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Central Ohio Section

JANUARY ASCE LUNCHEON

(Joint Meeting with Engineer's Club of Columbus)

Date: **Thursday, January 21, 2010**

Time: 11:30 AM - Registration
12:00 PM - Lunch

Place: **Crowne Plaza - Columbus North**
6500 Doubletree Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43229

Speakers: Santosh Nachu, EIT - Ball Container Corporation
Amanda Engle, PE - E.L. Robinson, Inc.
Kate Johnson, EIT - Burgess & Niple

Topic: **Engineers Without Borders - Central Ohio Professionals' Chapter**

The Central Ohio Professionals' Chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) was founded in 2007 by a group of local engineers and works in partnership with the Ohio State University student chapter. It is a non-profit organization located in Columbus, Ohio. The main mission of EWB is to partner with developing communities to improve their quality of life through environmentally sustainable engineering projects. The chapter depends on grants, in-kind donations and financial contributions to fund its work. Currently the Chapter is involved in two projects in Central America and Africa.

The project in Central America is located on the outskirts of San Pedro Puxtla, El Salvador. The current focus of EWB's project is to assist in providing clean drinking water, improved latrines and a street including proper drainage structures. The project in Africa is located in Batoula, Cameroon. EWB's project objective is to provide a water treatment and distribution system which will provide clean, uncontaminated water to the village.

The presentation will explain more about EWB and how people can become involved, and will present some of the challenges and details about the two projects that are underway.

Menu: Chicken Roulade with potato or rice, tossed salad, vegetables and dessert.

Cost: \$20 - ASCE or ECC Members and Guests
\$15 - ASCE or ECC Life Members
\$10 - Students

Reservations: Please email (or phone in) reservations to Julie Pickering at Julie.Pickering@Stantec.com or (614) 844-4017 by **5 PM on Wednesday, January 13, 2010**. *Please note: Registration is limited for this event. Late registrations and walk-ins may not be accepted. Registration fees may still be required for no-shows and registrants canceling after January 13, 2010.*

Payment: The preferred method of payment is online by credit or debit card or on the day of the event by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to *Central Ohio ASCE*. If mailing payment, please mail to our Treasurer at the following address: Michael J. Mazzoli • Central Ohio ASCE (c/o PSI) • 4960 Vulcan Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43228.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you had a great holiday, and were able to take time off and spend it with your loved ones. If you missed the December lunch, you missed an interesting presentation on the Ohio School for the Deaf and the Ohio State School for the Blind. It certainly is an interesting project that has taken a good deal of coordination between the parties, including easements for the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, considerations for the needs of the tenants, and the pursuit of the LEED Gold status.

We have several exciting new developments coming here in the section. First, Dave Pritchard, who currently serves as Region 3 Governor 4 (Ohio District), will be stepping down. This position is responsible for the state of Ohio. I mentioned in a past newsletter or two that we were seeking nominees for a new Governor. Kevin Carpenter, a Past President of our section, was nominated to take over for Dave. He was the only nominee to be submitted, so he will be the new Governor. I'd like to congratulate him for his past accomplishments, and wish him luck with his future endeavors.

Also, we have tested using PayPal for registering for events. Some of us on the Board used it for the December lunch, to be

sure that everything worked okay. From how it sounds, things worked pretty smoothly, so starting this month, we all should be able to use it to register for the luncheon events. This should make registration easier for all of us: no more checks to bring or long lines to register at the lunch.

If you've read my letters in the past, I've strongly encouraged people to get more involved. We'll need nominees for a new secretary to join the board next year, the Younger Members would like to get more involved. There are also many career days/fairs at different schools around town. I'd encourage each of you to take the time to go speak with school aged children about engineering as a career opportunity. If you'd like some resources, let me know: National has a lot of great information to use. Also, The Works, a technology based learning center is going to be celebrating Engineer's Week in February, and would like to have our section participate. It sounds like this could be a great way to spread the word about engineering to the public. Let me know if you would like more information on any of these opportunities.

Sincerely,
Gerry Lynskey

PE REFRESHER COURSE

The OSU Civil Engineering PE Refresher Course will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 PM for eight sessions beginning the 26th of January. Registration is required and must be completed at least two weeks in advance of the section starting date. Payment or contract must accompany application to ensure enrollment.

All checks or money orders should be payable to The Ohio State University. If enrollment does not meet the minimum required, the course will be canceled and all money will be refunded. More information can be found online at <http://www.ceegs.ohio-state.edu/forms/2010%20CE%20Flyer.pdf>.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SAME TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

The second annual Marshall University Society of American Military Engineers' Winter Technical Conference will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, from 8:00 AM until 4:15 PM. Seven technical presentations are on the agenda which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. If you are interested in attending, please fill out and return this registration form no later than January 20, 2010.

Marshall University's Society of American Military Engineers' Student Chapter is sponsoring a technical conference on Thursday, January 28, 2010. There will be a minimum of 5 PDHs available for a cost of \$125 for ASCE and SAME members. Seven technical presentations are on the agenda which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. If you are interested in attending, please fill out and return the registration form no later than January 20, 2010. The registration form can be found online at <http://www.marshall.edu/cite/>.

