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DECEMBER MEETING: Legal Problems When Levees Do Not Protect: A Challenge to the Engineering Profession

A confluence of three recent, major events has come together to create a huge flood of interest in the national implications of how we, as a Nation, understand the flood risks, deal with the economics of that risk and map that risk for areas which are “protected” by dams and levees.

This presentation will be an overview of the Legal implications of how Engineering Professionals navigate the treacherous path of levee certification and contribute to the solution of the difficult challenges we face as a society as we re-build, re-map, and reconsider the risks involved in attempting to protect areas from the consequences of floods.

Our Featured speaker, Edward A. Thomas Esq., is employed by Michael Baker Jr., Inc., working on the development of partnerships to better map Natural and man-made hazards in the United States. His specialty is liability for failed dams and levees; and the Constitutional and legal aspects of Floodplain Regulations.

He has authored dozens of publications and articles on various Disaster related issues and regularly participates as a member of Task Forces and other boards in developing National disaster- related and floodplain management policies.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2008

LOCATION: Quad City Botanical Center
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

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| AGENDA: | 1100-1130 | Board Meeting |
| | 1130-1200 | Social Half-Hour |
| | 1200-1215 | Particulars |
| | 1215-1230 | Business Brief by Kowalenko Consulting Group, Inc |
| | 1230-1330 | Lunch and Speaker |

MENU: Baked Virginia Ham
Green Bean Armandine
Twice Baked Potatoes
Assorted salads, dinner rolls, and luncheon beverage
Special arrangements available

COST: \$10 for Public Sector and Retirees, Per Person
\$15 For Private Sector, Per Person. All are Payable at the Door

RESERVATIONS: RSVP By COB, Tuesday, 16 December 2008 to:
Cory Haberman at Cory.J.Haberman@usace.army.mil Or
309.794.5129.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Illinois Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Planning, Response, and Recovery

Our November speaker was Sue Coers from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Ms Coers discussed the Mission of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, how they protect the State of Illinois through integrated approaches of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and how they prepare for, respond to, mitigate against, and recover from emergencies and disasters, or acts of terrorism. Further, she discussed the flood response of 2008.

Rock Island Post Nomination of Officers for 2009

Election of the Rock Island Post officers will be at the December meeting. The list of nominees follows.

Rock Island Post

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| Director Emeritus | Lynn Pruitt- Stanley Consultants |

Planning for Boy Scout Engineering Day

As part of our program planning for 2009, we will be hosting an event with the local Boy Scout troop to support their efforts in obtaining an engineering badge. The event has been scheduled for April 4, 2009, (Saturday) at a location to be determined. We need 3-4 volunteers to support planning and 10-15 volunteers to host the event (working with the Scouts at different activity stations). If any members were an eagle scout, feel obligated to volunteer. Please contact Sarah Babcock, BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com, if you are interested in volunteering, have an idea about a possible venue, or know of a simple engineering exercise/activity (like bridge contest) that teaches engineering values.

Nomination of National Awards, Streamers, Etc

If you believe someone deserves to be nominated for an awarded, please view <http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3706> and nominate that person to S. K. Nanda before 31 December 2008 at S.K.Nanda@usace.army.mil.

Nomination of National Awards, Streamers, Etc, Continued

All members are encouraged to look over the National award criteria (www.same.org) and fill out nomination packages either for themselves or for someone else.

If anyone has inputs for the 2008 streamers, please give that information to Mr. Dean Cerny. This includes any professional articles, newspaper recognition, SAME News, etc.

A small cornucopia of Pieces of Information about the Installation of Officers event

- Sustaining Members, we are in need of wine sponsors. The sponsor amount is dependant on the total number of sponsors.
- Nominations are needed for :
 - The Paul Norton Fellow
 - The Sustaining Member of the year.

To the Future and Beyond

Business Briefs are available for next year.

The Small Business and Commanders Conference is expanding this year. More information will be coming soon, but please block off May 6-8th, 2009 on your calendars.

Meeting Location

Quad City Botanical Center
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201



Upcoming SAME Events:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil

| Date | Post Event Description | Event Information |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 18th, 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| January 16 (Fri), 2009 | Installation of Officers | Chris Trefry, Ph.309-794-5790 email: Christopher.M.Trefry@usace.army.mil |
| February 12, 2009 | QCESC Dinner | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| March 12, 2009 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| April 4, 2009 | Boy Scout Merit Badge Day | Sarah Babcock, Ph. 608-443-1228 email: BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com |
| April 9, 2009 | Joint Meeting with ASCE | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| May 6-8, 2009 | Commanders /Small Business Conference | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| May 12-15, 2009 | National Conference | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| June 10 (Wed), 2009 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| July 9, 2009 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| August 2009 | Scholarship Golf Outing | Heather Cross, Ph. 563-264-6779 email: CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com |
| August 2009 | X-Stream River Clean Up Event with ASCE | David Bequeaith, Ph. 309-794-5270 email: David.A.Bequeaith@usace.army.mil |
| September 10, 2009 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| October 21, 2009 | Training Conference | Mike Ryan, Ph. 319-841-4391 email: mryan@hrgreen.com |
| November 12, 2009 | National Security Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| December 17, 2009 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |

**"Be who you are and say what you feel ...
because those that matter won't mind ...
and those that mind won't matter."**

- Dr. Seuss