



March 2009

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GSPE Planning & Leadership Meeting****Friday, April 24, 2009**

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The GSPE nominating committee, chaired by GSPE Past-President Patrick Rhodes, is seeking GSPE members interested in joining the GSPE Board of Directors for 2009-2010. With the changing dynamics of the state society, it is important to seek new leaders that can work with existing board members to carry GSPE into the future.

GSPE will remain a strong voice dedicated to protecting the professional engineers license from encroachment by unlicensed workers. A strong society working to protect the integrity of the professional engineer is key. Become a GSPE Board of Directors member and work with the local chapters and members, as well as, building an essential working relationship with the Georgia Professional Engineers Licensing Board as

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To learn more about the role of a GSPE Board of Director, please contact Carolyn Jones at 404-521-2324 or send an e-mail to [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org).

Working together for today and tomorrow's professional engineer.



## 2009 Georgia MATHCOUNTS

*Have you volunteered for the state competition?*

The Georgia MATHCOUNTS is an annual competition presented by the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers and sponsored by a host of engineering companies, organizations and businesses that utilize the engineering profession.

GSPE is a strong advocate of MATHCOUNTS because it encourages students at the middle school level to strive for excellence in math and science. Enjoying the thrill and excitement of these core academic classes at the middle school level will lay the ground work for youth to recognize the importance of math and science as they mature into young adults making career choices.

There is growing concern regarding what appears to be a lack of interest in American students in the primary and intermediate education levels in math and science. This can lead to a lower number of students entering college majoring in Engineering and/or Technology fields. The effect of this decline in interest for math and science can impact America's innovation and strength in engineering and technology in the future.

### Volunteer for the State MATHCOUNTS Competition

The **Georgia State MATHCOUNTS** competition will be held **Saturday, March 21, 2009** at Zoo Atlanta.

For additional information on Georgia MATHCOUNTS, contact Carolyn Jones via e-mail at [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org).

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## GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon

The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers will host a GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon in 2009. GSPE is looking for members that would like to participate in this event at the local chapter level.

The purpose of the event is to contact past and potential GSPE members regarding renewing their membership or joining GSPE.

Contact your local GSPE Chapter representative to find out if your chapter is participating in the 2009 GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon or contact Carolyn Jones at the GSPE headquarters at 404-521-2324 or via e-mail at [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org).

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## 2009 Georgia Engineers Summer Conference

Join us at the 2009 Georgia Engineers Summer Conference to converse with fellow engineers on how to survive and thrive in a world of uncertain economic times.

Callaway Gardens  
Pine Mountain, Georgia  
June 11 - 14, 2009

**Mark your calendars!!!!**

*PDH credits can be earned at the  
Georgia Engineers Summer Conference*

**It will be a weekend filled with informative presentations,  
networking and fun activities for the whole family!**

## GSPE Chapter Announces New Officers

### Northwest Chapter 2009-2010 Officers

*President - Bruce Bowman*

*Vice President - Ed Mathis*

*Secretary - Robert Moss*

*Treasurer - Joe Humphrey*

*Program Chair - John Pillsbury*

*State Director - Greg Gaston*

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*NEW*

**MATHCOUNTS** Marquee Sponsor

**Savannah River Nuclear Solutions** makes donation to the state

**MATHCOUNTS** competition on behalf of the GSPE Augusta Chapter.

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### **NSPE Offers Four FREE PDHs**

NSPE is introducing another member benefit: Four FREE PDHs.

NSPE chose to launch this program with four current and very popular ethics courses for FREE even though they have a retail price for \$600.

You might be asking yourself, how can NSPE give away \$1,200 in benefits for National's \$125 portion of your NSPE dues? The answer is, your investments in hardware, software, the Web site, and yes, the AMS database, are all paying off at the same time. And this is just the beginning.

All members can earn four free professional development hours by taking four online seminars on ethics topics. These new courses, which are \$149 each for nonmembers, provide members with a significant savings and easy access to continuing education credit.

