

Message from the President



Hi all,

The first thing I want to do is apologize for not having the January Newsletter to you before last month's meeting. That is the goal for every edition, but it was held because of my message and I am working hard to make sure that it does not happen again.

I am writing this message from Ecuador. I am here assisting the Johns Hopkins University Chapter of Engineers Without Borders with a site assessment for a Daycare Facility in the community of Santa Rosa de Ayora. Currently they do not have a facility for children under four years of age, and at times the children are left alone when their mothers need to handle other responsibilities. The proposed facility will not only be used as a daycare center, but will also be used for other community functions. I will be writing a more in depth article about my time in Ecuador in a later newsletter, and I encourage that all the members of the Maryland Section see what they can do to help with the local student and professional chapters of Engineers Without Borders.

For those who were not able to attend the January meeting, you missed a great presentation by Dr. Jones sharing his life-as-an-astronaut tales. I am always amazed by people who have a childhood dream and turn it into a reality. Dr. Jones grew up in Baltimore County, close to the Martin State Airport and the Lockheed Martin Facility. His dream began when his grandmother purchased him a "Golden Book" type book that showed what space travel and astronauts might be like in the future... and the rest of that story I recommend you read in his book, because I cannot do his story justice.

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13th Annual Indoor Golf Tournament For The Benefit Of The Maryland Section American Society Of Civil Engineers Scholarship Fund



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7:30 p.m. Tee-Off Time (Shotgun Start)



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U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL
Baltimore Regional Chapter Upcoming Seminars

BREAKFAST SEMINAR ON UNDERFLOOR SERVICE DISTRIBUTION

On February 15, 2007, the U.S. Green Building Council Baltimore Chapter is hosting a breakfast seminar on Underfloor Service Distribution. Registration begins at 8 am at The Baltimore Trane Company (9603 Deereco Road). At 9 am the presentation will begin. Cost is \$15 for USGBC members, \$20 for others. Presented by Mr. Frank Daly of Tate Access Floors, the seminar will cover:

- Underfloor Service Distribution (USD) Concepts
- Cost Savings that one can expect by utilizing USD
- Base Building Savings
- Fit Out Savings
- Cost of Change, or churn, savings
- Energy Savings
- Environmental advantages provided by USD.
- How underfloor service distribution differs from conventional overhead distribution.
- The connection between LEED certification and USD technologies with photos and examples of the strategies used to gain certification.

USD was utilized in seven of the first 23 LEED Certified Buildings. The seminar will use the recent U.S. Census Bureau building and several spec office buildings as examples.

This presentation has also been approved by the Interior Design Continuing Education Council and will provide 2 CE credits for the following organizations:

- ASID (American Society of Interior Designers)
- IDC (Interior Designer of Canada)
- IDEC (Interior Design Educators Council)
- IIDA (International Interior Design Association)

DINNER AND PRESENTATION ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT and INTEGRATED BIORETENTION PRACTICES

On March 15, 2007, the U.S. Green Building Council Baltimore Chapter is hosting a dinner on Stormwater Management - specifically by implementing Low Impact Development (LID) and/or Integrated Bioretention practices. Registration begins at 6 pm. At 7 pm the presentation will begin. Cost is \$25 for USGBC members, \$35 for others.

Theodore Scott, P.E., CPESC and Christina Muzquiz, RLA, LEED AP, both of T.E. Scott & Associates, will be the presenters.

Credits toward LEED certification can be obtained through sustainable stormwater management practices. This presentation offers information on the application of design methodologies while informing the audience of tools that can dramatically streamline the design process.

BREAKFAST SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABILITY NAVIGATION

On April 19, 2007, the U.S. Green Building Council Baltimore Chapter is hosting a breakfast seminar on Sustainability Navigation: creating "green" buildings, improving existing facilities, and developing an organization-wide sustainability plan.

Registration begins at 8 am at The Baltimore Trane Company (9603 Deereco Road). At 9 am the presentation will begin. Cost is \$15 for USGBC members, \$20 for others.

Presented by Johnson Controls, the seminar is a Johnson Controls Sustainability Solutions Navigation Session. It will provide a structured process for quickly assessing sustainability needs and practices in any organization. Items covered include:

- Identifying and prioritizing your organization's sustainability-related needs:
 - Environmental stewardship
 - Social responsibility
 - Economic prosperity
- Evaluating your organization's effectiveness at meeting those needs by different techniques:
 - Management and strategy
 - Environment design
 - Operational efficiency
 - Social development
 - Metrics and reporting

Comparing your organization's effectiveness in each area against similar enterprises'.

