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# ASCE

## Southeastern Branch

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### **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held monthly and are tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. The Board meets at 7:00 a.m. at Nellos Restaurant in Royal Oak on 25994 Woodward Avenue, just north of I-696. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

The March Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 4, 2004. The annual program of the Annual Meeting has been completed. The flyer will be in the March mailing. Other meetings have also been scheduled by the various committees and are listed in the Upcoming Programs and Events.

This is posing to be a busy year for meetings. Planning of fall 2004 meeting has begun and several that have been in various stages of development appear to be on deck for the start of the 2004/2005 program year.

The Diversity committee is in the midst of planning to send a high school student to a summer program (1-2 week) at a program being offered by U of M. The student is selected by a local supporting organization.

Representatives were present from LTU to request a donation for the steel bridge team and also introduce themselves to the board. Each year funds are available in the Branch's annual budget to support local university teams competing in the steel bridge and the concrete canoe competitions. Winners of the

regional competition go on to the national level to compete with the rest of the nation. Last year U of M took first place in the steel bridge competition. LTU also competed and placed at this same competition.

It is the turn of the Southeast Branch to nominate a person for the Michigan Section Board. The Branch has submitted Thomas Maxwell of HRC for this position. The new Michigan Section officers are installed at the State Section Meeting in September. More information will be coming from the Section during the summer months. Ann Arbor Branch is sponsoring the Section meeting this fall.

### **Website**

The Branch has its own website and name that has been secured for the next ten years.

**ASCE Southeast Michigan branch website** is up and running at:

[www.acesoutheast.org](http://www.acesoutheast.org)

and also ASCE National's website at:

<http://branches.asce.org/semichigan/index.htm>

These websites includes the latest newsletter and program flyers. Our goal is to go to paperless communication with the website as our main vehicle to disseminate branch information. *Check it out!!*

### **Awards and Nominations**

It is the time of year to write up the persons and projects that were outstanding in the past year. Along with the newsletter are the various categories that are open for nominations for persons and projects they have

been noteworthy for the accomplishment and the quality of life improvement that was created. The categories for the awards are: the Franklin Meyers Outstanding Civil Engineer; Project of the Year; the Quality of Life (project) and the outstanding Younger Civil Engineer of the Year. The guidelines for the awards have been enclosed with the newsletter for your reference. The award nominations for the four categories need to be submitted to Mr. Thomas Porter, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., 400 Monroe Street, Suite 280, Detroit, MI 48226. All nominations must be received by March 25, 2004 to allow time to review the entries and order the award plaques.

**Upcoming Programs and Events**

**Technical Presentations**

There are several presentations scheduled for this year and include the following:

1. Annual Meeting (May)
2. Visteon Village Van Buren Twp.(Apr)
3. Mini Piles at the Karn Power Plant (May)
4. Unilock Ret. Wall & Perm. Pavt. (March)
5. Annual CYM Scholarship Golf Event (June)

Watch the website and the newsletter for details on this program and possibly others as they are being finalized.

**Board Elections for Southeast Branch**

It is that time of year again that we solicit your assistance in providing names of ASCE members that you wish to offer as nominations for the Board elections in April. When you are considering submitting a name, please, contact the individual to see if they are interested, or available. One of the guidelines that the board uses to consider nominated persons is that they have chaired a committee and set up the program and venue for a major event such as Student Night, the Annual Meeting, or a seminar requiring advance scheduling, program set up and managing a budget for the event. Submit your names to any of the board members via e-mail, fax or telephone before the next board meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2004. (No, this is not an April Fool’s Day joke.)

*The Southeast Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers publishes the Southeastern Branch Newsletter monthly. Contact James Bliskey, editor, for information, suggestions or comments (phone 734-466-4568, fax 734-522-6427).*

**Dates to Remember**

Unilock Permiabile Pavement Seminar	March 16, 2004
UniLock: Retaining Wall & Permeable Pavement	March 23, 2004
Visteon Village in Van Buren Township	April 6, 2004
Elizabeth Lake San. P.S. Tour.....	..... TBD.April, 2004
Annual Meeting .....	May 1, 2004
Mini Piles at the Karn Power Plant	May 19, 2004
CYM Golf Outing.....	TBD June 2004
History & Heritage Meeting	Sept. 2004