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GSPE News and Events

August 2006

Upcoming Events and Activities

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Dear GSPE Member,

I am honored to have been elected as GSPE President for 2006-07, and to have the opportunity to serve our membership. Joining me on the GSPE Team are my fellow officers:

- Pat Rhodes, P.E. - President-Elect
- Betty Jean Jordan, P.E. - Treasurer
- Scott Godefroy,P.E. - Secretary
- Ed Fiegle, P.E. - Past President
- Rik Galpin, P.E. - Vice President Region I
- Gordon Terwillegar, P.E. - Vice President Region II
- Steve Skalko, P.E. - Vice President Region III
- Ed Fiegle, P.E. - Vice President at Large
- Gale Sights, P.E. F.NSPE - State Delegate

I want to share with you our Goals for the coming year:

1. Promote the competent, ethical and professional practice of engineering
2. Increase membership and revenues to support programs
3. Provide member value through education, career development and networking opportunities.
4. Conduct an effective governmental relations program to advocate the interest of the professional engineers and to protect the public.
5. Enhance the image and stature of engineering professionals
6. Provide community services in support of engineering.

Organizational goals continually evolve to meet the changing times, environment and accepted practices. However, the reason goals are established does not change - to serve our Society's members and to ensure that our engineering capabilities are competently used to protect public health, safety and welfare. We must strive for customer satisfaction in both our members and the general public.

This is the first of periodic GSPE newsletters to keep you informed of upcoming events, current State Society initiatives, and items of interest. I

would appreciate your feedback on the content of this newsletter, and how the State Officers can better serve your needs. You can call me at 678-364-9703, or send an email to jdkahn@bellsouth.net.

In your service,

Jerry Kahn, P.E. - GSPE Presdient

UPADI 2006 Conference

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Westin Hotel
Atlanta

September 19-22, 2006

30th Pan American Convention of Engineers

UPADI is the Pan American Federation of Engineering Societies, comprised of 26 member associations from North America, South America and the Caribbean. This year's biannual conference is being held in Atlanta. The conference is sponsored jointly by NSPE, ASCE, ASME and Georgia Tech. The event provides a unique opportunity across the America's for engineers to share knowledge and enhance relationships in a multi-cultural setting.

The conference program and registration information can be found on the UPADI 2006 web isite. A special discount is being made available to GSPE members. Contact Jerry Kahn (678-364-9703) for more information.

UPADI 2006

New P.E. Recognition Reception

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The Georgian Club
Atlanta

October 4, 2006
6:00 pm

Honoring Georgia's Newest Professional Engineers

You are cordially invited to attend the annual gathering to honor and recognize our newest Professional Engineers. The event will be held October 4th at the Georgian Club in Atlanta at 6:30 pm. Please take time to mark your calendar and make your plans to attend. It is very important for you to attend. I'll tell you why. First, do you remember what it was like to become a Professional Engineer? We have invited all the new Professional Engineers to this reception. They have reached a milestone in their lives not usually attained in our society. The EI/EIT and Professional Engineering exams have not gotten any easier, and I bet you have not forgotten how excited you were when you received your letter giving you the good news. These new P.E.'s are joining your ranks. They need the support of their peers to celebrate their achievement. Second, we have invited Kathryn Gray, P.E.. F.NSPE, the Past President of NSPE, to be our guest speaker. We need you to attend and show that Georgia has a strong body of Professional Engineers. Third, you will have an opportunity to join the Order of the Engineer if you have not already done so. If you are a member of the Order of the Engineer, you can be recognized and help install the new ones.

So you see, you are important in several ways. Now it is your turn to pass the torch to the newest members of our profession. These new Professional Engineers need you at the New P.E. Recognition Reception to instill that special feeling of recognition by your peers that comes when you achieve a great milestone. They need to know that you cared enough to take some time out of your busy and important business schedule to welcome them into this special fraternity. Please make your plans to attend and make them proud of their achievement, and to honor them.

You can register for the event on the GSPE website (after September 1st). Just click on the link below. Sponsorships are also available. Contact the GSPE office (404-521-2324) for details.

New P.E. Reception

PDH Saturday

PDH Saturday

Mercer University
Macon

November 3-4, 2006

Earn Your PDH's - Call for Speakers

Continuing education is the lifeblood of competent engineering practice, and is required for your license renewal. The annual PDH Saturday, sponsored by GSPE, ACEC and SAME, is a convenient, cost- effective way to meet both those needs. There will be several concurrent tracks to appeal to a variety of technical disciplines and professional interests. In prior years, session topics included engineering business and management, professional ethics and licensing, facilities engineering, public works and environmental. This is also an opportunity to take the Erosion/Sedimentation Control Training, which is required for certification by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The **call for speakers is open until September 6, 2006.** You can speak on any topic related to the profession of engineering. Examples include topics related to special certifications, construction codes, licensing, design, project case studies, liability, etc. Sessions are generally 1-2 hours long, although some subjects may extend to half a day or longer if required.

The Call for Speakers form can be downloaded from the GSPE Web site.

Download a Call for Speakers form

Homeland Security Task Force

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NSPE Critical Infrastructure/Homeland Security Task Force

The NSPE Critical Infrastructure/Homeland Security Task Force (CIHSTF) supports and promotes the cause of critical infrastructure protection and national security, while assuring the sound and ethical practice of professional engineering. Its mission, being fulfilled through a coordinated network of multidisciplinary engineering entities and individual P.E.s, is to consider three specific areas of homeland security:

1. Physical infrastructure protection against natural and man-made threats
2. Codes and standards development
3. Academic training of future homeland security workers

Gordon H. Terwillegar, P.E. (Atlanta Metro Chapter) is serving his third term on the the NSPE Critical Infrastructure/Homeland Security Task Force, and also represents the GSPE on the Facility Resilience Committee of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. Several state Societies have formed engineering Task Forces on Homeland Security, and Gordon would like to establish one in Georgia. If you are interested in contributing your professional expertise and volunteer your time to support either the NSPE or State of Georgia homeland security efforts, please contact Gordon H. Terwillegar, P.E. (770-205-4900).

Chapter Activities

Chapters Serve Members Locally

The Chapter is the local unit that carries out the purposes and programs of the State and National Society. If you are a member of the NSPE, you are a member of a local Chapter. It is at the Chapter meetings and Chapter sponsored events that networking, programs, and community evolvement occur.

Each Chapter has its own web page on the GSPE web site, where you can find out the who to contact in the Chapter Leadership for more information, Chapter meeting dates and locations, and opportunities for you to become involved.

Get Involved with Your Local Chapter

GSPE is the state society of engineering professionals from all disciplines that promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure, and enhances the image and well being of its members.

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