

141st ASCE Annual Meeting

The 141st ASCE Annual Meeting is being held right here in West Tennessee. Memphis will be hosting the Sustainable Infrastructure themed meeting between October 20th and 22nd, 2011. Concerns regarding America's infrastructure have become a higher priority. According to ASCE, "a sustainable civil infrastructure provides environmental, economic, and social well-being, now and for the future." As stewards of the natural and built environment, civil engineers have a leadership role in every facet of sustainability: in practice, in political advocacy, and in education. Save the date and be a part of defining the solutions and building a socially responsible and sustainable world.

Both the Section and Branch are gearing up for the event and will need lots of help. Major support activities from local resources have been identified and respective subcommittee chairpersons tasked. A few of those subcommittees, chairpersons, and contact information are:

- 2011 Annual Chair, Garland Rose. (615) 352-9500 or garland.rose@bwsc.net
- Local Committee Chair, Chris Triplett. (901) 755-7166 or chris.triplett@bwsc.net
- Local Committee Vice-Chair, Matt Caskey. (901) 867-5369 or MCaskey@geopier.com
- Volunteer Coordination, Claire Barnett. (901) 372-7962 or cbarnett@ensafe.com
- Community Service Coordination, Heather Kraus. (901) 683-3900 or hkraus@ssr-inc.com
- Technical Tour Coordination, Drew Cohn. (901) 685-1233 or drewcohn@gmail.com
- Sponsorship Coordination, Ted Kniazewycz. (615) 770-8470 or ted_kniazewycz@gspnet.com
- Marketing Coordination (W TN), Tom Lawrence. (901) 729-4590 or tomlawrence@bellsouth.net
- Marketing Coordination (N MS), Scott Young. (662) 429-1347 or scottyyoung@desotocountymys.org

At this time, Volunteer Coordination is actively looking for help, however if you can help any of these groups please contact the chairperson.

Robert A. Beesley Memorial Scholarship at the University of Memphis

Robert A. Beesley, PE, retired Director of Development at Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, recently passed away. His friends and associates are working to establish an endowed scholarship in Civil Engineering at U of M as a memorial to his life and to his engineering legacy.

Bob came to Memphis in 1958 after receiving his CE degree from University of Illinois followed by a term in the Navy SeaBees. He worked as a transportation engineer designing bridges, highways, subdivisions, and of course airports. He was a part of HB&A Engineering for the next 28 years before moving to the Airport Authority in 1985 where he spent the next 23 years. Bob was known and highly respected in this region and nationally for his Airport work



and he influenced the careers of many, many professionals. In large measure, the current layout of Memphis International Airport is his creation and he became known as the "Architect of the Airport".

To contribute to the scholarship fund, you may send a check (made payable to "University of Memphis Foundation") to:

University of Memphis Foundation
Robert A. Beesley Memorial Scholarship
P O Box 1000
Dept. 238
Memphis, TN 38148

Be sure to write "Beesley Scholarship" in the Memo line or it will not be properly credited.

You can also make a gift online using a credit card. Just go to www.memphis.edu/giving and click on "College/School/Department/Other." Near the bottom of the list where it says "Scholarship" fill in "Beesley Memorial Scholarship" in the box provided and enter the amount. For information about making a gift through the transfer of stock, real estate or other assets, please contact Susan Armacost at (901) 678-1537 or susan.armacost@memphis.edu

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Younger Member Group Update

The Younger Member Group (YMG) has just completed the annual Construction competition. This year's event was held on March 25 at the Herff College of Engineering on the University of Memphis campus. Five local high schools participated in a building competition utilizing canned food. Approximately 9,000 pounds of food were ultimately donated to the Mid South Food Bank. We would like to thank the sponsors who made the competition possible with their generous support and the participating schools for the fabulous structures. Our community benefits from the work of the sponsors, the students, and the YMG!



The YMG is encouraging their members to socialize with other young professionals at the Graduating Senior Luncheon hosted by the West TN Branch of ASCE. The luncheon will be held



April 27 at 11:30 AM at the Holiday Inn on Central Avenue across from the University of Memphis. Young professionals can share invaluable words of wisdom to the engineers of tomorrow as well as congratulate them on the first of many professional milestones. Cost is \$15 and seating is limited, so please RSVP by April 25, 2011 to either Carol Dodge at (901) 321-6971 ext. 2267 or cdodge@mlgw.com or Michael Lamport at (901) 726-0810 ext. 1318 or mlamport@pickeringfirm.com

ASCE West Tennessee Annual Golf Tournament

The 19th Annual ASCE West Tennessee Branch Golf Tournament will be held on May 20, 2011 at the Glen Eagle Golf Course, in Millington, Tennessee. All proceeds from this event will go to the Engineers without Borders - University of Memphis Chapter to support their outreach



efforts. The entry fee for the four-man scramble is \$100/person or \$400/team and entry deadline is May 9, 2011. Many sponsorship opportunities such as the Beverage Cart, holes, or Golf Balls are available. For detailed information on entering the tournament or sponsorship may be found at www.ascewtn.org. Still have questions? Contact Tim Gibson at (901) 372-0404

Upcoming Branch Meetings

April 21, 2011

The Branch Program is hosted by the student chapter and will be held at the University of Memphis University Center Bluff Room at 11:30 AM. Mr. Garland Rose will speak about the upcoming ASCE Annual Conference to be held here in October. PDH's will not be granted at this branch meeting; however, members are encouraged to attend in order to support the Annual Conference and to volunteer their time and talent. The meeting will be hosted by the ASCE Student Chapter at The University of Memphis and will be held in the Bluff Room in the new University Center. Parking will be included in the cost of the luncheon. Parking is in the garage located adjacent to the University Center, which is accessed from Zach Curlin Avenue. Cost is \$15, including lunch. Please RSVP to Dr. Roger Meier at rwmeier@memphis.edu.

May 19, 2011

Branch Program Meeting at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$15, including buffet lunch. RSVP not required. Mr. Scott Fleming with Fleming Associates will discuss architectural projects such as the Salvation Army Kroc Center. The Memphis Kroc Center is one of 30 being constructed nationwide as part of a \$1.5 billion matching grant program established by the estate of Joan Kroc, wife of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc.

ASCE Inspiring and Encouraging Potential Engineers

Did you know that ASCE has provided a grant to a local program at the University of Memphis? The grant provided supplies for the Girls Experiencing Engineering (GEE) program. These supplies and the GEE curriculum will be distributed to local high school math and science teachers for use in their classrooms. GEE is an interactive, fast-paced program for girls in middle school or high school that introduces them to the many facets of engineering while developing mentoring and leadership skills. The program features general engineering sessions for middle and high school girls that convene daily from 8 am to 12 noon. High school aged young women may return for additional sessions themed around transportation or earthquake/water resources. The program takes place June 6-July 1 this summer. Do you know a girl who might enjoy the program? There is a \$25 registration fee for participation and an application to be completed. Scholarships are available for economically disadvantaged participants. Applications and more information may be found at <http://www.ce.memphis.edu/gee/>

One feature of the GEE program is a daily presentation from a local female engineer or an engineering student to allow the girls to learn about the variety of career possibilities and type of math and science preparation they would need to become a practicing engineer. If you would be interested in presenting, please contact Stephanie Ivey at (901) 678-3286 or ssalyers@memphis.edu

Contact Us

Have a brilliant idea for a branch meeting speaker or topic? Is there a continuing education topic you would love to see presented? Are you wondering how to get involved more in ASCE? Want to know where this Newsletter is posted in case you accidentally delete it? There are lots of ways to get in touch with the West Tennessee Branch, but here are the best...

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