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Awards and Organization Changes

With the start of 2018, there were a number of retirements and organizational changes within the company, and there were also a number of awards earned by our staff. In this issue we take a moment to recognize these events and honors.



Bill Rushing and Khaled Awad ACI President

American Concrete Institute Honors and Installation

In January, the American Concrete Institute recognized several individuals for their outstanding contribution and dedication to ACI and the concrete industry. The 2018 honorees included William E. Rushing, Jr. P.E., who was awarded the 2018 ACI Education Award for contributions to educational committees through leadership and continued support of ACI education. Mr. Rushing has been involved with ACI throughout his career, serving on many committees and holding the office of President of the organization from 2014 to 2015. Bill is a vice president and head of the Civil and Environmental Department in the New Orleans office.



Nick Maalouli - President ACI New Orleans Chapter 2018

On January 19, 2018, Nick Maalouli in our Civil and Environmental Department was installed as President of the New Orleans chapter of the American Concrete Institute, continuing our company's long association with this organization. Nick has been involved with ACI for several years and will serve as president during 2018.



Kenneth H. Nelson receiving the A.B. Paterson award from Nick Musmeci of LES

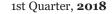
Louisiana Engineering Society A.B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer in Management

On January 31, 2018, our president, Kenneth H. Nelson, received the A.B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer



in Management from the Louisiana Engineering Society. It was presented at the Joint Engineering Societies Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana. The Medal is awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for distinguished service in management by an engineer. Achievement in management rather than engineering or scientific attainments are the primary criterion for the selection of the recipient. The desire of the society is not only to recognize the recipient, but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater role in the field of business management. Kenneth's father Waldemar and his brother Charles both received this medal in years past, indicating a continuing effort to "manage" to keep the company in existence for 73 years.







Waldemar Nelson's five children in the shop named in his honor at St. Martin's School. I to r: Ginger N. Dodge, Martha N. Frost, Mary Sue N. Roniger, Charles Nelson and Ken Nelson



Charles and Dottie Nelson

2017 St. Martin de Tours Award

On February 20, 2018, our chairman. Charles W. Nelson, received the 2017 Martin de Tours Award from St. Martin's Episcopal School in Metairie, Louisiana. The award is named for the patron saint of the school and is given to someone who demonstrates the spirit of service to others that is one of the school's basic principles. This award is given annually to an exemplary citizen who has consistently served his community and has demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards in his chosen field of endeavor. On hand to witness the award ceremony were Charles' wife Dorothy Duval Nelson and his four siblings. (All five of Waldemar Nelson's children graduated from St. Martin's School.) Charles' involvement in community activities and on boards has earned him many friends, and it is a credit to his optimism and energy that he continues to be asked to serve on committees and boards spanning business and philanthropic purposes.



Arthur Smith

IEEE Industry Applications Society Electrical Safety Committee "Best Paper and Presentation Award"

On March 22, 2018, Arthur J. Smith III, senior vice president and head of the Electrical Department in New Orleans, received an award from IEEE-Industry the Applications Society, Electrical Safety Committee (ESafeC). The award for "Best Paper and Presentation-Third Place" was for his "Sometimes Overlooked Safety Concerns with Large Engineered ASD Systems" (ESW2017-22). ESW paper prize awards are based on the technical paper peer review scores in the IEEE/IAS ScholarOne Manuscripts System and the oral review forms collected at the ESW. The certificate was presented during the awards session at the 2018 Electrical Safety Workshop in Fort Worth, Texas. Adding to the technical achievement was the demonstration of sheer will power and professional dedication that Arthur showed by presenting the paper while suffering from full-blown swine flu!

Congratulations To Our Retiring Employees and New Managers

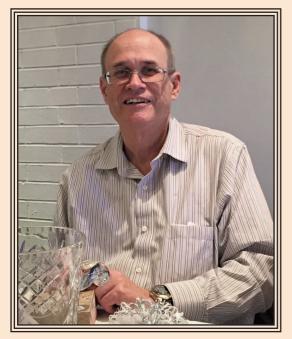
A. Pierre "Pete" Olivier, P.E. Retires

In the New Orleans office, A. Pierre "Pete" Olivier retired effective December 31, 2017, after just short of forty years. Pete was a vice president in the Civil/Environmental Department and handled many important jobs throughout his career. His most recent work was as a key player in our ongoing support of deepwater offshore oil and gas development for Shell. These world-class projects pushed the water depths in which floating platforms operated to new records. At a retirement luncheon held in his honor, Pete was joined by his wife Teri and other members of management.



Pete and Teri Olivier

R. Kent Davis, P.E., Retires



Kent Davis

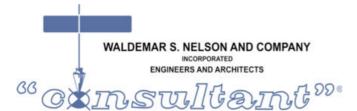
In the Houston office, R. Kent Davis retired effective January 31, 2018, after 19 years with the company. Kent was a vice president and head of the Mechanical/Chemical Department in Houston. He had previously worked for Exxon and brought a wealth of oil and gas knowledge to the company. Although retired from full-time service, we are grateful Kent has said he is willing to come back on an as-needed basis when projects call for his expertise. With Kent's retirement, we split the duties of managing the mechanical and chemical efforts in Houston to two people. Wayne D. Talley took the reins of the mechanical group, and Stephen W. Carlson took the reins of the chemical group, both effective January 1, 2018, giving them a one month transition period with Kent. Wayne and Stephen took over as a surge in Permian Basin drilling made their fields in demand.



Wayne Talley, P.E. Manager - Mechanical Dept. - Houston



Stephen W. Carlson, P.E. Manager - Chemical Dept. - Houston



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Ken Nelson, Dr. Karin Levesque, Bill Rushing, Sheila Rushing, Joel Dorsa, Charmaine Dorsa (standing), Tala Maalouli and Nick Maalouli attended the American Concrete Institute Honors and Installation banquet held at The Terminal - New Orleans Lakefront Airport.