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# ASCE

## Southeast Michigan Branch

*The Official Newsletter of the American Society of Civil Engineers SE Michigan Branch March 2006*

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Dear ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch members:

Greetings from your Southeast Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Spring is almost here!!

### **Chapter News**

The ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch Student Night was a great success, held February 21, 2006 at WSU. MSU Engineering Dean Dr. Thomas Wolff's presentation on the performance of New Orleans levees during hurricane Katrina was a hit, with lots of interest and positive comments heard by your editor. Later in the evening, Kevin Olmstead led the traditional Student Night rendition of Civil Engineering Jeopardy, with WSU emerging as the winner. The evening's events concluded with the Committee for Younger Members' Resume Raffle and Student Scholarship award.

The University of Detroit Mercy, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering is looking for sponsors for its summer senior project course. Sponsors bring a project for students to work on and meet with students for an hour about every other week. UDM is seeking three sponsors this year in the areas of transportation, site planning, and environmental engineering. A possibility for the environmental project is a site planning project with extensive wetland issues. The projects are the primary

assignment in the three credit, summer long course. The course begins in May and ends with a presentation in August. Interested parties should contact Dr. Alan Hoback, PE, [hobackas@udmercy.edu](mailto:hobackas@udmercy.edu), Phone: 313-993-1578 (mornings.)

Delegates from the SE MI Brach Board of Directors and CYM attended the ASCE 2006 Zone Leadership Conference, in Tampa FL held on Jan.27-29. Many of the audio/visual resources from Conference have been placed on the ASCE National FTP server. Included are PowerPoint presentations on Strategic Planning, the 2006 West Point Bridge Design Contest, Policy 465, Recruiting and Developing Volunteer Leaders, Achieving Better Section/Branch Meetings, and Membership Sins. Scripts for the Engineering Ethics Live skits are also available, as are updates on ASCE's New Regions (by Zone). The documents can be downloaded from the FTP server at <ftp://gsd.asce.org> under the "2006 Zone Leadership Conference Resource" folder. Submitted by Jesse B. VanDeCreek, P.E.

On February 24, 2006, the Detroit Metro Chapter of MSPE in cooperation with SE-MI ASCE conducted a lunchtime legislative program with special guests Representatives Marie Donigan (Royal Oak), Fred Miller (Mount Clemens), and John Stewart (Plymouth). It was well attended, and informative, with lots of good discussion from members.

### Upcoming Meetings

We are pleased to present several great upcoming ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch events and related programs:

On March 23, 2006, the NEW MDOT Director Mr. Kirk Steudle will give an overview of the "SAFETEA-LU" legislation and what affect it will have on future MDOT projects. After TEA-21 expired in October 1, 2003, twelve extensions were required until a new transportation act could be passed and signed by President Bush in 2005. The new five year, \$244 Billion federal bill includes an *additional* \$239 Million per year for Michigan transportation projects.

On March 28, the History and Heritage Committee will present a program on the Austin Dam Failure. Journey on a trail through the design and construction that would eventually result in the failure of this early concrete dam. The dinner program will be held at Pasquales Restaurant in Royal Oak.

On April 4, 2006, the Environmental Committee will present a tour and presentation of the recently upgraded South Lyon Wastewater Treatment Plant. See the attached flyer for details.

On April 26, the geotechnical committee will present a presentation of the innovative commercial development of "Fairlane Green", which was build over an industrial landfill in Dearborn Michigan. See the attached flyer for details.

In early May (date to be announced), the Environmental Committee will also present a tour and lunch program on the state-of-the-art Conner Creek CSO Control Facility in Detroit. See the attached flyer for details.

The Annual Meeting will be May 6, 2006 at the Renaissance Club in Detroit. Mark your calendars and make your reservations now! Flyer is attached.

Mark your calendar for the famous CYM golf outing at Greystone Golf Course, Romeo, MI on June 22, 2006!!!!

### Branch Awards Nominations Due

The branch awards nominations will be due March 22, 2006 for the following categories:

- Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement
- Civil Engineer of the Year
- Quality of Life
- Young Civil Engineer of the Year

Please submit your awards nominations as soon as possible to Jim Blisky; Spalding DeDecker Associates; 905 South Boulevard East; Rochester Hills, MI 48307

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held monthly and are tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2006. The Board meets at 7:00 a.m. at Nello's restaurant in Royal Oak at 25994 Woodward Avenue, just north of I-696. All members are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

### Branch Mailing

**Remember, starting this fall the Branch has design distributing the monthly mailing.** Please continue to update you email address with the current President-Elect ([fklingler@nthconsultants.com](mailto:fklingler@nthconsultants.com)) if it should change, and visit our website: ([www.ascsesoutheast.org](http://www.ascsesoutheast.org)). The southeast Branch of American Society of civil engineers publishes the Southeast Branch Newsletter almost monthly. Contact Fritz Klingler, editor, for info, suggestions or comments at [fklingler@nthconsultants.com](mailto:fklingler@nthconsultants.com).

