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EDUCATION & CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

PDCA 18th Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles Conference

The Driven Pile Advantage – E⁴ : Efficiency, Effectiveness, Economy and Environmental



The Pile Driving Contractors Association is pleased to announce the 18th Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles (DICEP) Conference, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 20-21, 2017, in Portland, Ore. Wednesday will be a full session and Thursday will be a half-day session, with the conference ending at 12 p.m. This year's DICEP conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Portland Downtown Convention Center.

Call For Presentation Abstracts

You're invited to join PDCA at our 18th Annual DICEP Conference - "The Driven Pile Advantage - E⁴: Economy, Efficiency, Environmental, Effectiveness" as a Technical Session Presenter by submitting your online presentation abstract.

The Conference will consist of 12 technical sessions, each 45 minutes in length, addressing the four topics of E⁴.

Presentations with an engineering focus, also appealing to contractors, specific to the Pacific Northwest (PNW); other non-PNW presentations that follow the conference E⁴ theme; and current industry research and technology are encouraged.

Learn more about engineering examples specific to the PNW and more by clicking here. To access the abstract submission form, please click [here](#).

For comments or questions regarding submissions please contact Debbie Schmidt, PDCA Director of Meetings & Events, at 888-311-PDCA (7322) or 904-215-4771, debbie@piledrivers.org, or Gerry McShane, Education Committee Chair at 713-210-9323, gmcshane@servicesteel.org.

The DICEP conference is designed for geotechnical, structural and civil engineers; contractors; and other firms or individuals who conduct business, support, or are associated with the deep foundations, earth retention and/or the driven pile industry. PDCA will provide PDH for those individuals needing confirmation of attendance and meeting any requirements for license renewal. All attendees will receive a “Certificate of Completion” for attending.

The conference will also feature an exhibit hall design specifically for networking, socializing and exposure to companies exhibiting their capabilities, products and services. Showcasing their business will be enhanced due to the Wednesday morning breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon breaks, evening reception and the Thursday morning breakfast and a morning break, which will all be located in the exhibit hall.

Watch for the full brochure and registration information on the upcoming DICEP website, which will contain detailed conference information including registration and exhibitor information, sponsorship opportunities, schedules and presentation titles and presenters.

About Portland

Portland is Oregon’s largest city and sits on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, in the shadow of snow-capped Mt. Hood. For those who want to spend a little R&R, there are plenty of local activities to keep you busy.

Portland International Airport (PDX) has been rated consecutively as “America’s Best Airport” from 2013-2016, and ranked as the number two U.S. airport by Conde Nast, stating “The love for Portland, Oregon’s airport begins outside the airport itself. It is well connected to the city, and not just by roads. A MAX light rail line make it one of the best connected airports in the U.S. Great local shops and free Wi-Fi make this one of the most traveler-friendly airports around.”

Deep Foundation Dynamic Testing and Analysis Course

The next Deep Foundation Dynamic Testing and Analysis course will be presented from October 11-13, 2017 at the PDI headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. The course will be presented as two separate programs – a one-day seminar on Deep Foundation Integrity

Testing and Wave Equation Analysis and a two-day workshop on High Strain Dynamic Foundation Testing. Course content and registration information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Dr. Frank Rausche, Garland Likins, Brent Robinson, Ryan Allin and Van Komurka are the scheduled speakers. PDCA expects this course to be a sell-out, with 40 being the maximum number of seats available, so register as soon as possible to ensure your confirmed attendance. To register online, click [here](#).

PDCA Annual International Conference and Expo – The ExPEERience



PDCA just completed its 21st Annual International Conference and Expo – The ExPEERience at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, in Amelia Island, Fla.

The three-and-a-half day conference was held from June 27-30, 2017. The PDCA Committees and Board of Directors held their meetings on Tuesday, June 27. Wednesday, June 28 included a PDCA developed short course, “Steel Sheet Piling – Design to Construction to Lessons Learned; the PDCA 8th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the PDCA Scholarship and Research program; the written test for the “Dedicated Pile Driver Operators’ certification; and the Opening Ceremony in the Exhibit Hall. Thursday and Friday were reserved for the Technical Session presentations.