For more information on any of the above seminars, log onto www.usgbcalt.org and look at upcoming chapter events.



Symposium on Sheltering in Place


Architectural Engineering Institute
 of the American Society of Civil Engineers

The Engineers Club
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AEI is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Symposium on Sheltering in Place to be held March 15-16, 2007 at the Engineers Club located in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. Those who are encouraged to attend include but are not limited to architects and engineers, owners, operators, risk managers and individuals responsible for ensuring occupant safety in new and existing buildings, from both the public and private sectors. Over the two days leading experts will cover a wide range of topics including:

- Threat assessment
- Emergency response plans
- Life safety and long-term support
- Architecture
- Structure
- Building envelope
- Utilities and lifelines
- HVAC
- Fire protection

Attendees will have the opportunity to earn continuing education credit (10 AIA/CES Learning Units or 10 PDHs).



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by Carrie Nicholson, Younger Member Section Newsletter Editor
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S ASCE MD-SECTION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



Renee Marshal
University of Maryland
at College Park

Raquel Reed
Morgan State University

Eric Deuser
Johns Hopkins University

Darryl Richardson
Morgan State University

Recipients were awarded \$2,500 scholarships this past September and all are scheduled to graduate this May. Congratulations for all of your hard work and dedication!

ASCE-NCS Engineering Management Seminar

Sponsored by the Engineering Management Committee and the Younger Member Forum

Saturday, March 3, 2007

Marvin Center, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Please join the Engineering Management Committee and the Younger Member Forum at the Engineering Management Seminar on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The seminar will start with a keynote address on "What's Ahead in the Construction Industry? The Shape of Things to Come: Challenges, Risks, and Opportunities".

Three presentation topics will be covered in the morning following the keynote address. During lunch, we will hear on Entrepreneurship. Finally, the afternoon panel discussion will be on "Path to Leadership".

Professional development hours (PDHs) will be offered for attending three of the four morning topics:

- Leadership Development
- Risk Management and Dispute Resolution
- Construction and Project Planning
- Entrepreneurship

Registration

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The cost of the seminar is \$30 for those who register by February 24 and \$35 at the door. For students, the cost is \$15 in advance or at the door. ASCE membership is not required to attend this seminar. The registration fee includes session hand-outs, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Reserve your place by contacting Alicia Karwoski.

Fax to Alicia Karwoski at 703-295-6132, or contact her at 703-295-6324 or akarwoski@asce.org.



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LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

BOLLMAN TRUSS BRIDGE

Savage, Maryland

Completed 1852

“In the period when Bollman began designing-about 1840-there were fewer than ten men in the country designing bridges by scientifically correct, analytical methods ... By 1884, the year of Bollman’s death, the age of intuitive design had been dead for a decade or longer...” - *Robert Vogel, Curator of Civil Engineering, Smithsonian Institution, 1964*

The design of the Bollman Truss Bridge-patented in 1852 and one of the first to use iron exclusively in all essential structural elements-was critical in the rapid expansion of American railroads in the 19th century. Replacing wooden bridges, which were cumbersome to build and vulnerable to decay, the Bollman Truss Bridge could be built relatively quickly and inexpensively, while providing the long-lasting qualities associated with metal. This allowed new rail lines to be built over long distances in a short period of time.

Wendel Bollman, the design’s creator, was a self-educated engineer who

apprenticed as a carpenter. He adapted the technique of “trussing” from the practice of strengthening wooden beams using tension rods. More than 100 Bollman Truss bridges were built between 1850 and 1875, the majority for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The only example remaining-a double-span through truss extending 160 feet-was used on a spur across the Little Patuxent River at Savage, Maryland. It was restored in 1968 and is now part of the Historic Savage Mill Marketplace.

Facts:

- The Bollman Truss Bridge at Savage, Maryland, designated in 1966, was the first National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers. In September 2000, it also was named by the National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark.
- The Bollman truss was eventually eclipsed by bridges designed to carry heavier loads. Many survived, however, well into the 20th century.

- The very first Bollman truss bridge — 76 feet in length at a cost of \$24,000 — was constructed on the same span across the Little Patuxent River as the bridge that stands there now. The present bridge was built in 1852 and moved in 1882.

- Wendel Bollman initially worked as a laborer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1829, helping to lay the company’s first stretch of track. Later, he became a protege of Chief Engineer Benjamin Henry Latrobe II. In 1848, Bollman was appointed Latrobe’s second-in-command.

- Bollman left the Baltimore & Ohio in 1858 to start his own business as a very successful builder of bridges and other iron structures.

