



Quarterly Report (October 2014 – January 2015)

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Since October, the West Coast Branch has completed a variety of activities. The following is listing and brief description of those activities:

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- **Leadership**

- Candidates Names and Positions for Board Members were sent on October 21, 2014 and 116 members reviewed and voted. The new officer ceremony was conducted at the monthly luncheon meeting on October 23, 2014. New officers are:
 - President: Dallas Evans, P.E.,
 - Vice President: James LaCava, P.E.,
 - Treasurer: Fred Dargahi, P.E.,
 - Secretary: George Vaso, P.E.

MEETINGS

- **Wissa Lecture**

The annual Wissa Lecture was held November 5th, 2013 at the Embassy Suites USF. Approximately 130 people attended the event.

- **Golf Tournament**

The West Coast Branch held our annual golf tournament November 21st, 2014 at the Heritage Harbor Golf & Country Club. 12 teams were entered in the tournament. Good weather ensured a successful event.

- **Tampa Bay E-Week Banquet**

The WCB is the Chair for the February 2015 E-Week banquet, together with a variety of local engineering societies. This premier event brings together local leaders and engineering professionals to recognize the outstanding achievements of Engineers, Science Teachers, Math Teachers, and Students in our community.

Additionally, awards will be presented to outstanding engineers in each discipline, as well as local engineering students excelling in their engineering related studies and Young Professionals. The banquet also features the Lignell Awards. These awards, named after a former Chairman for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), are given to local High School educators who are performing outstanding work in the instruction of the STEM topics (science, technology, engineering and math). The organizers of the event recognize the important role these individuals play in encouraging students to pursue technological degrees in college.

The banquet is a combination of efforts by all the Engineering Societies of West Central Florida. This event brings together professionals in all fields from all around Tampa and Florida's west coast.

This year's speaker will be Dr. Story Musgrave. Dr. Musgrave was a NASA astronaut for over 30 years and flew on six space-flights. He performed the first shuttle spacewalk on Challenger's first flight, was a pilot on



an astronomy mission, conducted two classified DOD missions, was the lead spacewalker on the Hubble Telescope repair mission and on his last flight, he operated an electronic chip manufacturing satellite on Columbia.

INSTITUTES

- ***West Coast Branch Geotechnical Institute***
Continuing to build membership.
- ***West Coast Branch Structural Engineering Institute***
Continuing to build membership and enhance technical abilities through holding regular meetings.
- ***West Coast Branch Transportation & Development Institute***
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YOUNGER MEMBERS GROUP

The younger members group has planned activities for the upcoming year ranging from attending a Lightning Game to a 5K run and community service. In December, the YMG hosted a social and encouraged attendance by the non-YMG branch members to facilitate networking.

OUTREACH

- ***ASCE West Coast Branch Future Cities Competition***
Call for mentors is currently underway. An organizational meeting with participating teachers was held in November.