



Dates to Remember:

- **Florida Section Annual Meeting; August 20–22, 2009 St. Petersburg, FL**
- **Extended Deadline for Branch Treasurer Nominations; August 26, 2009**
- **Florida Transportation Builders Association Happy Hour; August 27, 2009, Waterway Café, PB Gardens**
- **ASCE Palm Beach September Branch Meeting; September 8, 2009**

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The Newsletter of the Palm Beach Branch, Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

President's Message

Tomorrow begins the 2009 Florida Section ASCE Annual Meeting at the Hilton Bayfront in St. Petersburg, Florida. This year's program includes a keynote address by City of Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio and tours of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and Airport Interchange Mega Construction Project. We're looking forward to another great annual meeting and hope to see you there!

I would like to congratulate Kathy Caldwell, P.E. on her recent election to the 2009 ASCE National President-Elect position. Kathy is a Past-President of the Florida Section of ASCE and a former Director of ASCE's Region 5. Many of our members may know her through her work as the Practitioner Advisor for the University of Florida Student Chapter. We look forward to her upcoming term and the opportunity to have a National President from the state of Florida.

This month's lunch meeting on Tuesday, August 11th included a presentation by Gerry McShane, Vice President of Engineering at Skyline Steel. Gerry presented on Steel Sheet Piling in Marine Infrastructure, and through Skyline Steel's in-house professional development program, the Branch was able to offer CEU credits for the lecture.

The ASCE Palm Beach Branch has extended the nomination deadline for next year's Branch Treasurer position. The position entails a five-year commitment as the selected individual proceeds from Treasurer through the Past-President position. Serving as a Branch Officer has been both personally and professionally rewarding and I encourage our members to consider applying for the position or nominating an individual they feel is well-qualified. All nominees should be members of tASCE at the Branch and national level and should have the ability to obtain their P.E.

license prior to holding the Branch President position. If you are interested, please contact one of your Branch Officers.

This year we are holding the Branch's annual Bowl-A-Thon event in November of 2009 rather than next January. We hope to make this year's event a fun and successful fundraiser for the FAU Student Chapter. James Barton will be heading the Bowl-A-Thon Organizational Committee, and anyone who is interested in organizing or sponsoring the event should contact him at jbarton@chenandassociates.com

Sincerely,

Ana DeMelo
President, Palm Beach Branch



Nominations for 2009-2010 Branch Treasurer

The Branch officers are currently seeking nominations for the 2009-2010 Palm Beach Branch Treasurer position. The Treasurer position is the beginning of a 5-year term as a Branch officer. All nominees should have the following qualifications:

- Member or Associate Member of ASCE (National) and the Palm Beach Branch
- Professional Engineer (P.E.) Registration or ability to obtain P.E. prior to holding Branch President position
- Ability to attend monthly Branch meetings, officers' meetings, annual Branch events, and Florida Section meetings.

The Branch has extended the deadline for Treasurer nominations. If you are interested in being considered for the position, please contact one of the Branch Officers by Wednesday, August 26th. The new officers will be installed at the September Branch Meeting on September 8th.

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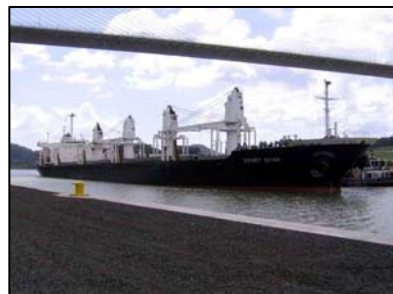
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August Lunch Meeting Presentation

This month's lunch meeting featured a presentation by Gerry McShane of Skyline Steel entitled "Steel Sheet Piling in Marine Infrastructure: Designing for Durability." The presentation addressed the topic of how engineers and port officials deal with the changes that are currently taking place in marine infrastructure and cargo vessel design. Gerry presented methodology for verifying that sheet piles in a marine environment will meet the increased loading conditions and design life required for modern port design. Following is Mr. McShane's biographic information:

Gerry McShane, Vice President, Skyline Steel

- Registered Professional Engineer in the United Kingdom
- 1984 – 1986 Served as Contracts Engineer for a British engineering consulting firm in South Africa.
- 1986 – 1991 Served as Resident Engineer for port development in the United Kingdom.
- 1991 – 1998 Served as Technical Manager for Southeast Asia for British Steel in Singapore.
- 1998 – 2002 Joined CORUS and Arcelor Group as head of engineering



2009 ASCE Annual Meeting – St. Petersburg, FL

Commemorate ASCE's 80th Anniversary at this year's Annual Meeting at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida (August 20 – 22, 2009).

