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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 November meeting will be held on November 6, 2003. 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.

Website

Just a reminder – the **ASCE Southeast Michigan branch website** is up and running at:

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

The website 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!!

Michigan Section Annual Meeting

The Kalamazoo Branch hosted the section annual meeting. The program was full and interesting. At the dinner, Mrs. Pat Galloway the President Elect for ASCE National was the keynote speaker. Her comments centered on re-establishing the presence and stature of the civil engineer. She is also striving to make ASCE a larger presence on Capitol Hill.

Providing a resource for future legislation and budgeting issues.

The Southeast Branch's choices for te

Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year and the Outstanding Younger Member of the Year were also selected to be honored at the Section level. Several of the projects submitted for consideration for the Project of the Year and the Quality of Life were given honorable mention at the awards luncheon. Mr. James Hegarty was honored for his creation the Machinac Scholarship fund for civil engineering students.

Rounding out the program was a panel discussion of the continuing education/master degree proposition for licensure. The latest proposal calls for civil engineers to obtain an additional 30 CEU credits of continuing education or 30 credit hours from a university, or a masters degree to qualify for a license. This is still a long way off for implementation, but it appears that it is being refined to be a more reasonable proposal.

The or an ominations have been made for branch officers for 2003-2004. Please take a minute to fill out and return the ballot. This year we have two openings for director. The second director position is open since current director John Niedzielski is leaving the state and must resign as director. We thank John for his many years of hard work and service as a committee chair and board member. Good luck John with your new plans.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Technical Presentations

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

- **On October 23, 2003, the SE Branch will be holding a meeting at the City of Troy's Community Center on the topic of MDEQ permit tracking for sanitary sewer facilities and sanitary sewer overflows. See the enclosed flyers for the schedule and location of the event.**

On November 11, 2003, there will a be a tour of the Premarc manufacturing plant in Clarkston. The manufacturing and testing of the products will be toured and discussed at the dinner after the tour. See the enclosed flyer for the location and the reservation information for this event.

- **The Southeastern Branch Annual Meeting will be May of 2004. Stated tuned for the location and other related information.**

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

The Southeast Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers publishes the Southeastern Branch Newsletter monthly. Contact Carey Suhan, editor, for information, suggestions or comments (phone 248-588-6200, fax 248-588-6232).

Dates to Remember

MDEQ Permit Tracking at Troy	October 23, 2003
Premarc plant tour in Clarkston.....	November 11, 2003
Annual Student Night.....	TBD February 2004
Elizabeth Lake San. P.S. Tour.....	TBD April, 2004
History & Heritage Meeting.....	TBD 2004
Annual Meeting	TBD May 2003
CYM Golf Outing.....	TBD June 2004