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## National Incident Management System (NIMS)

**Date:** December 15, 2009  
**Place:** Westwood Club  
**Time:** 12:00 Lunch, 12:15 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 Craig Ponte at [CPonte@ammann-whitney.com](mailto:CPonte@ammann-whitney.com) or 804-262-5111 by Friday December 11, 2009.

Most emergency situations are handled by local responders but major incidents require the assistance from other localities and state and federal government agencies. The **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together better to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management. One component of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive of 2003 required that emergency responders enhance their methods of procedure particularly as it pertains to the integration and augmentation of outside resources which is being fulfilled by NIMS. **Engineering and Public Works Professionals** are key to successful recovery efforts. Credentialing of individuals and typing resources (equipment and response teams) for public works (transportation, utilities, debris, engineering, and leadership) is critical to meeting the needs of communities in responding to events.

**Diane Linderman, P.E.**, Richmond office manager of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), will be presenting. Ms. Linderman is a Past President of the Richmond Branch of ASCE and has been very active in the American Public Works Association, currently serving as Director at Large of Public Works Management and Leadership and also serves on several committees. Ms. Linderman has experience in both the public sector and the private consultant field.

The Branch is happy to be joint hosting this event with the **American Public Works Association (APWA.)**

## Branch Members Attend UVA Rotunda Dinner

The UVA ASCE Student Chapter's annual fall Rotunda dinner was held on November 19 with several of our Branch members attending. The dinner is an annual recognition of the efforts and accomplishments of the Chapter. Included in the ceremony is the presentation of a Richmond Branch scholarship check funded with support from the YM golf tournament. This year we had a repeat winner. **Hiba Hashmi** has been active in her Student Chapter and presented another great application worthy of the scholarship.

The Richmond Branch hosted a happy hour reception for the UVA Student Chapter members which was a great opportunity for the Branch members to interact with the students.

Special thanks go to **Chris Miller**, Branch College Liaison, for all of his efforts in setting up the happy hour and working on the scholarship.

## General Assembly Happy Hour and Legislative Outreach

On **January 20, 2010**, the Richmond Branch (with help from the Virginia Section) will be hosting their **second legislative happy hour**. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the release of the full report of the **Virginia Infrastructure Report Card** and with **outreach training** for Report Card champions and members who are interested in strengthening their relationship with their local legislators. If you are interested in being involved with the Legislative Happy Hour Committee, please contact Amanda Harmon at [Amanda.Harmon@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Amanda.Harmon@kimley-horn.com) or Amy Bird at [abird@Dewberry.com](mailto:abird@Dewberry.com).

**Are you interested in becoming an infrastructure “champion” for Virginia?** The Section is looking for members who are interested in spreading the word, answering questions and reaching out to legislators about the recent Report Card on Virginia's Infrastructure. Interested members should contact Bryan Stevenson at [bstevenson73@gmail.com](mailto:bstevenson73@gmail.com).

## Branch Competition Getting Recognition

The Branch pre college outreach efforts are being recognized at the ASCE National level. Check out a recent feature on the popsicle stick bridge competition at: [http://content.asce.org/pre\\_college\\_outreach/index.html](http://content.asce.org/pre_college_outreach/index.html)

Education Outreach Chair **Mike Howell** did an outstanding job last year of making the popsicle stick bridge competition more popular than it has ever been (last year's competition included participation from over 100 students!) Next year's competition is right around the corner. If you would like to **be involved** with this event or others related to education outreach contact Mike Howell (804)777-3058 or [mhowell@brockenbrough.com](mailto:mhowell@brockenbrough.com)

## EPA Bay TMDL Tour to Make Stops in Virginia

The Environmental Protection Agency is implementing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program for the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The TMDL will identify the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment that will be permitted within the watershed.

The EPA will host two meetings regional to the Richmond area. The meetings will focus on what the EPA expects in the implementation plans, a discussion of the draft reduction loads available at that time and a closer look at the process here in Virginia.

The two meetings closest to Richmond are:

December 15 – from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at [2007 Legacy Hall](#), 4301 New Town Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23188

December 17 –from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at [Wingate Inn](#), 20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

For more information on the Bay TMDL you can go to EPA's Chesapeake Bay TMDL website at [www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl/](http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl/) or to DCR's Bay TMDL page at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_and\\_water/baytmdl.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_and_water/baytmdl.shtml)

## Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
December 15	Diane Linderman, P.E.	National Incident Management Systems	Westwood Club
January 21	ASCE Richmond Branch/ ASCE Virginia Section	General Assembly Legislative Happy Hour and release of the <i>Report Card of Virginia's Infrastructure</i>	830 E. Main St.
February 28	-	Engineers Career Day (and Popsicle Stick Bridge competition)	Science Museum of Virginia

*There is more great information at*

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including deadlines for paper competitions, upcoming meeting  
schedules and regulation public hearing dates