketing sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are becoming more popular everyday. Why? Simplicity. With one update colleagues can be notified in a multitude of ways such as SMS, text messaging, instant messaging, or on the web. Everyone's connected.

That's why FSASCE joined Twitter to bring you the exclusive first look. With this new tool, we will highlight important headlines, update you regarding the Annual Meeting, let you know when our education seminars will be held and much more. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FSASCE!

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Florida Board of Professional Engineers PDH Reporting Requirements

Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) has implemented a new Professional Development Hours (PDH) procedure which now requires the PROVIDER to report all your PDHs include "Area's of Practice". FBPE requires 8 hours of continuing education every two years. Four hours shall be in the technical areas of practice and four hours shall be on Laws and Rules of practicing as a professional engineer. Visit www.fbpe.org for information.

Worry no more! FSASCE is your one stop shop for all your PDH needs. To various educational sessions throughout the year to the Annual Meeting, we're sure to have something for everyone. Visit our website today!

ASCE Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your ASCE membership please visit the website at www.asce.org.

Please make sure to check the box for "Section and Branch Dues" below the national dues when paying your membership dues!

Florida Section and its 12 local branches provide a number of services to you as a member and also to the local Universities and their student chapters.

Your contribution by paying the "Section and Branch Dues" helps us support programs such as:

- Providing opportunities of students from middle school and high school the importance of civil engineering thru programs and competitions such as:
 - West Point Bridge Competition
 - Science and Engineering Fair
- Creating and raising awareness of the state of Florida's infrastructure through the report card
- Providing continuing education to members
- Supporting the university student chapters in competitions such as concrete canoe and steel bridge

Your support will allow Florida Section to fund more activities and provide additional member benefits.

So don't forget to the box for "Section and Branch Dues"!