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UPCOMING EVENTS

March Branch Meeting

Monday, March 22

April Branch Meeting

Monday, April 10

May Branch Meeting

Monday, May 8

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to start this letter by wishing the entire ASCE membership a very Happy New Year! Time flies when you're having fun! The FWASCE Board has been hard at work, making sure that the Branch continues to operate smoothly and provide value to our membership.

The North Texas Region's national science competition for 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8th graders known as "Future City Competition" took place in late January. The Future City Competition – in association with National Engineers Week – inspires young students to think about engineering by challenging them to solve the real-world problems associated with building a livable city of the future. This year's Future City Competition was held for the first time, at the beautiful Tarrant County College - Trinity River campus. I'd like to say thank you to our ASCE Fort Worth Branch members who volunteered to help at this event and to our Special Award's volunteer judge, Ahmad Hashmi.

I want to notice and congratulate Peter Caravano, P.E., M. ASCE. Peter was voted the 2023 Edmund Friedman ASCE Young Engineer of the Year for the Fort Worth Branch and was honored at the E-Week Banquet. Congratulations to Peter; we look forward to his continued leadership.

E-week is upon us! From February 19-25th, there are a variety of activities and networking opportunities available to celebrate and bring awareness to the engineering profession. The Fort Worth Branch is volunteering at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to provide a fun, hands-on activity to introduce children to the world of engineering. We are currently looking for volunteers for February 25th. If you would like to sign up or need more information, please reach out to Maria (msanders@bhbinco.com) or Mayra (mrodriguez@huitt-zollars.com).

Looking ahead. This year the Fort Worth Branch will host the joint meeting with Dallas. We don't have any details ready to share yet, but please think of a presentation you might want to share. We always love to hear from practicing industry professionals and their thoughts on a great project, the engineering practice, business practices, and technical reports.

I greatly appreciate the continued opportunity to serve the Branch and look forward to what 2023 has in store for us all.
Sincerely,

Jeff Philipp, P.E.
ASCE Fort Worth Branch President

BRANCH MEETINGS

Here are a few highlights from our recent branch meetings!



NOVEMBER

Location: Reata
Speaker: Jeff Williams, Graham Associates, Former Arlington Mayor
Topic: Engineering Communities for the Next Century/ Mayoral Experience
Attendance: 78

DECEMBER

Location: Reata
Speaker: Matt Oliver, Public Information Officer at Trinity River Vision Authority
Topic: Panther Island/ Central City Flood Control Project Overview
Attendance: 60



JANUARY

Location: Petroleum Club, Joint meeting with SAME
Speaker: Debra Castens, PE, USACE
Topic: Task Order Requirement Notice (TORN) Process



As of April 2022, the Fort Worth Branch has an account balance in good standing. Please note that the Fort Worth Branch is a 501.3(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We encourage all members to pay for their branch meeting registration online. Doing so automatically enters you into a drawing for a \$50 gift card!

Thank you to all the branch members and firms that continue to support the Fort Worth Branch!

If your company is interested in becoming a branch sponsor, please contact Lindsay Lafferty at llafferty@bhbin.com.

Upcoming Events

Check our social media pages for more information!

March Branch Meeting: March 22, Speaker Ron Reichert

April Branch Meeting: April 10, Speaker Curtis Beitel, PE, CFM, ENVSP

May Branch Meeting: May 8, Speaker Randy Skinner

June Branch Meeting: June 12, Speaker Roxanne Pillar

July Branch Meeting-Dallas/FW Joint Meeting: July 14, Speaker TBD

Keep an eye out for an upcoming young member's Happy Hour!

Job Openings

The City of Burleson and Hobas Pipe are currently looking to fill open positions. Head over to <https://www.fwasce.org/job-postings> to learn more!

Refer Your Colleagues to ASCE!

Do you know a fellow engineer who would benefit from ASCE's technical resources? We'd love to have them join ASCE and take advantage of all the tools, groups, newsletters, and publications offered.

For each successful referral you make in the Member-Get-a-Member program, you'll receive a \$50 Amazon.com Gift Card. At the end of the year, the member with the most successful referrals will get a \$500 Amazon.com Gift Card!

Additional Branch Information

Check out our new website! <https://www.fwasce.org/>

Save the Date: ASCE Texas CECON 2023 in San Marcos, TX: September 20-23, 2023

The ASCE Texas Section would like to remind members to "check the box" for Section/Branch dues when renewing your ASCE Membership for 2023.