### Dates to Remember

Next SE Michigan Branch Board Meeting (Nellos @7:00 am)	April 6, 2006
Pile Capacity Testing Methods	March 9, 2006
Southeastern Branch Annual Award Nominations Due	March 22, 2006
ASCE Legislative Program; Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director	March 23, 2006
Austin Dam Failure Program	March 28, 2006
South Lyon WWTP	April 4, 2006
Fairlane Green Development	April 26, 2006
Conner Creek CSO Facility	May, 2006 (TBD)
Tri-Centennial Park Program (tentative)	Spring 2006 (TBD)
Southeastern Branch Annual Meeting	May 6, 2006
CYM golf Outgoing – Greystone Golf Course, Romeo	June 22, 2006
Michigan Section Annual Meeting	September 2006 (TBD)

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## THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### “SAFETEA-LU” - The New Federal Transportation Act

## Speaker: Kirk Steudle, Director MDOT

After TEA-21 expired October 1, 2003, twelve extensions were required until a new transportation act could be passed and signed by President Bush on August 10, 2005. “SAFETEA-LU” is a five year, \$244.1 Billion federal bill, from which Michigan will receive an *additional* \$239 Million per year for transportation projects. The new MDOT Director, Mr. Kirk Steudle, will give an overview of the “SAFETEA-LU” legislation and what affect it will have on future MDOT projects.

**Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2006

**Place:** *Vladimir's*  
28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills, 48336  
248-477-8050  
(On EB Grand River, just west of Eight Mile Road)

**Agenda:** **5:30p.m. - Social Hour**  
(Cash Bar, soft drinks and appetizers)

**6:30p.m. - Dinner**  
Buffet, salad bar, and dessert

**7:15p.m. - Presentation**

**Cost: \$21.00 Per Person**

Please mail checks payable to:  
**ASCE Southeastern Branch**  
Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan, Inc.  
535 Griswold, Suite 1525  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attention: Joseph Koram

**R.S.V.P.**

**By:** March 7, 2006  
**To:** Joseph Koram, P.E.  
Phone: (313) 963-5760  
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**SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH 1960 -2005 FORTY - FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

**THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS:**

**AUSTIN DAM FAILURE PRESENTATION**

In the late 1800's near the turn of the century, a manufacturer commissioned a civil engineer to design a dam for his factory. Journey on a trail through the design and construction that would eventually result in the failure of this small concrete dam.

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2006

**Place:** Pasquales Restaurant  
31555 Woodward Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
(248) 549-4002

**Agenda:** 5:00 p.m. - Arrival / Drinks

5:30 p.m. - Family-Style Dinner  
antipasto salad, mostaccioli, roast chicken, veal  
parmigiana, potato, vegetable, bread, & beverage.  
(Vegetarian substitute is available upon request)

6:15 pm - Austin Dam Failure Presentation

7:15p.m. - Questions / Discussions

**Cost:** \$20.00 Per Person

For questions, comments, directions, etc. please contact  
Antonio Cicchetti at 248-844-6280 (x 1140)

Please mail checks payable to:

**ASCE Southeastern Branch**  
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905 South Boulevard East  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
Attention: Lori Chevalier

**R.S.V.P.**

**By:** March 21, 2006  
**To:** Lori Chevalier  
Phone: (248) 844-6260  
Fax: (248) 844-5404

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### THE SOUTH LYON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The South Lyon Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is undergoing significant improvements and expansion. The upgraded facility will use an extended aeration activated sludge process, an enhanced high rate clarifier for tertiary treatment, and UV disinfection to meet stringent NPDES permit requirements in this expanding community. A new aerobic sludge digestion system will be employed for biosolids management.

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**Presenters:** Bob Martin, Superintendent, South Lyon Water and Waste Water Treatment and Bob Coulter, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

**Const. Cost:** \$14,000,000

**Owner:** City of South Lyon; Bob Martin, Superintendent  
**Engineer:** Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.  
**Contractor:** DeMaria Building Company

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2006

**Place:** *WWTP Tour* South Lyon WWTP  
23500 Dixboro Road  
South Lyon, MI  
248-437-4006

*Dinner* South Lyon Hotel  
201 North Lafayette Street  
South Lyon, MI  
(248) 437-7516

**Agenda:** 4:30 to 5:15 pm Site Tour of WWTP with Bob Martin  
*(Please bring a hard hat and boots.)*  
5:30 pm to 6:15 pm Meet at restaurant; presentation by Bob Coulter  
6:15 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner and cash bar

