

Fort Worth CIVIL Engineer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September Branch Meeting

Monday, September 11

October Branch Meeting

Monday, October 9

November Branch Meeting

Monday, November 13

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past quarter has included several highlights for the Branch. As is our biennial tradition, we hosted the Dallas/Fort Worth Joint Meeting. This meeting took place on Friday, July 14th, followed by a Texas Rangers game outing coordinated by our younger members. The joint meeting included over 300 attendees and 19 speakers to ensure a diversity of topics for all types of civil engineers including downtown Fort Worth updates, professional ethics, Texas flood plan updates, structural design of Globe Life Field, and many more. Proceeds from this event are reinvested in scholarships for UT Arlington, Tarleton State, and Abilene Christian civil engineering students. I'd like to recognize Colton Fisher for his hard work in planning and organizing this event.

This is the fourth and final newsletter of our fiscal year, which means my term as FWASCE president is coming to a close. Derek Baker will take over as President of the Branch in September and I'm certain FWASCE will continue to thrive under his leadership.

On that note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the twenty-four board members and chair positions that volunteer to help FWASCE. A lot of coordination and effort is poured into keeping the Branch running on a day-to-day basis.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude and great appreciation for you all, the general membership body. I have greatly enjoyed this opportunity to serve you and appreciate your continued support of FWASCE.
Sincerely,

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

BRANCH MEETINGS

Here are a few highlights from our recent branch meetings!



MAY

Location: Reata
Speaker: Randy Skinner – Director of Transportation at Tarrant County
Topic: 2021 Transportation Bond Program Update
Attendance: 79

JUNE

Location: Reata
Speaker: Roxanne Pillar, PE - Celtica Engineering
Topic: Engineering Excellence: Built In, Not Bolted On
Attendance: 93



JULY

Location: Sheraton Arlington Hotel
Speakers: Dana Burghdoff – Assistant City Manager (Fort Worth), Kate Beck - Assistant Program Director (Fort Worth)
Topic: Downtown Fort Worth/ Panther Island Updates
Attendance: 181



As of August 2023, 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!

September Branch Meeting: Speaker: Farwa Sultan, "Universal Studios Roadway Project", Location: Reata

October Branch Meeting: Speaker: Martin (Marty) Wieder

November Branch Meeting: Speaker: Stephanie Griffin

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 20-22, 2023! Registration is now open! Early bird registration ends July 31. Please visit the CECON event website <https://texascecon.org/> for program information and sponsorship opportunities.

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





YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Peter Caravano, PE

Growing up Peter was always interested in science and technology which led him to become heavily involved with FIRST Robotics throughout high school and into college. Peter graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While at UTA he was involved with the student chapter of ASCE, Chi Epsilon, and Tau Beta Pi. Peter currently works as a project manager at Baird, Hampton & Brown on a variety of public and private projects. He is an active member in the Fort Worth branch of the ASCE and the Mid-Cities chapter of TSPE.

Congratulations Peter!

Each year, every branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers nominates and selects an individual for the Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award. This award recognizes a young engineer who is 35 years of age or younger who shows a will to service the advancement of the profession, technical competence, leadership, public service, and evidence of merit. Many of the past recipients of this award have gone on to be senior level employees and even owners of their respective firms.

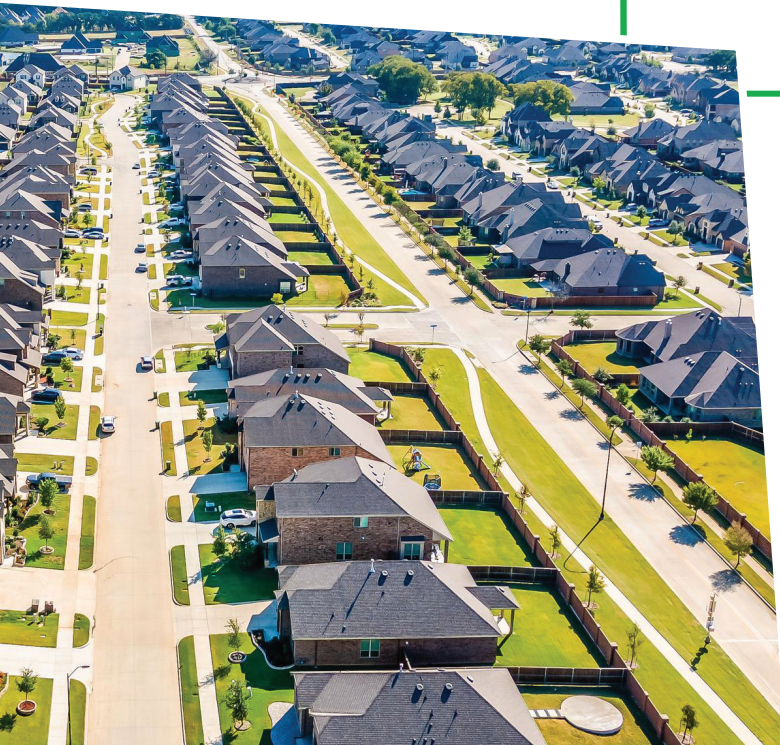


Our Vision is to empower our employees to be creative, collaborate and actively engage with our clients to deliver a service which separates us from the competition.

