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How will the DCR Regulation Revisions affect YOU?

Date: January 14, 2009 (note this is a Wednesday)
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 Nordan at Koontz Bryant to RSVP @ 740-9200 or email her at rnordan@koontzbryant.com by noon on January 12, 2009.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) have instituted a number of revisions to the stormwater regulations and the construction permitting (VSMP) regulations. Joe Battiata, Senior Water Resources Engineer with Williamsburg Environmental Group, will be providing a brief history of the revisions and providing a summary of what has been revised in each regulation. Following this, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the regulation revisions.

Joseph G. Battiata, P.E. serves as a Senior Water Resources Engineer for Williamsburg Environmental Group, Inc., with over 25 years of experience in stormwater management program planning and implementation, development of technical specifications, hydrologic and hydraulic design and analysis, and watershed analysis.

Prior to joining Williamsburg Environmental Group, Joe served as a Regional Regulatory Manager for CONTECH Stormwater Solutions Inc. Joe has also served in the public sector as the stormwater engineering section manager for the Location and Design Division of the Virginia Department of Transportation, and as the Virginia storm water program manager and chief engineer at the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Joe also has private consultant experience.

A Message from the President

By Bryan Stevenson



Happy New Year.

It seems like some of us are happy to see 2008 go and are figuring out how to skip this year all together. Regardless of where you fall politically, it is encouraging to see the topic of infrastructure at the forefront on both sides of the aisle.

Locally, the Richmond branch will do their part in reaching out to the Virginia lawmakers in an upcoming social for the General Assembly on January 21st at Richbrau. All members of the House of Delegates and Senate will be invited to attend the social (more information below.) The social is an attempt to develop a relationship with our constituents and to become a point of contact on the topics that affects civil engineering. This relationship may be beneficial as the Section advances with the Report Card on Virginia's Infrastructure. If you are interested in being involved please contact Amanda Harmon or me (information below.)

Engineers Week is just around the corner which means the annual Richmond Joint Engineer Council Engineer Banquet and Career Day. As always, we can use help with the Career Day and the popsicle stick bridge competition at the Science Museum of Virginia (this year on Sunday February 22nd.) Be sure to contact Mike Howell (804)777-3058 or mhowell@brockenbrough.com if you are interested in assisting.



2008 Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition

Joe Battiata of Williamsburg Environmental Group will be speaking to us on Wednesday January 14th on the topic of the most recent DCR regulation changes. It is important to understand the changes and how they affect all development projects and design. Joe's varied experience in the public and private sectors enables him to approach the most recent revisions from several different perspectives. Thanks to Joe for agreeing to speak on this subject.

Let us know how the branch can help you. Contact Paul Hinson at (804) 200-1914 or phinson@koontzbryant.com or me at (804) 330-8040 or bryan.stevenson@aesva.com

Social for General Assembly members

The Richmond Branch will be hosting a social for all members of the General Assembly and additional guests on January 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Richbrau in Shockoe Slip. The General Assembly will reconvene on January 14th. There are a number of current proposed bills that affect civil engineering.

The Branch is hosting this event in an attempt to strengthen the relationship between ASCE and the Virginia lawmakers. The Branch has had some support from ASCE's Washington Office and is looking forward to a successful event.

If you are interested in being involved in the event, please contact Amanda Harmon at 804-673-3882 or Amanda.Harmon@kimley-horn.com or Bryan Stevenson at 804-330-8040 or bryan.stevenson@aesva.com

Richmond Joint Engineers Council and Engineers Week

The Richmond Joint Engineers Council is a group with representatives of professional societies from all disciplines of engineering. The primary goal of the RJEC is to promote engineering to both the general community and to students. Although active all year, RJEC is most visible to the community during Engineers Week (annually in February.) This year's Engineers Week is February 15- 21 and will feature the following events hosted by the RJEC:

- The Engineers Banquet, The Jefferson Hotel, Thursday February 19, 2009
Guest Speaker: Ms. Jill S. Tietjen, President of Technically Speaking Inc

An annual tradition, the Engineer Banquet at The Jefferson is a great showcase for engineering. Among the evening's events will be a recognition of the student video/ essay contest, the Engineer of the Year award and the Community Service Award (*applications and nominations for the above are at <http://www.rjec.org/>*)

This year's guest speaker, Jill S. Tietjen, is CEO and president of Technically Speaking, a consulting company that focuses on management and employee motivation. Additionally Ms. Tietjen is one of the nation's leading historians on women in engineering and science and has authored three books on the subject.

Additional information for the event can be found at www.rjec.org. The Richmond Branch will be getting a table at the event. If you are interested in attending as a guest of the Branch, please contact Paul Hinson at (804) 200-1914 or phinson@koontzbryant.com. You also can sign up individually at the website (ASCE members are members of RJEC.)

- Engineer Career Day, The Science Museum of Virginia, Sunday February 22, 2009

The Engineer Career Day at the Science Museum of Virginia is an opportunity for many area middle school and high school students to be exposed to all fields under the engineering umbrella. ASCE will have a booth and will once again have a popsicle stick bridge competition. For information on participating or helping out contact Mike Howell at (804) 777-3058 or mhowell@brockenbrough.com.

Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
January 14*	Joe Battiata (Williamsburg Environmental Group)	Virginia Stormwater Regulation Revision topics	Westwood Club
January 21	-	Social for General Assembly	Richbrau
February 19	Ms. Jill S. Tietjen , President of Technically Speaking Inc	RJEC Engineers Banquet	The Jefferson
February 22	-	Engineers Career Day (and Popsicle Stick Bridge competition)	Science Museum of Virginia

*Note this is a Wednesday meeting date

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