



**American Society of Civil Engineers**

*Southeast Michigan Branch*

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**Dear ASCE Southeast Michigan Branch members:**

Greetings! The Southeastern Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers has commenced activities for 2007-2008. The annual kick-off meeting took place September 5<sup>th</sup> at Spalding DeDecker's office in Rochester Hills. The kick-off meeting was a success as remaining positions within the Branch were filled by a number of new faces, and program ideas for the 2007-2008 year were discussed.

This is an exciting time for Civil Engineers in the State of Michigan. A number of Civil Engineering projects were discussed at the kick-off meeting that have garnered public attention in our immediate area, including: the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Study, the recently completed M-10 (Lodge) Reconstruction Project, and the Northwestern Connector Project. There's an interesting relationship between public awareness of Civil Engineering projects and orange barrels.

In addition to the local Civil Engineering projects discussed at the meeting, several important issues including vulnerability, sustainability, and infrastructure were also discussed. These topics have drawn attention within our community as we are

constantly reminded of our impacts on the environment, and public welfare.

Committee Chairs for the 2007-2008 term have a tremendous opportunity to further investigate and develop informative programs on local projects and topics of interest to the Civil Engineering community. Should you have a project or topic of interest in mind, please feel free to contact me at the email address provided below.

Thank you!

*Reminder:* This newsletter is now distributed entirely by email, so please remember to update your email address if it has changed, or will soon be changing.

Please feel free to send me notification of your new email address as editor of this year's newsletter and President Elect – Matt Bacon PE.  
([matthew\\_bacon@urscorp.com](mailto:matthew_bacon@urscorp.com)).

**Board Meetings**

Monthly Board meetings have been moved to the first Friday of each month. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the Board's monthly meetings to discuss ideas and get involved in the Branch. If you are interested, the next meeting will be held on Friday November 2, 2007 at 7 am at Nello's

in Royal Oak. Nello's is located at the Southeast corner of Woodward Avenue and Lincoln Street.

**CYM Corner**

**Beth Kilbourne, P.E., CYM President**

Regional Meeting: The 2008 Central Region Younger Member Council Meeting will take place Jan 25-26th in Austin, TX. The event coincides with the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders and the Workshop for Section and Branch Leaders. The CYM and the Branch each be sponsoring one member to attend the event. CYM is considering sponsoring additional members to attend the event. Registration is due by October 30. Registration is \$170 per person. Anyone interested in attending the event should contact me via email at the address provided below.

Annual Meeting: The 2007/2008 Annual Meeting is tentatively set for May 3, 2008. Various locations are being considered, including the MGM Casino, or a Riverboat Cruise. The CYM is looking for event speakers and/or topics of interest. If you have ideas about either a location or speaker/topic please contact me at the email address provided below.

CYM Quarterly Event: The CYM is planning a Whirlyball event on Thursday November 15th in Novi at 7-9pm. The CYM will provide appetizers and an open bar (pop, beer and wine). We are hoping to get some new faces so we are highly encouraging branch members to come and bring a young engineer. The CYM is hoping to have enough Branch members in attendance to organize a head to head battle between young and old.

The next CYM meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Buffalo Wild Wings in Ferndale As always, ASCE members and Student Chapters are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in more about what CYM does or are thinking about getting involved yourself, check out the website at <http://www.asceseast.org/cym/cym.htm> or contact Beth Kilbourne at the following email address:  
bkilbourne@spaldingdedecker.com.

**Branch E-Mail / Website / Newsletter Info**

Please continue to update you email address with your current President-Elect. The branch website is updated monthly and can be found at [www.asceseast.org](http://www.asceseast.org) .

The Southeast Branch of the American Society of civil engineers publishes the Branch Newsletter monthly. Please contact Matt Bacon via email at [matthew\\_bacon@urscorp.com](mailto:matthew_bacon@urscorp.com), with questions on placing information in the newsletter and for any suggestions or comments. Thank you.

**SEE THE FOLLOWING  
PAGES FOR SE BRANCH  
DATES TO REMEMBER  
AND UPCOMING  
PROGRAM INFO!**

**Dates to Remember**

Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Program (Vladimir's, Farmington)	October 18, 2007
CYM monthly meeting – (Buffalo Wild Wings, Ferndale)	October 24, 2007
November SE Michigan Branch Board Meeting (Nello's, Royal Oak)	November 2, 2007
CYM Fall Event – Whirlyball (Location – TBD)	November 15, 2007
Central Region Younger Member Council Meeting (Austin, TX)	January 25-26, 2008
SE Michigan Branch Annual Meeting (Location - TBD)	May 8, 2008
13 <sup>th</sup> Annual CYM Golf Outing (Greystone Golf Course, Romeo)	June 26, 2008