

SEAOAL XPO Recap, AEC Mega Meeting, Scholarship Winners and more!



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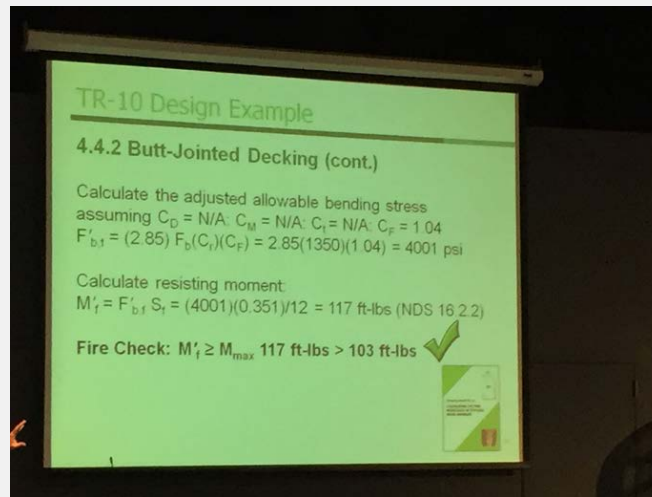
Quarterly Newsletter: August 2016



Happy Friday Beautiful Engineers!

What a fun conference we had last week! Our total attendance was 110 attendees and exhibitors. We sold out of exhibitor space – 24 exhibitors.

It was held at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham in case you missed the event. A big thank you to the American Wood Council www.awc.org for providing our speakers, Buddy Showalter and Jeff Peters with the WoodWorks Wood Council www.woodworks.org. I walked into one of the presentations and saw this on the screen and my head immediately started hurting, lol.



We have to thank Parrot Structural Services for sponsoring our yummy lunch. We can always depend on Parrot Structural Services to support SEAOAL all year long. Thank you MIKE MAAS and crew!

Our next DON'T MISS EVENT is the **AEC MEGA MEETING**. The NETWORKING meeting of the year for our industry. Twelve, yes, twelve A/E/C related associations all volunteered to make this event happen (including SEAOAL). The twelve associations are: American Institute of Architects Birmingham, SEAOAL, Associated Builders & Contractors, American Society of Landscape Architects AL, United States Green Building Council AL, Design Build Institute of AL, Society of Marketing Professional Services, Sub - Alabama, Alabama General Contractors, American Society of Civil Engineers, NAWIC, and Construction Financial Management Association This is the 3rd year and it has grown each year. The University of Alabama Construction Affairs Division is our title sponsor and our speaker is out of Colorado. Meagan Johnson will present how to "ZAP the GAP" between generations in the work force. There will be an XPO prior to the meeting with exhibitors related to the industry from accountants, lawyers, bankers, insurance, to geotechnical services. Don't miss it! You can register online at <http://aecmegagroup.org/>. The cost for attendees is \$35 and \$400 to exhibit. There is limited space available, register TODAY!!!

I have to thank all of you for your SEAOAL membership and attending SEAOAL events/seminars. Let's keep up this great momentum for the next seminar in November (more info coming soon).

P.S. Check out our Facebook page to see if you were seen at the Conference. <https://www.facebook.com/seaoal/> and like us too!

Peace & SEAOAL Love,

Rhea Williams, Executive Director SEAOAL



We ASKED and You ANSWERED!

2016 Conference & XPO Survey Results

Rated from not satisfied (1) to very satisfied (5)

Topic	1 ()	2 ()	3(5)	4 (22)	5 (25)
Speakers	1()	2 ()	3 (2)	4 (15)	5 (35)
Format	1()	2 ()	3 (3)	4 (20)	5 (28)
Facility	1()	2 (5)	3 (5)	4 (15)	5 (27)
Catering	1()	2 (3)	3 (7)	4 (19)	5 (25)
Organized	1()	2 ()	3 (3)	4 (11)	5 (38)
Staff	1()	2 ()	3 (1)	4 (5)	5 (44) 6(2)
Overall	1()	2 ()	3()	4 (20)	5 (32)

And my favorite part is the write-in comments. I have *made them entertaining* to read. It will help you realize there is no way to host a conference that makes everyone happy. Hopefully you are on the happy list!

