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President's Message

David Webber, PE

It was nice to see ASPE so well represented for Engineer's Day on the Hill in Montgomery. Thanks to Harold Hite, we have developed a good working relationship within JECA and have been involved in recent legislative action. I wish all ASPE members would take the opportunity to review the legislative agenda affecting the engineering profession and make sure your opinions are heard.

The Spring PE and FE exams will be administered on April 21 and 22 in Mobile and Birmingham. These two chapters will provide lunches to the PE examinees. To volunteer to help proctor the exam, or help with lunches, contact your chapter officer. Mobile: Pres. Wes Chiniche 251-694-2439
Birmingham: Sec. Timothy Bryant PE 205-992-5567 Thanks!

Ballot for ASPE State Election Has Been Mailed !

17 ballots have been received at this time. Make your voice heard and return those ballots! **Postmark Deadline is April 20, 2006.** On the slate:

For President-elect: Harold Hite PE (Birmingham)

For Secretary: Don Lokey PE (Muscle Shoals)

For State Delegate: Lamar Hawkins JD PE (Birmingham)

Upcoming Meeting Information

- **The ASPE Annual Summer Meeting date has been changed!! It will be held June 9-10, 2006** at the Embassy Suites hotel in Montgomery. All ASPE members and guests are invited to attend. The Embassy Suites hosts a Manager's Reception (free snacks and beverages) from 5:30 to 7:30pm. From 7:00 to 8:30pm, the *Leadership Seminar* will be offered (**1.5 pdh**) at the Paul B Krebs & Associates office, just 2 blocks away: 312 Montgomery Street, Suite 810. The business meeting begins on Saturday morning, followed by the Awards and Installation Luncheon at noon. The meeting resumes at 2:00pm and ends at 5:00. We are honored to have **Ms Regina Dinger**, Executive Director for the State Board of Licensing for PE and PLS, speak to our group during the afternoon period, which will yield **3 pdh's** for the attendees. The members of the State Licensing Board will be invited to attend. Overnight accommodation can be reserved by calling The Embassy Suites Hotel at 1-334-269-5055; reference ASPE to receive the special room rate of \$119/night (double) + tax. Room block ends on June 21, 2006. This nightly rate also allows you

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to enjoy the nightly Manager's Reception, and a wonderful hot buffet breakfast! ASPE Member registration is \$70, which includes certificates for attending 4.5 hours of professional development, all coffee breaks, and lunch on Saturday. Registration forms will be posted soon on the ASPE website: <http://www.aspe-al.com>

- **Upcoming ASPE Board of Directors scheduled meetings:**
April 14 (conf call 11:30am)
June 9-10 (Annual Meeting in Montgomery)

MATHCOUNTS Update

The State MathCounts competition was held March 11th at Faulkner University in Montgomery. Turnout was good; 20 schools were represented. Volunteer turnout was good, also. It really helps keep the event moving smoothly when there are enough people to grade, proctor and otherwise help out. Team Alabama advances to Arlington, VA to compete against the nation in May. They are practicing together and continuing to prepare until then. Best wishes to them and, once again, thanks to all our volunteers and sponsors for making it all possible. Here are the final results:

Top 5 Teams

1. Randolph School - Huntsville
2. Simmons Middle School - Hoover
3. Louis Pizitz Middle School - Vestavia Hills
4. Berry Middle School - Hoover
5. Covenant Christian Academy - Huntsville

Top 10 Finishers

1. Steven Hwang - Randolph School - Huntsville
2. Sanket Shah - Randolph School - Huntsville
3. Megan Covington - Challenger Middle School - Huntsville
4. Lucy Xie - Louis Pizitz Middle School - Vestavia Hills
5. Eugene Wu - Simmons Middle School - Hoover
6. Theo Roth - Louis Pizitz Middle School - Vestavia Hills
7. Ryan McRae - Philips Preparatory School - Mobile
8. Xinke Guo-Xue - Simmons Middle School - Hoover
9. Owen Scott - Louis Pizitz Middle School - Vestavia Hills
10. Matthew Akenhead - Randolph School - Huntsville

Jim Thorne is the coach of Randolph School and will be traveling as the coach of Team Alabama to the National Competition in Arlington, Virginia, in May, along with the top 4 individual finishers.

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Chapter Updates

Birmingham

- Charles (Hack) Sain, PE was awarded the Engineering Council of Birmingham (ECOB) 2005 Engineering Leadership Award

- Dr. Thomas F. Talbot, PE was awarded the Engineering Council of Birmingham (ECOB) 2005 Engineer of the Year Award

- Dr. Earl W. Pearce, PE was awarded the Engineering Council of Birmingham (ECOB) 2005 Distinguished Service Award

- B-ASPE will be awarding two \$1000 academic scholarships to current engineering students. Scholarship applications are due May 1, 2006.

- The B-ASPE Spring Banquet will be held at The Club on May 19, 2006.

Huntsville-Decatur Chapter News

MATHCOUNTS

The Huntsville/Decatur Chapter 2006 Regional MATHCOUNTS was great, with 9 schools with 51 MATHLETES participating. The competition was held on Saturday, 18 February 2006, at Challenger Middle School in Huntsville. Once again, Challenger was a fantastic host - Thank you very much!

Results:

Top 4 Individuals

1. Clint Caudle, 7th grade, Randolph School
2. Megan Covington, 8th grade, Challenger Middle School
3. Steven Hwang, 8th grade, Randolph School
4. Sanket Shah, 8th grade, Randolph School

Top 4 Teams

1. Randolph School
2. Challenger Middle School
3. Covenant Christian Academy
4. Academy for Academics and Arts

Special Award for Best New School: Providence Classical School

Awards were presented by the Honorable Loretta Spencer, Mayor of Huntsville.

