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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Fellow ASPE
Members:

It is hard to believe the summer is over and we are starting a new year! I am honored to have the privilege of serving as the Birmingham Chapter president this year. We have a new slate of officers with some fresh ideas for programs for the coming year. I offer a special thanks to **Dr. Fouad Fouad, Ph.D., P.E.** (UAB) for serving as Vice President, **Timothy Bryant, P.E.** (Southern Company) for serving as Secretary, **Greg Mullinax, E.I.** (CRS Engineering, Inc.) for serving as Treasurer and **Herb Jernigan, P.E.** (CH2M Hill) for serving as State Director. Please show them your support throughout the year.

As we embark on this new year, there will be many opportunities for us to not only grow the Birmingham Chapter, but ASPE as a whole. ASPE President David Webber has challenged each chapter to promote the presence and benefits of ASPE to its members and non-members, alike. The Birmingham Chapter can support this challenge by providing meaningful monthly meetings, attending State and National conferences, offering continuing education credits, encouraging licensure, mentoring undergraduate chapters, and supporting *MathCounts* competitions.

I would like to re-emphasize that one of our goals for the year is to increase participation in our local chapter. We cannot do this without YOU!

Please attend as many meetings as you can and bring a guest. Our meetings provide a good opportunity for networking to make new contacts or to keep in touch with each other. We are working to secure a regular meeting location to make it easier for you to find us! Also, ASPE is in the process of revamping the website (www.aspe-al.com) to make information easier to find (at last!). Contact information and calendars will be kept up to date.

If you need additional information or have a suggestion for the chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other officers. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on September 20th at UAB.

Sincerely,

Alicia H. Rudolph, P.E.
President, Birmingham Chapter of ASPE

If you have any suggestions for upcoming meetings or improvements to the newsletter, please contact Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com.

September Chapter Meeting:

The September 2005 meeting will be held at the **UAB Business Engineering Complex, Room 320, located at 1150 10th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL on Tuesday, September 20, 2005.** Parking will be available in Lot 16E (see attached map for details).

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at noon. Lunch will be provided.

Price: \$10.

Mr. Fred Conway, Bridge Engineer with the Alabama Department of Transportation, will speak to us about roadway and construction project management.

For more information or to register, please contact Timothy Bryant before noon on September 19, 2005 at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Farewell from Birmingham-ASPE Chapter Past-President Herb Jernigan, P.E.

Dear Fellow ASPE Members, I would first like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I have enjoyed the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and projects with the talented engineers in the State of Alabama.

During the past year, B-ASPE made the decision to focus on providing a service and recognizable benefit to our members. Instead of monthly meetings during lunch, the Chapter hosted various seminars on ethics, leadership and management. Over 20 credit hours were offered to our members at less than \$5 per hour. I think this was a good first step in providing our members with tangible benefits and I expect the upcoming year to build on this base.

I want to issue a special Thank You to Alicia Rudolph. Alicia served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer this year. She has gone above and beyond the call of her position to keep our Chapter active. I offer her my heartfelt thanks and commitment of support in her upcoming year as Chapter President. Please take a look at what you can do for the Chapter. Your participation will help shape the direction of Engineering in the area and the State. Additionally, you will get to work with some great people and know that you are contributing to a terrific organization

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. I am sure the future holds great things in store for the Society and its members, and I would challenge you all to become involved and work to ensure that future! If you are already a chapter member, consider getting involved in a committee. It will without doubt bring you many rewards and much satisfaction.

Thank you,

Herbert A. Jernigan P.E.
Past-President, Birmingham Chapter of ASPE

Birmingham Chapter Members Elected

Terry A. Macaluso, PE and Robert F. Polk, PE were recently re-elected to the Board of Directors of Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon (BWSC) announced Garland P. Rose, Jr., PE, Chairman of the Board. The firm operates from 13 offices in five states. Within Alabama, BWSC has offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Dothan.

ASPE To Offer CEU Credits

As a benefit to current members and an outreach tool to non-members, ASPE will be offering continuing education credits in ethics. The State Board has declared Friday, October 21st as Ethics Day. ASPE will offer ethics seminars around the state. Details for this event are being worked out and will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available. If you would

be interested in presenting a seminar or know someone else who would be, please contact any Birmingham Chapter officer.

ASPE To Assist PE & FE Exams

The Fall PE and FE examinations will be held on October 28 and 29, 2005. The NCEES would like the ASPE to help proctor both exams.

Additionally, as a benefit to current members and as a recruiting mechanism, ASPE will be providing lunch to PE candidates. If you wish to volunteer to proctor an exam or to distribute lunches, please contact a Chapter officer.

ASPE Leadership Training

Last year, ASPE subsidized the costs for statewide leadership training for its members.

The purpose of this training was to focus on providing quality programming to enhance the professional lives of our members.

Unfortunately, ASPE cannot afford to subsidize the training this year. One of our Chapter members has suggested forming a study group to continue some of the leadership training that was offered last year. If you are interested in this training, please contact a Chapter officer.

