



**California/Nevada Section
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* **Annual International Meeting in Louisville, KY – August 7-10, 2011**

The ASABE AIM will take place this August 7-10 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. ASABE 2011 presents a forum to expand awareness of current industry trends, promote and acknowledge innovations in design and technology, and provide opportunities for professional development - all with a focus on the economic, political and societal impacts facing the industry. Missed the Early Registration Discount? You can Still Save! Register 3 or more people from your organization and the rate is the same as the Early Registration Discount! More information on the meeting in the bourbon whiskey distillery town is at www.asabemeetings.org. The only question is, have you signed up your “Just 1” more person to join ASABE for President McAllister’s campaign?

* **Become a member of the Order of the Engineer in Louisville!**

As a new "link" in the Order of the Engineer, ASABE invites you to be a member of its inaugural class of inductees. An induction ceremony will take place in August, during the 2011 Annual International Meeting, in Louisville, where new members will be invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and a stainless steel ring, which is worn on the little finger of the engineer's working hand.

You are eligible to join the Order if you are a graduate of an ABET-accredited engineering programs; a senior in an ABET-accredited program within two academic years of graduation; a licensed PE; or (by reciprocity) a member of the Canadian Calling.

The induction ceremony will be held August 9 at 3:00 pm, and inductees must be present to accept their certificate and ring. The cost of entering the Order is \$10.00, and inductees may register with Tina Schultz, either before the meeting or in person at the membership booth, at the Galt House Hotel.

* **Napa Farm Bureau Hosts First Annual Wine Country Tractor and Truck Pull – June 25, 2011**

The stands of the Napa Valley Expo were filled last Saturday by Farm Bureau supporters and tractor enthusiasts from near and far to view the brute strength exhibited by trucks and tractors! According to the Napa Valley Register, the event participants did what they could “to extract every last ounce of power from the vehicles.” Thanks to all that attended for doing your part to support the Napa County Farm Bureau and their programs and to all ASABE CA/NV members for supporting our CA/NV ¼ Scale Teams!

* **Jobs Available – Napa, Templeton**

Two jobs are currently open for hire. The Napa County Resource Conservation District is looking for a Conservation Project Manager, details, for which, are available at www.naparcd.org. The position will be open until filled. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is looking for a Civil Engineering Technician in Templeton, details, for which, are available at <http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=100427100>. They will accept completed applications until July 6th. If you know of other open positions, please contact anyone on your ASABE CA/NV officer team to have them posted in this newsletter.

*** Cal Poly ITRC's Designer/Manager School of Irrigation – August 2-18, 2011**

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region has paired with Cal Poly's Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC) in San Luis Obispo to offer a comprehensive educational program consisting of a variety of 1 to 3 day classes held between August 2nd and 18th, 2011 designed for irrigation professionals. The program is taught by the very people who developed the classes, Charles M. Burt, Ph.D., P.E., CID and Stuart Styles, D. Engr., P.E., CID. The objective is to offer you an excellent opportunity to:

- * receive practical information on key irrigation design and management concepts.
- * prepare for the IA Certification Exams.
- * increase your competitive edge by learning what is essential versus interesting.
- * work with state-of-the-art management software.
- * gain "hands-on" technical experience with exceptional indoor and outdoor facilities.
- * experience a comprehensive, intensive course structure that substantially improves technical expertise.
- * enjoy the Central Coast of California.

Please go to the ITRC website to sign up for the class. Make sure to register with the IA at least 30 days before the test date to be eligible to take their exam. ITRC courses may also count toward other continuing education requirements. For more information, contact Coral Norris at 805-756-2434 or clnorris@calpoly.edu or visit <http://www.itrc.org/classes/desmgr.htm>.

*** Agricultural Engineering Exam Review Webinars & Financial Assistance**

If you're planning on taking the Agricultural Engineering Professional Engineering exam next October and you need study help, check out ASABE's Professional Engineers' Institute website at <http://www.asabe.org/pei/PEwebinar.html>.

Additionally, PEI and ASABE have partnered to provide an incentive to candidates by reimbursing October 2011 Agricultural PE exam registration fees up to \$300 on a first-come, first-served basis. Candidates must be first-time Agricultural PE test takers who have not attempted to take a PE exam in any discipline prior to the respective administration, must pay all up-front costs for the application and administration of the exam, and must request reimbursement for state application fees and NCEES test administration costs not exceeding \$300 upon receiving a letter from one's respective state board of licensure with the results of the exam. Those wishing to take advantage of this offer must submit their name and statement of intention to Mark Crossley at crossley@asabe.org.

*** Opportunity Three**

Any CA/NV member may send an e-mail to the CA/NV Section Chair, Carolyn Jones, at carolyn.jones@ca.usda.gov by July 15th with the following information in it to be entered into a drawing for a prize. What is the name of President McAllister's campaign? What is the closing date for the Templeton position? Who is the lady you contact at ITRC?

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- If you have ideas for Update items or would like to get involved in the leadership group, please let us know.