



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MEMO

We regret the cancellation of the February meeting. We estimated that only 6 to 12 brave souls may have attended for the forecasted "wintry" weather and in consideration of the hotel minimum guarantee and audience requirements of the speaker, we cancelled the event. It cannot be rescheduled; it just pushes back all the Programs for the year.

All members are encouraged to visit the Chapter website next time you are online. The Home Page has been redesigned to reflect the 100th anniversary of ACI. Henceforth the Monthly Newsletters will be posted currently and if your copy is late, you can check it out online. Please promote the ACI Certified Flatwork Finishers among your colleagues. The currently Certified Finishers in Georgia are now posted. Look under "Downloads". Our thanks go to member Debbie Wilson of "Deb's Webs" for maintaining the Website.

It is unfortunate that only a small fraction of members attend the formal meetings. We will use this Memo to communicate the relevant Chapter activities. This month we will reveal the Board's critique of the Annual Awards Program in place of the monthly meeting synopsis. [see page 2.]

We are looking for technical programs for the balance of the year. Please contact Program Chairman Jami Taylor with your proposals. We are planning for the traditional summer activities, which are the Golf Tournament and Skipper Seminar.

Our regular attendees should look for a new Chapter Banner on the podium this month. We finally gave up looking for the old one and ordered a replacement. We have also acquired a banner carrying case to secure our many banners and insure against loss.

It is recognized that the Friday noon meeting time is not suitable to all. We have done many surveys over the years and the current schedule is most popular. I encourage those non-attendees in the Metro area to resolve attending ONE meeting this year. The Sheraton Buckhead hotel is readily accessible from State Route 400 and centrally located. We are looking forward to another "Excellent" year. Remember, *progress through knowledge.*

Mel Galinat, FACI
2004 Chapter President

Award Program Critique

The first fourteen years of our Chapter Awards Program utilized a banquet format for the formal award presentations with each attendee assigned a place setting at a sit-down dinner. The Awards Committee for the 2003 Program elected to modify the format to allow more freedom of movement during the event. Those who are familiar with ACI International Convention "Mixers" acknowledge that a ballroom with strategically placed tables of hot hors d'oeuvres with accompanying cocktail tables and cash bars provide the freedom of movement of attendees and satisfy the minimum needs for food and drink. This is the format that was selected by the Committee due to its simplicity of attendee logistics.

The anticipated advantages of the modified format were to be primarily realized in the event registration process. Historically, the registration has been a huge bottleneck as attendees must be recorded and assigned specific table seating. The significant numbers that fail to register and substitute others at the final moments aggravates the process. With the "free-style" format, attendees are checked off and admitted to the ballroom expeditiously.

The summary of complaints reflects a condition of too much freedom in the "free-style" format. Those that were pleased ate the hors d'oeuvres to their fill and fellowshipped to the detriment of the formal program; while those that complained did not get anything to eat and could not follow the formal program. The Committee produced two full pages of specific complaints and recommendations that will not be introduced here, but it appears the "free-style" format must be modified if it is to be utilized in the future.

The ballroom was arranged with a podium and theater seating in the center isolated by full wall partitions. The wings on either side of the theater seating contained the food and cocktail tables and beverage bars. Notwithstanding that the audio system was operable throughout the ballroom, it was difficult to commence the formal

presentations at the appointed time. It was noted however that the formal presentations were concluded in less than one hour! This demonstrates the potential of this format and many stayed well beyond the formal program to socialize.

The Committee consensus is to suspend the food and drink dispensing during the formal presentations; limiting it to pre- and post-formalities. Since the attendees were not prepared for this format change, the menu and format will be advertised in the registration documents. It is expected that refinements made for the next program will reduce the number of complaints and insure the maximum benefits for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACI Chapter Luncheon Meeting

April 23, 2004
Sheraton Buckhead Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

ACI Golf Tournament

Location and Time to be announced

ACI Skipper Seminar

Location and Time to be announced

NEW MEMBERS

Please help us welcome the following new chapter members:

Mr. Jason Gosdin

Applied Engineering & Construction Services

William O'Hora

MACTEC, Inc.

2004 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____

Office Fax: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

**Annual
Dues:
\$25.00**

Professional Category: (Check one)

- Architect
- Contractor
- Engineer
- Student - Name of School _____
- Affiliate
- Other: _____

Are you an ACI International Member: Yes No

If yes, date joined National: _____ If yes, Committee #: _____

Sponsored By: _____ Date Joined: _____

- NEW MEMBER DUES RENEWAL

Please complete application and mail with your \$25 check to :

Georgia Chapter, ACI
100 Crescent Centre
Parkway, Suite 110
Tucker, Georgia 30084
(770) 621-9324
FAX: 770-621-9380

You may use this form to renew your dues for 2004

— or sign up a new member!

Members Wanted . . .

Members! We need more members. One of the sections on the Annual Report covers points for Membership. We did not lose any points for last year but we did not gain any either. Ask your friends and fellow workers to join. We need to gain members this year.

Thank you.



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MARCH MEETING

- SPEAKERS:** MR. JEFF SMITH, SENIOR ENGINEER
MACTEC ENGINEERING
- PROGRAM:** "SITE SPECIFIC, SEISMIC EVALUATIONS"
- DATE:** *March 26, 2004*
- TIME:** *11:45 a.m.—Registration*
12:15 p.m.—Luncheon
- LOCATION:** *Sheraton Buckhead Hotel , (See Reader Board)*
Atlanta, Georgia
- PRICE:** *\$25.00 - Pre-registered*
\$10.00 - Students
\$30.00 - Walk-ins and No-shows
- RSVP:** **To RSVP, please call "Sam" or Bebe at
(770) 621-9324 BEFORE 4:30 pm on
WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2004.**
- PLEASE NOTE:** *If you fail to call in prior to the deadline, or do not
show for the luncheon, you will be charged \$30.00.*