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PDCA SCHEDULES DICEP CONFERENCE WITH DATE CHANGE

The PDCA of the Gulf Coast chapter and PDCA (national) have scheduled the 2008 Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Pile (DICEP) conference in New Orleans, LA.

The one-day conference will be held on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008, not Thursday, September 25 as originally scheduled. The conference had to be changed due to a conflict with another conference schedule around the same time.

The DICEP conference will feature 6 presentations primarily designed for civil, geotechnical, and structural engineers, presenting the lectures from an engineering perspective on the advantages of driven pile. However, the conference is also intended to provide a positive learning experience for contractors and other firms or individuals who support, conduct business or are associated with the pile driving industry.

This year, the PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter and the PDCA Education Committee have planned lectures on topics which include "Cost Components of Driven Pile Foundations", a presentation on the "Rigolets Bridge Project and US Hwy 90 in New Orleans" using 66" cylinder pile, an "Overview of New Technologies in Driven Pile", "Driven Pile Set Up Prediction Using Dynamic Tests", an overview of the "PDCA Installation Specifications for Driven Pile", and "Value Engineered Changes to Driven Piles Provides Benefits to Owners" – a multi-project comparison of real costs between auger cast (CFA) and driven pile. The local chapter members have been successful in converting several CFA projects to driven pile in the Gulf Coast area. The idea behind this presentation is to contrast the real cost of finished CFA projects to those that have been converted to driven pile.

Subash Kulkarni, Kulkarni Consultants, APC will provide the keynote presentation on ethics, titled, "Can an Engineering Firm Conduct Business and Still Be Ethical?"

The conference will provide 7 PDH's towards the State of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board requirements for engineering license renewal. PDH's will include the required one-hour course on "Ethics".

The PDCA will also provide members with the opportunity to exhibit during the conference. PDCA has arranged to have 19 6' table tops available for exhibitors. The DICEP conference will provide a great opportunity for suppliers and manufacturers to spend some quality time with up to 120 engineers and contractors in a focused setting. The exhibit area is adjacent to the

meeting rooms and will be the location of the continental breakfast and the AM and PM breaks. Additional time to network will be provided following the luncheon.

Limited sponsorships are also available. See the DICEP brochure on the PDCA website for more information.

The PDCA is pleased to announce the conference location is the InterContinental New Orleans. PDCA selected the InterContinental New Orleans because it is a AAA four-diamond award winning hotel, its reputation for quality service, outstanding facilities and its location. The InterContinental New Orleans is located on historic St. Charles Street and Poydras in the heart of downtown New Orleans. The hotel is located just three blocks from the Mississippi River and French Quarter, two blocks from Harrah's Casino and within walking distance to almost anything this unique town, with its European, African, Caribbean, and Hispanic culture has to offer.

For those attending the conference and needing overnight accommodations, the PDCA has secured a block of rooms for just \$139.00 a night. Reservations can be made by calling the InterContinental New Orleans at 800-445-6563. Reservations must be made no later than September 4, 2008, to be assured a room at this discounted rate. When making reservations, be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Pile Driving Contractors DICEP conference and use reservation code PD2.

You can download the conference brochure to register as a participant, exhibitor or sponsor by going to the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org or call the PDCA office with questions or assistance.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The ASCE Geo-Institute is soliciting abstracts for technical papers to be considered for inclusion in the Geotechnical Special Publication (GSP) honoring Clyde N. Baker, Jr., P.E., S.E. Hon.M.ASCE. The GSP will be titled: The Art of Foundation Engineering Practice, Mohamad Hussein, J. Brian Anderson, and William Camp, III - Editors; and will be published in 2010 during the Geo-Institute's annual meeting. Technical papers covering all aspects of foundation engineering: research, (structural and geotechnical) design, construction practices, testing, and performance will be considered. Papers documenting case histories are particularly welcome. Deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2008.

Please e-mail (300 to 400 words) abstracts to: ClydeBakerGSP@uncc.edu; GSP website: <http://www.ce.uncc.edu/gidfc/CBaker.html>



The Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA), the Geo-Institute of ASCE and ADSC The International Association of Foundation Drilling and will join together to present the largest Geotechnical Engineering and Geo-Construction Congress ever held – the International

Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo '09 (IFCEE '09). This Congress will focus on foundations and will include related geo-engineering and geo-construction technologies including foundation engineering, ground modification and earth retention. The IFCEE '09 provides a premier setting as well as providing a vital element in helping you meet your marketing goals!

