



## Younger Member Group eNewsletter

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*Supplementing Branch Activities with a Focus on Younger Members*

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### Ethics: The Road All Engineers Must Follow - Hosted by the YMG!

Date: July 15, 2009 12:00-1:30pm \*Note: this is a Wednesday  
Place: Draper Aden office training room, 8090 Villa Park Drive, Richmond, VA 23228  
Cost: \$20  
Menu: Assorted Sandwiches and Drinks  
RSVP: Contact Denise Nelson at [dnelson@greeley-hansen.com](mailto:dnelson@greeley-hansen.com)  
or 204-2407 by the end of the day Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

The Younger Member Group is sponsoring this **luncheon webinar**. We'll tune into the live webinar put together by ASCE General Counsel to acquire a deeper understanding of ethics in general and the importance of an ethical workplace, develop an understanding of professional versus personal ethics, and learn sound ethical decision making tools and where to go for help. Attendance qualifies for 1.5 CECs. **Only \$20 for lunch and 1.5 CECs – that's a real bargain!**

#### Seminar Outline:

- Exactly what are (is) "Ethics"?
- How did the ASCE Code of Ethics come about?
- What does the Code say and can I possibly live by it?
- Where can I get help in making ethical decisions?
- How does ASCE enforce the code?
- What does the ASCE General Counsel have to say?
- What is ASCE's involvement in Global Ethics?

For more information, go to: <https://secure.asce.org/files/estore/15029/EthicsJul09.pdf>

Draper Aden is kind enough to host this meeting in their local office. For more information regarding their company, visit [www.daa.com](http://www.daa.com).



### Professional Development

Don't forget - the **VA board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects** has updated their regulations to include a requirement for **continuing education credit hours (CECs)**. In summary:

- After March 31, 2010, every application to **renew a PE license** (which is a two year license) must certify that **16 CECs** have been acquired
- **50 minutes in a seminar/etc counts as 1 CEC**, 1 college credit counts as 15 CECs, and giving a seminar can count for more credit to cover preparation time
- **1 PDH = 1 CEC and 1 CEU = 10 CECs**
- **It's up to you** to determine if the educational activity is related to your field of licensing, business, project management, risk management, or ethics
- **It's up to you** to document your activities and keep them on file for 3 years past the date of the associated renewal application
- The board will select people to audit for evidence of the CECs
- More information can be found at: [www.dpor.virginia.gov/dporweb/ape\\_main.cfm](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/dporweb/ape_main.cfm)

The Richmond Branch and YMG will **host local events** and **advertise regional or web/phone accessible events** to assist members in earning these credits. If you know of an educational/training event that may be of interest to the membership, please pass the information to a Board Member.

### Does your Company Deserve an Award?

It's time for the 2009 ASCE Committee on Younger Members **Employer Recognition Nomination** for Exemplary Support of Young Engineer Involvement in ASCE Activities. The award recognizes those employers who encourage their Young Engineers to get involved in ASCE activities. Special recognition will go to those organizations that exhibit exemplary support evidenced by efforts such as:

- Providing a model for involvement through company-wide participation in local, regional and national ASCE activities
- Encouraging and supporting Younger Members to attend ASCE meetings and seminars
- Encouraging Younger Members to prepare articles for publication in ASCE professional and technical journals
- Assisting in the payment of local and national dues

Contact a Branch officer or Nancy Berson ([nberson@asce.org](mailto:nberson@asce.org)) for an application. Completed applications must be emailed to Nancy by **11:59 PM on August 1, 2009**.

### Speed Networking Follow-up

The Younger Member Group sponsored a **successful modern meet-and-greet to promote networking** on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The lunch event took place in a picnic pavilion at Bryan Park. Over 20 attendees sped through introductions and small talk in small groups that re-organized every 5 minutes.

Since **the key to networking is building relationships** beyond simple introductions, keep an eye out for future networking events!

