

# Palm Beach Branch Update

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

## Monthly Meetings

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 12, 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** ERM, Palm Beach County

**TOPIC:** Lake Worth Lagoon Grant Program

## September 2006



### Dates to Remember:

#### September's Lunch Meeting is:

**Tuesday September 12, 2006**

**Young Member Social Coming in September 6, 2006**

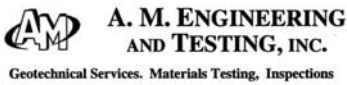
**ASCE Continuing Education  
Wind Loads  
Tampa, FL  
September 21-22, 2006**

**Wetlands & 404 Permitting  
Orlando  
October 23-24, 2006**

### President's Message

I wish to thank all those who helped and supported me during my term as your Branch president. Next month the Branch will have a new president. I enjoyed serving as an officer with the Branch and especially enjoyed being the ultimate decision maker (Branch president). My goals as president were to arrange interesting lunch presentations and help the FAU Student Chapter. When I first became an officer, I was impressed by the professionalism at the national level of ASCE while attending the Zone Leadership Conference. The resources available at National are virtually unlimited and the opportunity for advancement in ASCE is only limited by a member's desire to serve. It has been a pleasure working with the members of the Branch who are generally determined hard working individuals who strive to advance the profession of engineering. As far as what I have observed at the National level, the biggest change has been the reorganization. The structure of ASCE has changed from a system of Zones and Districts to a system comprised of 10 Regions. The goal of this reorganization is to provide streamlined and efficient communication between sections and branches and the National organization. However, all it does is reduce the size of the National Board and insert another layer of governance into the system. Before, sections had a representative on the National Board, now sections have representatives on a Board of Governors that send a representative to the National Board. The good news is that there is more opportunity to serve within the structure of ASCE. As time permits, I hope to continue my involvement with ASCE. Knowing that the opportunity is available to me as well as to all active members is encouraging as we all strive to contribute to the health, safety and welfare of public through the practice of engineering.

See you at the next lunch meeting!



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**ASCE Fall 2006/Winter 2007  
Continuing Education Seminars**

Wind Loads for Structures  
Tampa, FL  
September 21-22, 2006

Wetlands & 404 Permitting  
Orlando, FL  
October 23-24, 2006

Urban Watershed  
Orlando, FL  
November 9-10, 2006

HEC-RAS Computer Workshop  
Jacksonville, FL  
December 13-15, 2006

Earth Retaining Structures, Selection,  
Design, Construction and Inspection  
Orlando, FL  
February 1-2, 2007

Law School for Engineers  
Palm Beach, FL  
March 8-9, 2007

Wind Loads for Buildings & Other  
Structures  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
March 22-23, 2007

**Detailed descriptions of the seminars  
(by title) are available on ASCE's  
website at  
[www.asce.org/conted/seminars](http://www.asce.org/conted/seminars).**

**Get Involved in ASCE!**

**PALM BEACH BRANCH ASCE  
INSTALLS OFFICERS 2006 – 2007**

The installation of next year's officers is scheduled for the September lunch meeting. Your new officers are:

- President – Michael Roach, P.E.
- Vice President – Shawn Waldeck, P.E.
- Secretary - Ana DeMelo, P.E.
- Treasurer – Vishal Kakkad, E.I.
- Past President – Mike Evans, P.E.

Volunteers needed for next year! If you you're good with a check book and you want to get involved in ASCE this is your opportunity. Contact your nearest Palm Beach Branch Officer for more information.

**Young Member Social**

**Look for upcoming announcements for September's Young Member Social – Come and meet the young members and enjoy the food, fun and drinks! This is a great opportunity to meet new colleagues and friends in your profession.**

The last event was a great success -- we had 36 +/- participants at a new location. And it was all Tiffany Holden's idea/work. They mingled/socialized with other people there and, if they talked to the right people, they were granted another drink ticket.

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**Election Results**

Publication of the election results will be provided in the September issue of *ASCE News*.

**President-elect Elect (2006-2007)**

David G. Mongan, P.E., F.ASCE

**Region Directors-Elect (2006-2009)**

Region 3: Thomas R. Walther, P.E., F.ASCE

Region 4: Robert I. Smith II, M.ASCE

Region 8: Westley K.C. Chun, Ph.D., P.E., DEE, F.ASCE

Technical Region: Thomas M. Rachford, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE

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Region 4: Findlay G. Edwards, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE

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Region 6: John N. Furlong, P.E., M.ASCE  
Jeanette Walther, P.E., M.ASCE

Region 8: Michael J. Barton, P.E., M.ASCE

Robert J. Russell, P.E., F.ASCE

Region 9: Mark L. Creveling, P.E., M.ASCE

**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!

Olive Bailey and Bonnie Serina

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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.

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

The annual section meeting held at the Hyatt Pier 66 was a huge success! Thanks for all the ASCE members that supported this event. The technical tracks were outstanding and Tom Olliff (SFWMDC) gave a great keynote address.

The focus on young members and students was impressive. There's a fantastic group of future leaders in our wing.

The Friday session concluded with a night on the town at Tarpon Bend. ASCE was represented in full force. Who said Civil Engineers can't party!

Look forward to another great event next summer!

**Young Member Social this month**

**Free Beverages!!!! and food will be provided.**

Date: **WEDNESDAY - September 6, 2006**

Time: **6 - 8pm**

Place: **Gatsby's (West Palm Beach)**



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