



ALABAMA SECTION

Montgomery Branch

2016 Multi-Regional Leadership Conference

The 2016 ASCE Multi-Regional Leadership Conference (MRLC) was a great meeting for several members from the East Coast (Regions 1, 2, 4, and 5) who attended. In attendance were three groups: Section and Branch Leaders, Eastern Regional Younger Members Council, and Student Chapter Leaders. The Section and Branch Leaders traveled from 29 different Sections, from Maine down to Florida. The Leadership Conference was a complete two-day event held February 12th and 13th, 2016 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Every Branch from Alabama sent a representative to attend. **Mr. Thomas Mason, the Branch Membership Chairman, represented the Montgomery Branch at the Conference.** National members in attendance included President Mark Woodson, President-Elect Norma Jean Mattei, and other notable ASCE Leaders.



On Friday, February 12th, the conference attendees started the first of several sessions to help produce better leaders. Sessions on this day pertained to Emotional Intelligence, Society Leaders Q&A, and Professional Ethics. The greatest amount of time was during a Networking/Regional Breakout session. During this session, the group broke into respective regions to gain ideas and discuss how different branches operate and how to make every branch more effective and engaging.

On Saturday, February 13th, the representatives enjoyed more in-depth sessions. These sessions included topics on Professional Manners in a Digital World, ASCE Resources, What Makes a Leader, and ASCE Grand Challenge. During the middle of the day, the delegates attended two of five focus sessions. The focus sessions provided in-depth discussions dealing with Raising the Bar, Engaging Younger Members and Student Members, Running a Section Survey, Creating a Successful Website, and Following Up on your State Report Card.



Overall, the Leadership Conference was a great success. It provided attendees a unique time to network with other like-minded engineers in a variety of disciplines and gain useful insight to improve each representatives own branch. The conference is a great way to learn about resources available to members and provide a momentum boost to excite and excel members to become more involved and engaged.