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Wisconsin Section Southwest Branch (<http://branches.asce.org/southwest>)

Wednesday, December 15, 2010



Topic Presentation:

Phosphorus Rule Changes

Bernie Robertson

Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Wisconsin's taken another important step to curb the phosphorus pollution that can fuel harmful algae, excessive plants and muddy water in many lakes and rivers. Changes to administrative rules aimed at cutting phosphorus coming from farms and industrial and municipal wastewater dischargers were adopted by the state Natural Resources Board in June 2010. The rules go into effect Dec. 1, 2010, for dischargers, and a month later for farmers.

The rule changes create a comprehensive approach that enables Wisconsin to reduce phosphorus pollution cost-effectively and cooperatively. They build on decades of efforts to cut sediment and phosphorus entering our lakes and streams

This presentation will discuss the background behind the rule changes, and the different rules for dischargers, municipalities, farmers and construction sites. Potential ways to meet the limit will also be discussed.

Time: 11:30 am Social
12:00 pm Lunch
12:15 pm Presentation

Lunch Menu:

Sandwich Buffet, Salad, Side, Cookies, Coffee, Soda, or Water

Cost: Professionals/Faculty - \$12
Students - free

Location:

The Gray's Tied House
950 Kimball Lane
Verona, WI 53593

Directions:

From HWY 151/18/
Verona Road, Take
Exit 79, turn on Old
County Road PB, turn
left onto Walen Road,
and turn left onto
Kimball Lane.



RSVP:

Please **RSVP** by 12:00 PM, Friday, **December 10, 2010** to Amanda Stone at astone@baird.com (preferred) or (608) 273-0592. May also respond via Evite email invitation.

NOTE: If a walk-in guest does not purchase your meal, you will be invoiced. Send a substitute guest if you have a last minute conflict.

Upcoming 2011 ASCE Meeting Schedule

Jan. 2011	Educational/Project Presentation - TBD
Feb. 23, 2011	Engineer's Week: WSPE/ASCE Joint Meeting

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SW Branch ASCE Meeting:
11:30 am Wednesday, December 15
Sign up NOW - RSVP date is Dec. 10!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to those of you who have already filled out our member survey on the branch website. To get as much feedback as possible, we are extending the survey deadline to December 30th. Congratulations to Kevin Richardson for being our first random winner of \$100 for filling out the survey! On December 15th (the date of our next lunch meeting), we will do a second drawing for another winner to receive \$100. On December 30th we will draw our third and final name. You still have a chance to win \$100!

Our Southwest Branch board recently decided to follow through with designing a new website. Thanks to President-Elect Theresa Possley Nelson and our newest board volunteer, Michael Barahona, for taking on the task of getting our new website content together and working with our web designers. If you have something you would like to see on the new website, include it in the member survey or send an email to theresa.nelson@wisconsin.gov.

The other big news is that the Southwest Branch is finally making the move to email communications. Eliminating our 600 monthly mail newsletters will save the branch money and will also be greener. What this means is that all branch members need to make sure you have your updated email address registered with ASCE National in order to continue to receive communications from us. If you are already receiving monthly Evites from our branch, we already have your email address. If your email has changed or you haven't provided an email address to National, or you haven't received an Evite, we will not be able to reach you after January. Our last newsletter will be mailed in early January 2011, and then we will move to email newsletters.

'Tis the season to be generous! Our branch awarded three scholarships to UW-Platteville civil engineering students at our meeting on November 18th. Congratulations to Alex Boechler, Isaac Dolan, and Shannon Kyle, who were selected out of a great group of applicants. Our branch also supported the UW-Madison and UW-Platteville chapters of Engineers Without Borders this year again with scholarships to use towards their travel and project expenses. Both EWB chapters presented at our respective campus joint meetings this fall to update our branch on their group's activities in Ghana, Rwanda, Haiti, and other developing communities around the globe.

Stay warm and hope to see you on December 15th!

Cassie Goodwin

Southwest Branch President, 2010-2011
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SURVEY REMINDER

Please respond to our membership survey by going to <http://branches.asce.org/southwest>. It should only take 15 minutes of your time.

The first **\$100** winner of the random drawing for those who completed the survey is: **Kevin Richardson**

We will randomly draw two additional winners – one on December 15 and one on December 30 - who will also receive \$100 in cash each. **But you have to fill out the survey to win!**

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Beginning in early 2011, the ASCE Southwest Branch newsletter will be delivered electronically. To include or verify your email address:

- Go to: www.asce.org
- Login (at the center top of the page; follow instructions if you don't have a login or forgot your password).
- Select "My ASCE" at top of page.
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- Under "Personal Information" and "edit" check/update **primary email address** and save by hitting "submit".

Or you can contact ASCE at (800) 548-2723

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