"I hate this location and the bathrooms are small. Not enough chicken in the pasta – bring back the BBQ. Good job at a poor facility, cool helicopters though. *More muffins, more cookies, less sweets!* Excellent job and program. Format too general for the topics. GREAT JOB as always. Start later and end earlier to keep us out of the traffic, but we need 7- 8 PDHs in a day-long seminar. You all are fabulous, Southern Museum of Flight is too far away. Really enjoyed the venue and the conference, good job!!"

Venues that were suggested - Mobile, Montgomery, Pelham Civic Center, Marriott 280, SEC Sports Hall of FAME.

We will continue to look at Montgomery for a venue we can afford; we can expand our search to include Mobile as well. Venue ideas are always welcome. Please note if we host a meeting at a hotel, our cost increases significantly for hotel catering and venue rental. Registration price will have to increase to cover the added expenses. We will look into all suggestions to help plan the best seminars and networking opportunities. Please help us with your local knowledge and be specific concerning the venue and your preferred caterer.

Testimonials from Exhibitors and Attendees

"Thanks, really enjoyed yesterday like a family reunion for me"
– John Farmer, Hilti

"Thank you for the hard work pulling the SEAoAL Seminar together. I was very impressed with the quantity and quality of the content, speakers and the sponsors."
- Craig Winn, Structural Design Group

"I enjoyed the meeting very much and thought that you all organized it very well. (especially the coffee, chocolate and those cookies!)"

- Ben Sorrell, Jr., Birmingham Water Works

"My first impression of SEA of Alabama and the conference itself are very positive! Although subject matter of conference had 'absolutely nothing' to do with what we do found the attendees positive and appreciative of our participation and interested in what we are about.

I thought the location of the conference and how everything food and vendor locations was excellent, your communication beforehand was thorough. Maybe a little more face time with attendees 10 minutes more at each break would be ok if possible.

Great job by you and your staff, thank you and look forward to your next program and if there is anything I can do in support of please let me know."
- Paul Derby, SSPC-PCS, Xypex Chemical Corporation

"Super job on the conference!
Really enjoyed connecting with current clients as well as meeting new contacts to discuss our capabilities for IBC Special Inspections, as well as in-house services such as seismic classification via Refraction Microtremor device and slab and masonry evaluation utilizing FLIR thermal imaging and StructureScan GPR systems.

We are happy to be a sponsor for the organization for 2016 and look forward to taking part in the conference again next year!"

- **Matt Adams**

Director of Corporate Client Development-Principal **Building & Earth Sciences, Inc.**

Your Future Employees



SEAOAL is proud to announce our 2016 scholarship winners!

Jamieson Mathews is attending Auburn University and graduates in May with his masters. He was awarded \$3000. This is the third year SEAOAL has awarded a scholarship for Jamieson.

Mary Allen Mullins also graduates in May, and this was her first time to apply for the SEAOAL scholarship. She is attending University of Alabama and was awarded \$1500.

Congratulations to both for a job well done! The 2017 scholarship application will be available online in January 2017.

NCSEA Summit 2016

September 14 - September 17

Join us in September at
Disney's Contemporary Resort!

<http://www.ncsea.com/meetings/annualconference/>

The Summit draws the best of the structural engineering field - structural engineers, those interested in structural engineering, students and the companies providing products and services to the structural engineers.

The NCSEA Structural Engineering Summit features [educational sessions](#) specific to structural engineering, [social and networking events](#), the [NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards](#), and the [trade show](#).



Younger Member Group News

The SEAOAL YMG is going to kickoff another year of events with a tour of the [Construction Materials Testing Lab at Slade Environmental Consulting & General Contracting](#). Here are the details:

What: ConstructionMaterials Testing Lab Tour

When: Tuesday, August 30 @ 5-7pm

Where: Slade's office at The Innovation Depot

1500 1st Avenue North, Unit 54

Birmingham, AL 35203

RSVP: ASAP to bfuller@sladellc.com



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Monday, September 19th

Regions Field

Tradeshow begins at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker begins at 12:00 p.m.

www.aecmegagroup.org

Need to meet some new faces for business opportunities?? Everyone will be at the AEC Mega Group for the third annual Mega Meeting, featuring generational humorist Meagan Johnson. Johnson will present "Zap the Gap: From Bookers to Linkster, How to Work with Multiple Generations." We all talk about how we struggle working with multiple generations, Meagan will give us helpful hints on how each generation can learn from the next one creating a much more productive work environment. This event will also feature a tradeshow featuring professional vendors who can help you run your business more efficiently.

Register today at www.aecmegagroup.org

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