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.

Our monthly lunch meetings continue to serve as a great opportunity for continuing education and fellowship. Many of you attend these meetings regularly and I hope more of you will take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities that are provided by these events. We have several upcoming branch meetings and events that I trust will be of great interest to our membership, including the annual E-Week (February) luncheon with TSPE where we will announce this year’s “ASCE Edmund Friedman Young Engineer of the Year” recipient. We hope to see everybody there!

We had the unique opportunity of honoring several individuals during this past quarter. The November meeting at UTA included a brief ceremony for the 2017 ASCE Life Members. Our congratulations again go to: Jamie Reyes, Franklin Fischer, Tim Falkofske, David Grimm, Jerry Roberts, Anwar Hirany, Bruce Kromer, and Duane Harrell for their continued commitment to ASCE.

At our December meeting, we were fortunate to honor Lynn Lovell and Dan Hartman, two Past Presidents of the Branch and long-time FWASCE stalwarts. Lynn Lovell, who is now retired, was honored for his career-long contributions to our organization and to the civil engineering profession. Dan Hartman, who has served at various levels of ASCE, was honored for completing his three-year term as ASCE Region 6 Governor. FWASCE sees continued success because of individuals like Lynn, Dan, and the countless volunteers that keep the Branch running. I thank each of these people for their time and contributions.

This year, the Branch will be hosting the ASCE Golf Tournament on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Bear Creek Golf Club. There are several sponsorship opportunities that will be made available in the coming weeks. We hope you will take a moment to review these and help make this event both memorable and successful.

I greatly appreciate the continued opportunity to serve the Branch and look forward to what 2018 has in store for us all.

Sincerely,

Niraj A. Acharya, P.E., M. ASCE
Branch President 2017-2018
Upcoming Branch Meetings

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Location: Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
Speaker/ Presentation: Khaled Naja, DFW Airport

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

Location: Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
Speaker/ Presentation: TBD

Meetings from the Previous Quarter

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

Location: Blue Mesa Grill
Speaker/ Presentation: Theresa Poer, PE Director of Trans. Ops. for TxDOT Fort Worth District
Topic: Upcoming Projects
Attendance: 87

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

UTA ASCE-Ft. Worth Joint Meeting
Location: UTA University Center
Speaker: Dr. Nick Fang
Topic: “What We Learned From Hurricane Harvey”
Attendance: 76

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

Location: Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
Speaker: Rick Strong
Topic: Texas Board of Professional Engineers Ethics
Attendance: 89

Dan Hartman awarded for ASCE Region 6 Governor from 2014 to 2017
Pres Niraj Acharya and TBPE Ethics Presenter Rick Strong

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

SAME-Ft. Worth Joint Meeting
Location: Petroleum Club
Speaker/ Presentation: Col. Calvin C. Hudson, II, Commander USACE - Fort Worth District
Topic: Upcoming Civil Work Projects
TEXAS SECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An exciting opportunity that was discussed is a one-time ASCE Region 6 Grant in the amount up to $1500 per project to promote ASCE. Proposals for consideration were accepted starting October 1, 2017 to be selected by Region 6 Governors for funding for fiscal year 2017.

For additional information please email David Calibuig dcalebuig@binkleybarfield.com or call 512–292–0006.

The next meeting of the Texas Section Board will be at the 2017 Student Symposium at Texas A&M University in College Station. The dates of the meeting are April 12–14, 2018. Book your room at the Stella Hotel (use code ASCE0418).

An upcoming leadership development weekend and executive committee meeting is still being scheduled for either June or July 2018.

Finally CECON 2018 and Section Board meeting will be September 19–21, 2018 in San Marcos. The ASCE 2019 Student Symposium will be held Spring 2019 at South Padre Island.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the Texas section of ASCE

Clint Hoover, P.E.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Construction Institute Summit is to be held in Fort Worth Hilton, Fort Worth, during March 1 to 3. Earn up to 16 PDHs via Technical Sessions, a Technical Tour, and Keynote Presentations. GEOBRUGG is organizing a workshop/seminar on Rock Slope Stability and Protection in the DFW area that is tentatively scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2017. This is a free workshop attending from which one can obtain up to 4 PDHs. Please look for flyers soon regarding this event. Structures Congress is to be held at the convention center, Fort Worth, Texas, during April 19–21, 2018. Earn PDHs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Member Events

