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Proposed PDH Class in MS Standards of Surveying By John Barnes

Years back before I retired from the Corps, (and reached the age that I didn't have to keep up with my PDH's for my license renewal) I taught a class in MS Standards of Surveying and Survey Ethics.

Now that the Board of Licensure has initiated the requirement that those Licensed Surveyors over the age of 60 must now have 1 hour of MS Standards of Surveying every two years, I would be glad to get the class material out and polish it up to present a class either as a meeting presentation or an after meeting class. I know that there are a lot of retired surveyors that don't actively survey, but hate to give up their license and don't want to spend the \$100+ to take a class somewhere. If you are interested, please respond to:

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Sustaining Firms

You are invited to submit articles on projects of interest that you have either completed or are working on for publication in this newsletter. This will help keep everyone informed about the types of projects going on in the Vicksburg Post. Also we are looking for Sustaining Firms to serve as A-E Hosts at upcoming meetings.

Please contact Jimmy Nelson (jnelson@allenhoshall.com or 601-977-8993) or
Don Ator (don.ator@atkinsglobal.com)

What better way to showcase your firm than to serve as A-E Host at an SAME meeting?

Corporate Membership

Sustaining members are asked to verify that they are making full use of their corporate membership. Each Sustaining Membership entitles your firm to designate five representatives. These representatives will receive the magazine, newsletter, and all other benefits that our individual members receive.

Young Members

We encourage young members and potential young members to attend meetings and join SAME. Please contact Jill Jackson, Vicksburg Post Junior Vice-President, about our programs geared toward young members. 601-634-3417 or Jill.M.Jackson@erdc.usace.army.mil.

Vicksburg Post Website is www.samevicksburg.org

2012 Meetings Summary

January – Blake Cotton, P.E., of Fugro Consultants spoke on “The Geotechnical Response Following Hurricane Katrina”. Neel-Schaffer was the A-E Host.

February – Joint Meeting with IEEE, ASCE, MES, ASME, and SWE to celebrate E-Week. SAME served as this year’s lead society. Tom Minyard, P.E., Chief, Engineering & Construction Division, Memphis District, spoke on the topic of “The White Knuckle Floodway Operation of 2011”. The meeting was held at the BB Club.

March – Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Robert B. Flowers spoke about “What do 1932 and 2012 have in common?”. Arcadis was the A-E Host.

April – MG John W. Peabody, MVD Commander, delivered The Commander’s Perspective. The A-E Host for the meeting was Terracon.

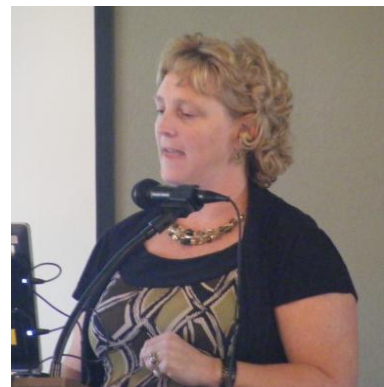
May – Joey Windham, P.E., spoke about the “Mission of USACE Modeling, Mapping, and Consequences Production Center”.

June – Jonathan Pennington, P.E. discussed “Emergency Preparedness”.

July – Mike Turner, SAME/ARMY Engineering & Construction Camp Director discussed the 2012 camp. The A-E Host was Applied Research Associates. Picture at top right shows Anna Prestwood presenting Mike with the always coveted speaker’s gift.



August – Kelly Burks-Copes discussed the Quantifying Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Risks to Naval Station Norfolk. SOL Engineering Service, LLC was the A-E Host. Kelly is shown speaking to the group.



September – Dr. Todd Bridges spoke about Engineering with the Environment. Burk-Kleinpeter was the A-E Host. The pictures shows Henry Dulaney presenting the speaker’s gift to Dr. Bridges. Also during the September meeting, COL Eckstein was recognized for his service as past President of the Vicksburg Post.



October –The annual golf tournament at Eagle Ridge served as this month’s meeting.

November – Rymn Parsons spoke about Ethics regarding membership in professional organizations, and the relationships between sustaining members and government employees. Allen Hoshall Served as the A-E Host.

December – Nathan Ober discussed Natural Stream Restoration and the Little Swan Creek Stream Mitigation Case Study. Stantec formerly ABMB Engineers, Inc served as the A-E Host.

New Programs

If anyone has suggestions for a program you would like to see in the upcoming year, contact David Jenkins (David.G.Jenkins@usace.army.mil) or Scott Waisner (Scott.A.Waisner@usace.army.mil)

Good informative programs make successful meetings. We need your ideas!

Upcoming Events

Meeting Dates for 2013:

22 January	23 July
26 February – E-Week	27 August
26 March	24 September
23 April	October – Golf
28 May	19 November
25 June	10 December
June – ARMY/SAME Engineering Camp	

