

Schedule of Events

- October 24, 2007— United Nations Day
- October 26, 2007- Louisiana Section Monthly Board meeting
- October 31, 2007— Acadiana Branch Membership Luncheon
- October 31, 2007— Halloween
- November 6, 2007— Election Day
- November 11, 2007—Veterans Day
- November 22, 2007— Thanksgiving

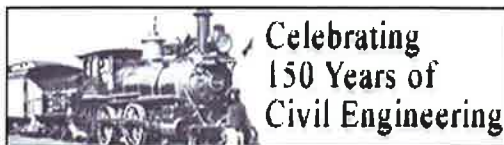
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President's Message

Dear Branch Members,

I would like to start off by thanking all of you for your continued support for ASCE and say how nice it was to see so many at the September Acadian Branch Luncheon. I would also like to welcome to the board two new individuals: Shaun Simon and Luke Hebert. Shaun is a licensed PE with Eustis Engineering, Inc. here in Lafayette and Luke is an Engineer Intern with C. H. Fenstermaker. They, along with the rest of the Acadiana Branch Board, will be working extremely hard this year to ensure that we fulfill our duties. Among a number of other tasks this year, we will continue working to provide you with interesting and valuable topics for both the luncheons and for the upcoming Spring Conference that will be held in Lafayette this year. We certainly invite any suggestions that you may have regarding these

luncheons as they are put on for you, the Acadiana Branch. We will also be working with the State Board to assist with renewing and acquiring new sponsors for the LA Journal magazine to ensure its continued publication and delivery to all Louisiana ASCE members.

Secondly, I would like to thank Mr. Larry Broussard for taking time to come and speak with us at our last luncheon. Mr. Broussard spoke to us about the revised FEMA flood maps that will be coming out and how they will effect both us as engineers and the public whom we serve. The presentation was extremely informative and sparked some interesting questions and discussions regarding where the interpretation and implementation of the maps is currently at and where it appears to be headed.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who continue to support the Acadiana Branch by maintaining your section membership. Currently, there are 198 subscribed Acadiana Branch members, but over 300 assigned Acadiana Branch members. As I have only recently become aware myself, the difference between a 'subscribed member' and an 'assigned member' is whether or not one pays the \$20.00 annual section membership fee. An 'assigned member' is one who simply resides geographically in the Acadiana Branch area, while a 'subscribed member' is an assigned member who also pays this voluntary fee. Quite honestly, I think that I was, like many of you are, under the impression that your annual ASCE National fees included the section branch dues.

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Acadiana Branch Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, October 31st, 2007
LOCATION: Petroleum Club
 111 Heymann Blvd.
 Lafayette, LA 70503
TIME: 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
 (11:30 A.M.—Check In)
PRICE: \$15.00 Professionals / \$5.00 Students
MENU: Self-Served Buffet
SPEAKER: A. J. P. "Sonny" Launey, P.E., Denson Engineers, Inc.
TOPIC: Ethics pertaining to the Licensing Process for Engineers and Surveyors



President's Message Continued

However, this is not necessarily correct; while you may pay the section membership at the same time as your national dues, it is a separate item that you would need to include in your payment. If you are unsure as to whether or not you are a subscribed section

branch member and would like to find out, please feel free to contact any one of the board members so we can verify it with our records. Please note that this is not a required fee and you are not obligated to pay, but I do ask for your support.

Again, I look forward to an exciting and eventful year with all of you. Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions, comments, or if anyone needs anything.

Sincerely,
Joe Kolwe, Jr., P.E.

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ASCE State News

The ASCE Louisiana Section Board of Directors met on September 28, 2007 for their monthly meeting.

Mr. E. Ray DesOrmeaux, P.E., Louisiana Section President, opened the meeting stressing the importance of a strategic plan for the ASCE

Louisiana Section. The strategic plan will focus on the goals of the State Section to provide a quality service to it's members. Mr. DesOrmeaux requested the help of Section Directors and Past Presidents to accomplish this task.

Mr. DesOrmeaux will be

representing the Louisiana Section at the annual ASCE National Convention in Orlando, Florida on November 1-3, 2007.

Mr. James Porter requested that Branch Presidents solicit articles for the Louisiana Civil Engineering Journal from their members for future journal inclusions.

ASCE National News

35-W BRIDGE COLLAPSE

In response to the catastrophic I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, ASCE is playing a significant and proactive role in providing authoritative information and technical expertise to the public on our nation's infrastructure crisis. The National Transportation Safety Board is currently investigating the failure to determine the cause of the collapse.

ASCE has assessed the state of our nation's infrastructure through the

Report Card for America's Infrastructure

and calls for public policy action to make our country safer and sustainable for future generations. [ASCE's Infrastructure Action Plan](#) spells out steps the U.S. Congress should take to shore up our infrastructure. ASCE has worked closely with Senators and their staffs in strong support of the National Infrastructure Improvement Act, S. 775, which was recently approved by the Senate. ASCE will provide further resources and information related to the Minneapolis bridge collapse on this

Web page.

ASCE and the civil engineering profession continue to play a key role in understanding and responding to natural and man-made disasters and in improving the state of our nation's infrastructure.

http://content.asce.org/35BridgeCollapse_MainPage.html



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