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SEAoAL Dynamic Columns

Quarterly Newsletter: July 2018



Jason Partain, presenting at AIA North AL Wood Seminar

President's Letter

For this President's letter, I want you to be aware of two things. First, on August 28 SEAoAL will host our 8th Annual Conference and Expo with an emphasis on steel design at the Pelham Civic Complex. This event is not only a great

opportunity for quality in person professional development hours but also brings together at least a dozen relevant industry partners that provide products and services used in our structures. You will also have the opportunity for a one-hour ethics course taught by the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. I look forward to seeing you there.

As for that second thing, I recently encountered someone on a project that has experienced medical hardships in the last two years. This person, unrelated to our industry, has done things in his life that I will never come close to achieving. As I considered some of his achievements and his legacy, I couldn't help but be reminded that all the proposal's, deadlines, shop drawings, etc. will one day be forgotten. Of all the things I have done in the past year as an engineer, the high points are all centered around people. These include speaking to engineering students at Auburn and Alabama, travelling to Jacksonville, Alabama to conduct assessments for the City after a tornado (as a SEAoAL volunteer), and a short notice trip to Selwood Farm to shoot sporting clays with an Architect, Geotechnical Engineer, and a Civil Engineer. (Imagine a joke with them three walking into a bar, right?) Granted there are some projects over the past year that stand out, but most of that stuff has already been filed away, both figuratively and literally.

Last summer, I gave two separate presentations at the McWane Science Center (one to 5th through 7th graders and one to 1st and 2nd graders). I can tell you both times I left the McWane Science Center, I was absolutely inspired by the raw imagination and wonder in the kids I met. I may have donated a little bit of time, but I was rewarded with much more than I deserved. If you have forgotten how great and privileged we are to work as structural engineers, then I ask you to give a little, because it may just bring the inspiration you need. And if you don't know where to start, reach out to SEAoAL. We can help.

So, engineers, as you look back over the last year, what are the memories that stand out? Are those the memories you want to have? Any regrets over last year? If so, what can you do to make this next year better? Personally, I want to look back over the last year and know that my three kids can watch me and believe being a structural engineer is a great profession.

Sincerely,

Jason Partain, 2018 SEAoAL President



NCSEA Summit, Chicago

Have you ever attended the NCSEA Summit?? No?!?! This is the year you should attend! Chicago is a fun city with so many things to do and the NCSEA does a fabulous job of speakers, tours and the XPO is pretty awesome too. It is a great way to learn about new ideas for SEAoAL too. Click below for more info.

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

IT'S ALL ABOUT STEEL

SEAOAL 8th Annual
State Conference
6 PDH's Total
August 28th, 2018
8:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Pelham Civic Center
500 Amphitheater Road
Pelham, AL 35124

register today at www.seaoal.com

8th Annual SEAOAL Conference & XPO 2018

Have you registered for the 8th Annual SEAOAL Conference & XPO yet? No?!?! Don't panic, it is not too late. We have a great day planned for you with interesting education, coffee bar all day, delish food catered by Fish Market and chocolates too. Great exhibitor hall with a chance to SEE and TOUCH materials you specify on projects and ask questions/get answers to those questions you always forget to ask. I feel like our Annual Conference is like a family reunion, always good to see everyone that one time a year.

Lunch Sponsor



Exhibitors to Date:

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ADVOCACY



Scholarships

SEAoAL has awarded \$21,500 in scholarships since 2014. This year we received seven applicants and awarded three scholarships. Click here to review criteria to apply. We will award \$4000 in scholarships at the 8th Annual SEAoAL Conference & XPO. Come meet your future structural engineers!



University Presentations

SEAoAL continues to schedule structural engineering presentations to engineering classes at AU, UAB and UA. We would love to expand this presentation to north AL and south AL. If you live or work in these areas and are interested in volunteering to present, please email [Rhea Williams](mailto:Rhea.Williams).

Code Advisory

NCSEA Link to Code Advisory Committee:

<http://www.ncsea.com/committees/codeadvisorycommittee>

Young Member News

The SEAoAL YMG has several events in the planning stages. There will be a young member organizations (AIA, ASCE, ASLA, SEAoAL, AGC, and ABC) tour and process at CREATURE. It is a new way of design, manufacture and construct. It is not for everyone, but it does work for CREATURE. More info coming soon.

September - Steel Day, more info coming soon.

If you have a project that would be a good site visit, please email bgreene@tuckerjones.com



SEER UPDATE

March 2018 - SEAoAL to the rescue!

The EMA called SEAoAL to assist with building assessments after Jacksonville was hit by tornadoes in March. This is the first time SEAoAL has been called to assist by EMA this early in a disaster.

SEAoAL and AIA Alabama volunteered 368 hours and assessed 686 structures

in two weeks. Someone on site asked me why are they volunteering? Do they get any type of recognition or work when they volunteer? I replied, "This is what they do, they are community minded and want to help. This is their way of giving back and helping." It was hard for them to understand you care and want to help your neighbor. Keep making a difference one structure at a time.

SEAOAL & AIA Alabama

partnered again to exhibit at the annual League of Municipalities Conference. Thank you members Joslyn Daniels, Daniel Blackburn & O'Barr Engineering and Tim Sanford, Weatherford Engineering for working the exhibitor booth. SEAOAL is a resource for municipalities after a disaster strikes. SEAOAL is on the call list for EMA when they need assistance after a disaster.

Do you want to volunteer?? email rhea@karmamanagementinc.com

Thank you members and sponsors for your continued support!

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