## RAPME Summer Institute

VCU is in search of more **ASCE members to act as mentors** for their summer RAPME Summer Engineering Institute (SEI) for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The institute started June 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue through July 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to advise students in real world engineering issues, guide the development of the student's Future City design, and provide support for the program's other activities. It is requested that volunteers work approximately two hours each on two separate days, preferably in the same week, but flexibility in the schedule is available.

Anyone interested in additional information and/or volunteering should contact the Branch Outreach Committee Chair, Mike Howell, at (804) 777-3058 or [mhowell@brockenbrough.com](mailto:mhowell@brockenbrough.com).

## YMG Kickball Team - Steel Toed Kickers



2009 Steel Toed Kickers

The Kickers are on a roll! Three games and three wins. See below for stats and the calendar for upcoming games. And don't forget "**Win or Lose, We Still Booze**" – **join us after the game** for a recap and a drink! Just look for the team in orange.

Game	Date	Competitors	Result
1	June 10	Team 58	W (15-1)
2	June 16	Team 51	W (4-1)
3	June 23	Team 43	W (7-3)

## One Click Online gets DCR a Tree – And it's Free for You!

The VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) requests your assistance to have trees planted in the 35 state parks throughout the Commonwealth. Odwalla juice company (CA) is donating up to \$100,000 to plant trees in eleven state park systems. Odwalla determines **how much each state gets by the votes** placed on <http://www.parkvisitor.com/odwalla/>. Everyone gets one vote, voting is free, and no registration is required. So far Odwalla is planting over 37,000 trees and over 8,000 of those are in Virginia.

## ASCE/AISC Steel Bridge Competition Results – May 22-23 in Las Vegas

This year 47 college teams, including Virginia Tech (VT) and Old Dominion U (ODU), competed in the national Steel Bridge Competition. Congrats to the Hokies for placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall, and hang in there, Big Blue!

	VT	ODU
VA's Conference Rank	1	3
Construction Speed	5	44
Lightness	2	33
Display	8	34
Stiffness	11	27
Economy	10	44
Efficiency	2	30
Overall	4	44

For all the ranking details, visit <http://www.aisc.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=19906>

### Love Picnics and Tailgates but concerned about the Trash?

**Biodegradable disposable plates**, bowls, cups, and utensils make for a **green picnic**. The products are being made from leaves, corn, sugar cane, and bamboo. Throw in some recycled paper napkins, or considering taking washable cloth napkins, and enjoy the summer guilt free!

Verterra is one company producing disposable, biodegradable dinnerware from palm leaves. Their products are all-natural (non-toxic) and compostable. They work well with hot foods and liquids and are microwave and oven safe. Rumor has it they are sturdy enough to wipe clean and reuse. Visit their website for more information and **a helpful chart comparing the features of products made from other biodegradable sources**: [www.verterra.com/verterra\\_versus.php](http://www.verterra.com/verterra_versus.php).

Unfortunately, few of these items are available in local stores. Ellwood Thompson in Carytown is willing to order Verterra products for sale in their store, but does not carry them as a regular item. **Whole Foods in Glen Allen keeps plates made from corn starch in stock** (\$4 for 15 9" plates). A quick web search for "biodegradable disposable plates or cutlery" will result in numerous options to order these products online.

### Upcoming Events:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 15 - July 24	RAPME Summer Institute	VCU/VSU/JTCC
July 1 6:15 PM	Kickball Game and Post-game Drinks	BlackFinn
July 8 6:15 PM	Kickball Game and Post-game Drinks	BlackFinn
<b>July 15 12-1:30 PM</b>	<b>Ethics Webinar Luncheon</b>	<b>Draper Aden office</b>
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July 21 7:15 PM	Kickball Game and Post-game Drinks	Siné
Sept. 16-17	Virginia Engineer's Conference (ASCE, VSPE, ACEC)	Williamsburg

October 6	Golf Tournament	Rivers Bend
October 29-31	ASCE Annual Conference and Younger Member Leadership Symposium	Kansas City, MO

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**We want to hear from you!**

- Do you have something to share with other Younger Members?
- What would make ASCE better for Younger Members?
- What topics are Younger Members specifically interested in?
- What issues are unique to Younger Members?

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Thank you,  
Younger Member Group Chair

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