The IFCEE '09 will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Lake Buena Vista Palace Resort from March 15 - 19, 2009. This conference will attract over 2500 people in the geotechnical engineering and geo-construction related fields. The conference will include a mega indoor and outdoor exhibit area as well as lectures on the top issues in geotechnical engineering and geo-construction.

The PDCA submitted several presentations, short courses and a panel discussion. The following panel discussion has been selected by the IFCEE '09 selection committees to be presented in March 2009.

"Pile Issues and Current Specifications" - The panel will consist of Dale Biggers (Boh Bros.), Randy Dietel (Piling, Inc.), George Goble (George G. Goble Consulting Engineer), Wayne Waters (Ed Waters and Sons Contracting Co., Inc.) and Pat Hannigan (GRL, Inc.). The discussion will include comparisons of the PDCA Installation Specifications for Driven Pile (PDCA Specification 103-07) and that of AASHTO and IBC in the areas of Payment, Driving Equipment, Materials, Capacity Verification and Installation Issues.

The IFCEE '09 has also selected several PDCA presentations and short courses.

PDCA ON THE MOVE

As mentioned in the last month's E-Letter, the PDCA is definitely on the MOVE. We have opened our new office, located at 1857 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073. The PDCA is requesting that you notify your A/P and A/R of the new address, as well as any additional office, staff or field personnel who may need to contact the PDCA via US Postal Service.

The new space is part of an Executive Suite, which simply put, provides a central receptionist for PDCA, answers incoming calls as PDCA, forwards calls to the office, takes messages, and forwards or maintains information while staff is out of the office. The primary reason for having the office space is to provide the PDCA with a professional base to work from. Other benefits include staff assistance and support, reception and office management, telephone answering and meeting facilities.

In order to increase efficiency and affect timely responses to member needs, the PDCA has also hired Marian Phillips as our new part-time administrative assistant. Marian works Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 2:00 PM and in a short time has proven to be a valuable asset to the administrative side of the PDCA. Please take time to call Marian and introduce yourself. I know it would make her feel at home and allow her to begin meeting PDCA's greatest assets - you, the members. You can reach Marian via email at marian@piledrivers.org or call her on the phone.

PDCA is also in the process of changing our telephone line system. Shortly, the PDCA will have two local area code numbers and one toll-free number. The existing local area number - 904-

215-4771 and the toll-free number 888-311-PDCA (7322) will remain the same. PDCA will add one additional line. Together all three lines will "hunt", so if one line is busy, it will automatically "hunt" for the open line and allow that call to come into the central receptionist for forwarding to the PDCA office.

The only other telephone line change will be our fax number. The PDCA fax will change to (904) 215-2977 from the old (904) 264-9531. This change will allow the PDCA to receive faxes and not tie up a voice line during the incoming fax.

PDCA TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF "SOILS REPORT"

During the recent GeoCoalition meeting in Denver, CO, the coalition members agreed to collaboratively work on the development of a "Soils Report" and what would be considered reasonable information for such a report to contain.

The discussion concluded with the coalition agreeing to establish a Task Force that will produce a "Soils Report", which contains reasonable language regarding "responsibilities and content". The Task Force will be comprised of representatives from the Geo-Institute of ASCE, PDCA, ADSC, DFI, AEG and ASFE.

PDCA Board members, Don Dolly, (Foundation Constructors, Inc.) and Dave Chapman (Blakeslee, Arpaia, Chapman) have agreed to represent the PDCA on this important Task Force. Mr. Alan MacNab (Condon-Johnson) will Chair the Task Force.

The Task Force's objective will be to define the scope of a "Soils Report" by reviewing background information and resources and generating "guidelines" for soils reporting. The report will primarily be written to allow the Geotechnical engineers to present the report to owners or a very focused audience, encouraging them to use the report.

Any PDCA member who would like to submit recommendations to the Task Force can do so by sending the information to the PDCA via email at steve@piledrivers.org.

