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DETROIT METRO CHAPTER OF MSPE
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ASCE SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH GEOTECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Presents:

A DISCUSSION OF CONSTRUCTION DISPUTE REVIEW BOARDS: CONCEPTS AND CURRENT PRACTICE

Presentation: Construction disputes and associated cost overruns seem to have become an inevitable part of many types of construction projects, and several forms of "alternative dispute resolution" have been developed in an attempt to reduce the overall cost of such disputes. This presentation and panel discussion will focus on the increasing use of "dispute review boards" that have been employed in recent years to help resolve disputes before they lead to litigation. Several engineering professionals that have been involved in this process will share their insights and opinions.

Mr. Fritz Klingler (Vice President, NTH Consultants) will provide a general overview of the process and discuss the designer's viewpoint; Mr. Roger Van Omen (Former Chief Engineer of Wayne County Dept. of Environment - DPW) will discuss the municipal owner's viewpoint; Mr. Tom DiPonio (President of Jay Dee Contractors) will present the contractor's viewpoint, and Mr. Jerry Neyer (Chairman of NTH Consultants) will provide insights from his role as a member on several dispute review boards. Following the discussions, the group will form a panel and answer questions from the audience.

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Dinner & Program: Embassy Suites Livonia – From Interstate 275, take Seven Mile Road exit, then turn east on Seven Mile. Turn left at first traffic signal, Victor Parkway. Hotel is on the west side of Victor Parkway, ¼ mile north of Seven Mile.

Agenda: 5:30 pm - Cash Bar
6:15 pm – Dinner (Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce, salad, desert, bev)

7:00 pm - Program
8:15 pm - Program Conclusion

Cost: \$27 per person for dinner - Register by February 4, 2000

Please make reservations before February 4, 2000, with Ms. Natera Farrington at (313)965-0036

If you have questions, please contact Fritz Klingler at (313)965-0036

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Please indicate on the check the date and title of the program you will be attending

Presidents Message

By Fritz Klingler, P.E.

Happy New Year!!

On behalf of the Detroit Metro Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, I wish a happy new year (and millenium) to you and your family!!

1999 was a banner year in many respects - - the economy was great, business is booming for engineers, and the internet has brought an explosion of knowledge to our fingertips. While these developments have been good news for most engineers, they have also made our lives more hectic. It seems more and more difficult to squeeze everything into our busy schedules.

Where does MSPE fit on your priority list for 2000? Probably somewhere below “family”, and somewhere above “washing the dog.” Whether or not you have time to actively participate (I hope that you do), please know that your local chapter (Detroit Metro), state society of MSPE, and national organization (NSPE), are doing plenty to advance your interests and values. Among other things, our efforts this year will include:

- Employment of lobbyists in Lansing and Washington to fight laws that hurt the engineering profession.
- The “Math Counts” program that encourages education and competition among 6th and 7th graders.
- The MSPE Scholarship program that awards over twenty scholarships yearly to deserving Michigan high school seniors.
- Conducting the P.E. test refresher course every spring to help our younger engineers become licensed.
- Conducting monthly programs, meetings, and social events for our members.
- Publishing NSPE Engineering Times, the Michigan Professional Engineer Magazine, and the Detroit Metro Chapter P.E. Newsletter to keep you informed about the various issues that affect your profession.

There are plenty of good monthly meetings/programs coming up, so I invite you to participate in at least one meeting in 2000. If you would like to get more involved, please call me (313-965-0036)! In any case, whether you attend meetings and volunteer, or just pay your dues, **your participation in MSPE in 2000 is appreciated!**

DETROIT ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS (AGC)
&
MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (MSPE)
&
ASCE SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN BRANCH
Presents:

**“DESIGN-BUILD FOR DUMMIES”
A Half Day Course**

A panel of distinguished “real life” speakers will present discussions and tips on the design-build contracting method: how and why it developed, current practices, and how to prepare your engineering or contracting firm to participate in this growing concept. Pros and cons will be discussed, from Owner, Contractor, and Engineer points of view.

Who Should Attend? Consultants, Contractors, Estimators, Municipal and Private Owners, Project Managers, Project Engineers, and anyone else who wants to know more about the practice of design-build construction.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2000

Location: Downtown Detroit – Venue to be Determined

Agenda: 8:00 am – Coffee and Rolls
8:30 am – Presentation Begins
11:30 am - Program Conclusion

Cost: \$50 per person

Please make reservations before February 17, 2000, with Ms. Danielle Carriveau at (313)442-1352. **Although the venue is not finalized, we encourage you to make your reservations now!** If you have questions, please contact Ron Hausmann at (313)963-8000

Registration is limited and will be first-come-first-serve!

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