2010 ROBERT O'SHEA ENGINEERING ETHICS AWARD

The *Robert O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award* for Ohio ASCE Student Chapter and Younger Members is awarded annually by the Ohio Council of ASCE on the basis of papers on professional ethics. One winner will be selected and awarded a cash award in the amount of \$250, with a matching \$250 awarded to the chapter with which the winner is affiliated.

Younger members of any of the Ohio Sections of ASCE and undergraduate members of the ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs from any college or university located in Ohio who are in good standing at the time their papers are submitted are eligible for the award. For the purpose of this award, younger members are defined as associate members or members 35 years of age or less on February 1 in the year of the award.

Papers on any topic related to professional ethics for the practice of civil engineering will be considered for the award. Authors may select a topic of personal interest, or may wish to consider the following information when selecting a topic: Students or younger members submitting a paper for the Robert

O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award may also want their paper to be considered for the applicable Daniel W. Mead Prize. Authors who plan to submit their paper for consideration for either of the Mead Prizes must write their paper using the topic selected for the applicable 2010 Mead Prize. The 2010 Mead Prize topic for students is **"Ethics and the Civil Engineer of 2025"**. The 2010 Mead Prize topic for younger members is **"What ethical problems might the engineer of 2025 encounter with advancements in technology and communication"**. Authors should consult the ASCE web site at <http://www.asce.org> for specific information and requirements regarding these prizes.

Papers for the Robert O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award are to be submitted to the Chair of the Robert O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award Committee by January 15, 2010. Please visit <http://www.ohioasce.org/> for additional submittal requirements. Papers are judged by a panel consisting of a member from each of the six Ohio Sections of ASCE, and the winner will be invited to present the paper at the spring Ohio Council Meeting and receive the award.

CALL FOR ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

We want your nominations for our annual awards for both **Outstanding Civil Engineer of Central Ohio** and **Outstanding Section Member** for 2009-2010.

The award for *Outstanding Civil Engineer of Central Ohio* goes to an engineer who practices or teaches civil engineering in Central Ohio, has made a significant contribution to civil engineering profession during the last year, and exemplifies the public image and perception of the civil engineer and its profession.

The award for *Outstanding Section Member of ASCE Central Ohio* goes to an engineer who is a member of ASCE Central Ohio Section in

good standing, has made a significant contribution to the Section through participation in the activities of the Section, and promotes a good image of the Section and its members through their participation and example.

For a list of past recipients, please go to the awards page.

For more information or to nominate an individual for an award, please contact Emily Wieringa, Nominating Committee Chair by phone at (937) 645-3115 or by e-mail at ewieringa@columbus.rr.com.

WE NOW HAVE AN RSS FEED FOR YOUR NEWSREADER

Next time you visit our web site, <http://www.centralohioasce.com>, you will notice that there is an icon that looks like this near the bottom of the menu on the left:



By clicking on this icon on our web site, you will be able to add the Central Ohio ASCE news feed to your favorite news reader! So every

time we post something new on the web site, it will show up in your news reader!

There are many news readers available, such as [Google Reader](#). More information about RSS and feeds can be found at this web site: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS>.

ASCE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

The Cleveland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will be hosting the Region 3, Region 6, and Region 7 Leadership Conference and is in search of sponsors to provide much needed funds to welcome guests to our great state of Ohio. The conference encompasses leaders of Sections and Branches, Younger Member Groups, and Student Chapters. Over 300 attendees participate in this annual conference from Wyoming and Texas to Michigan and Ohio, 16 states in all! This year's event will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on January 22 and 23, 2010. Attendees will gather at the conference to network and develop leadership skills to help advance career goals and potential roles in the workplace.

ASCE National relies on the hosting Section to help provide with general logistics including transportation to local venues, an evening reception, thank-you gifts for the presenters, and conference program materials. To offset the cost of hosting this ASCE conference; we ask your support as an engineering leader to help make this event successful. By supporting this event you will receive conference-wide advertising exposure in the conference program, display boards located at the conference and Friday evening reception at the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, just to name a few.

Sponsorship Levels include:

Platinum (\$1,000), Gold (\$750), Silver (\$500), Bronze (\$250), and Steel (\$100). Additional information and a sponsorship form can be found at <http://centralohioasce.com/node/185>.

2009 - 2010 CENTRAL OHIO ASCE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Topic	Location	Person Responsible
Thursday, January 21, 2010	Engineers Without Borders	Crowne Plaza Columbus North	Jim Siebert
Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Engineer's Week	Villa Milano	ASHE
Thursday, March 18, 2010	OARS Tunneled Sewer Project	Villa Milano	Jim Siebert
Thursday, April 16, 2010	TBD by ASCE Student Chapter	The Blackwell	OSU ASCE Student Chapter & Carolyn Merry
Thursday, May 20, 2010	Year End Awards / ASCE National President-Elect	Confluence Park	Julie Pickering

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BOARD MEETING

Our Next Board Meeting Will Be Held On

**Thursday,
 January 7, 2010
 11:30 AM**

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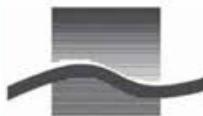
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