



JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By: Dan Rosenquist, P.E.

Happy New Year! With a successful fall and the holidays past us, the Baton Rouge Board now turns its focus to the exciting 2009 year ahead. Spring will be busy with a calendar full of LES events, each one promising to be better than the last. Below is a summary of these events, please see what interests you and be sure to come join.

January Luncheon - The first event of the year is the Luncheon next Wednesday, January 21st. Mr. Ted Jack will be discussing the status and future of BREC and the Capital Area Pathways Project. To mix it up a little, LES will host this luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse. To avoid conflicts with the JESC, the luncheon will be held on Wednesday.

Future Cities - The Statewide Competition will be held in Alexandria, January 21st. This year's topic is "Creating a Self Sufficient System within the Home Which Conserves, Recycles and Reuses Existing Water Sources". We congratulate all the students, schools, and Professional Mentors for participating in this most worthwhile program.

JESC - The LES 13th Joint Engineering Society Conference will be held in Lafayette on the 22nd & 23rd of this month. The conference is expecting to draw more than 300 engineering and industry professionals and we encourage all LES members to participate. Our local chapter will be represented by Dr. Olin Dart, P.E., Mr. Jeff Duplantis, P.E., and Dr. Zaki Bassiouni, P.E. as they will be receiving their much deserved statewide awards at the Luncheon on the 23rd.

MathCounts - The Baton Rouge Regional MathCounts Competition will be held at the TTEC (next to LTRC) February 13th and LES volunteers will be needed. I encourage those that have never participated in this event to come out and watch these kids in action. You will be impressed and amazed at their abilities. Contact information can be found within this newsletter.

E-Week & E-Week Banquet - E-Week this year falls on February 15th through the 21st. Events are going on all around the country and we encourage those that want to investigate their possibilities to do more within our community, to please check out <http://www.eweek.org>. The LES Baton Rouge Board will be hosting our annual Engineering Week banquet at the Baton Rouge Country Club on February 19th. Come and join our annual event where we honor those within our engineering community as well as support a few of today's students with aspirations to be part of the engineering profession. Details on how to participate will be sent out within the next few days.

Golf Tournament - As stated in the December newsletter, the Golf tournament this year is going to be better than ever. We are going to try out a new venue and with the help of a professional planner, we are anticipating a great time for our members and engineering community. The tournament will be at Santa Maria, May 29th, 2008. You can expect more details in the coming months.

If anyone has any questions about any of the events, as always please feel free to contact us.

JANUARY LUNCHEON

- When:** Wednesday
January 21, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Where:** Sullivan's Steakhouse
- Speaker:** **Ted Jack, Director of Planning & Engineering (BREC)**
- Topic:** BREC Ongoings & CAPP (Capital Area Pathways Project)
- Cost:** \$25.00
- RSVP:** Geoff Wilson
gwilson@sigmacg.com
225-298-0111 ext. 103
- PDH:** ½ hour PDH Credit

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FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

The sign-up is complete for the 2009 Future City Competition. The State Competition will be held on January 21, 2009 in Alexandria, LA. Please visit the Future City Competition website at <http://www.futurecity.org/> for competition information. Good luck to the competitors.



BATON ROUGE MATHCOUNTS SET FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2009 – REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The LES Baton Rouge Chapter will be hosting the Baton Rouge Regional MathCounts competition on February 13, 2009. The competition will be held at the TTEC Center next to LTRC on the LSU Campus.

LES volunteers are needed to serve as graders and proctors for the competition. For those who have never witnessed the competition, I encourage you to attend. These 7th and 8th graders put on an impressive display of math prowess. Please contact Gavin Gautreau, P.E. at (225) 767-9110 or GavinGautreau@dotd.la.gov if you would like to volunteer for the competition.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals are new members of LES. If you see these individuals, please welcome them to the Society.

Thomas Charrier, P.E. – Cajun Industries, LLC

Brian A. Hazlip, E.I. – Forte & Tablada, Inc.

Victoria R. Hatton – LAPELS

Malcolm O. Sayes, P.E.

LOUISIANA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

As mentioned in the December 2008 Newsletter, the LEF board is currently soliciting donations from the Engineering Community. The Louisiana Engineering Foundation was founded in 1978 with the purpose to promote charitable, educational and scientific activities that will help strengthen the Profession of Engineering. One of the specific goals for the Foundation has been to promote collaboration between Engineering societies, boards, & agencies. This goal was met in 1999, of which LEF built the Louisiana Engineering Center. The Center is currently home to the LAPELS Board, the Louisiana Engineering Society, and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana, the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors, and the Louisiana Engineering Foundation. Unfortunately, due to the upfront construction and ongoing management cost of the building, the Foundation's ability to meet the other goals initially envisioned has been difficult. To address this challenge, the LEF board is currently soliciting donations.

LES and LEF would like to give thanks to those firms below that have already generously given and we encourage all those that have the ability to donate to do so.

The current list of area supporters include:

Southeast Engineers, Inc.

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SELECTION BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

In September of last year, the Ascension Parish Council approved an ordinance implement a Quality Based Selection Process for engineering projects valued at greater than \$50,000. The ordinance also detailed the makeup of the selection board and requirements of the board members. Per the approved ordinance, one of the selection board members must “either (be) a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers or the Louisiana Engineering Society”. Ascension Parish has requested that LES make a formal nomination for the board. On January 8th of this year, the LES-BR Executive Board voted to recommend Mr. Charles Robert (Bob) Turner, P.E. to fill the first two-year term of the Ascension Parish Selection Board. Mr. Turner is a current member of LES and recently retired from Ascension Parish as the DPW Director. The Executive Board felt that Mr. Turner’s placement on the board would facilitate a smooth transition for the Parish.

