



MEETING MINUTES
Geo-Institute Chapter of the Alabama Section
July 23, 2010
The Wharf Conference Center
Orange Beach, Alabama

The meeting was called to order by Robert Thompson, Vice President.

Robert noted that the Chapter President, Jim Peques, and the Secretary, David Johnson, were unable to attend the meeting.

12 members attended the meeting, including Directors Jon Gould and Kevin Blake. A sign-in sheet was not passed around.

Technical Seminar Update

The Chapter Officers have been working to organize a technical seminar to provide a reasonable cost PDH opportunity that focused on geotechnical engineering. We had hoped to pull this off in late Spring, but for various reasons it did not happen. We are now tentatively looking at a late September to mid-October date. At the present time, the seminar will be located in Birmingham, and we are looking at an approximate 5-6 hour event that will focus on ground improvement techniques/specialty foundations.

Expect more information towards the end of August.

If you are interested in helping organize the seminar, contact Jim Pegues at (205) 992-6002 or JCPEGUES@southernco.com.

Robert also mentioned that any group can put on an NHI course, such as the new Drilled Shaft course. The cost of the course can be several hundred per attendee (\$650 for the drilled shaft course, for example). The fee would have to be set to cover the per student course fee plus any venue costs. It may be possible to partner with ALDOT on such a course in the future.

Election of Officers

Per our by-laws, new officers for the Chapter are to take office October 1, 2010, with terms expiring October 1, 2012. We are following the typical rotation we are all familiar with at our Branches and at the Section with the VP moving up to President, etc.



Nominations from the Chapter for Secretary were opened via an e-mail announcement July 9:

The proposed slate of officers and directors.

President	Robert Thompson	Dan Brown & Associates
Vice-President	David Johnson	Bhate Geosciences
Secretary	Brad Ralph	Thompson Engineering
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Directors	Jon Gould Kevin Blake	Dan Brown & Associates Christian Testing Laboratories

The floor was open for other nominations. A motion to close the nominations and accept the slate as published was made by John Corbin and seconded by Rachel Mudd. The slate was accepted unanimously by voice vote.

There were no other announcements or other business

Robert Thompson adjourned the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.