LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past quarter was quite an eventful one for our branch! In addition to our regular monthly meetings in May and June, it was our biannual opportunity to host the joint Fort Worth-Dallas branch meeting in July. This year the joint meeting switched venues to UTA, providing a great location with well-equipped meeting rooms for the technical sessions and the large atrium of Nedderman Hall for registration tables and the keynote luncheon. While the new location was not without its planning challenges, it did provide us a great chance to involve the University and further one of our long standing goals of student and faculty involvement with our branch. As a whole the meeting was well attended and provided the membership of both the Fort Worth and Dallas branches a great networking and continuing education opportunity. I would like to thank everyone that stepped up to help, as the success of this meeting is directly attributable to the effort and input of everyone who was a part of the planning.

Now that the 2018-2019 board calendar year has come to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered over the last year. Without each of you this organization would not continue to grow and succeed. As I am stepping down as the president, I would like to thank our membership for having faith in me to lead this branch. It was a great honor and privilege to serve as the Fort Worth ASCE Branch President. As the leadership transition occurs, I am looking forward to my next role of past president with the peace of mind that the branch is in good hands and has a bright future ahead of it with Kameron Boggan serving as the next branch president.

Lastly, I would like to remind all members to visit our website (http://branches.asce.org/ft-worth/). In the resources section you can find copies of PDH certificates for past meetings you attended.

Sincerely,

Austin Baird, P.E., M. ASCE
Meetings From the Previous Quarter

**June Branch Meeting**
Location: Reata Restaurant  
Speaker: Niraj Acharya, PE, CFM of TNP  
Topic: Professional Leadership Development

**July Branch Meeting**
Location: University of Texas at Arlington  
Speaker: Ricardo Gonzales, PE, of TxDOT Fort Worth

**August Strategic Planning Meeting**
Location: Teague Nall and Perkins  
Attendance: New Board and Committee Chairs

**Treasurer’s Report**
As of August 2019, the Fort Worth Branch has an account balance in good standing.  
The Fort Worth Branch is a Section 501.3(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
We encourage all members to pay for meetings online. This automatically enters you into a drawing for a $25 gift card.  
We appreciate and thank all of the members and firms that continue to support the Fort Worth Branch!
Younger Member Update

Check out the upcoming younger member events below!

**2019 Trinity Trash Bash:**
September 21st, 8:30-11am, after party 11am-3pm
Register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/trwd-fall-trash-bash-location-7-registration-65212726019?team_token=2387649-n037r](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/trwd-fall-trash-bash-location-7-registration-65212726019?team_token=2387649-n037r)

**2019 Younger Member Camping Trip:**
October 18th-20th, Pace Bend Park, Spicewood, Texas
Registration is $40. Sign up at: [www.texasce.org/event/ymcamping19](http://www.texasce.org/event/ymcamping19)

**Trinity Habitat for Humanity:**
October 26th, 7:45am-3pm
Email Allison Stamper (allison.stamper@pelotonland.com) or Amanda Quisenberry (amanda.quisenberry@aguirre-fields.com) for additional details.

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2019 Texas CECON

**2019 Texas Civil Engineering Conference**
Leadership by Design: Building a Legacy
September 18-20, 2019
Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel Conference Center & Spa

CECON is the flagship conference for civil engineers across Texas to collaborate and build relationships, presented in partnership with the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Texas Concrete Pipe Association. It’s the single annual opportunity for professional peer-to-peer exchange across civil engineering’s many technical specialties.
The UTA ASCE student chapter is excited to host the Texas-Mexico Student Symposium in March 2020 and is already working hard to plan the event! The event schedule is created and the student chapter held several meetings with many of the parties involved to make sure the event is a success. The final details are still being put together—more information to come at a later date.

Additionally, UTA ASCE made some changes to their lounge in Nedderman Hall to create a more welcoming location for incoming freshman. During this process they found a variety of old ASCE photos, projects, and more from years past that were fun to go through!

UTA ASCE is also working to create a Civil Society that includes all the organizations of Civil Engineering (ASCE, Chi Epsilon, EWB, ITE, Geo, SEI, AEI, etc). The Civil Society’s first event is the Welcome Bash which will be held on September 7th. More information will be shared later about this new society!

Awesome job UTA ASCE! Go MAVS!

Member Referral Program

Do you like free money?! Then refer your colleagues to ASCE! The ASCE “member get a member” program is ongoing through December 31. For every new member you recruit you get a $50 Amazon Gift Card! See website for more information http://message.asce.org/mgam

UTA needs your input!

The Department of Civil Engineering at UTA is working to expand their master’s programs in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering and would like your input. This survey is intended for engineers at all career stages including early-career engineers, those interested in pursuing a master’s degree, and supervisors.

The survey can be accessed at the following link: https://uta.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ruB3F8chJkA9oh

If you have any questions about this survey or would like to provide more detailed feedback, please email Assistant Professor Michelle Hummel at michelle.hummel@uta.edu.

Engineers can be social too!

ASCE Fort Worth is now on Instagram!

Give us a follow @ASCEFortWorth to get the latest on what our branch is up to.
On August 20th, Tarleton State University celebrated the opening of its high-tech 97,000 square foot engineering building. The $54 million facility is home to Tarleton’s School of Engineering and serves as the university’s new hub for education, research, and innovation in engineering.

The building is three stories; the first floor contains laboratories featuring industry-standard manufacturing, materials and constructions spaces in addition to CAD and automation labs, a thermofluids lab, and a project build space. The upper floors are filled with robotics, controls and electronics labs along with an environmental chemistry lab and numerous computer labs. The hallways provide study areas, collaboration stations, computers, and whiteboards.

Tarleton State’s School of Engineering now offers twelve undergraduate and graduate degree programs with over 800 majors and earned its ABET accreditation for the civil engineering program in 2016.

The Tarleton ASCE student chapter is looking forward to the start of a new semester and is ready to gear up for the Student Symposium in 2020!

Don’t forget to renew! The perks of being an ASCE member have gotten better! Now your membership includes 10 free PDH on-demand webinars. To see a full list of member benefits visit the ASCE website at http://www.asce.org/member-benefits/

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