Attendees commented that the presentations by the three Keynote speakers: Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities; Silas Nichols, FHWA; and Larry Harvey, NASA/CAST all brought interesting information and topics to the conference, which added to the overall Technical Session program.

By all accounts, the PDCA’s 21st annual conference was a tremendous success with over 250 attendees, a fully sold out Exhibit Hall and full complement of sponsors who helped support the program financially.

PDCA is grateful to all of those who attended the conference, exhibited, or supported

the program in some way. Your involvement certainly contributed to the overall success of this year's conference.

Check out photos from the event [here](#).

2018 International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo (IFCEE)

IFCEE 2018 is a technical conference and equipment show dedicated to the design and construction of foundation systems, using the latest geo-engineering and geo-construction technologies and practices. This one-of-a-kind event will attract attendees from around the world, who will have access to various technical education programs and the world's largest equipment exposition dedicated solely to the deep foundations industry.

Attendee registration opens October 2017. For more information, contact the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322) or news@piledrivers.org.

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter to Host Second Biennial Engineer's Seminar

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter will host its second biennial Engineering Seminar at the Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, La. on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

The program will start with registration and breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. The Seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with breaks and lunch provided throughout the day. At the conclusion of the Seminar, the Chapter will host a reception from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Speakers & Topics

- PCCP – Dr. Sriram Aeleti – University of Alabama
- Timber Piling – Van Hogan – Timber Pile Council
- Steel Piles – Ric Anderson P.E. – Skyline Stee
- Geotechnical – Mike Juneau P.E. MBA – Southern Earth Sciences, Inc.
- Testing and Inspection – Matt Nagy P.E. – Nagy Engineers
- Codes & Standards – Calvin Thomas P.E. – Jacobs Engineering
- Ethics – Don Schneider M.S., J.D. – LSU Law Professor

Attendees will earn six professional development hours (PDH), including a "Certificate of Completion" provided by the Pile Driving Contractors Association.

Cost

Contractors, Suppliers & Other Technical Affiliates: \$100 per person

**** No cost to attend if you are an employee of an engineering firm ****

Sponsorship

\$500 sponsorship per company with unlimited attendance

Sponsorships available – Contact Kevin Gourgues, 225-754-3340 or kevin@group-df.com

For more information, contact Henry Whitty, 504-214-8199, pichenrywhitty@yahoo.com.

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PDCA NEWS

Project of the Year

PDCA would like to acknowledge all of the companies who submitted a project this year for consideration as PDCA Project of the Year. As has been stated in the past, all of the projects presented were worthy of a PDCA Project of the Year award. In fact, the Judges scores sheets, which are completed independently by a panel of seven judges showed as little as a one or two point variation between first and second place projects. So, congratulations to PND Engineers, Innovative Piling Solutions, Ralph L. Wadsworth, Richard Goettle, Inc., Cajun Deep Foundations, Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, P&H Construction, APC Construction, LLC, Foundation Constructors and Cape Romain Constructors who participated in this year's PDCA Project of the Year Award program.

The winning projects are:

- **PND Engineers** – The Downtown Juneau Floating Cruise Ship Berth
- **P&H Construction Corporation** – The Arc Terminal Dock Refurbishment
- **Cape Romain Contractors, Inc.** – The South Carolina Ports Authority – Wando Terminal Improvements
- **Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, Inc.** – The Hale Center Theater
- **Foundation Constructors, Inc.** – The America Center, Phase II

PDCA Presents Annual Awards During the 21st Annual International Conference and Expo

A PDCA annual tradition, just like the PDCA Project of the Year Awards, is the PDCA

