



## American Society of Indian Engineers

Dear ASIE members and supporters,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2011. We would like to thank our outgoing **president Mr. Ashish Bagga** for his amazing leadership skills.

### Monthly Activities

#### OCTOBER

#### OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

ASIE organized a luncheon meeting with **Commissioner Steve Radack, Harris County, Precinct 3, on October 3, 2011** at HESS Club. The event was sponsored by eight engineering firms from the Greater Houston area. Commissioner Radack discussed the ongoing and future projects in Harris County.



*Commissioner Steve Radack, Harris County, Precinct 3*

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#### Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting	1/19/2012
Monthly Meeting	2/16/2012
Science and Engineering Fair of Houston	3/02/2012
Monthly Meeting	3/15/2012
Monthly Meeting	4/19/2012

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
FOR YEAR 2012.**

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[asiehouston@gmail.com](mailto:asiehouston@gmail.com) IF  
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
SPONSORING ANY OF ASIE'S  
EVENTS.**

## OCTOBER, Cont.



Attendees at October luncheon meeting

**Our many thanks to our  
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**Mr. Vishal Merchant presenting a plaque to Commissioner Steve Radack.**

On **October 25, 2011**, ASIE participated in a expo organized by Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) in downtown Houston. ASIE board members, Chad Patel, Srinivas Chintalapati and Mohan Atluri represented ASIE at the expo.

## NOVEMBER

On **November 1, 2011**, ASIE organized a **membership drive** at KBR's Diwali function and co-sponsored the lunch. ASIE board members, Chad Patel, Ravi Arora, Vishal Merchant and Mohan Atluri attended this event.

**ANNUAL DIWALI/  
THANKSGIVING  
GALA**

ASIE hosted the **annual Diwali/Thanksgiving gala** on **November 4, 2011** at Madras Pavilion in SugarLand.

Guest speaker **Mr. Pradeep Anand** presented a very interesting seminar on **"Trends that will Re-shape our Lives"**. Mr. Pradeep Anand is president and founder of Seeta Resources.



Networking at the event

## NOVEMBER, Cont.



**Mr. Pradeep Anand with ASIE Vice President Chad Patel and Secretary Ravi Raj Yanamandala**

Mr. Anand is an entrepreneur and consultant who has 30 years of experience in marketing, business strategy and execution in many industries in North America and Europe.

Mr. Anand has an engineering degree in metallurgy from IIT Mumbai and MBA degree from the University of Houston. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Marketing at University of Houston's Bauer College of Business MBA program and also serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Houston's College of Technology and the Houston Technology Center. Founder and trustee of the IIT Alumni of Greater Houston, Mr. Anand is also an amazing speaker and a very successful writer. He recently published a very well written novel, *An Indian In Cowboy Country*.

ASIE board adviser Mr. Ravi Kaleyatodi presented a plaque to Mr. Anand.

ASIE honored each Science and Engineer Fair of Houston (SEFH) award winners with an individual plaque at the event.

ASIE also gave a total of five (5) scholarships of \$500 each and certificate of award for the year 2011. ASIE also sponsored one more student award for the 2012 E-week at University of Houston.

Out of five scholarships three were sponsored by the following ASIE members and supporters.

**Mr. Hashmukh Doshi** (Doshi Engineering and Surveying) - ASIE life member and past president.

**Mahesh Wadhwa** (Wadhwa and Associates) - ASIE life member

**Sudhir Devappa** (JNovation Inc.) - ASIE supporter



**Winners of the 2011 Science and Engineering Fair of Houston and Scholarship winners**

Congratulations to following deserving scholarship winners.

- 1. Anubhuti Tandon**— Graduate student for Structural Engineering at UH.
- 2. Mithun Shingala**—PhD student for Electrical and Computer Engineering at UH.
- 3. Mukesh Roongata**—PhD student for Industrial Engineering at UH.
- 4. Preetham Goli**—PhD student for Electrical and computer Engineering at UH.
- 5. Charan Tanneru** — Graduate Student for Environmental Engineering at UH.



