



Meeting Notice - June Luncheon at Lawry's

This month's guest speaker will be Ruth Urban, M.S. CPF of The Urban Group LLC. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at Lawry's Prime Rib at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway (near Paradise & Flamingo).



Ms. Urban holds a Masters Degree and has many years of senior management experience in both the public and private sectors. She is a pioneer in the field of alternative dispute resolution in Southern Nevada and works with a wide variety of groups and organizations to enhance their capacity to work together and achieve a

productive outcome. Ms. Urban will be providing some useful tips and techniques to understand and handle conflicts encountered on projects, as she will be speaking on the topic of Communication and Dispute Resolution. Attached to this newsletter is additional information on the topic.

The lunch will be held from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the cost is \$22.00 for those who RSVP before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 17, 2005 and \$27.00 for those who register thereafter. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please RSVP to Tom Miller at millert@ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us or call 633-2009.

Calendar of Events

Date	Activity / Location	Time
June 10, 2005	Board Member Meeting TRC Offices	7:00 A.M.
June 21, 2005	NSPE Luncheon Lawry's	11:30 A.M.
July 19, 2005	NSPE Luncheon Lawry's	11:30 A.M.
August 16, 2005	NSPE Luncheon Lawry's	11:30 A.M.

For detailed information on any of the events listed above, please either visit our website at www.nspe-nv.org or contact Tom Miller at millert@ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us.

Nevada Revised Statutes

The Nevada State Board of Engineers announces the Nevada Revised Statutes that will go into effect expanding the board and changing the PE exam timeline.

NRS 625.100 adds two engineers to the Board. NRS 625.183, allows an applicant to sit for the Principals and Practices Exam (PE) anytime after graduation and passage of the Fundamentals Exam (Intern).

The Nevada Board of Engineers is in the process of establishing a new application that does not include an experience record or references. If you have an engineering degree and have passed the Intern exam, you will be able to sit for the PE exam on October 28th. However, you must have the four years of active experience before you qualify for licensure.

If you would like additional information regarding the bill history and/or the final version of the new NRS revisions, please visit their website at:

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Reports/history.cfm?ID=1412>

NSPE Membership Growth

NSPE continues to grow in Southern Nevada, enhancing the image and stature of the engineering profession. We would like to welcome several new members to our organization:

- Krystal Pruzinsky, Brown & Caldwell
- Ryan Pearson, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Samson Yao, Nye County Public Works

NSPE's Southern Nevada organization currently has 149 members and is growing every month.

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NSPE/ASCE Student Awards Night

Monday, May 16th, drew a large turn out of students, parents, NSPE members and ASCE members to support Student Awards Night. Eighty-five people attended the banquet at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Henderson, which was held to honor students who won MathCounts, Model Bridge and Future Cities competitions.

Mr. Gale Fraser, P.E., General Manager of the Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD), gave a very interesting presentation on recent accomplishments of CCRFCD, and encouraged the attending students to consider a career in engineering.

Winners of the MATHCOUNTS Southern Nevada chapter competition were first place, Jae Ahn of Thurman White Middle School, second place was Thomas Trinh of Cadwallader Middle School, third place was Danny Ross of Myron Leavitt Middle School, fourth place was Jan Wicha of Thurman White Middle School, and fifth place was Jason Baughman of Myron Leavitt Middle School.

MATHCOUNTS team results were, first place Thurman White Middle School; second place Greenspun Junior High School; third place Myron Leavitt Middle School; and fourth place Hyde Park Middle School.

Advancing students that represented Nevada from Southern Nevada and placements at the state competition were, first place Nathan Lloyd of Hyde Park Middle School; second place Thomas Trinh of Cadwallader Middle School; fourth place Danny Ross of Myron Leavitt Middle School; and 3rd place was BJ Juneau from Sage Ridge School, which is part of the northern chapter.

Trophies were awarded to the first place finishers in the Model Bridge Competition in the elementary, middle school and high school categories.

The elementary winner was Katherine Carrillo of Fay Herron Elementary School, shown with her family. The middle school winner was Cecilia Hodler of Bridger Middle School, shown with her mother, and the high school winner was Michael Poremba of the Advanced Technologies Academy, shown with his parents.



Katherine Carrillo of Fay Herron Elementary School



Cecilia Hodler of Bridger Middle School



Michael Poremba of the Advanced Technologies Academy

Practicing engineers who serve as mentors were also recognized. Volunteers who wish to serve as mentors are always welcome. To assist with the competitions to start this coming Fall and Winter, please contact: For Mathcounts: Claire Kohatsu, PE at Claire_kk@yahoo.com; For Model Bridge, Walt Vodrazka, Jr, at waltjr@cox.net; and for Future Cities, Jill Robinson, PE, at jill.robinson@lvvwd.com

"Ruth's unique insight and ability to quickly focus on issues make her an excellent facilitator and mediator."

Jean Georges
Business Owner

DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

Most disagreements can be resolved once people begin talking to each other. Yet, millions of dollars are spent every year on needless litigation that clogs up the courts and takes an emotional toll on all the parties involved in these matters. Many disputes are born from a simple misunderstanding or a difference of opinion that has escalated out of control. Communication has broken down and both parties are angry and dissatisfied.

These kinds of disputes happen between family members, co-workers, friends, neighbors, and between consumers and service or product providers. In the workplace, these kinds of disputes cost employers millions of dollars in lost time and often involve other employees who have taken sides.

Mediation is a conflict resolution process that is proven effective in resolving a variety of disputes quickly. It saves parties time and money. Because they are the ones who resolve the dispute they are most often very satisfied with the outcome, which they consider a win-win.

Mediators are well-trained neutrals, who are skilled in helping parties identify their interests and separate those interests from their positions. Communication is improved between the parties and relationships are preserved, which is especially helpful when the parties, such as co-workers, have to maintain an ongoing relationship.

Ruth Urban brings 20 years of mediation experience to the table. She has received extensive training in family mediation, interest based mediation and transformative mediation. She has served on the mediation panel for the United States Postal Service, the State Bar of Nevada Fee Dispute Committee and developed and implemented two mediation programs in Clark County, one for the Eighth Judicial District Court and another for the Neighborhood Justice Center.

Ruth's favorite quote below is what she believes is the power that occurs in mediation:

"Each person's view is a unique perspective on a larger reality. If I can 'look out' through your view and you through mine, we will each see something we might not have seen alone."

Peter Senge
Author of The Fifth Discipline