Annual Awards, which was recently presented at the annual conference. The annual awards consists of the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service, the Professional Engineers Service Award, the John T. Parker, Jr. Industry Ambassador Award, and the Committee Chair of the Year Award. For the first time in 2017, the PDCA Board of Directors created the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was also presented this year at the annual conference. Recipients of the PDCA 2017 Annual Awards are:

- Presidential Award for Distinguished Service – Herbert F. “Buck” Darling, Herbert F. Darling
- Professional Engineers Service Award – Pat Hannigan, GRL Engineers, Inc.
- John T. Parker, Jr. Industry Ambassador Award – Bill Marczewski, BSM Engineering
- Committee Chair of the Year Award – Gerry McShane (Education Committee), Service Steel Warehouse

The newest award, approved by the PDCA Board of Directors, is the PDCA Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented to Dale Biggers, Boh Brothers Construction Co. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

PDCA to Propose a New Committee to the Board of Directors

Alex Filotti, Underpinning & Foundation, Skanska, and Rick Kalson, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP have proposed a PDCA Contracts and Risk Committee to the PDCA Board of Directors. The issue will be presented to the Board during their September 19 meeting in Portland, Ore., prior to the DICEP conference.

The scope of the committee will be to address contracts provided to PDCA subcontractors that have become increasingly onerous in recent years and greatly diminished the ability of PDCA subcontractors to be fairly paid for the original contract work and extra work they properly complete. This reassignment of risk also extends to complex indemnification and insurance requirements.

This Committee will be dedicated to educating PDCA subcontractors on how they can best negotiate their subcontracts and avoid the assumption of unfair risk. The Committee will also, address the risks associated with new project delivery systems and will keep the organization’s contractors informed about how to identify, assess, control and monitor all kind of risks related to pile driving activity.

If approved by the Board, the PDCA will seek members to help serve on the Committee.

Join a PDCA Committee

If you want to get more involved in your association, joining a PDCA committee is a great way to start. All PDCA members are encouraged to volunteer to serve on a PDCA committee(s). It is a great way to support your association, get involved in your industry, conduct peer to peer discussions and form new relationships with like-minded individuals.

Any individual of a PDCA member company can volunteer to serve on one or more of the following committees:

- Communications
- Education
- Membership
- Technical
- Market Development
- Safety/Environmental
- Associate Member Council
- Steel Sheet Piling

For more information about these committees or to volunteer to serve, contact the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322), 904-215-4771 or via email, news@piledrivers.org, or contact the committee chair, which can be found on the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org.

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MEMBER NEWS

OSHA to Launch Injury Tracking Application (ITA)

On August 1, 2017, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will launch the Injury Tracking Application (ITA). The Web-based form allows employers to electronically submit required injury and illness data from their completed 2016 OSHA Form 300A. The application will be accessible from the ITA webpage.

Last month, OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking to extend the deadline for submitting 2016 Form 300A to December 1, 2017, to allow affected entities sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the electronic reporting system, and to provide the new administration an opportunity to review the new electronic reporting requirements prior to their implementation.

The data submission process involves four steps: (1) Creating an establishment; (2) adding 300A summary data; (3) submitting data to OSHA; and (4) reviewing the confirmation email. The secure website offers three options for data submission. One option will enable users to manually enter data into a web form. Another option will

give users the ability to upload a CSV file to process single or multiple establishments at the same time. A third option will allow users of automated recordkeeping systems to transmit data electronically via an application programming interface.

The ITA webpage also includes information on reporting requirements, a list of frequently asked questions and a link to request assistance with completing the form.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

Eustis Engineering promotes Sean Walsh and Matthew Morales to Project Managers



Sean Walsh, P.E., and Matthew Morales, P.E., were recently promoted to Project Managers at Eustis Engineering L.L.C., a geotechnical engineering firm headquartered in Metairie, La., with offices in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles, La., and Gulfport, Miss. Walsh has worked in Eustis Engineering's Metairie office for five years, and Morales has worked in both the Metairie and Baton Rouge offices for eight years.

