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JUNE 2025 JOINT DINNER MEETING

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(Parking is located south of the 311 building - \$13.00 after 5:00PM)		
June 10, 2025		
Cocktails 5:15 pm, Dinner 6:15 pm, Presentation to follow		
Joel Bryant – Stratalock USA		
Michael Wysockey, PhD, PE – Thatcher Foundations		
\$70 General (Contractor, Consultant with reservation)		
\$55 Education/Government Employees (with reservation)		
\$25 Students (with reservation)		
(if paying with check, make checks payable to ASCE IL Geo-Institute)		
Registration Link (1.0 PDH will be provided to all attendees)		
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Topics

Revolutionizing Seawall Preservation – Strata lock USA on the urgent need for Seawall Maintenance

Marine Construction in the Chicago Area – Thatcher Foundations

Marine construction in the Chicago area will be discussed in a general sense from design and permitting through installation. The design and permitting challenges far exceed those of typical construction projects since, in addition to satisfying the City of Chicago and Office of Underground Coordination, there are federal and state agencies who must be satisfied. The focus will be on steel sheet piles, whether used along the rivers or on the lakefront and their associated anchorage systems. Case histories will be presented to illustrate these concepts.

About the Speakers



Joel Bryant is the founder and a partner at Stratalock USA. He has over 15 years of experience in the utilization of chemical grouting for a wide variety of complex geotechnical applications. Prior to the founding of Stratalock USA, Joel managed the largest firm in the chemical grouting industry. He has designed, managed and installed projects of all types ranging from residential to large commercial and industrial.

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Michael received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from The Citadel, his Master's from MIT, and his Doctorate in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – where he was awarded both the Wilson and Peck Fellowships. His publications range from shore erosion to the effect of local soil conditions on earthquake motions, to the capacity of deep foundations. He is the past president of the DFI and recently chaired the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings and the ASCE Geo Institute, Illinois Section.



Thomas "John" Wysockey, Executive Vice President of Thatcher Foundations, received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from the University of Southern California. John is a past president of Northwest Indiana Contractors Association (NWICA) and serves on the board at the Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF). John previously served on the board of the Chicagoland Subcontractors Association, ASA Chicago.