

Micropile Committee

The last DFI/ADSC Joint Micropile Committee meeting was held in Irving, Texas at the ADSC Spring Board of Directors meeting in April. The next meeting will be in July 2012 at the ADSC Summer Meeting in Charleston, S.C.

As usual, there is a lot going on in the micropile industry, and

Jonathan K. Bennett, P.E., D.GE
Committee Co-Chair for DFI
jbennett@geostructures.com
Robert A. Carnevale
Committee Co-Chair for ADSC



as a result, there are a number of ongoing projects the Micropile Committee is working on. The following are summaries of some of the major efforts recently completed or currently underway.

A successful and well attended day and a half Micropile Seminar was held in early May in Little Rock, Ark., and included some of the best sessions from our past

seminars plus a number of new sessions including LRFD coverage. Sean Campbell of Foundation Specialties was the local coordinator for the event. Planning is currently underway for our next seminar to be held in the Washington, D.C. area. Make plans to join us in 2012!

One of the development tasks related to the annual seminar program was the development of a presentation on the application of LRFD for Micropiles. This task has been completed and has been incorporated into the seminar program. A lot of interest was expressed on the topic of LRFD, and it is hoped that this material will assist micropile designers in properly applying LRFD principles and understanding how it compares to other design methodologies.

Work continues on updating the committee publication *Guide to Drafting a Specification for Micropiles* and the

development of a position white paper on the use of mill secondary casing material for micropiles. Task forces have been formed and have met to discuss these efforts.

Don't forget that DFI and the Micropile Committee have created groups on LinkedIn so that news and activities can be shared. I will be posting committee news on my personal micropile blog as well at www.micropile.org. These online resources make it easier for committee members and interested parties to keep up to date and provide immediate input on discussion items. Be sure to check these out. If you are a committee member, please sign up at www.linkedin.com and connect with me at www.linkedin.com/in/jonathankbennett so I can get you plugged in to the Committee Group. There is no cost to create and maintain a LinkedIn account.