ASCE OCTOBER LUNCH MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009
Time: 11:30 AM – Registration
12:00 PM – Lunch
Place: Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
www.ConfluenceParkRestaurant.com
Speaker: Jeff Ruschau (Messer Construction) and Jon Beier (Shelley Metz Baumann Hawk)
Topic: Scioto Mile Promenade and Park

Currently under construction, the $44 million Scioto Mile project will certainly re-shape the downtown landscape. The project extends along Civic Center Drive from Broad Street to Main Street and consists of two major parts: The Promenade and The John W. Galbreath Bicentennial Park. Within these parts, there is extensive roadwork and traffic reconfiguration, restoration of an 80-year-old sewer, landscaped pedestrian pathways, over 15,000 SF of fountains, two post-tensioned structures, and a Prow extending into the river at the former Town Street bridge abutment. Join Jeff and Jon as they give an overview of the Scioto Mile project, including a 3D tour of sights unseen.

Menu: Choices are Baked Salmon or Chicken Dijonaise. A vegetarian option is available upon request. Please indicate your menu choice when registering.

Cost: $20 – Members and Guests
$15 – Life Members
$10 – Students

CPD Hours: One (1) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hour certificate will be issued at the conclusion of the program.

Reservations: Please e-mail (or phone in) reservations and menu selection to Julie Pickering at Julie.Pickering@Stantec.com or (614) 486-4383 by 3 PM on Wednesday, October 7, 2009.
Letter From the President

Our September luncheon on warm mix asphalt was a great start to this year’s events. Wayne Jones gave an excellent presentation on the possibilities and benefits of this new technology. It certainly sounds like a promising new development. With a structural engineering background, I sometimes don’t get as involved in other ideas. However, this certainly grabbed my attention, and also reminded me that new ideas are always developing. ASCE is trying to bring those new developments to you.

The topic for our October luncheon is on the Scioto Mile. This project is focused on renewing a portion of the river front in downtown Columbus. The new park will be stunning, and will be a showcase for our downtown area. With everything from new bikeways, paths, plazas, a new fountain area, each civil engineering discipline is involved. Come to the Confluence Park on the 15th to learn more.

I’d also like to remind you to renew your ASCE membership. Your renewal provides you some excellent resources and contacts. Also, the more members, the stronger our society is. The society helps with community outreach and public awareness. There certainly is strength in numbers, so I’d also like to encourage each of you to recommend others join ASCE. Also, like I said last month, please get more involved. There are many ways to help the society get stronger, from heading up a committee, volunteering, to visiting schools to let children know about civil engineering.

I hope to see you on the 15th. Please let me know if you’d like to get more involved.

Sincerely,
Gerry Lynskey

OSU College of Engineering
Lichtenstein Distinguished Lecture

The first Lichtenstein Distinguished Lecture of the academic year will be presented by Dr. John M. Kulicki, Chairman and CEO, Modjeski and Masters, Inc. Dr. Kulicki has over 35 years of experience in virtually all aspects of bridge analysis and design, and led a 50-member team of experts to develop the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications. Dr. Kulicki is also the author of AASHTO’s “Guide Specifications for Load Factor Design of Trusses.”

The lecture, “A Tale of Bridge Engineering and Public Process or The Unstopable Force and the Immovable Object” is a case study that will address the factors – natural, engineering, aesthetic, economic, societal, and political - of a design concept for a bridge that would be the longest cable stayed bridge in the Western Hemisphere, and the widest in the world. The presentation will also review other Modjeski and Masters, Inc. designs for which factors – other than engineering efficiency – were major contributors to the final design. Mr. Kulicki will also offer a few observations on the increasing use of highly computerized design processes.

The event will take place on Friday, October 16, at 3:30 P.M in Room 410 Hitchcock Hall, 2070 Neil Avenue at the Ohio State University. Contact Hojjat Adeli at 614-292-7929 for additional information. The lectures are free and the attendees will receive one hour of PDH for each lecture.
Elected Governor Nominations

In the summer of 2010 the members of Region 3 will be voting to fill Region 3 Governor 4 (Ohio District). To be considered, the nominee must have served as a Section or Branch officer OR as a member of a Section or Branch committee OR as a member of a national committee of the Society. Additionally, a Governor “should have professional credibility with leadership skills, management experience, and significant career accomplishments; should be a confident communicator and presenter, a visionary planner, and a motivator; and possess the ability to work in teams, be a negotiator, conflict manager and consensus builder. “ Governors shall also have “skills in communicating with members and the public, in government relations and advocacy, and in conducting events that will engage and serve members.”

Current Region 3, Governor 4 (Ohio District) Dave Pritchard is eligible to serve 1 more 3-year elected term if they should choose to run. Please contact the Central Ohio Board of Directors to submit your nominee.

Harold L. Michael Memorial Transportation Scholarship

An endowed scholarship fund was established at Purdue University in January 2007 to honor Harold L. Michael. Harold was an accomplished educator at Purdue University and, beyond that role, served many important leadership roles in the transportation field. Any former students, associates, and friends wishing to donate may do so by using the Purdue University online donation procedure at www.purdue.edu/udo/giving/give.shtml. Donations can also be accepted by making a check payable to the Purdue Foundation and write Harold L. Michael Memorial Transportation Scholarship on the For/Memo line in the lower left corner. Mail the check to: Purdue Foundation, 403 West Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007.

Email Distribution of Newsletter

As indicated in last month’s issue, the Board has decided to send all future newsletters via email and by also posting it to the website. In order to affectively reach all members, it is vital that we have a current email address on file. Please visit http://lists.asce.org/mailman/listinfo/centralohio to register a current email address to be able to continue to receive your newsletter. Since many members didn’t have a current email address registered, this October issue will be the final issue mailed via US Postal Service. If you don’t have access to email or would otherwise prefer to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter by mail, please let us know (even if you’ve done so before). Contact Brooks Vogel at 614-487-1650.
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