



**Geo Institute of the  
Alabama Section of  
The American Society of Civil Engineers**

**August 1, 2008 Business Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order – Jim Pegues, President

By-Laws Approved – Distributed to members

Minutes from January 2008 Meeting Distributed

Survey Distributed

Discussion of Reasons behind formation of Geo-Institute

Educated Clients

Expose Students

Conduct technical sessions, forums, etc.

Goals

Establish full program track at Summer Meeting

Seek volunteers as speakers at ASCE Conferences

Get Volunteers to speak at ASCE Chapter Meetings

Organize Fall Geotechnical Conference

National Interface

Alabama has one of 7 Geo-Institute Chapters (currently 11 exist)

100 ASCE members are Geo-Institute members

National Geo-Institute Board of Governors willing to hold their business meeting at our fall meeting

Summary Points

Geo-Institute not organized to compete with other organizations

Alabama G-I Chapter will follow National member guidelines

No additional fees or dues to be a member of local G-I Chapter

Robert Thompson, Vice-President

Mr. Thompson will handle communication

Communication to be done via email, no mail outs

Maintaining member/contact list

Advised that National ASCE revamping software – schedule to be available fall 2008



Jim Pegues, President

Advised that he will work with National G-I in organizing conferences and will handle member registration by way of credit card

Jim Gould – Suggested the distribution of information to students

Also recommended that consideration be given to the timing and location of meetings in order to minimize inconvenience

Dan Brown – Suggested joint meetings with neighbor G-I Chapters to promote strong technical track within ASCE

Allen Gallet – Suggested approaching ALDOT to be included during their annual Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Conference

Jim Pegues – Encouraged attendance at National G-I Conferences

Dan Brown – Announced Conference in Orlando in March 2009

Dick Franke – Encouraged participation of retired engineers

Adjournment – Jim Pegues, President

Submitted by:

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