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2016 President of ASCE

Mark Woodson was inaugurated as the 2016 President of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) at the ASCE Convention in New York City in October. Mark's election as President brings additional focus on rural areas and their economic development through investment in infrastructure, particularly important for tourism in our area. Many of the Firm's projects have focused on revitalization of historic areas, while improving the underlying infrastructure. Mark explained, "we've always taken the approach that if we're going to tear up the surface to get to the aging, and often failing, utilities underneath, let's put some extra effort into the finishing touches on the surface. That way we can also improve the charm and appeal of the historic downtown areas."

During the inauguration speech, Mark wiped away some tears as he took a special moment to express his



Mark's wife, Lupe, their four children and their spouses, eight grandchildren, and his mother Ruth, were all in attendance to celebrate.

appreciation to his family that had flown in from all over the country to be with him. "One of the reasons for our success at Woodson Engineering & Surveying is our special attention to family. It's a very important value to me personally," Mark said, "and within our business, we take great pride in making way for family events." ♦

Bonito Street Water and Sewer Project

Rick Schuller was pleased to see another City of Flagstaff project finished before snowfall. As the Project Manager on a complex project such as Bonito Street, Rick understands that completion

before the weather turns is a critical issue in our area. The project started out as a sewer and water replacement project, but based on citizen input, grew to include sidewalks, drainage improvements due to flooding and runoff issues, and street restoration and widening.

Rick explained that "when the scope changed to include a wider street section due to the nearby schools and school bus traffic, our team worked closely with the





City’s Project Manager, Christine Cameron, to accommodate this design feature in an already-tight historic neighborhood.”

Woodson was the prime design engineer providing scope development, survey, design, bid phase services, and post bid services. With Woodson’s depth of technical staff and diverse experience we were able to accommodate all aspects of the expanded scope. ♦

Sustainability Professional: Sandy Phillips



The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure recently issued Sandy Phillips a certification as an Envision Sustainability

Professional. With this credential she brings design experience and knowledge that considers the sustainability aspects of our projects. For example, using recycled or local materials, or

considering the project’s impact on non-renewable resources, and involving stakeholders early in the project. Sandy is currently the only professional consultant with this certification in northern Arizona. A complete listing is available at www.sustainableinfrastructure.org. Her clients and projects will benefit from her efforts to expand her professional credentials as well as add specialized and unique expertise to the Woodson Team.

Sandy is the Project Manager on our projects for the City of Winslow, and she is currently preparing 100%

plans for the Renaissance V project for ADOT, which will receive federal funding for the improvement of Historic Route 66. She is also wrapping up 3 transportation, utilities, and construction administration projects in Winslow.

Sandy is managing Woodson’s expanding operations in the Verde Valley and Prescott areas. In addition to her projects for the City of Prescott, Woodson was selected by the Town of Camp Verde to provide on-call engineering services and she will be managing those efforts. ♦

News Briefs

Grant Evans recently completed a training course, *Design and Construction of ADA Facilities*, administered by ADOT and FHWA. Grant is our lead CAD



Technician for our streetscape improvement projects for the City of Winslow during which Grant has designed roads, curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, ADA parking areas, vehicle and pedestrian lighting, as well as landscape and

irrigation on Historic Route 66. ♦

Jeff Swan will be a speaker at the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit January 12-15 in Yuma. He will be presenting on the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for Arizona. The Summit is an ideal venue for this discussion since it is attended by elected and appointed officials, transportation planners, service providers, engineers, and other similar professionals. ♦

Woodson is hiring! We are looking for a Senior Project Manager. Please see our web site for a complete

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