

# CEAM Update—August 29, 2012

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CEAM is pleased to present the third 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](#).

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If you enjoy writing and would like to submit an engineering-related article for inclusion in an upcoming CEAM Update, please contact us by way of the information at the bottom of this newsletter.

## 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.

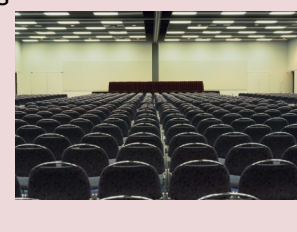
To download a registration packet, please click [here](#).

**NOTE: Reservations are still being accepted at 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.

## 2012 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunities for Professional Development Hours (PDHs)
- Annual Fall Golf & Tennis Tournaments
- Networking and business opportunities in the Exhibitor Hall
- Welcoming Remarks from Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan and Worcester County Commissioner Louise Gulyas
- Keynote Address from MD SHA Administrator Ms. Melinda Peters
- Presentations - Featured for Fall 2012:
  - 2012 CEAM Awards
  - Engineering Ethics (this is a required PDH - get it done now!)
  - Bridge Inspection
  - Disaster Relief
  - Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System
  - New Technologies
    - Driverless Cars
    - 3-D Imaging
  - New Products
    - Soil Nail Launcher
    - PaveDrain
    - Guided Highway Maintenance
- Fabulous accommodations at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
- NEW this year - "Polo" shirts for all registered attendees!
- Seafood Feasts, Deck Dinners, Receptions, and MORE!



## 2012-2013 DIRECTORY UPDATES

CEAM will be updating its membership directory to distribute at the 2012 Fall Conference.

CEAM will make every effort to produce an accurate directory based on the best available information. If you have any questions, please contact us.

## Catchin' Up With...Bruce Johnston, CEAM 1st Vice 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 continue this week with newly elected CEAM 1st VP Bruce E. Johnston. CEAM talked with Bruce to discuss the following:

- **CEAM:** Please tell us your name, city, company, & current title.
  - **BEJ:** Bruce E. Johnston, Gaithersburg, MD, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Chief, Division of Transportation Engineering
- **CEAM:** Tell us about your professional background (description of current position, previous jobs, schooling, etc.)
  - **BEJ:** I have been with Montgomery County since 2001. While we have had a few re-organizations during that time, I have held pretty much the same position throughout.
  - Previously, I was City Engineer in Hagerstown, MD from 1991 to 2001, and prior to that I worked with several engineering firms in Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland.
- **CEAM:** What do you think is the biggest issue facing the civil engineer in the private sector? Public sector?
  - **BEJ:** Can't speak to private sector. For public sector, biggest issue I see is deteriorating infrastructure in light of diminishing available funds. Most local governments, from cities and towns to counties and states, have been facing budget constraints over the past few years, with cutbacks to available operating and capital funds. At the same time, roadways, bridges, water and sewer systems, etc., are aging and the cost of repair or replacement is increasing.
- **CEAM:** What is your involvement with CEAM?
  - **BEJ:** I was a member of CEAM during my tenure as City Engineer in Hagerstown. I only became active in the organization in the past few years with Montgomery County, first as a member of the Board of Directors, then as Second Vice-President and currently as First Vice-President. Having served for the past year as Second Vice-President, I have met more people...very good folks I might add... than I met during the previous 15+ years as a member. I would recommend the experience to anyone as it has been truly rewarding.
- **CEAM:** Tell us one thing you'd like to see from CEAM to make your membership more rewarding.
  - **BEJ:** I really can't think of anything more I'm looking for from CEAM.
- **CEAM:** If you could offer advice to a student currently going through engineering school, what would you say?
  - **BEJ:** First and foremost, an engineer must have a curious mind. An engineer must enjoy solving problems of all kinds and do so with logic and reason. If you enjoy solving problems from geometric proofs to free-body diagrams to statically indeterminate structures, you've chosen the right profession. Keep doing all the homework problems and find a job where you can enjoy applying your methodical problem solving skills.
- **CEAM:** Outside of work, what are your hobbies/passions?
  - **BEJ:** I like to run a lot because I really enjoy eating. I'll be running in the upcoming Marine Corps Marathon in October raising funds for the Fisher House providing housing for families of wounded soldiers. I also enjoy golfing a few times a year. And, I am a frustrated archaeologist as I like to collect all kinds of ancient artifacts from arrowheads to ancient coins.
- **CEAM:** What are your plans for retirement?
  - **BEJ:** My plans are about 10 to 15 years out...but then we plan to retire at our home in Easton, enjoy the family, and do some traveling.

To be featured on a "Catchin' Up With..." segment, please [e-mail CEAM](#).

## Welcome to the newest CEAM members!

CEAM is pleased to introduce its newest members:

1. Joshua Dupee, Transportation Engineer, Century Engineering, Inc.
2. James Langley, Vice President, CPE, Inc.
3. Douglas Statler, Regional Sales & Technical Support Manager, Hammaker East, LTD.
4. Robert J. Marchetti, Project Manager, McCormick Taylor, Inc.
5. Phillip H. Muzik, Chief, Engineering & Construction Division, Cecil County Department of Public Works
6. Robert W. Bowling, Senior Project Manager, Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers

Please be sure to look for and introduce yourself to our new members at the upcoming Fall Conference and make them feel welcome!



## New Job Posting—Carroll County DPW

Carroll County is currently hiring for the position of:

### Bureau Chief of Solid Waste

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

The position will be open until filled.

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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