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NOVEMBER MEETING

Joint ASCE/IES

Floodwaters Spirits and Provisions, Muscatine, IA

Speaker: Mr. Steve Boka, Muscatine Building and Zoning Administrator

Steve will be discussing improvements along the Muscatine Riverfront, including a new 4-lane boat ramp and upgrades/improvements to existing infrastructure including new sanitary sewer, water, and electrical service, and improvements to the existing marina shore perpendicular breakwater. Other elements include the specification and purchase of a new dredge, discharge piping, and dredge disposal bags. Key project administrative elements include preparation, submittal, and granting of two US Army Corps of Engineers permits to perform the Park improvement and dredging work.

Location: Floodwaters Spirits and Provisions, 101 West Mississippi Drive, Muscatine, IA

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Time: Social: 5:30, Dinner: 6:00, and Presentation following Dinner

Menu: Buffet style. Dinner salad, rolls and butter, sliced roast beef, parmesan chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, and vegetable medley. Individual vegetarian dishes available upon request (let us know by the RSVP date).

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Please RSVP via email at brporter@members.asce.org or call 563-355-0702 by Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Directions: Highway 61 (Business) to Iowa Avenue.

Announcements

1. The Board has discussed increasing the annual Section dues from \$5 to \$10. The change, if approved, would likely not go into effect until after the upcoming renewal period. The Board would like to discuss this proposed change with Section Members at the November meeting.
2. Sending newsletters electronically saves us expenses. The Board would like to shift to electronic distribution only. Currently, approximately half of the Section members receive a hard copy of the newsletter. At the November meeting, the Board would like to discuss transitioning to electronic-only distribution with Section Members.
3. The Board would also like to make improvements to the Section's web site in order to make it a more useful tool for communicating information. Currently, the web site is maintained on a volunteer basis by Dan Miller. Changes to improve useability would increase the effort required to maintain the site, and the Board would like to solicit volunteers to assist Dan with this effort.

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