**Quarterly Report (July 2014 – October 2014)**

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

**BRANCH OPERATIONS**

* ***ASCE West Coast Branch Website***

Our previous website chair, Colin Miller, has regrettably had to step down due to other responsibilities. We are grateful for his tremendous assistance during his tenure. Caitlin McHale has generously offered her time to serve as website chair for the upcoming year.

* ***Leadership***

WCB is preparing for our annual elections. We have requested nominations from our membership for the upcoming year.

Elections will be held during the month of October.

**MEETINGS**

* **25th Annual Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession**

The WCB hosted the 25th Annual Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession Thursday, September 25th. Speakers included Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharp, and Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch. Initial estimates suggest a net revenue of over $7,500.00. 373 people were registered for the event.

The WCB will be hosting the Supersession again in 2020.

* **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 Enginering 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. The following is a summary of the past and upcoming events:

* + **SEI August Luncheon** Site tour of both 4310 Spruce Street and Varela Complex by Framework construction. Event was free and had 11 attendees.
  + **September 24th:** David Konz taught PE Review – Structures breadth for the ASCE USF PE Review.
  + **USF / SEI field trip to Standard Precast:** Preliminary coordination began but have not yet finalized scheduling
  + **October 24-25 SEI Local Leadership Conference:** David Konz will be attending in San Diego, CA. Expenses have been paid through ASCE National sponsorship.
* ***West Coast Branch Transportation & Development Institute***
  + **Elections:**
    - The T&DI Board met in August to discuss future events and new board members for the next year. The 2014-15 T&DI board will consist of:
      * John Kelley, PE – Chair
      * David Hubbard, EI – Vice Chair
      * Danni Jorgenson, PE – Secretary
      * Heather Hammontree, EI – Treasurer
      * Alfredo Cely, PE – Past Chair

**YOUNGER MEMBERS GROUP**

* **July Arcade Night** – The Younger Members Group attended an arcade night at Game Time Arcade in Ybor City.
* **August Kayak Trip** – A kayak trip was held down the Hillsborough River.
* **September Bowling Night** – The YMG held a bowling night at Pin Chasers.
* **Community Service** – The YMG attended Coastal Cleanup.

**FUNDRAISING**

* ***ASCE West Coast Branch 13th Annual Golf Tournament***

The 13th Annual Golf Tournament will be held November 21st at the Heritage Harbor Golf & Country Club.

**OUTREACH**

* ***ASCE West Coast Branch Future Cities Competition***

Call for mentors is currently underway. An organizational meeting with participating teachers is being planned.