**Cost:** \$24.00 per person

Please mail checks payable to:  
ASCE Southeastern Branch  
c/o Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.  
P.O. Box 824  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0824  
Attention: Sally Duffy

**R.S.V.P. By:** Wednesday, March 29, 2006

**Contact:** Sally Duffy, [sduffy@hrc-engr.com](mailto:sduffy@hrc-engr.com)  
Ph: (248) 454-6583  
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ASCE SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH GEOTECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
Presents:

## FAIRLANE GREEN DEVELOPMENT Former Allen Park Clay Mine Landfill

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The "groundbreaking" development of a retail shopping center at the site of the former Ford Allen Park Clay Mine Landfill will be presented. As part of the presentation, the very innovative site improvements incorporated to allow the use of conventional strip/isolated footings will be discussed. The use of surcharging and lightweight fill (geofoam) to mitigate settlement concerns will be detailed. The presentation will also include a discussion of other design features that have been incorporated to allow building on a former landfill site including methane gas management and waste intrusions. Mark Tomy, P.E., (Fordland's Real State Development Manager) and Ibraheem Alshunnar, P.E. (NTH's Project Manager) will facilitate the presentation and following discussions.

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Dinner & Program: Location to Be Determined

Agenda: 5:30 pm - Cash Bar  
6:15 pm - Dinner  
7:00 pm - Program  
8:10 pm - Program Conclusion

Cost: \$24 per person for dinner (tentative) - Register by April 9, 2006

Please make reservations before April 9, 2006, by calling Lashanette Howell at 313-237-3914 and sending your check to:

NTH Consultants  
Attention: Jason Edberg  
480 Ford Field (Gate G)  
2000 Brush Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Make Check Payable to ASCE Southeastern Branch and indicate on the check the date and title of the program you will be attending.

If you have questions; please contact Jason Edberg at (313) 237-3941.

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### THE CONNER CREEK CSO FACILITY

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The Conner Creek Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Facility is part of DWSD's Long Term CSO Control Plan to minimize the impacts of pollution on the Detroit River. The facility stores and treats combined sewage before releasing it to the Detroit River.

A tour and program will be conducted to present details of the design and construction for this very innovative and state-of-the-art facility. Mr. Khamis Al-Omari, P.E. (Project Manager for Hazen And Sawyer, P.C.) and Mr. Mirza Rabbaig, P.E. (Project Manager for DWSD) will provide a presentation highlighting the innovative design that allowed one of the largest CSO basins in history to be constructed within an extremely challenging site.

Owner: Detroit Water and Sewerage Department  
Lead Design Engineer: Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.

**Date:** Early May (to be announced asap)

**Place:** Site Tour Lunch  
Conner Creek CSO Sinbad's (tentative)

**Tentative Agenda:** Meet at restaurant for presentation and lunch  
Site Tour of CSO Facility  
*(Please bring a hard hat and boots.)*

**Cost:** \$17 (tentative)

**Contacts:** Ketan Dave or Sally Duffy  
Ph: (313) 967-4700 Ph: 248-454-6583

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**Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize the younger members of the Branch for their continuing and active service to the branch and the profession. The person, or persons nominated should be active members of the ASCE Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section and has met the guidelines listed below:

- An individual or group of individuals may submit nominations. All candidates must be nominated through the ASCE branch.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- The candidate civil engineer, to be eligible to receive this award, should be living at the time of his/her nomination and should be an active member of the Southeast Branch of the Michigan Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.
- A civil engineer who has moved out of state (or the country) may still be nominated for service during his/her residency in the Southeast Branch.
- Active members of the Board of Directors and/or the Award Committee shall not be eligible for the award.
- The candidate shall be 35 years of age or less at the date of the Annual Meeting (May 2006)
- A color slide or .jpg computer file of each nominee would be appreciated for use at the awards luncheon for press release.

Nominations must be received by March 22, 2006. Send the nominations information to:

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**Franklin D. Meyers, P.E.**  
**Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year Award**

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- An individual or group of individuals may submit nominations. All candidates must be nominated through the ASCE branch.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible. This information should be of the professional service and the service to the Southeast Branch activities.
- The candidate should have provided service to the Branch and to the profession.
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## **ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch**

### **Outstanding Civil Engineering Project of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize that project that has demonstrated through the design, coordination and execution of the construction a project that is worthy of this recognition. The project nominated should be completed project within the area of the Michigan Section and has met the guidelines listed below:

- The project must be completed and put into service or be ready for use. Phased projects may be submitted upon completion of a particular phase or segment. It is that phase of segment that must meet these guidelines.
- No project or project segment may be renominated after receiving an award.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- The project must exemplify some aspect/s of civil engineering.
- The project should demonstrate use of innovations in materials, technology or construction methods.
- Resourcefulness in planning and in the solution of design problems should be evident.
- The project should contribute to the well being of people and communities.
- Each project's potentially adverse effects on society and the environment should also be considered.
- Either the project or the headquarters of the prime design or construction firm must be located in Michigan.
- A color slide or .jpg computer file of each nominee would be appreciated for use at the awards luncheon for press release.