## NOVEMBER Cont.



*ASIE members, guests and supporters at the event*

ASIE also awarded the Young Engineer/Architect of the Year to **Dr. Srinivas Chintalapati, P. E., PhD, CFM**. Dr. Srinivas is a life member of ASIE and currently serves as a treasurer for the ASIE board. He is also the elected president for the ASIE 2012 board. He will attend the YEOY Award program sponsored by the Engineers Week Committee during the Engineers Week in the spring of 2012.

Our many thanks to the following ASIE Professional Development Committee (PDC) members for dedicating their efforts for student scholarships and the Young Engineer/Architect of the year award under ASIE Vice President Chad Patel's leadership.

**Chad Patel (PDC committee Chair), Ravi Arora, Ben Bansal, Pranav Kulkarni, Tanushree Hiremath, Ashish Bagga, Ravi Kaleyatodi, Bhavana Patel and Usha Anthony**

## Our many thanks to our EVENT SPONSORS

### GEOTEST ENGINEERING, INC.

Congratulations to our lucky draw winner Mr. Sivaram Prasad Sakamuri. Congratulations to game prize winners My Merchant, Sirisha Vallabhaneni, Sivaram Prasad Sakamuri, Elaine Lee and Niru Patel.

The fun filled event included a scrumptious Indian dinner followed by music and dancing.



*Game prize and lucky draw winners.  
Attendees enjoying music and dancing.*

## GENERAL BODY MEETING AND ELECTION

On **November 17, 2011**, ASIE held the **General Body Meeting and Elections for 2012 board members**. Treasurer Srinivas Chintalapati and Board Adviser Mr. Ravi Arora presented the financial summary to ASIE members. Mr. Ravi Arora also presented the proposed bylaw amendments for discussion and vote. Mr. Ben Bansal acted as Election officer. Thank you to all members for their participation in the General Body Meeting and election of board members for 2012.

### **ASIE Board for 2012.**

#### Executive Board

President : Srinivas Chintalapati, P.E., PhD, CFM

Vice President : Vishal Merchant, P.E.

Treasurer : Naresh Kolli, P.E.

Secretary : Bhavana Patel, AIA, LEED®AP

#### Board of Directors

Showri Nandagiri, P.E.

Madhu Kilambi, P.E.

Shekhar Ambadapudi, P.E.

Karthik Balasubramanian, P.E.

Usha Anthony

## NOVEMBER, Cont.

### **Board Advisers**

Ashish Bagga, P.E.

Ravi Arora, P.E.

Ravi Kaleyatodi, P.E.

## DECEMBER

### DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

On **December 8, 2011**, ASIE organized the last monthly meeting for 2011, with a very unique presentation by **William Garner, General Manager, Abha Dwivedi, Associate General Manager, Pawan Chawla and Anju Chug** from **AGLA** (American General Life and Insurance Company). The AGLA team talked about their various existing and new products.



**AGLA team—William Garner, Pawan Chawla, Abha Dwivedi, Anju Chugh**

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**Attendees at the meeting**

The meeting took place at Bayland Community Center. The AGLA team also provided delicious Indian dinner to all attendees.

## NEWS



**Srinivas Chintalapati, P.E.,  
PhD, CFM  
KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC.  
Licensed in the State of the  
Texas**

Congratulations to ASIE Life Member Dr. **Srinivas Chintalapati** for recently passing the Professional Engineering exam. ASIE is proud of his achievements and advancement in the professional community.

Dr. Srinivas also serves as treasurer for the current ASIE board and is the elected President for 2012 ASIE Board.

He is also the winner of ASIE's 2011 Young Engineer of the Year Award.

