



FLORIDA STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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To All Engineering Professionals:

My name is Heather Anesta and I am the chair for the Florida Structural Engineers Association Palm Beach Young Members (FSEA YM). I am writing to tell you about our group and efforts to enhance the structural engineering profession. The FSEA YM is geared toward E.I.'s and new P.E.'s who are currently working or interested in the structural industry and, more specifically, structural design; age is not a factor. The meetings and events will be located in the Palm Beach area, and will aim to help young engineers grow and develop by exposing them to design procedures, experiences, and networking that they would otherwise rely on their employer to provide.

As you may know, employing a young structural engineer involves teaching them the difference between what they learned in school and how things are actually done in the real world; not to mention the subjects left out of a typical Bachelor's Degree curriculum. FSEA YM intends to help fill this gap by organizing design seminars, construction site visits, and structural-related community service projects. It is our intent to alleviate the learning curve associated with young engineers, thereby increasing billable project time at your firm. Considering the current condition of the economy, the FSEA YM group can create a more beneficial situation for both your company and your younger employees.

FSEA YM aims to develop E.I.'s and P.E.'s into very valuable employees, and provide resources to further educate them in their career. Now is the best time to get involved with FSEA YM because the first few meetings will be tailoring the group to meet the demands of the industry. The Palm Beach YM group will be the first of its kind in Florida and we solicit your help to begin shaping the program.

We ask that you encourage any E.I.'s and young P.E.'s to get involved with the FSEA YM group by contacting me at the addresses provided below. The group is not limited to those currently in the structural industry; if you know anyone who may have had to take a job in another civil discipline because of the economy, we ask that you encourage them to participate as it may help them get into structures when the industry picks up again.

Attached is a flyer outlining the FSEA YM group. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd, at 6pm in Boca Raton near Glades Rd & Powerline. Please have those interested contact me for exact details. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions, and I look forward to hearing from and meeting you and/or your E.I.'s and young P.E.'s.

Thank you,

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