

**Schedule of Events**

- September 30, 2008—Acadiana Branch Luncheon
- October 13, 2008—Columbus Day
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- October 31, 2008—Halloween

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## President's Message

Dear Acadiana Branch Members:

I hope this letter finds you well, however; due to the recent hurricane I understand this may not be the case. I would like to take this time to remind you all that while we cannot make any promises at this time, we are still interested in knowing how the storm affected you and your ability to provide your engineering services to those in need. Again, at your earliest convenience, please contact Kristin LeBlanc at 337-232-3336 and let us know so we can determine what services we are able to offer to assist with.

On another note, the final call for nominations for all appropriate board positions will be held at the next luncheon

on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette. The current nominations are as follows: President-Elect, Josh Stutes; Vice-President, Shaun Simon; Treasurer, Luke Hebert; and Secretary, Randel Badeaux. Please see below for further details on the itinerary of the luncheon.

Furthermore, I would like to congratulate the 2008 ASCE-Acadiana Branch Awards Recipients: Lifetime Achievement Award – Shirley Stutes; Outstanding Civil Engineer Award – Raymond Reaux; Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Award – Luke Hebert; Outstanding Young Government Civil Engineer Award – Joshua Stutes; and Outreach Award – Sonny Launey, who is also the recipient of the 2008 LA Section Outreach Award. I want to also recognize

all others who were nominated by their peers for consideration: Lifetime Achievement Award – Robert Wolfe; Outreach Award – Mike Marchand and E. Ray DesOrmeaux; and Outstanding Civil Engineer Award – Marc Dubroc and Todd Vincent. Please join us at our next luncheon where we will honor these outstanding individuals.

Finally, I would like to take this time to mention that the ASCE-Acadiana Branch is hosting a live PE review course, available to all individuals preparing to sit for the NCEES test in either October or April. C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc. has generously offered to host the live webinar review course which will

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## Acadiana Branch Luncheon

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 30th, 2008  
**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  
**SPEAKER:** Mr. Jeff Jackson with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
**TOPIC:** Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Overview  
**MENU:** Self-Served Buffet  
**PDH VALUE:** 1 Hour



### President's Message Continued

be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. which began on September 9, 2008 and will continue through October 16, 2008; the review will cost each participant a \$30.00 fee and will include electronic copies of each session's notes. For more information con-

cerning registering, courses, dates, and/or times for the review please contact Luke Hebert at [luke@fenstermaker.com](mailto:luke@fenstermaker.com) or 337-237-2200. For other information regarding the live PE review you may also visit this website: [www.asce.org/webinar/list](http://www.asce.org/webinar/list).

In closing, I pray that all of you and your families stay safe during this hurricane season. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming luncheon and I thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,  
Joe Kolwe, Jr., P.E

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#### Fall is Campaign Season

Labor Day marks the unofficial start of the campaign season. Congress will be busy trying to finish up all its yearly business by the end of September so they can spend October campaigning back home and your television sets will soon be overtaken by political ads. ASCE wants to take this opportunity to make sure you are ready to exercise your constitutional rights in November.

Here are four easy steps to get you started:

**First**, are you registered to vote? If you are not, you can visit ASCE's advocacy website [http://www.asce.org/election/register\\_vote/](http://www.asce.org/election/register_vote/) and get the information you need for your state.

**Second**, are you educated about the issues? ASCE's Advocacy website provides you with detailed information about the candidates running in your district and any ballot initiatives you might encounter at the polls. For issue specific information, you can visit ASCE's Members Only page <http://www.asce.org/membersonly> to read the Key Vote Scorecard.

ASCE also participates in a number of coalitions that seek to educate voters including Scientists and Engineers for America <http://sefora.org/> and Engineering the Vote. <http://www.engineeringthevote.org/> Both of these organizations can help you arrive at an informed choice.

**Third**, have you reminded someone else to get registered or to vote on November 4? A personal recommendation is a

powerful tool, all it takes is a casual conversation and you can bring someone else into the process. Challenge yourself this fall to encourage one friend who has never voted to do so this election.

**Fourth**, don't forget to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>!

Are there any elderly or homebound people in your neighborhood? Do a good deed this Election Day and give a ride to someone who might have trouble getting to the polls themselves.

If you have any questions about these steps please contact ASCE Government Relations at [govwash@asce.org](mailto:govwash@asce.org) or 202-789-7850.

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