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**Quality of Life Project of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize that project that has demonstrated through the design, coordination and execution of the construction a project that has contributed to the improvement of the quality of life. The project nominated should be completed project within the area of the Michigan Section and has met the guidelines listed below:

- The project must be completed and put into service or be ready for use. Phased projects may be submitted upon completion of a particular phase or segment. It is that phase of segment that must meet these guidelines.
- No project or project segment may be renominated after receiving an award.
- Information that is provided should be as complete and accurate as possible.
- Emphasis will be on small community or private projects.
- The project should demonstrate use of innovations in materials, technology or construction methods in the design or construction of this project.
- Resourcefulness in planning and in the solution of design problems should be evident.
- The project should contribute to the well being of people and communities.
- Each project's potentially adverse effects on society and the environment should also be considered.
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American Society of Civil Engineers  
Committee on Younger Members

2006 NOMINATION FORM *(Young Member of the Yr)*

Please supply the following information for consideration. Nominees must be 35 years of age or less on October 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of appointment. Letters of endorsement supporting activities presented in this nomination form are highly encouraged. Please note that 4 Regions must be represented by CYM; contact the CYM Chair for current Regions represented.

1. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ ASCE Membership Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ASCE Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **EDUCATION**

	Degree/Major	Year	Institution
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Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **POSITION REQUESTED**

Member (4 yrs)                       Corresponding Member (1 yr)

If not selected as a Member, are you willing to serve CYM as a Corresponding Member?

Yes     No

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. Describe your ASCE positions held at the various levels of the Society:
2. Describe your experience with your respective Younger Member Council:
3. Describe your experience with District, Regional, or National Boards and Committees:
4. Describe your duties, past and present, with your local Younger Member Group/Forum:
5. Describe your understanding of the roles as a Member of CYM:
6. Describe your personal, employment, and volunteer time commitments other than ASCE:

Nominee

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Branch Endorsement

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email a Word document or pdf file of the nomination to Nancy Berson at [nberson@asce.org](mailto:nberson@asce.org) by May 1, 2006.

## **CYM Member**

1. Four-year term beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2010.
2. CYM liaison to the Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC).
  - 2.1. Attend annual WRYMC meetings.
  - 2.2. Schedule, moderate and participate in conference calls with WRYMC Chair and ASCE Staff Contact to plan the annual WRYMC meetings.
  - 2.3. Assist the host YMG with the organization of WRYMC.
  - 2.4. Prepare and present CYM Report at WRYMC.
  - 2.5. Coordinate with the Committee on Student Activities and their ASCE Staff Contact for CYM session with the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders. Prepare and present CYM presentation during that session.
  - 2.6. Assist with moderator duties for entire Leadership Conference or other duties as necessary.
3. Perform basic duties of CYM Member.
  - 3.1. Attend and participate in CYM Fall and Spring Meetings.
    - 3.1.1. Fall meeting typically held in conjunction with Annual Conference.
    - 3.1.2. Spring meeting location and date to be determined (may be held in conjunction with board week in the future).
  - 3.2. Promote and grade ASCE National Awards for Younger Members that CYM administers (Note: Exception to grading is Collingwood Prize which CYM Corresponding Members grade).
  - 3.3. Assist with the organization of the Younger Member Pre-Conference program at the ASCE National Annual Conference.
  - 3.4. Organize and chair at least one Younger Member Pre-Conference program at the ASCE National Annual Conference.
4. Serve as liaison to Region 8 and 9 Younger Members.
  - 4.1. Provide periodic reports to Region 8 and 9 YMGs to keep them informed on things of interest to Younger Members.
  - 4.2. Work with Region 8 and 9 Corresponding Members to promote Younger Member involvement within Region 8 and 9 and on a National level.
5. Assist CYM with other miscellaneous items as needed.

## **CYM Corresponding Member**

1. One-year term beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007.
2. Invited but not required to attend CYM Fall and Spring Meetings.
  - 2.1.1. Fall meeting typically held in conjunction with Annual Conference.
  - 2.1.2. Spring meeting location and date to be determined (may be held in conjunction with board week in the future).
3. Grade the Collingwood Prize.
4. Assist the Younger Member Newsletter Editor by collecting articles from YMGs for the Younger Member Newsletter.
5. Assist with the organization of the Younger Member Pre-Conference program at the ASCE National Annual Conference as needed.
6. Work directly with their Region-assigned CYM Member to promote Younger Member Involvement.
7. Assist CYM with other miscellaneous items as needed.