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- ### Schedule of Events
- October 9: Columbus Day
 - October 26: October Branch Meeting
 - October 29: Daylight Savings Time Ends
 - October 31: Halloween



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- ### Upcoming Events / Information
- October 26 Luncheon
 - For more information concerning the Acadiana Branch, go to our newly established website at www.asceacadiana.net
 - **Please make note of our newsletter sponsors for again helping make this newsletter an ongoing success! (See page 3)**

October Acadiana Branch Luncheon



What: October ASCE Branch Meeting
When: Thursday October 26, 2006
Time: 11:30 Check In (due to demonstration time of LITE Facility- Presentation starts at 11:45 p.m.)
Where: LITE Center (building with the "glass egg" in front across from the Cajun Dome and Hilton Garden Inn, Lafayette, Louisiana)
Food: Selection of sandwich trays, chips, and drinks
Topic: *Installation of officers and demonstration of the LITE facility*

Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE) is a state-of-the-art resource center encompassing the world's first six-sided, digital virtual reality cube as well as the world's largest digital 3-D auditorium. This leading-edge visualization environment is powered by one of the most powerful graphics supercomputers in the world. LITE provides a compelling collaborative ecosystem for researchers and engineers from all disciplines – both public and private – to view, assess, and manipulate rapid synchronization of immense volumes of complex data into workable 3-D models in real-time. LITE is to be connected to the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) and the National LambdaRail (NLR) enabling businesses and research institutions and their national and global partners to work on projects in unison. Previously access to this type of technology and resources was only feasible for industry giants. Now, industry, government, and university sectors have access to essential decision-making tools for collaborative research, application development, testing and validation, and product development.

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ASCE ACADIANA BRANCH NEWS

BOARD BRANCH NEWS

The Acadiana Branch is back to business after a fairly quite summer. The branch held its nomination and vote of new officers to the board for the 2006-2007 term this past September. Existing board members were unanimously voted to fill four of the five positions of the board. Mr. David Girouard of C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates was selected as the branch's new secretary. The following are the board member of the Acadiana Branch for the 2006-2007 term.

- **President:** Jamal Khattak, Ph.D., P.E.
- **President Elect:** Joseph Kolwe, Jr., P.E.
- **Vice President:** Clint McDowell, P.E.
- **Treasurer:** Joshua Stutes, P.E.
- **Secretary:** David Girouard, E.I.

- **Past President:** Dax A. Douet, P.E.

The branch would like to thank Mr. E.R. DesOrmeaux with the Louisiana Section for officially installing the new officers.

The branch would like to congratulate Mr. E. R. DesOrmeaux for being selected for the ASCE Louisiana Section President's Medal for the second year in a row. This medal is given to an ASCE-Louisiana member for outstanding service to the profession during the previous calendar year. The branch would also like to congratulate one of our members, Dr. Kenneth McManis, for being selected as the new Civil Engineering Department Head at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

During the 2006-2007 term, the Acadiana Branch will focus on implementing Phase II of its campaign to market Civil Engineering as a profession of choice to local high school junior level students. Last term, the branch created a very intricate PowerPoint presentation about Civil Engineer, and

in particular, focused the presentation on Civil Engineering programs and project within the State of Louisiana. The branch will also focus on coordinating a sprint technical seminar in 2007 that will consist of a 2-day event that specializes on only one technical Civil Engineering topic. Lastly, the branch will continue to focus on providing high quality monthly branch meetings that will focus on providing professional development hours to its members.

On that note, it is highly recommended that everyone make every effort to attend this upcoming luncheon. The LITE facility is nothing short of a world class establishment and will provide a wonderful experience for all that can make it. We intend on launching the 2006-07 season with a bang and we would like to see everyone play their part in helping make this happen. Let's get our attendance numbers back up and start off this term on the right foot. I sincerely hope to see everyone there! Those that do are in for a real treat!!

ASCE STATE SECTION NEWS

STATE NEWS

These are the minutes from the most recent State Section meeting:

- Installation of Section Officers and Board members by Tom Jackson, former President ASCE National, in New Orleans on Friday, September 15
- Waldemar Nelson was posthumously awarded the ASCE "Wall of Fame" award at the Annual meeting.
- The President's Medal was awarded to E.R. DesOrmeaux, P.E., F. ASCE for the 2nd year in a row.
- The Section had its 1st meeting in Lafayette on October 13, 2006 in La-

fayette at Abdalla Hall, and was given a tour of the new LITE facility.

- The 2007 budget was adopted and the annual Section "Surplus" will be distributed to each Branch upon receipt of notice from each Branch on how it intends to use the dollars for the benefit of the members. The Acadiana Branch is expected to receive approximately \$2,500.00.
- Tim Ruppert, P.E. will be attending the National Conference and Exposition in Chicago Oct. 18th-21st
- The Deep South Conference will be held at Louisiana Tech on March 22-25, 2007.
- Jerome Klier of the Baton Rouge Branch has been

appointed by the Section to the ASCE representative for the Levee Board Nominating Committee

- The Publications Committee, comprised of each of the Branch President's, and the Section President-elect, were again requested to develop a program for increasing the advertising revenues for the ASCE-Louisiana Civil Engineering Journal.
- Membership in the Louisiana section is approximately 1,800 + Civil Engineers, of which approximately 1,000 members belong to a particular Branch. The remaining members pay only National dues, and are probably not active in Branch or Section activities.

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