



Louisiana Engineering Society New Orleans Chapter

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Words from Our President Frank Gallagher, P.E., CIH

April 5, 2010

Greetings! The New Orleans Chapter will finish out the 2009 -2010 program year with two tours. On April 21st we will have an evening tour of the LDOTD, New Orleans Regional Transportation Management Center on n New Orleans; and on May 19th a tour of the Intralox Plant, a local (Harahan, LA) manufacturer of Modular Plastic Belting, ThermoDrive® Belting, and Activated Roller Belting. Steve Strength, the District Traffic Operations Engineer will be the presenter and tour guide at the Transportation Center. Details on the April meeting are enclosed; there will be food and beverages at a nominal price. This promises to be a very interesting evening and I hope to see you there.



Frank Gallagher, P.E. CIH
President NOLES 2009 - 2010

There will be a few business items to address even though these meetings are facility tours. In April we will be closing nominations for the 2010 – 2011 Chapter Board after requesting additional nominees from the floor.

Presently our nominees are:

- First VP: Travis St. Pierre
- Second VP: Wayne Westerfield
- Secretary: Kevin LeBlanc
- Treasurer: Bodin Hugger
- Director: Robert Mejia
- New Director: Open

Were you aware that we have an active student chapter at UNO? Wayne Westerfield, our liaison with our student chapter, needs assistance arranging for a tour of one of the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board's pumping stations for approximately 15 to 20 students. Please [contact Wayne](#) at [@urscorp.com](mailto:wayne_westerfield) to assist or arrange this

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Announcement of NSPE's 2010 Class of Fellows

I am delighted to advise that J. Madison "J.M." Drake, PE, has been selected by the NSPE Board of Directors to advance to the distinguished grade of NSPE Fellow member in recognition of his devoted service and vast contributions to our Society and our honored profession. All Fellow member nominations were reviewed by the NSPE Council of Fellows Executive Committee which then submitted its recommendation for Fellow membership to the NSPE Board of Directors. Final approval has been granted by the NSPE Board.

I am deeply honored to share this distinguished level of NSPE membership with **J. Madison "J.M." Drake, PE, F.NSPE.**

Samuel W. Grossman, P.E., F.NSPE
President
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APRIL MEETING - After the deadline of Noon, 19 April, your reservation not guaranteed.

Regional Transportation Management Center, 10 Veterans Memorial Blvd., New Orleans LA. If traveling I-10 E connect to I-610E getting off at the first exit, West End Blvd. Stay with West End and you can not miss it The facility is located in the Neutral Ground.

630 PM Check-In & Social, 7 PM pizza and drinks, 745 PM Speaker and tour, 845 PM Adjourn

[Click here to Confirm Reservation](#) Menu is assorted pizza and soft drinks.

[Members, Guests, or Students](#) \$15 1 PDH

You can still email to pjwilliams "@mahlengr.com, but please identify person attending as state Member, Guest, or student.

April Meeting Speaker - Steven C. Strength, PE, PTOE, is the District Traffic Operations Engineer for the Louisiana Department Of Transportation and Development in the New Orleans District. He received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University in 1976, and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy prior to joining D.O.T.D. in November 1981. A licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana since 1986, he is responsible for traffic engineering and traffic safety programs on State highways in a five parish area. He is also serving as manager of the New Orleans Regional Transportation Management Center, dedicated in December 2009, which oversees traffic and incident management programs for a ten parish area and serves as a point of

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collaboration for transportation engineering, operations, and planning activities.

Mr. Strength has served on a variety of technical committees for DOTD, including the Regional Planning Commission, and the Louisiana Transportation Research Center, involving traffic operations and maintenance, work zone traffic controls, intelligent transportation systems, and traffic incident management. He is a past president of the Deep South Section (Louisiana – Mississippi) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, past president of the Southern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, representing 9 Southeastern States, and past Chairman of the Board of the South Louisiana Chapter of the National Safety Council, and is currently a board member of the Gulf Region Intelligent Transportation Society (GRITS).

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tour. In an unrelated student activity, we are presently reviewing over 20 applications from advanced Engineering Students from Louisiana Colleges and Universities. We will award three \$500.00 scholarships from these candidates.

Mathcounts 2010 was held at UNO on Feb. 6th, 2010. The success of this event was made possible by our corporate sponsors, our dedicated volunteers, and support from the community. Becky Johnson, the Program Coordinator, extends a big thank you to the following volunteers and sponsors including: University of New Orleans, Lockheed Martin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisiana Engineering Society members, WANOLEs, Tau Beta Pi, Mahl & Associates, ASCE, American Sugar Refinery Co., and Engineering Dynamics. There were 12 teams that participated from the New Orleans area, totaling 76 students. We sent three teams to the state competition in March and they did very well. Our teams in the State wide competition represented Boyet Jr. High, Lake Castle, and Lusher Charter. They placed second, third, and ninth respectively. Seven of our students placed in the top 25% as individuals. John Lawrence represented us at this event.

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This year's annual LES New Orleans Chapter's Golf Tournament will be held at Audubon Golf Course in New Orleans, LA on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 1:30 PM. All proceeds will go to the LES New Orleans Chapter's Scholarship fund in an ongoing effort to assist local college students in their aspirations to attain Engineering Degrees. Similar to year's past, this year's tournament will be of the 4-man scramble format suitable for all talent levels. Food, drinks, and prizes are included in tournament entry fees. Please mark your calendars to reserve the date.

As other New Orleans metro area professional engineering associations elect new officers, remember to send changing contact information to Julie Lloyd at lloydsofnola@yahoo.com. Julie is the Intersociety Relations person for NOLES, and needs contact information to update all other Engineering societies in the New Orleans area of shared meetings such as our annual National Engineer's Week and Holiday banquets. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

You are now receiving by mail, ballots for the election of LES State board members. Please participate in this election. I request you consider John C. Lawrence, our twice past president as a write-in for the Secretary Treasurer position. The board is very serious concerning the instructions concerning the ballot so please read these carefully.

Frank P. Gallagher, III, P.E., CIH
New Orleans Chapter President

March Speaker Recap - Dr. Wade R. Ragas, MAI – Author/Professor/Researcher in the field of Real Estate Finance. His presentation titled “Recession, Recovery and Challenges for Metro New Orleans” was well received by those members in attendance. [Click here for a recap of the presentation and a link to Dr. Ragas' web site.](#)