

*Branch President: Kwamena Sankah, PE*

*Branch Secretary: Norman Robertson, PE*

*Section Vice President: Matt Crosby, PE*

Quarterly Report

**Events Held in the Past Quarter**

* The Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) held a joint Design Drinks happy hour event at the Shore Diner on November 20, 2014. The event was well attended by our members, the local Architects, and the ASCE Florida Section President, Adnan Javed.
* With the help of Chris Sharek, the branch has received $500 Education fund to help our educational outreach activities.
* The branch had a successful Joint Social with other professional associations from the area at the Evies Tavern on December 18, 2014.
* The new officers were sworn-in at the November meeting.
* The branch used the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle at the November meeting and other donations from members in attendance to support All Faith Food Bank. The $115 donations helped in providing 230 meals to local residents the Holiday season.
* The Branch donated $300 to Manasota Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC) at Christmas.

**Speakers and Topics**

* October 16, 2014

Guest Speaker: None

This was a general conversation, discussions, and socialization among members. It was well attended and very engaging.

* November 20, 2014

Guest Speaker: David M. Dixon, P.E., Construction Services Manager, Stanley Consultants Inc.

Topic: Sarasota County Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility Expansion Phase 3

* December 18, 2014

Guest Speaker: James Clinch, P.E, Stormwater Manager, City of Venice

Topic: Volunteer Construction in Northern Mexico

**Recognition**

Marquis Bing has been selected as a delegate to attend the 2014 Eastern Regional Younger Member Council meeting in Miami, January 2015. The branch does not have a Younger Member group thus the sponsorship of Marquis will enable him to lead that effort for the branch.

**Plans for Next Quarter**

* Joint meeting with the local chapter of Florida Engineering Society in January
* Winter Social- LeBarge sunset cruise in February
* Engineering Week municipal Proclamations in February
* Annual Award nomination and evaluation

**Issues/Concerns/Comments**

* The branch lost a great engineer and Past President, Mr. Michael Pender Sr. on November 23, 2014.
* The branch has successfully formed a local chapter of the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) with Curtis Ross, as the chair. Curtis has been very instrumental in the formation of the SEI with the support of our past president, Kim Clayback.