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President's Message

Dear Acadiana Branch Members:

Greeting fellow ASCE members! It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I am addressing you as your Acadiana Branch President for the 2008-2009 term. As we enter into a new year of branch activities, I am confident that with the wisdom, guidance, experience and dedication of all of our elected board members, this year will be productive, successful and most of all exciting. First, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you how may not know me. I am Clint S. McDowell, owner/president of a geotechnical engineering and quality control testing and inspection firm located in Broussard. I am a 1993 graduate of Louisiana State University. I am married and have been

blessed with two beautiful children. Prior to the establishment of my own firm in 2003, I was employed in Baton Rouge by a nationwide engineering firm where I oversaw local and regional geotechnical engineering and testing and inspection services for ten years. I have been active with the ASCE since 1998 and have served on the Acadiana Branch board for the past four years.

I am pleased to report that we have a very positive momentum carrying over from the 2007-2008 term. This momentum is due in large part to the great success of the Spring Conference. The conference included an excellent line-up of speakers and vendors. Without doubt, the local civil engineering community benefited greatly from this event and from the contributions and hard work of all our participants.

Moreover, the Spring Conference could not have been such a vast success without the excellent planning, coordination and implementation skills of our past president, Mr. Joe Kolwe, who now serves as our acting Past-President. Mr. Kolwe, along with the entire 2007-2008 board, truly did an amazing job in carrying out this event. For this, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you. It will be my pleasure and commitment to continue with this trend in strengthening and fortifying our branch as well as our local engineering community as a whole.

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Acadiana Branch Luncheon

DATE:	Wednesday, October 29th, 2008
LOCATION:	Petroleum Club 111 Heymann Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70503
TIME:	11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. (11:45 A.M.—Check In)
PRICE:	\$15.00 Professionals / \$5.00 Students
SPEAKER:	Mr. Hollis Ward with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
TOPIC:	CADConform
MENU:	Self-Served Buffet
PDH VALUE:	1 Hour



President's Message Continued

<p>We have lots of excellent events planned for this year including, as always, our monthly luncheons and other social events. This leads me to the conclusion of my message in which I would like to encourage all of our members to "GET INVOLVED". You won't regret it! For our new</p>	<p>and younger members, be assured that the Acadiana Branch ASCE is an excellent opportunity for you. It is an invaluable opportunity for you to meet other individuals within our industry as well as to establish contacts and a reputation within the community. For our older members, consider renewing your commit-</p>	<p>ment to our profession by offering your experience and insight. You are valuable to us and we appreciate you. I look forward to serving you this upcoming year.</p> <p>Sincerely, Clint S. McDowell, PE</p>
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<p><u>What is CADconform? (As described on the Altiva.com home page)</u></p> <p>CADconform from Altiva Software, Inc. provides a fast, reliable, affordable way to promote and enforce 100% conformance to CAD standards. It is a software add-on that becomes a seamless part of the native AutoCAD and MicroStation environments.</p> <p>CADconform is the only solution that provides a Complete Standards System for CAD, a defined, repeatable process that ensures your drawings will conform 100% to your CAD standards. There's no guessing—the process ensures the result.</p> <p>Only CADconform offers a digital, tamper-proof seal to drawings that conform 100% to your standards. When the seal is present, you know the data is good.</p>	<p><u>How does DOTD use CADconform?</u></p> <p>DOTD uses CADconform to ensure that DOTD designers and consultant partners can efficiently produce plans that conform to DOTD CAD standards and the DOTD Plans Manager can efficiently enforce these standards.</p> <p>DOTD delivers drafting component standards for its various disciplines (road, bridge, survey, etc.) in CADconform feature tables. These feature tables are used for drafting, correcting and certifying drawings. Standard drawing template files are "branded" to ensure that the most often used feature tables are loaded by default.</p> <p>DOTD CAD Resources, including standard feature tables, drawing templates, borders, etc., are included in separate, pre-configured downloads for MicroStation and Auto-</p>	<p>CAD. CAD Resource downloads, CADconform software downloads, and the DOTD Software and Deliverable Standards document can be found on the Altiva.com "LADOTD CAD Standards" web page at www.altivasoft.com/ladotd.</p> <p>AutoCAD drawings must be translated to MicroStation deliverable format before certification. This translation is performed using an installed copy of MicroStation software and mapping tables included in the MicroStation Resources download.</p> <p>Evidence of drawing standards conformance is provided by the "LADOTD CAD Standard" stamp affixed outside of the left drawing borderline during the certification process. This stamp is tested for authenticity by DOTD when 100% Final Plans are delivered.</p>
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Schedule of Events

- October 24, 2008—P.E. Exam
- October 29, 2008—ASCE Acadiana Branch Luncheon
- October 31, 2008—Halloween
- November 2, 2008—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 4, 2008—Election Day
- November 11, 2008—Veteran's Day
- November 27, 2008—Thanksgiving

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