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Nutrient Offsets in Virginia

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| 1 | May Meeting Information | Date: | May 19, 2009 |
| 2 | MEET THE... Younger Member Chair, Denise Nelson | 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 rnordan@koontzbryant.com or 740-9200 by the end of the day on May 15, 2009.

Brent L. Fults, CLA, Managing Partner of Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Land Trust, LLC (CBNLT) will be discussing HB2168 that was passed in the 2009 session. The legislation will take effect July 1, 2009, and provides the clear legal authority to use offsets as a method to reduce nutrient pollution from permitted stormwater impacts. Mr. Fults' company currently has the only permitted nutrient offset bank in the State of Virginia. He will discuss the creation of the nutrient bank and how these nutrient offsets can be used to fulfill water quality requirements for projects within the State.

MEET THE... Younger Member Chair, Denise Nelson



Denise Nelson, P.E.

I'm very excited to serve as the Younger Member Group (YMG) Chair. Lee Ann Gudorp, the previous chair, did a lot to re-energize the group, and I'd like to keep that momentum going.

I moved to Richmond in the fall, so I know firsthand how difficult it can be for a younger member to become established in a new location. Hopefully I can use my own drive to become involved and develop a network to motivate other younger members. Already, I've connected with a few of you, other Younger Member Group Chairs in the state, and Young Professional Chairs at other professional societies in Richmond. Everyone seems very interested in attending networking events, regional activities, and joint meetings with related societies. Add that to Virginia's new requirement for continuing education credits, and I think there will be many opportunities for the YMG to enhance ASCE membership.

The Younger Member Group goal is to supplement Branch activities with a focus on Younger Members. The Group serves the Branch in any way that makes bridging the gaps between engineering students, recent graduates, PEs, and senior members easier and more enjoyable.

The Group hosts events to promote:

- Networking
- Mentoring / Being Mentored
- Officer Training
- Study Groups
- Community Involvement
- Continuing Education

Currently, we are hosting a social kickball league called the "Steel Toed Kickers". We are also planning a social event, the golf tournament in October, and supporting the Student Outreach Group led by Mike Howell. YMG events are advertised in the new YMG eNewsletter, the Branch Newsletter, and at Branch events. Would you like to receive the eNewsletter? Email me for inclusion on the listerv.

Technically speaking, national ASCE defines a "younger member" as someone that is 35 years old or younger. However, this age limit is only a restriction for members wishing to hold officer positions in the Younger Member Group. So, to dispel a popular myth, there is no age restriction on members for attendance at YMG events. In fact, we encourage all members to be involved with the group for the sake of networking, mentoring, and the other goals listed above. I promise not to check your ID!

Do you have any suggestions for the YMG? I want to hear from you! Consider:

- What would make ASCE better for Younger Members?
- What topics are Younger Members specifically interested in?
- What issues are unique to Younger Members?

Thank you,

Denise Nelson, P.E.

Younger Member Chair

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