



**STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS
16th ANNUAL MIDWEST BRIDGE SYMPOSIUM**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



***Event Date: April 18, 2019 Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Maggiano's, 111 W. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL***



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The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Bridge Symposium, which provides a forum for engineers to share analysis, design, and construction information from recent projects with unique and/or distinguishing characteristics. Attendance typically represents a diverse cross-section of all aspects of the profession, including: design, construction management, material suppliers, academia, general contracting, and owners' representatives.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Symposium is comprised of a single day-long session including continental breakfast, refreshments, and luncheon.

The Symposium will include:

- 11 presentations (25-minutes presentation plus 5-minutes Q&A)
- 2 Pearl Sessions (5 minutes presentations), and
- 1 Keynote presentation

Attendees receive **7 PDHs/CEs hours** of continuing education credit for the Symposium.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Individuals wishing to present at the Symposium are invited to submit an Abstract on any general-interest subject related to the analysis, design, construction, materials, or inspection of bridge projects. The abstract should not exceed 500 words, and authors may submit more than one abstract. You may submit an abstract for a 25-minute presentation and/or a Pearl Session (5 minutes presentations).

Click here to complete the [Abstract Submission Form](#)

ABSTRACT REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Clarity: the concept and expression should be comprehensible
2. Approach: including definition of the problem, hypothesis, methodology, application, results, and analysis
3. Practice of Structural Engineering: should bridge the gap between theory, challenges and solution
4. Originality: should report preliminary or novel results

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

Corresponding presenters will be notified of acceptance by the organizing committee. Additional details will be provided following acceptance. SEAIO reserves the right to reproduce information submitted as part of any symposium presentation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird Pricing: \$255 member / \$380 non-member (ends March 18, 2019)

Regular Pricing: \$380 member / \$430 non-member

Students: \$100

The Symposium registration fee will be waived for presenting authors of a full presentation (not the Pearl session)

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Limited Exhibitor Opportunities are available at **\$825** per space. Exhibitors will receive recognition in the program, one admission to the Symposium, and access to participants during breakfast, lunch and breaks during the day. For more information or to reserve your space online, please visit [this page](#).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are four different levels of corporate sponsorship. The following are the costs and respective benefits for each of the four levels.

Platinum: \$1,000 – Recognition in program, display of poster exhibit at event, and recognition for sponsoring lunch.

Gold: \$850 – Recognition in the program, display of poster exhibit at event, and recognition during the technical session for sponsoring one of the following: Continental Breakfast, Morning Break or Afternoon Break

Silver: \$600 – Recognition in the program and display of poster exhibit at event

Bronze: \$350 – Recognition in the program

Companies interested in sponsoring this event are invited to register [here](#).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstracts due: January 18, 2019

Notification of Acceptance: February 20, 2019

Early Registration ends: March 18, 2019

Final Presentation due: April 11, 2019

Event Date: April 18, 2019