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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Welcome! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to another year of meeting together with good food and great speakers. We will again be meeting at the Hank Aaron Stadium in the Z-Technology Center on the first Wednesday of the month at noon with Naman’s catering the meal. Our speaker this month will be Bruce Baughman with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. He will be speaking on AEMA’s role and preparedness of the current Hurricane season and also his experience with 9-11 and the Oklahoma City bombing. Other upcoming speaker presentations include: History of Alabama Power - 100th Year Celebration, Daphne Utilities Alternative Fuel from Treatment Plant Waste Streams, and the BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) competition. Also, we are working to schedule our joint December meeting with ASCE.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, October 6, 2006 for the second annual Alabama Engineering Ethics Day. ASPE chapters across the state will be sponsoring ethics seminars on this date. The Mobile area Ethics Day Seminar will be held at the West Regional Library located at 5555 Grelot Road from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm. During the afternoon hours many school age children use the library facilities; therefore, carpooling to the seminar would be appreciated by the library staff.

I would like to also extend my congratulations and appreciation to Wes Chiniche, Past Mobile Chapter President, and all those who contributed their time and energy last year. During the ASPE Annual conference in June the Mobile Chapter received the Most Active Chapter Award.

Melinda Immel, P.E., President

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

When: Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Where: Hank Aaron Stadium

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Bruce Baughman
 AEMA - Director

Topic: "Responding to Emergencies"*

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes meal)

RSVP: Please email an “RSVP” to crawfordj@cityofmobile.org by September 1st.

In addition...

Robin Fenton (a local school teacher) is with Jubilee BEST Robotics, Inc. She will be taking 5 minutes to discuss the local competition and ask for volunteers and sponsors.

BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) is a robotics competition for middle and high school students held locally in late October. The exciting aspect of this program is that it is making a difference in the career choices of our students. We have designed a wonderful powerpoint presentation to show the community. We want to show everyone what these children are doing to get interested in engineering in particular.

Robin is looking for corporate sponsors, mentors to students, and judges for the competition.

More information may be found on the following websites: www.southsbest.org and www.bestinc.org

MATH COUNTS

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. MATHCOUNTS brings together educators, youth, industry sponsors and volunteers. More than 17,000 volunteers from the business and education communities annually organize and conduct the program in communities nationwide. Local and state competitions are coordinated through the leadership of state and local chapters of NSPE. Without volunteers from the local chapters, this competition would not be possible. Therefore, we will need many of you to volunteer. Please contact Sharon Kimbrough at 342-1070 if you would like to volunteer.

For additional information on MATHCOUNTS, please visit www.mathcounts.org.

In an effort to reduce postage costs, we are sending this newsletter by email to all email addresses available from NSPE and from my recent personal contact with members. If you would like to receive this newsletter in hard copy by the U.S.P.S. or are not receiving it by email and would like to, please contact John Crawford at 208-7627 or crawfordj@cityofmobile.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION

PDH CREDITS

The attendance for the **May** meeting was 22. The following attendees were present at the meeting and can receive credit for 1 PDH:

Van Baggett	Max Mutchnick
Wes Chiniche	Brad Newton
John Crawford	Nelson Russell
J. R. Ehlenberg	Kim Sanderson
Amy Hataway	Tony Schachle
Melinda Immel	Sean Shea
Skeeter McClure	Steve Stewart
Richard Macon	Rodney Summerford
Ken Miles	John Sumrall
Kim Miller	Billy Wilkerson
Charles Munden	Dr. Bill Williams

The state of Alabama currently requires that licensed Professional Engineers complete 15 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) each year prior to license renewal.

The Mobile Chapter will be sponsoring two opportunities for continuing education this fall. The seminars will be on the afternoons of October 6st and November 3rd.

The cost of continuing education class will be:
 \$10 per person (ASPE members)
 \$40 per person (non-members)

More to follow...

If you would like to become an ASPE member, please logon to www.NSPE.org and “click on” membership.



Again, please remember to RSVP for the September meeting by September 1st. The Chapter is responsible for purchasing meals that are reserved.

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