The courses are:

- Engineering Ethics and the Law: Contract Documents and Procurement of Engineering Services (ONL-009)
- Engineering Ethics and the Law: Contract Documents, Intellectual Property & Professional Liability (ONL-012)
- Engineering Ethics and the Law: The PE as an Expert Witness (ONL-013)
- Ethical Engineering and Fair Trade: Conflicting Interests (ONL-018)

At the end of each seminar, a quiz will be available for those who need it to meet their state's continuing education requirements. The seminars have also been approved for continuing education credit in New York.

To access the courses, visit

<http://www.nspe.org/Education/WebSeminars/index.html>.

***New Benefits worth \$1200 for Free!***



## GSPE Chapter Meetings

[Mark Your Calendars And Plan To Attend](#)

### Atlanta Metro Chapter

Bring a friend the 2nd Monday of each month.

Monday, March 9, 2009

#### LOCATION

#### **Picadilly Cafeteria**

2000 Crescent Centre Blvd.  
Tucker, GA

#### TOPIC

**Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) and  
The National Green Building Certification**

#### SPEAKER

**Doug Weaver, P.E.**

#### **Gather**

6:00pm

#### **Announcements and Introductions**

6:20pm

#### **Dinner**

6:30pm

#### **Brief Presentation of Interesting and Useful Internet Sites**

7:10 pm

#### **Presentation**

7:15pm

#### **Adjourn**

8:30pm

**Cost:** \$10+ depending on your meal selection

**Reservations are necessary.** Please RSVP: Robert Kurz,  
[robertkurz@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertkurz@bellsouth.net) by 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

## Augusta Chapter

Contact Judith Simmons at [jsimmons@wkdickson.com](mailto:jsimmons@wkdickson.com) or call (706) 722-3479 for additional information.

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## Cobb Chapter

Contact Earl Ferguson, Program Chairman, at [EAFFerguson@aol.com](mailto:EAFFerguson@aol.com) or 404-667-1065 for information on the next meeting and to obtain campus parking pass.

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## Columbus Chapter

Contact Vice President for Region III Jason Cooper at [jcooper@geconsultants.com](mailto:jcooper@geconsultants.com) for information on this chapter.

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## Middle Georgia Chapter

Thursday March 12, 2009

Shane's Rib Shack  
3267 Vineville Avenue  
Macon, GA

TOPIC

### **Seismic Aspects of the 2006 International Building Code - Chapter 16**

Earthquakes and global seismicity will be explained briefly, including a comparison of earthquakes and their associated engineering between the western U.S. and the eastern and central U.S. Additionally, the seismic requirements of Chapter 16 of the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) will be discussed.

RSVP to Betty Jean Jordan at [bettyjean@jordon-eng.com](mailto:bettyjean@jordon-eng.com) or (706) 468-8999 by Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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## Northeast Chapter

Contact Kyle McKay at [kyle.mckay@erdc.usace.army.mil](mailto:kyle.mckay@erdc.usace.army.mil)  
or call 706-850-1974 for information on the next meeting.

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## Northwest Chapter

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

### **6:00 PM TOUR**

#### **Rome Electric Motor Works**

#### **Rome, Georgia**

36 Westside Industrial Blvd  
Rome, GA

### **6:30 PM Dinner**

#### **Opie's Waterfront Bar & Grille**

112 West 2nd Avenue  
Rome, GA

*(Located near Hawthorne Suites)*

### For detailed information:

Program Chairman - John Pillsbury

Contact #: 706-295-2201

PDH Credits Will Be Issued

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## Savannah Chapter

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## West Georgia

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for information on this chapter.

Please take advantage of the programs, events and chapter meetings GSPE presents. As you meet Professional Engineers that are not members of NSPE/GSPE, encourage them to become members of the society that supports your profession.

**Sincerely,**

Carolyn Jones  
Georgia Society of Professional Engineers  
Executive Director

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