February 21: ASCE CI Kick-Off Luncheon and 2018 Torrens Award Reception

Over 65 ASCE Miami members attended this event which was organized by Construction Institute. ASCE presented 2017 Richard Torrens Award to Dr. Antonio Nanni, Professor & Chair of Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering University of Miami. Dr. Nanni receives 2017 Torrens award for his outstanding performance as editor-in-chief of the ASCE Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering. During his 20+ years in this role, he has overseen the rise of this premier journal on science and engineering of civil engineering materials. The award is made to honor journal editors who make outstanding contributions to ASCE publications program. No more than one award will be made in a year, while it is not required to be made every year. This award reflects the distinguished service of Richard Torrens, the late manager of Professional & Technical Publications of ASCE.

Afterwards, David J. Odeh, PE, SE (CA, IL), SECB, F. SEI, F.ASCE, Principal at Odeh Engineers and Vice Chair at ASCE Annual Convention Technical Program Subcommittee talked about digital technologies and an overview of the state of the art in the field of Virtual Design and Construction (VDC), with a focus on how civil engineers are using VDC tools to drive innovation and efficiency in their work. 31 professional engineers received PDH Credits from this great talk.

March 17: Tour to 100 Las Olas Building Construction Site

ASCE Miami-Dade members enjoyed a visit to the construction site of 100 Las Olas Building, the tallest building in Fort Lauderdale. 100 Las Olas is a luxury high-rise condominium, hotel and retail in the heart of Fort Lauderdale and Las Olas Boulevard. 499 feet tall, 46 Levels, 121 luxury residences, 238 hotel guest rooms, fine dining and select retail places. Kast/Kolter employees welcomed ASCE visitors with a comprehensive introduction to the building design and construction methods. At the end of the visit, attendees had lunch together, provided by RigRing.com as the sponsor of the event.
Upcoming Events

April 6-7: Annual Presidential Social Visit with Society President Kristina Swallow

On early April, ASCE President Kristina Swallow will visit Miami-Dade Branch. The following events are lined up through her visit:

1. Visit to FIU Wall of Wind Facility and meeting faculty and students
2. ASCE CI Annual Presidential Visit Social at 94 Aero Squadron
3. Visit to Construction Site of Had Rock Café Guitar Building at Fort Lauderdale