Saturday, February 17th – 10:00–12:00 – TopGolf Fort Worth
Informal February event – Curling lessons at Dr. Pepper Stars Center
Saturday, March 10th – 7:45–3:00 – Joint ITE/ASCE Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity
Saturday, April 7th – 10:00–1:00 – Joint ASCE/ITE Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity with Rahr Brewery Happy Hour to follow (1:00–3:00)

Contact Johnathan Zimmerer for more information at jzimmerer@ferrovial.us
WHAT HAS UTA BEEN UP TO???

The bridge team has completed their design and are wrapping up drafting so they can order steel. They anticipate beginning fabrications before the Christmas break is over. Our campus has a “fabrication lab” and was recently outfitted with a laser cutter, miller, driller and other cool things, myself and the fabrication captain are under going training so that we can use it. This is exciting because we’ve been limited to what we can fabricate with our hands but now we will be able to do some more “fancy” things. The Canoe team completed all their testing (including compression test) and has picked out a mixture. They even went as far as going to Houston to acquire materials. They finished their mold and poured their concrete mix into it.

Our Branch finished out the Fall semester strong, we had our last GBM, volunteered at all of the Engineering Saturday events, adopted a Storm Drain and are currently having a coat drive. We currently have 2 speaker spots available for the Spring Semester’s General Body Meetings. Also, we are seeking sponsors for Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe, and other activities. Please contact Andrew “AJ” Czubai for more information.

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Preliminary Bridge Design

Concrete Canoe Team at Work

Steel Bridge Team Meeting

WAY TO GO MAVERICKS!!!
2018 DFW ASCE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

As you all may be aware, 2018 is the Fort Worth Branch’s year to host the Annual DFW ASCE Charity Golf Tournament. This year we decided to bring it back somewhere closer to home and on Monday, May 14, 2018 we will be hosting this spectacular event at the Bear Creek Golf Club near the DFW Airport. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming announcements regarding sponsorship opportunities and registration.

In 2016 the Branch was able to bring in over $3,000 to contribute to our scholarship program that we have in place with the University of Texas - Arlington Student Chapter. We have since brought another university under our umbrella, with the creation of the Tarleton State University Student Chapter, and are hoping for increased support from our members to inspire the future contributors to our beloved profession and society. We are looking forward to a record setting year so get the word out to the decision makers in your organizations and get your project schedules adjusted to accommodate you being out on Monday, May 14th!

Fabian Herrera

For sponsorship information please contact: Alexis Clark - alexis.clark@hilti.com or 214-537-6738

2017 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Pictured Left to Right: Timothy Falkofske, Jerry Roberts

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO CIVIL ENGINEERING.
The first edition of the branch newsletter was prepared in February 1989 and was mailed out in March 1989. It contained a letter from the president, branch meeting minutes, a list of officers, list of committee chairs, a topical article, membership information and announcements.

The newsletter was printed and mailed to members. The 1988-89 budget included a line item for "Printing and Mailing". The budget was $2,500 and of that budget $2,389.45 was spent over the ASCE year. These costs were partially offset by selling space for business card sized advertisements in the newsletter at $40.00/ per space for the remainder of that year, or through July 1989.

To the right is copy of the first cover! We have come a long way since then (newsletters in color and as PDF’s available on the website - no printing or postage); but that first newsletter set the framework for every newsletter that has followed!

Thank you to Kevin Miller, P.E. - the Fort Worth Branch’s First Newsletter Chair!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!
BY: Jennifer Roberts, PE
Historical Chair
Do you have any Fort Worth Branch memorabilia? If so, please email me so I can collect it!
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2018 Student Symposium is coming soon...

For more information, you can contact Kimberly Cornett at 214-583-8230 or by email Kimberly.Cornett@jacobs.com, or sign up at http://www.texasce.org/page/Symposium2018

CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBER INFO
Fort Worth has 535 current dues paying members. Don’t forget to renew! Your ASCE Membership benefit includes 5 Free On-Demand Webinars, discounts, and more! To see full list of member benefits visit the ASCE website http://www.asce.org/member-benefits/
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MOVING???

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QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems." - Scott Adams