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Quote of the month: *What is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary.* - **Richard Harkness, The New York Times, 1960**

Highlights . . .

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR !!!**

January Joint Societies luncheon: How Can the Joint Societies Better Serve the Local Engineering Community?

- Open Forum -

The January Joint Societies Luncheon of ASCE, ECHR and VSPE will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to ASCE - Norfolk Branch.

Please bring suggestions and recommendations for the open forum on how the Joint Societies can better serve the Local Engineering Community.

Host: ASCE Norfolk Branch

Sign-In: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon

Location: Holiday Inn Executive Center, Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach

Lunch Topic: How Can the Joint Societies Better Serve the Local Engineering Community?

Speakers: David Ihde, P.E., ASCE President; Sam Estep, P.E. VSPE President; and Jake Keller, L.S. ECHR President

Seating is limited so please register early, and make your reservations before January 9th so that we can confirm the headcount with the caterer. To RSVP or for additional information, contact David Ihde, P.E., City of Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities by phone at 427-8666 or by e-mail at dihde@vbgov.com.

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Moving On Up / New Employees

Clark Nexsen, an award-winning, architecture and engineering firm is pleased to announce the addition of five civil engineers to its Civil Engineering Team.

Robert Cummings, P.E., is a Civil Engineer who has more than 15 years experience in design and construction of public works and utilities projects, as well as in construction operations for local and federal government and the private industry. His experience includes site work, utilities, storm water conveyance, airfield-related projects and project management of numerous projects at private, local, state and federal installations around the world. Mr. Cummings has filled various positions of increased responsibility throughout his career, including construction superintendent and project manager. Mr. Cummings received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. Robert is a licensed Professional Engineer and in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Joshua Hurst, P.E., has joined the Civil Engineering Team. Mr. Hurst is a Civil Engineer with experience in the roadway design, streetscape design and land development. Mr. Hurst has been directly involved with road design projects and has participated in traffic studies, corridor analysis studies and traffic signal design studies throughout Virginia. Mr. Hurst also worked on the design of the United States Women's Olympic Field Hockey training facility in Virginia Beach.

Oliver "Warren" Williams, Jr., E.I.T., is a Civil Engineer with over 10 years of experience in the design and construction of public, private and commercial projects. His site design experience includes hospital and correctional facility expansion, public and private site development, golf course development and design-build projects. In addition, Warren has experience in roadway design projects and studies, as well as construction administration and inspection. At Clark Nexsen, he will be emphasizing on waterfront, site development, federal government and utility projects. Mr. Williams received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute. Warren is a registered Engineer-in-Training in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Moving On Up / New Employees (Cont.)

Kathryn Brown, E.I.T., is a Civil Engineer with two years experience in traffic related fields. Her experience includes traffic signal coordination and traffic signal design as well as traffic impact analyses related to various types of development including commercial, residential, academic, industrial and retail. Ms. Brown has experience in most local municipalities including Newport News, Williamsburg, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk as well as distant localities including Charlottesville, Arlington, and Hanover County. Ms. Brown is skilled in AutoCAD, Mircostation, Synchro, HCS, Transyt and other traffic related software as well as familiar with those standards laid out by VDOT and the MINUTP manual. Ms. Brown received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech in 2001. Kathryn is a registered Engineer-in-Training in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Tara Welch, E.I.T., is a Civil Engineer with experience in the environmental, geotechnical and other engineering work related to the following programs: Superfund, Resource, Conservation, and Recovery Act (RCRA); Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), which includes Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) and Installation Restoration Program (IRP), Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program, Civil Works program and Military program. Ms. Welch received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Old Dominion University. Tara has finished her course requirements for her Master of Engineering Degree in Environmental Engineering. Tara is a registered Engineer-in-Training in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, Tara is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Tau Beta Pi.

Mr. Hurst received his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. Mr. Hurst is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Virginia Section Institute of Transportation Engineers (VASITE).



Outstanding Engineering Achievements Award Program

The Engineers Club of Hampton Roads is pleased to announce its Annual Outstanding Engineering Achievements by Hampton Roads Engineers Program. This program serves to recognize Hampton Roads engineers for outstanding technical accomplishments and highlights significant engineering activity by Hampton Roads engineers. Achievements in engineering are broadly defined to include innovative design, new products or processes, new software or systems that were completed by a Hampton Roads engineer during the 2003 calendar year.

Last year's winner was: Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc. for the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge*. Previous winners of the award include Collins Engineering for innovative traffic engineering in the City of Virginia Beach, Glenn Sadler(Trans Systems) for the Wisconsin mooring, The City of Virginia Beach, Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern for the Norfolk Central Energy Plant, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. for the design of the City of Newport News Waterworks Residuals Management Facilities; Stroud, Pence and Associates for design of the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk; URS Consultants, Inc. for design of the Elizabeth River Watershed; and Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc. for the George P. Coleman Bridge Reconstruction.

Outstanding engineering achievements will be recognized during the annual Engineers Week dinner on February 27, 2004. You are encouraged to submit your outstanding engineering achievements for possible recognition at this event.

Please call Vince Donnally at (757) 322-4204 if you have any questions.

Floodplain Management / Water Resources Seminar

The ASCE Norfolk Branch in conjunction with the Virginia Floodplain Management Association (VFMA) will host the "Floodplain Management / Water Resources Seminar" on February 11th and 12th 2004 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Virginia Beach. The seminar will discuss the Virginia Floodplain Management Program as it relates to local planning, zoning and building officials as well as consultants, surveyors and builders. Topics will include the National Flood Insurance Program, Map Modernization (hazard mapping), Disaster Mitigation Planning, Elevation Certificates, Coastal Construction, Success Stories, and Hurricane Isabel Recovery Efforts. Keynote address by the Honorable Meyera E. Obendorf Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach. Registration and sponsorship forms for the seminar are available on-line at:

http://branches.asce.org/norfolk/seminar/ASCE_Seminar.pdf

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