

Palm Beach Branch Update

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

Monthly Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

LUNCH MENU:

Please use the on-line registration provided at <http://branches.asce.org/palmbeach/home.htm>

If you are unable to register on-line, please call **Camp Dresser and McKee** at **(561) 689-3336** and ask for **Lenise Graham**. Please make your reservation prior to **9:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting**.

WHERE: May Meeting

Florida Dept. Env. Protection
2nd Floor Conference Room
400 North Congress Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida



(From I-95, go east on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., then south on Congress Avenue, past Fire Station. Building is on the east side)

SPEAKER: Casey Long, P.E.

TOPIC: Port of Palm Beach

May 2006



Dates to Remember:

Young Member Social at Gatsby's
Wednesday May 3, 2006

May's Lunch Meeting is
Tuesday May 9, 2006

ASCE Annual Meeting
August 25-26, 2006
Ft. Lauderdale

President's Message

I would like to congratulate recipients of the ASCE and FES awards at this year's Engineers in Government Night. It was a pleasure to recognize the outstanding efforts and achievements of our colleagues and to once again have Mr. Robert Weisman, P.E., F. ASCE, Palm Beach County Administrator as our featured speaker.

The Annual Section meeting is a great way for all professional engineers to get required PDHs.

This year's Annual Section meeting that will take place at the Hyatt Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale at the end of August, 2006. A Fishing Tournament Saturday morning during the meeting is being planned to showcase our South Florida lifestyle.

We hope to see you all at our next lunch meeting and again at the upcoming Annual Section meeting in Fort Lauderdale.

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Port Master Plan

Source: Port of Palm Beach Master Plan 2005-2015, as adopted February 2006

The Port District was formed by the Florida Legislature in 1915 to promote waterborne commerce in the region. Perhaps the largest challenge now facing the Port is security. Beginning with the adoption of statewide Port Security requirements in 2000, and the subsequent passage of the federal Maritime Security Act in 2003, security has become a state and federal priority. Strict new guidelines require the Port to essentially enclose and monitor its operations, verifying that people and cargo are authorized and secure. The Port of Palm Beach has revamped its operations and embarked on a series of capital projects to create a more secure environment, but will continue to face operational and capital challenges as it transforms from an open port with numerous access points to a more centralized facility.

The Port Master Plan consists of three parts: first, a set of guiding Goals, Objectives and Policies which are adopted under Chapter 163, Florida Statutes; second, an adopted capital plan showing proposed development activities for the next five years; and, third, background data and analysis which support the policy framework.

The Port and the City of Riviera Beach have executed an Interlocal Agreement to address certain implementation aspects of the existing Port Master Plan. Additional implementation coordination is expected to arise from this new planning effort, if longstanding expansion plans result in Port control of areas within the jurisdiction of the City of West Palm Beach.

Engineer in Government Night Roundup

We hope that you will enjoy the food, the excellent company of your fellow engineers and guests, and our program. Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

Young Engineer of the Year
Olive T. Bailey, EI

Engineer of the Year
Keith B. Jackson, PE

Young Government Engineer of the Year
Laura Leigh Yonkers, PE

Government Engineer of the Year
Kenneth G. Ammon, PE

Project of the Year
Royal Park Bridge
EC Driver and Associates

Young Member Social at Gatsby's
May 3, 2006 – Come and meet the young members and enjoy the food, fun and drinks!

Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Takes Aim at Firewalls in Highway Trust Fund

ASCE and its allies in the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) have responded with a letter to all members of the House of Representatives encouraging them to oppose Rep. Knollenberg's effort and maintain the guarantees in SAFETEA-LU. "SAFETEA-LU was the product of almost three years of high profile and transparent debate," stated the TCC letter to be sent March 17.

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2006 Annual Meeting Sponsorships Available Now

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- One-Quarter page advertisement in the annual meeting program
- Firm logo on commemorative t-shirt
- Listing as a sponsor on the Section web site.

Commit now to get the event or seminar of your choice; however, payment will not be due until June 2006. Visit <http://www.fla-asce.org> for more information on sponsored events and classes or call Dennis Barton at 850-224-6500 to sign up. Don't miss the Saturday morning Fishing Trip on the "Flamingo" (Sponsorship available).

Mentor Program

There will be a kick off meeting in the summer 2006 and all the information on how to be the best mentor possible will be given to you. If you are interested and would like please contact one of us an application, Many Thanks from the Student Professional Development Committee!

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Membership Update:

In order to be sure that everyone receives the newsletter and other benefits of ASCE, please take the time to go to <http://www.asce.org/membership/> or call **1-800-548-2723** to be sure all your information is up to date. For those of you, who are getting the newsletter and know of someone in your office who is a member, but is not getting the newsletter please have them check their membership data, email address etc.

County Engineer George Webb Named NACE President-Elect

County Engineer George T. Webb, P.E. was installed as president-elect of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) at the 2006 NACE Management and Technical Conference, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 9-13. The National Association of County Engineers serves approximately 1,900 engineering professionals throughout the United States and Canada.

Mr. Webb has worked for Palm Beach County since 1981, starting as the assistant director of the Traffic Division and holding various other top management positions before assuming his current position in 1991. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Engineering and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Florida. As County Engineer, Mr. Webb is responsible for administering Palm Beach County's five-year road program. He also oversees roadway design and property acquisition, construction coordination, surveying, engineering services and contracting, and road and bridge construction and maintenance.



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