



## CEAM Update—August 16, 2012

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CEAM is pleased to present the second installment of its new and improved newsletter. While initially hoped to be a weekly mailing, we've decided to send these "CEAM Updates" once we receive enough news and updates to make it worthwhile. To that effect, please send us your stories! We want to hear about your ongoing projects, creative solutions to difficult problems, recent awards, or anything you think the rest of the membership would enjoy reading about—please e-mail your ideas and stories to the [CEAM Administrator](#).



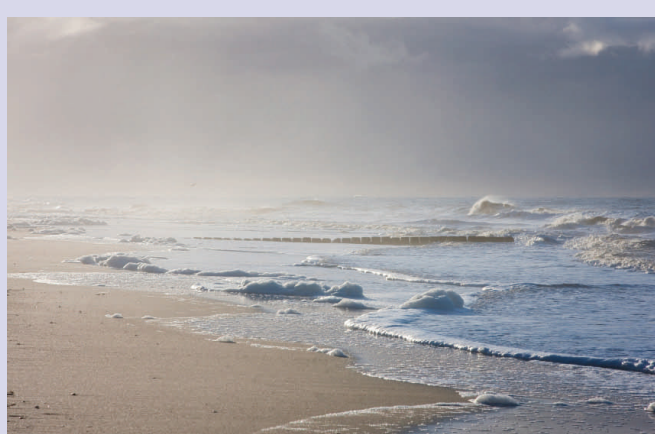
Registration for the 2012 Fall Conference Golf Tournament is underway. For more information, contact CEAM or complete an entry form in the Conference Registration Packet. For course information, please check out the Bay Club on their [website](#).

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### 2012 Fall Conference—Registration OPEN!

Registration for the 2012 CEAM Fall Conference is ongoing. The conference will be held September 20-22, 2012 at the [Clarion Fontainebleau Resort Hotel](#) in Ocean City, MD.



To download a registration packet, please click [here](#).

Make your reservations at the hotel by August 20, 2012 to secure the special conference rate of \$142/night. Call the hotel directly at 1-800-638-2100 to make your arrangements.

The conference registration deadline is September 10, 2012. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted. Visit the [CEAM website](#) for more information.

### REMINDER—Call for Questions—Keynote Speaker Presentation at the 2012 Fall Conference

The Keynote Speaker for the 2012 CEAM Fall Conference is Ms. Melinda B. Peters, Administrator for Maryland State Highway Administration.

We want to make sure your questions/ideas can be addressed during the presentation. To give Ms. Peters adequate time to prepare her remarks and address any questions CEAM members may have, we encourage you to send your questions/comments ahead of time. Please [e-mail them to CEAM](#) by August 22, 2012.

### CEAM Member Scholarship Program Completes First Year Program Awards Over \$8000 in Member Scholarships

Throughout the past fiscal year, the CEAM Member Scholarship Program awarded \$8,043 in scholarships to further the education and careers of Members, Associate Members, Member County staff and Associate Members Company staff. Scholarships or grants were awarded for the following educational pursuits:

- Pavement Management Course
- Bridge Inspection Training
- Engineering Master-Level Courses (two courses)
- County Leadership Training
- County Staff Training Seminar

These scholarships were provided in addition to our continued programs at the University of Maryland - 4 students at ½ tuition and Morgan State University - 1 student at ½ tuition valued at \$21,310.60 in the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in scholarship or training assistance, please visit the links below for information and qualification requirements.

### [CEAM Scholarship Program Announcement - August 2012](#)

Download member scholarship applications [HERE](#).

### Catchin' Up With...Paul Kahl, CEAM President

In this NEW feature, CEAM hopes to spend a few minutes "catchin' up with" members from all over the State. This will be a great way to get to know your fellow CEAM members. We begin this week with newly elected CEAM President Paul Kahl. CEAM sat down with Paul recently to pick his brain on the following:

- **CEAM:** Please tell us your name, city, company, & current title.
  - **PK:** Paul Kahl - Allegany County Director of Public Works
- **CEAM:** Tell us about your professional background (description of current position, previous jobs, schooling, etc.)
  - **PK:** B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Maryland. Have worked for Allegany County for 23 years. Held the positions of Design Engineer, Transportation Division Chief, Deputy Director of Public Works, and appointed Director of Public Works in 2010.
- **CEAM:** What do you think is the biggest issue facing the civil engineer in the private sector? Public sector?
  - **PK:** The economy is the biggest issue now for both the private and public sector, but sooner or later the economy will improve. I am always amazed that civil engineers, as a whole, seem to be happy and satisfied with their careers. We should be proud to be part of a group where our work greatly impacts the daily lives of all citizens.
- **CEAM:** What is your involvement with CEAM?
  - **PK:** Until becoming an officer in CEAM three years ago, I was not very active, except for attending the conferences. I have made more friends in the last three years since becoming an officer than my previous 20 as a CEAM member.
- **CEAM:** Tell us one thing you'd like to see from CEAM to make your membership more rewarding.
  - **PK:** With Maryland's new continuing education requirement, I expect to satisfy most of my required education through CEAM. But I expect that continuing to expand my relationships and friendships will bring me the most satisfaction. Dan DeWitt and I plan to expand the CEAM website. Also, I am hoping to work with other CEAM members to expand our membership.
- **CEAM:** If you could offer advice to a student currently going through engineering school, what would you say?
  - **PK:** Stick it out. As we know, obtaining an engineering degree required much time studying and a lot of self discipline. I knew a number of people who gave up but could have made it if they would have just put forth a little more effort.
- **CEAM:** Outside of work, what are your hobbies/passions?
  - **PK:** I enjoy playing golf, coaching youth sports, and reading, but without a doubt, my biggest thrills come from spending time with my wife, daughter (24), and two sons (13 and 26).
- **CEAM:** What are your plans for retirement?
  - **PK:** My wife and I plan to stay in Frostburg, but we hope to go south or west every winter for a couple months, and of course, spend a lot of time with my family.

If you or someone you know would like to be featured on an upcoming "Catchin' Up With..." segment, please [e-mail CEAM](#).

### New Job Posting—Wicomico County DPW

Wicomico County is currently hiring for the position of:

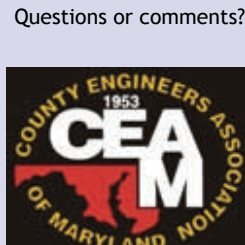
#### Director of Public Works

Application form can be downloaded [here](#).

Deadline is September 7, 2012.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? [E-mail us](#) or call 301-876-9560.



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