Similarly, the LES-BR Executive Board voted to place Mr. Bijan Sharafkhani, P.E. on the East Baton Rouge Parish Selection Board on December 4th of last year. Mr. Sharafkhani is currently employed by DEQ and has been a member of LES for nearly a decade. He has also served in the past as a LAPELS board member and an LES State board member.

The LES-BR Executive Board would like to thank Mr. Turner and Mr. Sharafkhani for agreeing to serve on these very important boards. The Board would also like to thank Ms. Janice Williams, P.E. for serving on the East Baton Rouge Parish Selection Board for the past two years. Her commitment of time and energy is very much appreciated.

NSPE MILTON F. LUNCH ETHICS CONTEST (LOCAL CONTEST DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2009)

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES-BR) would like to invite all Louisiana Professional Engineers, Engineering Interns, and Engineering Students to participate in the **2009 Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest**. The ethics contest is sponsored each year by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). However, this year LES-BR will select two (2) local winners for the contest prior to sending the entries to NSPE. A local Professional Engineer (PE) and a local Engineering Student or Intern (Non-PE) will each be awarded a prize of \$250.

Match your wits with experienced professional engineers and engineering students throughout the area and throughout the country! All NSPE members that participate in the contest will have their entries forwarded to NSPE for the National Competition. The winning entry at the National level will receive a cash prize of \$1,000, an award certificate, and recognition in *PE* magazine as well as in external media outlets. Your state society will receive \$500 and the remaining \$500 will be divided among the authors.

See separate attachment for rules and contest information or contact Geoff Wilson at 298-0800 or gwilson@sigmacg.com for more information. Contest entries should be submitted to the following address by close of business on Friday, April 10, 2009:

LES Baton Rouge Chapter (c/o Geoff Wilson)
10305 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

LES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22, 2009
General Meeting



January 22-23, 2009
JESC Conference
Lafayette, LA



February 13, 2009
MathCounts Competition



February 19, 2009
E-Week Banquet



March 26, 2009
General Meeting



April 10, 2009
Ethics Contest Deadline



April 23, 2009
General Meeting



May 28, 2009
General Meeting



May 29, 2009
LES Golf Tourney

*Any announcements? Geoff
Wilson at
gwilson@sigmacg.com*



UPCOMING CPD OPPORTUNITIES

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board have posted on their website a list of CPD opportunities within the next few months. Check out <http://www.lapels.com> and <http://www.les-state.org/brchapter/> to see what's coming up. **Remember, your membership in LES counts as 1 PDH per biennial renewal period!!!**

- **10th Annual Joint Engineering Societies Conference (JESC)**

When: January 22-23, 2009

Where: Holiday Inn-Holidome, Lafayette, LA

What: There will be four concurrent tracks conducted at the conference as well as ample time for all participants to visit with the 30 company exhibits also being planned for the event.

Visit <http://www.les-state.org/JESC.htm> for more information

- **Environmental Regulatory Compliance Conference**

When: January 14-25, 2009

Where: Riverfront Center, Alexandria, LA

What: This conference is for municipalities facing challenges with environmental regulations and compliance.

CEUs are available for Engineers, Attorneys, Water Operators, Wastewater Operators, Solid Waste Operators, & Sanitarians

Visit www.cityofalexandrialala.com for more information

- **2009 Louisiana Transportation Conference**

When: February 8-11, 2009

Where: Baton Rouge, LA

What: The 2009 Louisiana Transportation Conference is held to foster a better relationship and understanding among DOTD, FHWA, and the transportation industry (contractors, consultants, universities, suppliers, parish/local agencies) by providing for interchange between the public and private sectors relative to transportation policy, practice, and problems.

Visit https://www.ltrc.lsu.edu/ltrc_09/ for more information

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE ADS FOR SALE

The Baton Rouge Chapter is offering advertisement in both the monthly Newsletter and Chapter Website for \$100 per calendar year. Advertisements can be done for one (1) or two (2) year periods.

The December Newsletter was the last issue that the existing ads will appear in. Most of those ads ran for well over a year.

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter and website can send a copy of a company business card and a check (made out to LES-BR Chapter) to the following address:

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10305 Airline Highway

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Please call or e-mail Geoff Wilson at 298-0800 or gwilson@sigmccg.com with any questions.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY NEWS/EVENTS

One of the missions of LES is to provide avenues for members to elevate their skills, competencies, and ethics. With that in mind, this section of the newsletter will be continuously updated with information from other local engineering societies that might benefit the membership.

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Website: <http://www.ascebr.org/>

Upcoming Events: Luncheon on January 15th

Topic: Downtown Development District

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Website: <http://www.sections.asme.org/BatonRouge/>

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Website: http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r5/baton_rouge/

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)

Website: <http://www.aiche-br.org/>

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)

Website: <http://gbr.asse.org/>

Upcoming Events: Chapter Meeting on January 20th

Topic: Medical Surveillance, Evolving Challenges and Pitfalls

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Website: <http://www.swe.org/swe/regionc/sections/c003/>

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

Website: <http://www.acec.org/memberOrganizations/chapterDetails.cfm?chapterIndex=3>

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