This year's Annual Meeting will feature Mayor Pam Iorio of the City of Tampa as keynote speaker and two exciting tours: The Sunshine Skyway Bridge Tour and the Airport Interchange Mega Project Construction Tour.

If you're interested in attending, you may still register in person at the Florida Section Registration Desk at the Bayfront Hilton in St. Petersburg.



Visit: <http://www.fla-asce.org>
For more information regarding the 2009 Florida Section Annual Conference.

Congratulations to Kathy Caldwell

The election for this year's ASCE National Board was completed last week and Kathy Caldwell, P.E. has been chosen as the President-Elect for ASCE. Kathy lives in Gainesville, Florida and is a Past-President of the Florida Section and a former Director of ASCE's Region 5. She was endorsed by both the Florida Section and Palm Beach Branch as this year's President-Elect nominee.



The Branch is pleased to congratulate Kathy Caldwell on her recent election to the 2009 – 2010 ASCE National President-Elect position.

Congratulations to Kathy, and thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Board elections!

Continuing Education

ASCE is pleased to advise you of the following web-seminars upcoming in August 2009. For the complete listing and registration information visit <http://www.asce.org/webinar/list>

Wed Aug 19, 2009 Thu Oct 01, 2009	Seismic + P.E. Civil Exam Review
Wed Aug 19, 2009 Wed Sep 30, 2009	Seismic + P.E. Structural I Exam Review
Wed Aug 19, 2009	Seismic Review
Wed Aug 19, 2009	Underpinning and Strengthening of Foundations
Thu Aug 20, 2009	Designing Bicycle Facilities
Fri Aug 21, 2009	Sustainable Water Management: Rainwater Collection Systems and Analysis
Mon Aug 24, 2009 Mon Oct 05, 2009	P.E. Environmental Exam Review
Tue Aug 25, 2009 - Thu Oct 01, 2009	P.E. Civil Exam Review: 12-Part Series
Tue Aug 25, 2009 - Thu Oct 08, 2009	P.E. Civil Exam Review: 15-Part Series
Tue Aug 25, 2009	Design of Steel Lintels in Masonry Walls
Wed Aug 26 - Wed Sep 30, 2009	P.E. Structural I Exam Review: Six-Part Series
Wed Aug 26, 2009	Improving Pedestrian Crossing Safety at Uncontrolled Locations
Thu Aug 27, 2009	Strengthening Wood Beams and Joists
Fri Aug 28, 2009	Wildlife Crossings for Terrestrial Animals



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ASCE FAU Student Chapter

The summer semester is over and we students at FAU are looking forward to a three week break from classes. During this break we will have a group of students attending the Florida Section Annual Meeting.

By the end of August we will start off the 2009-2010 school year by welcoming our new and returning students with a BBQ at Spanish River Park.

There is a high interest among students to hear from practicing engineers. At times when students are in the middle of their studies it is great to have a break and hear about what exciting ventures await them after graduation. Therefore, we would like to gather volunteers to give presentations to keep the new and current students' spirits up and motivation high. If you would like to speak at one of our monthly meetings please e-mail asce.fau@gmail.com.

Stefanie Battistini
President
ASCE FAU Chapter

ASCE Palm Beach Branch Bowl-A-Thon

The Branch's annual Bowl-A-Thon event will be held this November rather than in January of 2010. The event has been rescheduled to avoid conflicts with other ASCE and FES events which are held at the beginning of the year.

We're hoping to expand this year's Bowl-A-Thon to include more teams, new contests and prizes, and to raise our annual contribution to the FAU Student Chapter. James Barton will heading this year's organizational committee and will be hosting the event in November. We're always looking for individuals who are interested in helping organize and sponsor the Bowl-A-Thon so if you would like to contribute to the event, contact James at jbarton@chenandassociates.com or one of the Branch officers.



Be on the lookout for more information about this year's Bowl-A-Thon!

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