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Mr. Mark Courtney

Licensing and Professional Development Hour Requirements: An Update

Date: October 14, 2008
Place: Westwood Club
Time: 12:00 Lunch, 12:30 Program
Costs: \$20.00
Menu: Option 1 - Salad, Grilled Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, & Dessert
Option 2 - Salad, Grilled Chicken, Sundried Tomatoes Rice, Spinach & Dessert
Option 3 - Salad, Pasta Primavera, and Dessert

Contact Rebecca Nordon at Koontz Bryant to RSVP @ 740-9200 or email her at rnordon@koontzbryant.com by Noon on October 13, 2008

Mr. Mark N. Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation at DPOR will be speaking about the current state of the Professional Development Hours requirements for renewing your PE license and the use of PE seals for documents. This is a follow up to our 2005/2006 season meeting where Mr. Courtney first spoke of the requirements to the Branch. Since that meeting, Mr. Courtney has visited a number of ASCE Branches throughout the Virginia Section.

The following is an excerpt of Mr. Courtney's bio, taken from the DPOR website:

A DPOR veteran since 1991, Mr. Courtney became the Executive Director for several boards in 1994, including the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board); Auctioneers Board; and Board for Branch Pilots. During his time at DPOR, Mr. Courtney has also worked with the Real Estate Board; Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals; Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation; and the Board for Contractors. In his capacity with the APELSCIDLA Board, Mr. Courtney also served on several national committees with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Prior to joining DPOR, Mr. Courtney worked as an internal auditor at the University of Virginia, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Department of General Services.

Mr. Courtney earned his Bachelor of Science in Management Science, with a concentration in productions and operations management, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

A Message from the President

By Bryan Stevenson

A slow start...

The Richmond Branch has faced a number of challenges to start the year but it appears that everything is getting back on track. In addition to the competition we faced with other conferences and meetings, we had a few late scheduling issues that made a September meeting nearly impossible. We plan on having a meeting in February to make it up to you (traditionally we do not hold meetings in February to encourage our members to be involved in Engineer's week.)



We held the elections for the Richmond Branch officers in August; thanks to all that participated. Please congratulate Carlyle Glean who has been elected to the role of Treasurer/ Secretary. Carlyle has been active in our Younger Member group and is a great addition to the Board.

Isabel Lillard (previously Isabel Gervais-Tremblay), last year's Treasurer/ Secretary has recently married and has moved away from the area. We'd like to thank Isabel for all her contributions over the years including serving on the board last year and her involvement with the golf tournament. She will be missed.

David Tillar, our previous President-Elect, is unable to serve on the Board this year due to numerous obligations. David will still be participating in Branch activities when available. As I have mentioned before, David has been a huge contributor to the success of the Branch and we look forward to having him involved in the future.

Due to the above vacancies, the Branch Board shuffled a few things to get this year's slate of available officers for the election ballot. I will serve again as President. Paul Hinson will again serve as Vice President and will also be the President-Elect.

As many of you are aware, a number of new state regulations that affect civil engineering are in the process of being enacted. We will continue to try and keep you abreast of the progress of these regulations and make you aware of public meetings and forums that will address the content of the legislation. Please keep an eye on www.ascevirginia.com for additional information.

We would like to provide programs that serve our membership so let us know what you would like to see in our meetings. Contact me at 804-330-8040 or bryan.stevenson@aesva.com or Paul Hinson at 804-200-1914 or phinson@koontzbryant.com

As the economy is directly tied to what so many of us do, we are all faced with marketplace challenges and tough decisions. I wish everybody the best through these times and encourage us all to work together for the good of the profession. I encourage you all to vote in the upcoming election and as always, if you get the opportunity, let your lawmakers know your opinions on the issues that affect our field.

Soil and Water Conservation Board Votes for Draft Stormwater Regulations to Advance to Public Comment

At their September 24, 2008 meeting, The Soil and Water Conservation Board voted to advance the Draft Stormwater Regulations to the public comment stage. The public comment period is expected to begin at the end of this year. Among the revisions to the regulations are significant revisions to the water quality and quantity requirements.

The ASCE Virginia Section has been involved on certain aspects of the process including helping with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and helping set up the original set of design charettes in the spring.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is supposed to have additional educational outreach this fall to help educate the development community about the impending revisions to the regulations. If you are involved in the land development sector, you are encouraged to attend these sessions. Please check at www.ascevirginia.org for additional information

Education Outreach

Mike Howell has taken the lead on our education outreach efforts and has been named our Education Outreach Chair. In conjunction with the Math Innovation Center, Mike (with the assistance of Carlyle Glean) will be presenting the workshop "A Tower to the Sky" to middle school students at University of Richmond next week.

Education outreach to younger students will continue with the Curious George program to elementary school students, an effort started by David Tillar last year.

There will also be continued efforts to be involved in the Richmond Joint Engineer Council's Engineer Career Day in February. If you would like to help out or have ideas contact Mike at 804-777-3058.

6th Annual ASCE Golf Tournament and Picnic

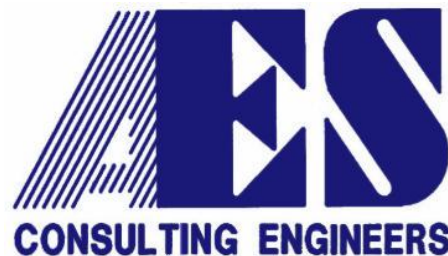
Our annual golf tournament, hosted by the Younger Members Group was held on Tuesday June 17, 2008 at River's Bend Golf Club. Thanks to all of the firms (over 35) and individuals that helped make this event happen.

The tournament raised over \$3000 for the ASCE Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund at UVA!

Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
October 14	Mark Courtney	DPOR Licensure and PDH	Westwood Club
October 22	none	Younger Members Planning Meeting (contact Lee Ann Gudorp for more information, (804)343-7100, ext.6030)	TBA
November 18	TBA	TBA	Westwood Club

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