

# NCSEA Winter Leadership Forum

March 7-8 • Westin La Paloma Resort • Tucson, Arizona

## Game-Changing Strategies for the New Economy

The NCSEA Winter Leadership Forum will gather together leading structural engineers in an energetic and engaging environment focused on leadership, networking and game-changing strategies for the new economy.

The Forum will be beneficial for professionals who seek to enhance their businesses, management skills and effectiveness within the context of their firm and individual performance. It is ideal for anyone with current or anticipated management responsibilities, ranging from principal to senior- and mid-level management, to people expecting to take on leadership roles. Attendees will participate in two days of invaluable sessions, roundtables, and networking time. This event will explore the mindset and skills necessary to be a transformative leader, as well as how to best align your role with your company's needs.

Visit [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com) for reasons why Chris Poland, Bill Thornton, Barry Arnold and Bill Warren will all be at the NCSEA Winter Leadership Forum in Tucson!

## SEAMass forms Young Members Group



Ellen Kuo



Sofia Zamora

The Structural Engineers Association of Massachusetts (SEAMass) formed a Young Members Group, which held its first meeting in December. The SEAMass Young Member Group is chaired by Ellen Kuo, P.E., LEED AP BD+C, of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, and Sofia Zamora, EIT, of Weston & Sampson Engineers. The group was formed to guide and support young engineers in their transition between school and industrial practice while developing a structural profession.

"We formed the group in October, and our first meeting was successful with a great turnout," stated Kuo. "Since then, we have received numerous inquiries about becoming a part of the group from young engineers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire, and from students in local universities. We are providing a platform for young members to exchange structural knowledge, and to share lessons learned from past and ongoing projects. We plan to shape our members into more valuable structural engineers and to further educate them to grow and advance in their career."

The group plans educational sessions, field trips, and PE "Teach-Ins". The first Teach-In was held in January, led by Craig Barnes, P.E. In February, the group will hold a combined social event with the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section Young Member Group, along with a Teach-In by Mike Berry, P.E.

At the NCSEA Winter Leadership Forum, share business ideas, successes and failures, with other structural engineering principals and benefit from the experiences of others.

### Sessions:

#### Developing the Next Generation of Structural Engineers

Glenn Bell, senior principal & CEO, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

#### Key Financial Indicators for Leading your Firm to Success

Scott Braley, FAIA FRSA, Braley Consulting & Training

#### Establishing a Successful Structural Engineering Training Program

Ben Nelson, PE, SECB, Martin/Martin

#### Hard Choices in a Soft Economy: 4 Mistakes you Can't Afford to Make

Kelly Riggs, Vmax Performance Group

#### Coaching for Leadership: Transforming Potential into Performance

Kelly Riggs, Vmax Performance Group

#### Top 10 Keys to Managing Multiple Deadlines & Expectations

Jon Stigliano, Strategic Solutions Group

#### 8 Actions to Get People Goal-Directed, Self-Motivated, and Engaged in the Relentless Pursuit of Excellence

Jon Stigliano, Strategic Solutions Group

There are a number of NCSEA Member Organizations throughout the country that have formed, or are forming, Young Member Groups. NCSEA now has a Young Member Group Support Committee that is charged with helping to form and promote Young Member Groups within Member Organizations. The committee is chaired by Tom Grogan and has developed a manual together with materials to assist Member organizations in forming, marketing and managing their Young Member Group. These materials are available on the Young Member Group page of the NCSEA website.

## February Webinars

**February 7, 2013:** Assessing and Dealing with Geotechnical Risk, A Structural Engineer's Dream or Nightmare – *Dennis Boehm*

**February 12, 2013:** Wind Series #2 ASCE 7-10: Components & Cladding Wind Load Provisions for Walls and Roofs – *John Hutton & Michael Stenstrom*

**February 26, 2013:** Wind Series #3 Component & Cladding Wind Loads for Building Appurtenances, Open Buildings, and Other Structures – *Tom DiBlasi & Bob Paullus*

These courses will award 1.5 hours of continuing education. Approved for CE credit in all 50 States through the NCSEA Diamond Review Program. **Time:** 10:00 AM Pacific, 11:00 AM Mountain, 12:00 PM Central, 1:00 PM Eastern. Register at [www.ncsea.com](http://www.ncsea.com).

