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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**JANUARY 2023** 

SAME Louisiana Post Members,

Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) is thrilled to announce the return of MathCounts in person this winter!

MathCounts is an exciting mathematics competition where 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students compete against one another and the clock for an opportunity to participate in the State or, if successful, National Championship.

The event will take place on **Saturday, February 4, 2023** at the UNO Engineering Building. The New Orleans Region is currently **seeking volunteers to help proctor and grade tests** – the commitment is only from 8 a.m. to early afternoon on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have a high school or college aged family member that needs community service credits, we have volunteer opportunities that qualify.

If you are interested in volunteering, or wish that your  $6^{th} - 8^{th}$  grade student (or their school) could participate, please contact me at your earliest convenience at <u>leah.read@aecom.com</u>.

Thank you! Leah Read, PE

#### HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

### Thank you to Marais Consultants for hosting last month's meeting.

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS**

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#### LOUISIANA POST MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

#### SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.

#### POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

- LOCATION: JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH 2536 EDENBORN AVE. METAIRIE, LA 70002
- GUEST SPEAKERS: CHRIS GILMORE, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING PORT OF NEW ORLEANS ANDREW THIESS, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE HDR ENGINEERING, INC.
- TOPIC:LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL UPCOMING<br/>DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES
- MENU: SALAD, MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES VEGETABLE, DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE

COST: \$40.00 MEMBERS; \$50.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS

RESERVATIONS: FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL: richard.c.entwisle@usace.army.mil YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

OR MAIL PAYMENT TO: SAME, LOUISIANA POST 5321 TOBY LANE KENNER, LA 70065-2345

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>** 

#### THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.

## SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

## **Chris Gilmore Director of Engineering Port of New Orleans**

Chris Gilmore is Director of Engineering for the Port of New Orleans and has over 25 years of engineering design, project management, and construction management experience. Prior to joining Port NOLA, Mr. Gilmore served as a Sr. Project Manager at the US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District. In that role he was vital to the successful completion of a significant portion of the post-Katrina hurricane risk reduction system.

Mr. Gilmore's design and management skills encompass a variety of civil works projects ranging from small ecosystem restoration projects to delivering over \$3.0 billion of the post Hurricane Katrina risk reduction projects. Mr. Gilmore also served as the U.S. liaison to an international team of storm surge barrier experts. He is a lifelong resident of South Louisiana and a Graduate of the University of New Orleans.

## Andrew Thiess Senior Professional Associate HDR Engineering, Inc.

Andrew Thiess is a senior professional associate with HDR Engineering. He specializes in ports and maritime work, having led the Bayport terminal project in Houston and the award-winning Hugh K. Leatherman terminal project in Charleston, South Carolina.

Andrew graduated from Vanderbilt in 1990 and served in the Army Corps of Engineers in Germany from 1990-1993, and since then has worked on very challenging container, cruise, and petrochemical ports in North and South America.