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**Subject:** ASCE Virginia Section's Branch Committee Recognition Program - Maiden Voyage  
**Attachments:** ASCEBranchCommitteeRecognitionFINAL2011.pdf

All (sending to Section BOD e-mail list and Branch Leaders – sorry if you rec'd duplicates don't have time to reduce),

First, hopefully many of you can attend the Banquet and the Section BOD meeting immediately prior to Banquet. Each Branch will be eligible for a \$100 stipend to stay overnight in Williamsburg at the banquet as part of the Committee Recognition Awards - which is also day of the BOD meeting.

I appreciate everyone's patience as we work to refine this draft program. There are items in this e-mail that will need to be incorporated into the guidelines document ([important items bolded and underlined here](#)). Two new items are who to send to and a website location to upload to.

Attached is a description and criteria for the new initiative the Section is using to recognize Branch activities. This program is intended to:

- recognize efforts and achievements
- encourage branches to share successes with other branches
- increase efficiency and sustainability of activities
- create stronger Branches and Section
- enhance relationships between Branch and Section leaders
- Section to have more relevancy to the Branches
- Provide an event/venue to get like-motivated professionals together

This is the initial year of this effort and the program will be conducted somewhat informally and we will refine for future efforts as questions arise.

As discussed in the guidelines, this is intended to be a minimal time-consuming effort in submitting and judging. While the award process will have enough definition to be meaningful, it will primarily consist of information that should already exist and be submitted to Section and the judging will not be a rigorous accounting or scoring activity. Judging will be by Section Officers and/or Section Committee Chairs by Friday before Banquet 9/9/11 this year. Potential and willingness to share success with other Branches and Branch representation will be considered.

The procedure to be considered for recognition is:

Branch President or officer submit for consideration, in an e-mail or cover letter, along with any appropriate documentation the following:

- name of activity
- name of committee if appropriate
- name of person to be recognized for award (in extenuating circumstances two could be recognized but generally other should be recognized verbally by recipient)

- documentation may include:
  - e-mail/cover letter proposing the above
  - Branch report to Section (uploaded to section website)
  - Annual Branch Reports to section (uploaded to section website)
  - Document of activity (event flyer, newsletter, grant application and final report, etc.) (uploaded to section website)
  - ideally would put all this in one zipped/compressed folder and upload to the section website (definite requirement in future-informally submit 2011)
- **Send to Section President and President Elect:**
  - [MGalli@ecslimited.com](mailto:MGalli@ecslimited.com)
  - [bottomley@pbworld.com](mailto:bottomley@pbworld.com)
  - Major technologically-advanced cool points will be awarded for **sending large files via ftp or uploading to Section website** – not required though – our e-mail accounts will appreciate it
  - I just received the first cool points awarded by **creating a folder on the section website to receive uploads at:**  
<http://www.ascevirginia.org/Sections%20Branch%20Committee%20Recognition/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.  
 Can also find Parent Folder under Documents on side bar menu.
  - I have uploaded Guidelines document and Summary of Section Goals for 2011-12 (from Planning Meeting) in the same folder
  - contact Josh Tomblin ([joshua.tomblin@navy.mil](mailto:joshua.tomblin@navy.mil)) if you cannot log onto the site (Branch Presidents et al should have access)
  - Mike and I may be proposing a conference call on this next week
- we will identify/notify the recipients as early as possible – hopefully Friday afternoon 9/9/11 by 3pm – hopefully every Branch will have a representative in attendance

I would propose that the ASCE Section President-Elect coordinate this in future years to promote relationships with Branch officers and knowledge of what Branch activities and needs are.

On the lighter side – I use text to speech software to help with preparing correspondence and got a good laugh over my final read of this when I found this in the middle of a sentence – “and is in or around him and him and his and had a better mustard radios there was chairs, trying to secure owner the floor librettos the wagon works good for you though are greatly exaggerated”.

Microphone must have picked up a side conversation or I am learning to talk like a politician who was asked a direct yes or no question.

Hasta and thanks – have a great weekend,  
Glenn