Resources

Robert M. Vogel, “The Engineering Contributions of Wendel Bollman”; National Museum Bulletin, Smithsonian Institution, 1964

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Section Announcements

President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Dr. Jones attended the United States Air Force Academy where he learned to fly B-52s. After his career in the Air Force, Dr. Jones completed four missions to space where he took part in four spacewalks. He is now working with NASA and other groups consulting with Congress on what NASA can be doing in the future. One of the most critical items is reducing the cost to get items in and around space. They are working on ways to provide "Supplies" while in space, such as mining the Moon or asteroids. Ideas such as these will cut down on the amount of materials that need to be taken during liftoff and into space. That is where science and engineering come together. It is the kind of program that will help to

encourage young students to become involved in the new and challenging aspects of engineering and science.

February will be Student Night, and the University of Maryland, College Park, is hosting the meeting. At this time I do not have a copy of their program, but I am sure it will be fascinating. Check the website for future meeting dates.

The Wood Bridge Competition is coming up quickly, so I know Mandy could use help (Mandy Schindhelm at mandy@members.-asce.org). Or, one of the other Maryland Engineering Challenges programs sponsored during Engineers Week, February 18-24, 2007, through The Baltimore Museum of Industry

(www.thebmi.org), can also use your help. If you are not sure what you want to get involved with, just send me an email stating you want to do something, and I will pass it along.

In closing, I want to mention again that the 13th Annual Indoor Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Maryland Section Scholarship Fund will be held on Saturday March 3rd. Hold the date and start thinking about what type of hole you want to design. Also we need items for the 'Silent Auction' and people to buy raffle tickets.

See you at the February meeting!

John M

Book News...

Don't Throw This Away! The Civil Engineering Life
 "...a brief, playful look at the world through the eyes of a civil engineer...a quirky, addictive winner..." *Star Review by Publishers Weekly*

Professor, editor and lifelong engineering enthusiast Brian Brenner bucks staid engineering stereotypes to deliver a brief, playful look at the world through the eyes of a civil engineer, via a collection of 46 vignettes remarkable for their subtlety, humor and inspiration. He deals with engineering in pop culture ("Vegetarian Nerds Watching the Super Bowl"), wedding parties ("The Baby Sitter-In-Law") and the pack-rat habits of his people (in his title essays "Don't Throw This Away," I-IV). Despite the technical pedigree, Brenner's honest, assured voice, brainiac populism and bite-sized essays make this a quirky, addictive winner that should bring out the "inner civil engineer" in a wide cross-section of readers.

Don't Throw This Away!
 The Civil Engineering Life



RJN Group, Inc. is pleased to announce that Laurie L. Terry, P.E. has joined the company as Senior Project Manager in the Baltimore Office. Ms. Terry holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Maryland, Delaware, and Indiana. Ms. Terry has over 11 years of experience in the water and wastewater field in both municipal government and consulting engineering. In her role at RJN, Ms. Terry will be responsible for the management of flow monitoring and engineering studies performed from RJN's Baltimore office, and will play a key role in RJN's projected growth in the mid-Atlantic region. RJN provides public works engineering and information technology services for the development, maintenance, and management of municipal infrastructure systems including sewer, water, drainage, roads, bridges, and in addition, GIS services.

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Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2007
Time: 6:00 PM – Cocktails
7:00 PM – Dinner
8:00 PM – Meeting

Place: The Engineers Club, 11 W. Mount Vernon Place
Speaker: Mr. Christopher B. Costello, ACEC/MD Government Affairs Representative
Program: **Student Night 2007 Hosted by University of Maryland**

Abstract: This month's meeting is the Annual Student Night at ASCE. This year's program is being sponsored by University of Maryland, College Park, ASCE Student Chapter. Student Night is a great opportunity for consultants to meet students from local Universities. The ESB Library will be setup with local firms for a jobs fair during the cocktail hour and through the dinner portion of the evening. In the past, many local future graduates have attended and made contact with their future employers. The students will be prepared with résumés and be eager to learn more about opportunities with participating engineering firms. Consultants are encouraged to bring presentation boards of their successful and current projects along with small but well received promotional items. Do not miss this opportunity to meet with future engineers and introduce your company activities to them.

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- All reservations and cancellations should be **made by the Monday prior to the meeting.**
- Reservations will be considered firm and billed unless cancelled by not later than Monday noon prior to the meeting.
- Reservations can only be held until 6:45 PM.
- Seats will be available for dinner after 6:45 PM on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If you are unable to attend dinner, you are welcome to attend the meeting at 8:00 PM
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FUTURE MEETING DATES:
March 14, 2007
April 11, 2007