NSPE To Hold Meeting In Vicksburg, MS

The effects of Hurricane Katrina have not disrupted the plans for NSPE's SE Regional Meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi scheduled for October 13 thru 15, 2005. While there is much destruction on the Mississippi coast, Vicksburg appears to be ready and anxiously awaiting the opportunity to host NSPE. For hotel/southern mansion reservations, call the Cedar Grove Inn: 1-800-862-1300, and reference the NSPE meeting. If you need a meeting registration form or have additional questions, please contact Lamar Hawkins, NSPE SE Region VP, at 205.458.8516 or Pat Christians, ASPE Executive Director, at 205.934.8470.

NSPE Hurricane Katrina Relief

NSPE has established a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund with a seed contribution of \$50,000 to assist state societies and their members in the affected region. NSPE would like your help in growing this fund. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution, checks can be sent to:

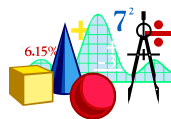
**NSPE Hurricane Relief Fund
P.O. Box Dept. 855
Alexandria, VA 22334-0001**

Credit card contributions can be made by calling **1-888-285-NSPE**. If you are interested in volunteer relief opportunities, see the Department of Homeland Security's [National Emergency Resource Registry](#).

COMMITTEES & INITIATIVES:

We Need You!

If you are interested in serving the Birmingham Chapter in any capacity, please contact one of the current officers. We are looking for volunteers to chair various committees. Get involved and help make this organization what you want it to be! This is a great way to meet new people.



MathCounts!

NSPE will be sponsoring *MathCounts* for the 2005-2006 FY. The Birmingham Chapter is seeking a new *MathCounts* Coordinator to relieve Buzz Vance, the current Birmingham Chapter *MathCounts* Coordinator. Buzz has done an outstanding job in the past with this initiative and is eager to pass the coordination duties to another willing volunteer. If you would like to coordinate this year's *MathCounts* efforts or participate in some other capacity, please **contact J.C. (Buzz) Vance at 992-7733 or jcvance@southernco.com**. Lets work together to make *MathCounts* a success for the 2005-2006 year!



2005 - 2006 Meeting Schedule:

September 20, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. – Chapter Meeting – Roadway & Construction Project Management (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on September 18th]

September 30, 2005 – MathCounts School Kits Distributed

October 7, 2005 at 11:30a.m. – ASPE Board Meeting Conference Call

October 13-15, 2005 – 2005 NSPE SE Regional Meeting (Vicksburg, MS)

October 18, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on October 17th]

October 21, 2005 – ASPE Ethics Day Seminar (BE&K First Floor Training Room; Additional Details TBA)

October 28, 2005 – Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors Board Meeting

October 28, 2005 – PE, PLS, & ALLS Exams f [Contact Timothy Bryant at 205.992.5567 if you wish to volunteer to proctor an exam or to distribute lunches.]

October 29, 2005 – FE & FLS Exams [Contact Timothy Bryant at 205.992.5567 if you wish to volunteer to proctor an exam.]

November 15, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on November 14th]

December 9, 2005 – Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors Board Meeting

December 9, 2005 – ASPE Board Meeting Conference Call

December 9, 2005 – MathCounts Registration Deadline

December 20, 2005 – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on December 19th]

January 17, 2006 – Chapter meeting at 11:30 – Creative Engineering in Business (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on January 16th]

January 19-23, 2006 – NSPE Winter Meeting and Consensus Congress (Alexandria, VA)

February 1-26, 2006 – MathCounts Chapter competitions

February 10, 2006 – ASPE Board Meeting Conference Call

February 19-26, 2006 – Engineers Week

February 21, 2006 – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on February 20th]

March 4-26, 2006 – MathCounts State competitions (Montgomery, AL)

March 21, 2006 – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on March 20th]

**April 14, 2006 – ASPE Board Meeting
Conference Call**

April 18, 2006 – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on April 17th]

April 21, 2006 – PE, PLS & ALLS Exam
[Contact Timothy Bryant at 205.992.5567 if you wish to volunteer to proctor an exam or to distribute lunches.]

April 22, 2006 – FE & FLS Exam
[Contact Timothy Bryant at 205.992.5567 if you wish to volunteer to proctor an exam.]

May 16, 2006 – Chapter meeting – (UAB Civil Engineering Department Meeting Room) [rsvp to Timothy Bryant at tlbryant@southernco.com or 205.992.5567 by noon on May 15th]

**July 6-11, 2005 – NSPE Annual Convention
& Expo (Boston, MA)**

Get on the Web

You should check out the “*ONLINE*” information and resources available to Alabama PE’s!!!

National Society of Professional Engineers
<http://www.nspe.org/>

Alabama Society of Professional Engineers
<http://www.aspe-al.com/>

Alabama State Board of Licensure for
Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors
<http://www.bels.state.al.us/>



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