**ASIE would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors, members and guests for making 2011 a great success.**

## ASIE BOARD FOR 2011

### Executive Committee



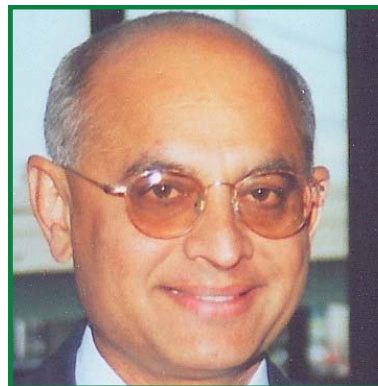
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**Secretary**  
**Ravi Raj Yanamandala, P.E.**  
**GEOTEST ENGINEERING INC.**



**Vice President**  
**Chad Patel, P.E.**  
**KELLOGG BROWN & ROOT INC.**

### Board of Advisers



**Ravi Kaleyatodi, P.E.**  
**CITY OF HOUSTON**



**Ravi Arora, P.E.**  
**Retired, HCPID**



**Rajesh Tanwani, P.E.**  
**GUNDA CORPORATION**



## ASIE BOARD FOR 2011

### Board Members



**Vishal Merchant, P.E.**  
*ESPA CORP, INC.*



**Sudhakar Kalaga, P.E.**  
*KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC.*



**Mohan Atluri, P.E., PTDE**  
*KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC.*



**Naresh Kolli, P.E..**  
*GEOTEST ENGINEERING INC.*



**Bhavana Patel, AIA, LEED®AP**  
*PAGE SOUTHERLAND PAGE, LLP*

### Corporate Members



*Note: To Become a Corporate Member contact [ASIE](#)*

## DID YOU KNOW?

## “TOLERANCE” SCULPTURES ALONG BUFFALO BAYOU



In March, 2011, Mayor Annise Parker inaugurated the Rosemont pedestrian bridge which spans 780 feet across Memorial Drive and Buffalo Bayou and connects the Memorial Drive walkway to the Allen Parkway walkway near the Montrose/Studemont intersection. The project was built through a partnership between the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Memorial Heights Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 5 and the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

The southern end of the bridge is guarded by seven sculptures made out of transparent aluminum framed letters, which creates human figures sitting in Vrajasana (Yoga Position). The name for this artwork is “Tolerance”.

Spanish artist and sculptor, Jaume Plensa from Barcelona imagined harmony and unity in his creation of these sculptures representing the seven continents of the world. These large majestic sculptures are made in his signature alphabet pattern, each representing a mix of languages including Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Greek, Hindi and Cyrillic. At night the figures glow from within, creating a constellation of beacons. The artist’s inspiration comes from his belief that despite all of our many differences that make us unique, such as religion or language, we are all trying to achieve similar things, such as love, health, prosperity and the success of our children.

The “Tolerance” project was initiated by Mica Mosbacher and Dr. Mahmoud Eboo, representing his Highness the Aga Khan, who personally contributed to the realization of the project. The Houston Arts Alliance oversaw the project and installation.





## ASIE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

If you are already a member but have not renewed your membership this year, we would like you to renew your membership as soon as possible.

If you are not a member, you have the option of enrolling as a Regular (Annual) Member or a Life Member. Membership forms are available on our website [www.asiehouston.org](http://www.asiehouston.org)

**Some of the membership benefits include:**

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Workshops
- Engineering Tours
- Employment Counseling and Opportunities
- Job Listings
- Social Gatherings

We enable these benefits through organized monthly seminars, networking events, workshops, tours, and through our website.

The members are generally provided a discounted price for the tickets at ASIE events.

### Membership fee for 2012

**Individual Membership — \$50**

**Life Membership — \$400**

**Student Membership — \$10**

**Corporate Membership — \$250**

Please mail application form and check to the address given below:

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*The American Society of Indian Engineers (ASIE) was established in Houston in 1994 and its membership demographics include technical professionals of Indian origin in engineering, architecture, the sciences, construction and information technology. Our focus is on professional development and we aspire to position the Indian technical professional community to be a force to be reckoned with.*

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