our unique approach

Our technology-focused approach to design, results in creative and feasible finished projects. Clients come to us when they want a consultant and a partner who will analyze and evaluate a project thoroughly from the start, mitigating any unforeseen risk which may arise during construction. Whether you are a property owner, developer, or government entity, we are here to help you succeed.

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Recognizing Andrea Taylor for 4 years of service on the ASCE Board including:

- 2021-2022 President
- 2022-2023 Past President



COMPANY CORNER

Freese and Nichols plans, designs and manages infrastructure projects for clients across the Southwest and Southeast United States.

Founded in Fort Worth in 1894, we offer stability as a long-term trusted advisor and use our national expertise to meet contemporary challenges.

Bois d'Arc Lake, which has transformed a large swath of Fannin County into Texas' first major reservoir in some 30 years, is the centerpiece of the North Texas Municipal Water District's new water supply program. Though the lake isn't yet open for public recreation, the dam is complete, and other major components of the \$1.6 billion water supply program are in the last phases of preparation for service.

Since 2003, a broad, multidisciplinary Freese and Nichols team — program and construction managers, environmental scientists, designers, schedulers and many others — has worked on numerous facets of the Bois d'Arc Lake program. More than a dozen Freese and Nichols staff attended the dedication to see the result of their labors through partnership with NTMWD and many other participants.

A 2-mile-long, 90-foot-tall earthen dam created the 16,641-acre reservoir, which can store 120 billion gallons of water. Freese and Nichols is engineer of record for the dam, and our teams designed other key elements at the site, including a 236-MGD raw water pump station, 110-foot-tall intake tower and 800-foot-long service spillway featuring a 60-foot-wide labyrinth weir control section.

Additionally, Freese and Nichols handled program management, oversaw construction and developed the environmental mitigation plan as part of securing the federal permit for the lake. Construction has been handled through four Construction Manager at Risk packages, plus a full-service provider contract for the mitigation project.

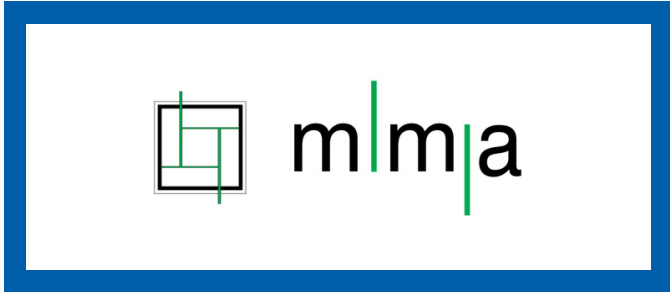
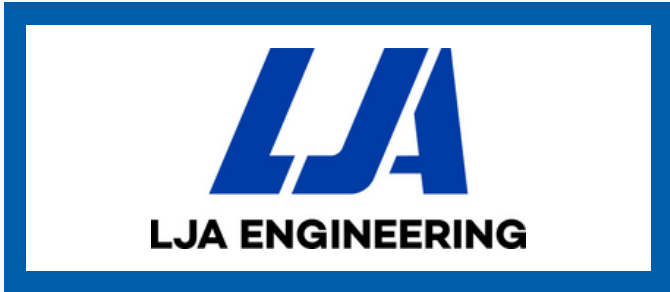
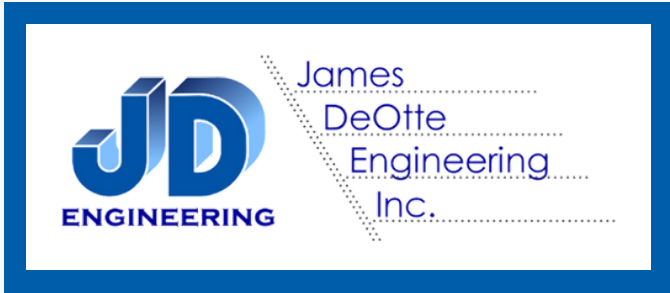
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