



Meeting Notice and Newsletter

March 2009

March Luncheon Notice:

We are pleased to announce this month's guest speaker is Mr. Bob McKenzie from the Nevada Department of Transportation, who will be speaking on the topic of "I-15/US-95 Demonstration Project". The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Lawry's Prime Rib at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway.



Bob McKenzie is the NDOT Public Information Officer in Southern Nevada since 1999. Mr. McKenzie instituted the road closure information line, website updated to include road conditions, fact sheets and press releases for NDOT in Las Vegas. He has designed and supervises Sponsor-A-Highway Program throughout Nevada, along with developing highway advisory radio in Southern Nevada on AM 1610 with three transmitters to keep motorists advised of construction and emergency road condition information. Mr. McKenzie has 40+ year of experience in management positions in Public Information, Organizational and Administrative Management, Customer Relations, Broadcasting, Protocol, Advertising, and Recruiting. His educational experience includes graduating Magna Cum Laude in Mass Communications from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut; U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Graduate Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Defense Information School in Broadcasting and USAF.

The lunch will be held from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the cost is \$25.00 for those who RSVP before 12:00 P.M. on Friday, March 13, 2009 and \$27.00 for those who register thereafter. If you would like to attend the March luncheon, please RSVP on the NSPE website <http://www.nspenv.org/south/lunch-rsvp.html> or contact Brook Demitropoulos at (702) 804-2042.

March Luncheon Sponsor:



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Calendar of Events:

Date	Activity / Location	Time
Tuesday 3/17/09	NSPE Monthly Luncheon Speaker Bob McKenzie	11:30 AM
3/26/09 - 3/28/09	FIRST Regional Robotics Competition Thomas & Mack	8:00 AM
Tuesday 4/21/09	NSPE Monthly Luncheon	11:30 AM

Announcements:

Save the Date: There will be an NSPE workshop with Mr. Dale Walsh on Industrial Hygiene Safety coming up the last week of May. More information will be coming soon.

NSPE Elections: Southern Nevada board elections are coming up in June. If you would like to nominate a candidate, including yourself, please notify someone on the election committee, Allen Pavelka at apavelka@co.clark.nv.us, or Dr. David James at drdavej@unlv.nevada.edu.

Thank you to Bill Valent of American Insurance & Investment Corp. for sponsoring the February luncheon. The NSPE Southern Nevada Chapter and our Officers are grateful to all the local companies like American Insurance & Investment Corp. who continue to support NSPE efforts. If your company is interested in being a sponsor in 2009, please contact Allen Pavelka at apavelka@co.clark.nv.us.



Engineer's Week 2009:

The National E-Week Finale Dinner was held Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino with an Oscars theme. The Order of the Engineer oath was held at 5:00 pm and Poggemeyer hosted the cocktail hour at 6:00 pm. Dinner was served at 7:00 pm followed by the program of scholarships, awards and door prizes. The Winners include:

ASCE:

Young Engineer of the Year – Keli Callahan, PE, Carollo Engineers
Engineer of the Year (Public) – Christopher Luquette, PE, LVVWD
Engineer of the Year (Private) – Maylinn Rosales, PE, Black & Veatch
Community Involvement Award – Anthony Fiti, LVVWD
Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award -- The Influent Interceptor Replacement Project – CCWRD, Hobas Pipes, USA, and Carollo Engineers
\$1000 Scholarship – Tiffany Hearn
\$1000 Scholarship – Stephanie Espinoza-Levy

CMAA:

\$1000 Scholarship – Yirmeyah Hunter
\$1000 Scholarship – Antonio Montenegro
\$2000 Scholarship – Whitney Thompson

ITE:

Engineer of the Year – Alyssa Reynolds, PE, City of Henderson
Transportation Project of the Year – Casino Center Bus Rapid Transit: Imperial to Ogden –CLV, RTC, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

NSPE:

Engineer of the Year – Gale Fraser, PE, Regional Flood Control District
Young Engineer of the Year – David Levine, EI, LVVWD
Dedicated Service Award – Ramona Leslie
\$2500 Scholarship - Sean Robinson

UNLV Civil and Environmental Engineering Department:

Denis Waibel Memorial Scholarship Recipient – Alexander Wood

Mike Hand helped write a very entertaining program. Paula Francis and Gary Waddell from KLAS TV Channel 8 were the Mistress and Master of Ceremonies. Sam Grossman from the National Society of Professional Engineers, President Elect joined us for the event and shared a few words about international engineering and programs.

Special thanks to all the sponsors who helped make the E-Week Event a success: Poggemeyer, MWH, GeoTek, ASCE and NSPE.

And special thanks to the E-Week committee for all of their hard work: Alyssa Reynolds, City of Henderson; Brook Demitropoulos, G.C. Wallace, Inc.; Claire Kohatsu, Aztech Materials Testing; David Goldstein, GeoTek; Holly McNaught, SNWA; Lori Sabella, Black & Veatch; Lynnette Meagher, PBS&J; Madalena Choi, HDR; Michelle Castell, G.C. Wallace, Inc.; Russ McNaught, HDR and Willard Pack, Black & Veatch.

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