Walsh has provided design and construction recommendations for many flood protection and coastal restoration projects in southeastern Louisiana; the most recent of these comprise multiple segments of the Morganza to the Gulf system in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. He was nationally recognized in 2014 by the American Society of Civil Engineers as part of its "New Faces of Civil Engineering." He is a graduate of NYU's Tandon School of Engineering.

Morales' expertise is dynamic pile testing and analyses. He has performed dynamic pile testing on more than 70 projects in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Iowa. He has also provided design and construction recommendations for many industrial projects in southern Louisiana.

Allan Zdunich Joins Bermingham Foundation Solutions as Equipment Sales Representative



Bermingham Foundation Solutions is pleased to announce that Allan Zdunich has joined the Berminghammer equipment sales team in the role of Equipment Sales Representative, effective July 4th.

Allan brings with him over three decades of experience selling pile driving and drilling equipment throughout the Americas. Allan will be servicing clients on the West Coast of North America and will help to augment Berminghammer's already strong sales team. Please join Berminghammer in welcoming Allan aboard!

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CHAPTER NEWS

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter

On August 17, the Chapter will hold its third-quarter dinner meeting in Biloxi, Miss. The



purpose for the location change from Messina's in Kenner, La. to Biloxi, Miss. is to develop a closer relationship with PDCA members from the Mississippi and Alabama areas.

The evening speaker will be Andrew Levins, P.E., Gulf Coast Pre-Stress, who will provide an explanation of pile design, pile to cap connection design, differencing terminology – “Pile Capacities” – pile design capacity versus actual pile capacity versus geotechnical pile capacity.

The meeting will be held at Patio 44, 124 Main Street, Biloxi. The meeting will begin with a reception with an open bar at 5:45 p.m. CDT. The reception will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. CDT.

The Chapter would like to thank Gulf Coast Pre-Stress Partners as the Event Sponsor.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 to J.J. Waguespack at Miss. River Eq. Co.:
Phone: 985-764-1194
Fax: 985-764-1196
Email: jjpemusa@yahoo.com

Click [here](#) for the program flyer.

Second Biennial Engineer's Conference

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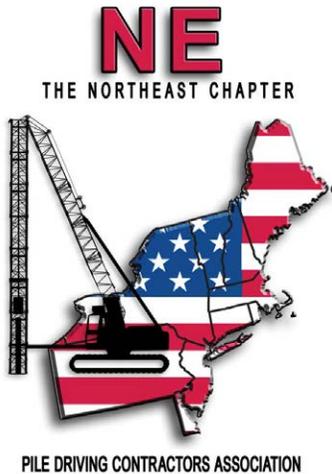
The program will consist of Segment 1: Geotechnical Engineering and Segment 2: Testing and Inspection, Codes and Standards, Steel Piles, H-Piles, Open-Ended Pipe Piles & Closed-In Concrete Filled Piles, Timber Piles, Vibration, Soil Displacement, Heave and Site Settlement, and Ethics.

The seminar will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The general sessions will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The seminar will also include morning and afternoon breaks and a reception following the final presentation.

Attendees will receive professional development hours (PDH), including one PDH for Ethics. The seminar is free and will be sponsored by the PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter and their members.

Click [here](#) for the seminar flyer.

PDCA of the Northeast Chapter



On September 9, the Chapter will hold a “Meet & Greet” at the Battleship USS New Jersey, located at 100 Clinton Street, Camden, N.J. The event is free to all interested. The Chapter will provide complimentary hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.

PDCA of the South Carolina Chapter



On September 12, the Chapter will host its third-quarter dinner meeting at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, S.C. The meeting will begin with a social reception at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner buffet and guest speaker.

For more information, contact Chapter President, Greg Canivan, S&ME at 843-884-0005, or gcanivan@smeinc.com.

PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter



PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic welcomes back Jill Kennedy as the Chapter Secretary. Additional changes in the chapter leadership are underway and programs will resume in the chapter's geographical jurisdiction shortly.

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