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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope everyone's summer is going well. The 1999-2000 Branch officers have been busy and are preparing to end our respective terms and make way for the newly elected officers in September 2000.

The annual Acadiana Branch – ASCE Spring Seminar was held on May 4-5, 2000 at the Hotel Acadiana in Lafayette. The seminar topic, *Transportation Engineering Concepts*, was presented by Mr. Henry Thomason, P.E., guest speaker from the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a division of the Texas A&M University System. Forty-seven (47) ASCE and non-ASCE attended the two-day session. Mr. Thomason presented an excellent overview of roadway design, transportation systems, traffic control, and risk management. May was an especially busy month for the Acadiana Branch as elections were held for the 2000-20001 officers during the May 12, 2000 annual joint ASCE/LES/IEEE Crawfish Boil. One hundred twenty-five (125) ASCE, LES, and IEEE members were on hand to eat the 700 lbs. of select crawfish, hamburgers, hot dogs, and ten (10) dozen assorted cookies. The 2000-2001 Acadiana Branch officers are:

- President – Jan Robichaux, E.I.
- President-Elect – Ian Trahan, E.I.
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PBS will air a five-part television program in November 2000 titled *Building Big* which will educate middle school students about how buildings are designed and constructed. ASCE-national is excited about this program and anticipates that *Building Big* will generate national public awareness of the Civil Engineering profession and the extent to which Civil Engineers are involved in the everyday lives of the general population. In order to capitalize upon the expected publicity generated by *Building Big*, the Acadiana Branch will promote Civil Engineering by broadcasting a 30-second commercial geared toward middle school students and hosting local Civil Engineering-related activity hours. The commercial, currently under production by Channel One Video, will begin airing in August 2000. Activities will include "Build-A-Thons" and "Local Wonders." Both programs are associated with *Building Big* and are designed to encourage children to model local structures using building blocks and ordinary art supplies. The first Build-A-Thon will be held in association with the Kid's Day Festival in Rayne on July 15, 2000 at Rayne Depot Square.

David S. Huval Jr.

KID'S DAY – FESTIVAL RAYLANE PLAYDAY

- DATE:** Saturday, July 15, 2000
- TIME:** 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** Rayne Depot Square
Intersection of Hwy. 90 & Adams Ave.
(at the Railroad Track)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Kimberly Landry (291-8522) for further information regarding advertising for Civil Engineer or Professional Land Surveyor positions.