Member Spotlight: Derek Baker, PE

Name of company/field of civil engineering that you work for?

Pacheco Koch, a Westwood Company doing Transportation Engineering, Heavy Highway.

What is your role in ASCE?

Vice President and Program Coordinator.

What college did you attend?

The University of Texas at Arlington.

If you weren't an engineer, what would you be?

Musician



What extra valuable guidance do you have?

What's a project you've worked on in your career you'd like to share?

We are currently kicking off a project Denton, TX along SL 288. It's a approx. 6.5mi roadway reconstruction involving multiple interchanges, bridges, ramps and frontage roads. It's a massive project in terms of coordination with multiple entities as well as several right-of-way constraints in addition to alternative alignment analysis on a congested segment of SL 288 which connects to US 380. It's an exciting hallmark project for us and we are glad to be a part of it!

What brought you to Engineering?

A scholarship program known as the Friends of Civil Engineering brought me to both Civil Engineering and ASCE. The program includes a full scholarship to UTA to pursue Civil Engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington and involves leadership development and mentorship to civil engineering students. Please let me know if you are interested in being a Director or if you have a star student in mind who is interested in pursuing civil engineering! This organization means a lot to me because I wouldn't be where I am otherwise

"As engineers and leaders, we should always remember to put our faith in our people. Even though we are getting paid to show up to work, we are all volunteering our hearts and minds to our career and it is important to cultivate this belief in how you treat and develop your employees"



TSU FALL FESTIVAL

STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

The Fort Worth Branch ASCE Civil Engineering Scholarship application is live. It may be presented annually to undergraduate and graduate Civil Engineering students, who will use the scholarship for their sophomore, junior, senior or post-graduate tuition expenses and fees. Preference will be given to students that are Sophomore and Junior level.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist with and facilitate the education of worthy students that are motivated by and interested in pursuing a degree and future career in Civil Engineering.

Complete applications must be received by the Fort Worth Branch by February 26th, 2023.



**TARLETON
STATE UNIVERSITY**
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The Tarleton State ASCE student chapter earned second place in the concrete frisbee competition at the Symposium!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Here are a few options for obtaining your PDHs!

Ongoing: TBPELS Ethics Webinars | <http://www.tbpe.texas.gov/webinars.html>

ASCE Texas Section Webinars | <https://www.texasce.org/events/category/webinars/>

ASCE National Webinars | ASCE National allows all paying members access to 10-hours of PDH webinars, with over 200 on-demand webinars from which to choose.

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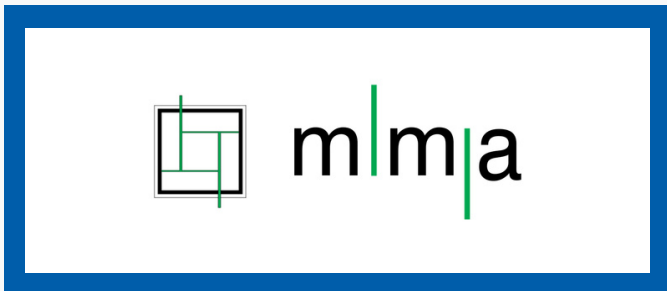
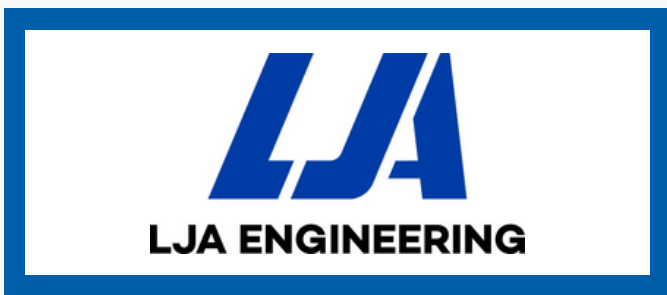
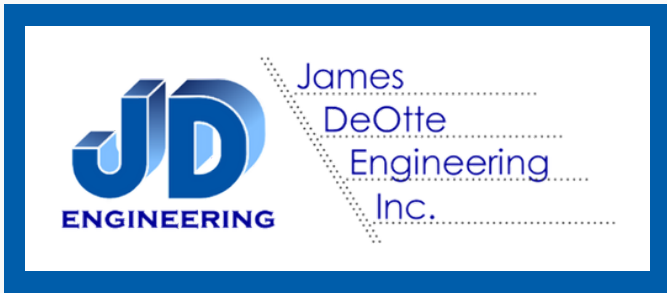


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