Thank you to all our competitors, and Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to our 2006 sponsors: Alabama Society of Professional Engineers, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Optimist Club of Huntsville, Society of American Military Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Additional volunteers came from Earth Tech Inc., Radiance Technologies, CSC, Cheops Co., Lockheed Martin, Huntsville Corps of Engineers, City of Huntsville and UAH. Special thanks to all of them - MATHCOUNTS depends on them!

March Meeting:

The Huntsville/Decatur Chapter met on Tuesday, 14 March for lunch at the Green Hills Grille. Our guest speaker was Mr. Chet Speegle, an optical engineer with Raytheon at the Marshall Space Flight Center, who spoke on the Six-Sigma Process: Minimizing Surface Defects on Precision-Ground X-ray Mandrels. When Mr. Speegle says "precision", he means it!

April Meeting:

Our April Chapter Meeting will be Tuesday, 11 April, 11:30 am, Green Hills Grille. Speaker: Mike Stewart, P.E., National Space Science Technology Center (NSSTC), will speak on Lightning Observation Technology. All ASPE members and their engineering colleagues are invited. Please call Connie Gipson (256-885-7786) or James Drake (256-461-9014) if you plan to attend. Reservations are not required, but we need an approximate head count to make sure we have adequate room.

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Muscle Shoals

Our chapter hosted a successful MathCounts contest on 2-25-06 at the University of North Alabama in Florence, with 8 middle-school teams competing. The Muscle Shoals Middle School team captured highest ranking and a \$100 award for the school's Math Department. The top-ranking student received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The top 3 teams advanced to the State MathCounts tournament in Montgomery in March.

Bob Tanis, one of two Vice Presidents for TVA's Fossil Operations, spoke on the topic of electric-utility deregulation at our chapter's evening meeting on 3-21-06 in Florence. A dozen engineers and several spouses attended the informative session, with lively discussion following his presentation. Our next session will be a lunch meeting on Tuesday 4-18-06 at the Muscle Shoals TVA Reservation. We will watch a SunCam, Inc. video with presentations by groups seeking to become the civil engineering consultant for a \$100 million airline terminal expansion project.

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Education Opportunities
from the NSPE July 2006
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If so, send your corrections to **memserv@nspe.org**

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NSPE Featured Products:

Featured Product #1: NSPE 2006 Convention

Link: <http://nspe.org/convention/home.asp>

Description: Save the date! Join us at the Marriott Boston Copley Place Boston, Massachusetts.

- NSPE 2006 Annual Convention - July 6-8, 2006
- NSPE 2006 Annual Governance - July 9-11, 2006

If you need additional information, email the NSPE Registrar at annualmeeting@nspe.org.

Feature #1: 2004 Engineering Licensure Laws is on sale!

Link: http://nspe.org/product_detail.asp

Description: Get instant answers to all your licensure questions. The only reference book of its kind, Engineering Licensure Laws is the most comprehensive summary of licensure laws ever produced. You'll find the complete summaries of the licensing laws of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. In addition, NSPE

has added summaries of the Canadian provincial laws to this practical reference guide. Engineering Licensure Laws is an essential tool for both the engineering student and the practicing engineer.

Offer: 50% off the regular price!

Price: NSPE Member \$62.50 / Nonmember \$162.50

NSPE Membership Report

The following information was presented at the NSPE Winter Meeting, January 2006, in Washington DC:

Licensed Members totaled **40,920** which is....

- **283 more** than our June 2005 numbers (40, 637) six months ago
- **789 less** than our January 2005 numbers (41,709) one year ago

Members totaled **5,556** which is....

- **1,087 more** than our June 2005 numbers (4,469) six months ago
- **469 more** than our January 2005 numbers (5,087) one year ago

TOTAL membership is **48,049** which is....

- **1,591 more** than our June 2005 numbers (46,458) six months ago
- **18 less** than our January 2005 numbers (48,067) one year ago

NSPE Updates

- **Notice: Online Education Sessions**

> Trends in Construction Professionalism

April 19, 2006 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EST

> Construction Arbitration & Construction Mediation

May 9, 2006 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. EST

Register at: <http://peconstruction.org/events/webinars.htm>

> The Ethics of Gifts: Drawing the Line

May 8, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m EST

Register at: http://www.nspe.org/education/2006SpringRegForm3-10-2006_000.doc

- **Notice: NSPE National CFO Roundtable**

> CFOs from engineering firms need continuing education too! Please share this with your member/owners:

> The NSPE National CFO Roundtable is a unique event for CFOs in engineering firms. Join us to network with your peers and learn the latest about what other engineering firms are doing in today's dynamic work environment: <http://www.nspe.org/pepp/cfo.asp>

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Member Prizes For Participation In The Salary Survey!

As you know, the salary survey is constantly updated as participants submit their data. But there is also a print version of the results (which is provided to corporate subscribers) - the **deadline for inclusion in it is April 1st!** In order to get as many participants as possible - we'll be doing a drawing for an iPod Nano, and gift certificates to Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Anyone who completes the survey will be entered in the drawing. Please encourage your members to participate by including the announcement in your communications. Any questions, contact Lee Herbert at lherbert@nspe.org or 703.684.2863.

FE & PE Review courses at selected locations this spring.

Visit <http://www.nspe.org/education/ed-home.asp> for more info.

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