COEUR D'ALENE RESORT SELECTED AS 2010 CONFERENCE SITE



Per recommendation by the PDCA Market Development Committee, the PDCA Board of Directors unanimously agreed to the committee's site selection of the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for the PDCA 14th Annual International Conference and Exposition in

2010.

Rumor has it that, "Ultimately, there is something magical about a visit to The Coeur d'Alene, with idyllic landscape, year-round activities, and its spectacular setting at the shore of one of America's most beautiful lakes." It is no wonder that Coeur d'Alene has been christened the "Playground of the Northwest".

The Coeur d'Alene Resort has mastered the art of relaxation, with luxurious accommodations, rejuvenating spa treatments and sumptuous cuisine. This four-star resort continues to be the destination of choice for discerning travelers worldwide.

Pictured above: L â€‘ The Coeur d'Alene Resort, Marina, and Lake Coeur d'Alene; R â€‘ the famous floating 14th green, par 3 at The Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course.

PDCA TO HOLD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

During the PDCA Executive Committee meeting on May 28, 2008, the committee reviewed summaries of the strategic planning survey that were returned to the PDCA office during the annual conference, by mail or by fax. The PDCA is grateful for the response it received from the members. Member comments were insightful, forward-thinking and will prove beneficial during the strategic planning process.

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at the InterContinental New Orleans, New Orleans, LA on Wednesday, September 10 and again on Thursday, September 11, 2008 for the planning session.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be Chaired by PDCA Immediate Past President, Mark Weisz (C. S. Marine Constructors) all the members of the Executive Committee; and Board of Director members Buck Darling (Herbert F. Darling, Inc.) and Mike Justason (Birmingham Foundation Solutions); and Stevan Hall, PDCA Executive Director.

The Strategic Planning Committee will prepare a preliminary report to present to the PDCA Board of Directors, which will meet Thursday evening, September 11, 2008, prior to the DICEP Conference the next day. A formal report will be prepared by the committee and adopted by the Board for implementation in 2009.

Any comments from the PDCA members regarding the strategic plan can be presented to the PDCA prior to Friday, September 5, 2008 for consideration before the committee. Send all requests to the PDCA via email at steve@piledrivers.org.

PDCA CHAPTER UPDATES

PDCA of South Carolina Chapter - PDCA of South Carolina Chapter had a dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 3. The speaker was Alwyn McDowell, Skyline Steel Company. Alwyn discussed "Hybrid Topdown Excavation with Steel Sheet Piles". Alwyn's presentation was well received by the 60 piledrivers, engineers, and suppliers in attendance. Additional updates on local and national chapter activities were provided by chapter President, John Parker (Parker Marine) and Steve Hall, PDCA Executive Director. The meeting was sponsored by S&ME and Geoquip, Inc.

The next PDCA of South Carolina Chapter dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at the Town and Country Inn, Hwy. 17, Charleston, SC. The chapter dinner meeting will be preceded by the Board of Directors meeting. S&ME and Geoquip Inc. will also be sponsoring the August meeting. For more information on the PDCA of South Carolina chapter meetings, activities or membership, please contact John Parker, Parker Marine at 843-853-7615 or by email at johnp@parkermarine.net.

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter - The PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter is busy helping organize and promote the upcoming DICEP conference. PDCA is grateful for their assistance in what is expected to be a tremendous program.

The PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter next dinner meeting will be back a Messina's Restaurant, 2722 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA on August 21, 2008. For more information or to make reservations for the meeting, contact chapter President, Michael Kelly, Gulf South Piling and Construction, 504-834-7791. For information on additional chapter activities or membership, contact Robert Baker (Baker Piledriving & Site Work, LLC) at 985-792-5001 or via email at bakerlandmarine@bellsouth.net or Michael Kelly (Gulf South Piling) at 504-834-7791 or via email at gspmichael@bellsouth.net.

PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter - The PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter recently held their quarter dinner meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Paul's on the South River, Riva, MD. The chapter dinner did not feature a presentation by a specific speaker, but was conducted as a chapter business meeting. During the meeting, President Irv Ragsdale (Clark Foundations, LLC) updated the members and guests on the success of the recent dinner meeting with speaker Jerry DiMaggio, FHWA. Rob Braden (Skyline Steel), Treasurer provided a financial report indicating the status of the chapter was doing well as a result of the last DICEP conference and dinner meetings. Steve Hall, PDCA Executive Director updated the members on national activities. Irv Ragsdale then opened the floor for nominations for the position of chapter Vice President. William "Bill" Bonneau, Senior Project Manager, Cianbro, Baltimore, MD was nominated and voted unanimously as the chapter's Vice President. Congratulations, Bill.

Additional discussions were held in a roundtable format and included local business and industry work, the economy, and local communities/Cities/Towns, etc that were beginning to enact moratoriums on driven pile work due to noise and vibration. Steve Hall indicated that PDCA is concluding its Noise and Vibration Database that will provide credible arguments against the perceived noise and vibration resulting from driving piles. Steve Hall also indicated that PDCA has grown to the point that taking on legislative issues at their point of origin is no longer out of the realm of possibilities of our resources and expertise. PDCA can write a white paper on noise and vibration, dispelling longstanding myths and providing factual evidence that these two issues are not the problems once believed to be. PDCA can also participate in committees that are generating legislation or at the very minimum be asked to sit on review committees to rebut the ordinance language and challenge the legitimacy of the proposal.

Finally, the PDCA discussed a plant tour for engineers at the Atlantic Metro Cast, Inc. concrete production plant in LaPlata, MD. The plant produces pre-stressed, precast concrete piles and has offered to do a plant tour for local engineers. The purpose is to expose engineers to the quality control, quality assurances and exacting standards that are incorporated into the manufacturing of driven pile – in this case, concrete. This program has been successfully conducted with positive outcomes by PDCA independent contractor, Signor Enterprises (Rusty Signor) in

Austin, TX and by the PDCA of South Carolina Chapter, who also incorporated timber and steel pile manufacturing into their program.

PDCA of California - PDCA is expecting to begin conversations with the PDCA of California Chapter regarding the collaborative efforts of holding the 2009 DICEP in the San Francisco area. PDCA is moving DICEP around to all chapters on a rotating basis and is looking forward to working with the California chapter to host this program in 2009.

PDCA 2008 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

CONTRACTORS

The PDCA 2008 Membership Directory has been distributed to all members. If your office needs an additional copy, please contact the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322). Directories are free to members and are available for \$45.00 to non-members while quantities last.

Unfortunately, the PDCA does miss placing information in the directory or places information in the directory that is incorrect. The PDCA apologizes for any errors. If your listing is incorrect, please contact the PDCA to have the error corrected. The PDCA will reprint the correct version in the E-Letter and PileDriver magazine and indicate that it is a corrected listing.

The following companies had errors in their listings. Corrections are as follows. Please make these notes in your membership directory.

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PDCA CONTRIBUTES TO CHRISTOPHERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alan B. Christopherson, 55, died on February 1, 2008, at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Mr. Christopherson was an accomplished civil engineer in Alaska and took pride in a long design career that centered largely on North Slope oilfield development, but also reached into the Russian Far East.

Alan came to Alaska in 1975 to begin his engineering career at Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. He subsequently worked for R&M Consultants before joining PND in 1981. Alan excelled in the area of planning, design, project management, and construction of marine, port and land structures in arctic and sub-arctic regions. Alan considered his most notable achievement to be the development of specialized driven pile foundations for arctic and sub-arctic conditions.

The PDCA has made a \$1000.00 contribution to the Alan B. Christopherson Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund can send a check to UAA, 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 236, Anchorage, AK 99508.

IN MEMORIAM

David I. Peterson
March 28, 1945 – May 30, 2008

Vice President David Peterson of Atlas Foundation Co., Rogers, MN, passed away on Friday, May 30th. He was a 30 year employee with the company as an Estimator and Project Manager. He was involved with many notable projects throughout Minnesota and the surrounding states. Before starting with Atlas, David worked as a land surveyor with Comstock & Davis in the 70's.

David was a member of the US Army and served in Germany and Vietnam.

Those who knew David knew that he was an avid bird hunter and always had his dog, Gunner, by his side. He was involved in Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.

He will be sadly missed.

**WISHING YOU A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE
INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4, 2008!**

A DRIVEN PILE IS A TESTED PILE!