



# ASCE Richmond Branch Newsletter

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**Resume Workshop - Thursday, May 12, 2016** - Deadline to register is tomorrow, May 11 at noon

**Branch Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016** - Green Infrastructure in the Town of Ashland

## President's Message

I hope you all are finding a way to dry out after this week of rain. I know many of us are itching to get outside and attempt to enjoy some temperate weather before summer is upon us.

Fortunately for several of our members, we were graced with very lovely weather for 90% of our golf tournament last week. Despite a short rain delay, this year's tournament was a great success, raising approximately \$3,100 for our annual scholarship, Popsicle Stick Bridge Contest, and other educational outreach efforts. I want to thank each of our tournament participants and sponsors for their support. None of our student events would be possible without you! And a big thank you to our Education Outreach Co-Chair, Matt Amonette, for his tremendous job of organizing this year's



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tournament.

Even though our first big event of May is over, we still have a lot going on this month. On May 12th, we have a lunchtime resume workshop geared towards our Younger Members. For more information, please see the event description below, or visit our [website](#). We also have this month's technical meeting on May 18th, featuring a discussion on Green Infrastructure in the Town of Ashland, presented by two former Presidents of the ASCE Richmond Branch. I hope to see you all there!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our Board members if you have questions or comments about the Richmond Branch. We look forward to any suggestions on how we may better serve you.

Thanks!  
Ashley

## Exciting Upcoming Events!

[Branch Meeting on May 18, 2016](#) - Green Infrastructure in the Town of Ashland

### **Details:**

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Lunch is served at 11:45am, Presentation starts at 12:00pm.

Where: The Westwood Club, 6200 West Club Lane, Richmond, VA 23226

Cost: \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Note that the price will increase to \$30 for both members and non-members Monday, May 16th.

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### **Overview:**

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After having success with the functionality and aesthetics of the Town's permeable paver parking lot, the Town of Ashland was inspired to proceed with additional water quality retrofits as part of the Railroad Avenue street-scape project. In addition to street-scaping amenities such as landscaping, new street lights, lighted crosswalks, and decorative sidewalks, the project included Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) in the on-street parking spaces, and micro-bioretenion.

Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (AMT) provided the site planning and engineering design, assisted the Town with public meetings and consensus building in the community, as well as providing construction phase support. The project was constructed in 3 phases. The first 2 phases were completed spring of 2014, and the third phase was completed in late 2015.

As the project progressed through the phases of work, the Town and AMT learned valuable lessons about the various applications of these water quality improvement measures. The Ashland Town Engineer and AMT's lead design engineer, will both discuss the details of the project, lessons learned, and overall planning for incorporating green infrastructure into your municipal stormwater system.

**Presenters:**

**Don Rissmeyer, PE, CFM**



Don Rissmeyer is a licensed professional engineer in five states and Washington DC, as well as a Certified Floodplain Manager. He has 25 years of experience in providing consulting engineering services to governmental clients at the local, state and federal level. He currently manages the Richmond Office for A. Morton Thomas and Associates, is a Past-President of the Richmond Branch and Virginia Section of ASCE, and a member of the ASCE Stormwater Technical Committee in Virginia.

Mr. Rissmeyer also served on the 2014 DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards Development Team, and is currently serving on the ASCE National Committee for Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP), who is developing a national standards manual for design, construction and maintenance of PICP permeable pavement systems.

### **Ingrid Stenbjørn, PE**



Ingrid Stenbjørn, PE, has worked as the Town Engineer for the Town of Ashland since 2005. Ms. Stenbjørn has coordinated and collaborated on many projects during her tenure with the Town. Among these were several innovative stormwater management projects: Municipal Parking Lot Permeable Pavers and Bioretention Area, Ashland Police Department Parking Lot Retrofit and Stream Restoration,

College Park Permeable Pavers and Bioretention Area, and Downtown Street-Scaping.

Ms. Stenbjørn has worked in the fields of Environmental and Civil Engineering for more than 30 years. She is a licensed PE in 4 states and the District of Columbia. Prior to her job with the Town of Ashland, she held positions in both the private and public sectors. Ms. Stenbjørn is a Past-President of the Richmond Branch of ASCE. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia, and is also a proud graduate of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College with an A.S. in Engineering.

Please Register [HERE!](#)

## Younger Member News

### **Resume Workshop!**

**When:** Thursday, May 12th - 12PM

**Where:** VDOT Conference Room - 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

**Price:** \$10 per Attendee - Lunch will be catered by Jimmy John's.

Richmond ASCE is holding a resume workshop! Targeted towards our members under 35 years of age, the workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for younger professionals to tailor their resumes to best portray their background and experiences. Whether you are a passive or active job seeker, want to be prepared for an internal promotion or transfer, or market yourself to potential clients; we encourage you to check out the resume workshop. Help the maturity and content of your resume match that of your career.

Shannon Hayes, Director of Human Resources at Timmons Group, will be hosting the event. She plans to speak for 30 minutes, covering key topics regarding personal resumes. After that, the audience will break into groups for 30 minutes to provide a chance to ask questions and receive individual

feedback (for a total workshop time of 1 hour). We ask that all attendees bring a copy of their current resume to the workshop for the group breakout session.

Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to:

1. Transitioning a resume from a school/education setting to a professional setting
2. How to effectively include project experience
3. Resume formatting, including how to present and order information properly
4. Creating an effective objective statement
5. Importance of keywords

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Chris Friend at [CFriend@jmt.com](mailto:CFriend@jmt.com) and Carolyn Desrochers at [Carolyn.Desrochers@atkinglobal.com](mailto:Carolyn.Desrochers@atkinglobal.com).

**The deadline to register is tomorrow, May 11 at noon.**

**[Sign Up Here!](#)**

## Recent Events

### **14th Annual Golf Tournament Re-cap**

As most of you know, last Wednesday, May 4th, was our 14th Annual Richmond ASCE Golf Tournament at The Crossings Golf Club. Despite an ominous weather forecast, we are excited to say we had one of the best turnouts in years! We had a total of nine participating teams and 11 sponsoring companies. Congratulations to this year's tournament winners - the Contech Engineered Solutions team! (pictured last below).

All together the entire tournament raised about \$3,100! This money goes towards our ASCE Scholarship Fund as well as our outreach events with surrounding elementary, middle, and high school age students.

We just want to give a special thanks to the generosity of

our sponsors and participants below! Without you guys, our scholarship and outreach events would not be possible. Please join us again next year, and together we will continue the growth of this event!

**Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$250)**



**Driving Range Sponsor (\$150)**



**Hole Sponsors (\$100)**



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*Thank you to all of our participants!*









**Please visit our [website](#) for additional tournament photos!**

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## Job Postings

Interested in posting a job listing in this newsletter to reach the local engineering community? There's also the option to purchase a package deal and have your job posting listed in our newsletter as well as on our website, which is where all of our members register for Richmond ASCE events.

**Email Janelle at [Janelle.Boncal@gmail.com](mailto:Janelle.Boncal@gmail.com) for more information!**

## Thanks to our Sponsor of the Month!

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If you have any comments regarding this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Janelle.Boncal@gmail.com](mailto:Janelle.Boncal@gmail.com).

Thanks!

Janelle Boncal, P.E.

ASCE Richmond Branch Communications Chair