LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the ASCE Fort Worth Membership:

It is hard to believe that three quarters of the Branch Year have already flown by! To me, this is always the best time of the year since it means we have (mostly) turned the corner on the cold winter weather and get to look forward to all three weeks of the North Texas spring. More importantly, though, it means that the Fort Worth Branch has completed some big events and is looking forward to even bigger ones.

I want to start by extending my heartiest congratulations to Johnathan Zimmerer, P.E., M. ASCE. Johnathan was voted the 2018 Edmund Friedman ASCE Young Engineer of the Year for the Fort Worth Branch and was honored at the E-Week Banquet in February. Congratulations to Johnathan; we look forward to his continued leadership.

Nice weather means more golf. The 2018 ASCE Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Bear Creek Golf Club. We use the proceeds from this tournament to support scholarships at UT Arlington and Tarleton State University. There are several sponsorship opportunities available this year by which your organization can brand itself throughout the tournament as a leader in our industry. Whether you are a sponsor, donating door prizes, or sending players – every cent counts. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the links!

We are excited to welcome the President-Elect of ASCE Global, Ms. Robin Kemper, to our Branch Meeting in May. Robin will be our keynote speaker and will be present as we introduce this year’s scholarship recipients from UTA and Tarleton State. Stay tuned for more details regarding this meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and I greatly appreciate the continued opportunity to serve the Branch.

Sincerely,

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

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

Location: Blue Mesa Grill
Speaker/ Presentation: Robin Kemper, President Elect for ASCE Global

JUNE 2018

Location: TBD
Speaker/ Presentation: Michale Shultz w/ National Weather Service/Hurricane Harvey

Meetings from the Previous Quarter

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Location: Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
Speaker: Travis Attanasio
Topic: ASCE Texas Infrastructure Report Card
Attendance: 100

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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

Location: Reata
Speaker: Kevin Ward, TRA General Manager
Topic: TRA Operations
Attendance: 96

Niraj Closing Statements

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

Location: Blue Mesa Grill
Speaker: Charlene Williams, Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Topic: Expansion of Fort Worth Facility
Attendance: 60
The Texas Section is busy this Spring, especially in the month of April. As you read this article the Texas Section Student Symposium with concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions will be taking place in College Station, TX Wednesday, April 11 – Saturday, April 14, 2018. In our next newsletter publication you will have results of those competitions! During the event there will also be a reception on the opening night, a career fair throughout, workshops, seminars, and several mixer activities. If you will be at the Symposium be sure to enjoy this great opportunity to network with other ASCE members from across Texas!

From our recent Section conference call an interesting opportunity I was made aware of is the ASCE Key Contact program. Visit (https://www.asce.org/keycontacts/) to learn more about how you can serve a vital role by being a key resource to elected officials and policy makers for infrastructure and other engineering related issues.

The Spring issue of the Texas Civil Engineer magazine (The Texas Section newsletter) was released in March that was distributed via email. The TexASCE Advisor e-newsletter is released at the beginning of each month. Are you receiving these emails? If not, please contact Mike Sosa (MSosa@TexASCE.org)

It’s not too early to plan ahead! Don’t forget to avoid CECON 2018 scheduling conflicts. This year CECON will be held September 19-21, 2018 in San Marcos. The theme this year will be CIVILization: Design for the Greater Good. Additional details will follow in the next newsletter and also in branch communications.

There are several opportunities to nominate members for awards. Nominations for TexASCE 2018 Awards and Honors are due May 1, 2018. Please visit http://www.texasce.org/?page=Awards for more information.

Infrastructure Week (1 Week) is scheduled May 14 – 21, 2018 (http://infrastructureweek.org/). If you are in the Houston area on May 18, 2018 the Houston Branch of ASCE will be hosting an Infrastructure Week Panel Discussion & Luncheon.

The 2018 Leadership Development Weekend & Executive Committee Meeting is being held in Dallas during July 20 – 22, 2018 at the Embassy Suites Dallas Love Field & Jacobs Downtown Dallas office. Invited Attendees are Incoming Section Committee Chairs, 2 representatives from each Branch, 1 Younger Member and 1 Institute leader from each local Forum/Group/Chapter

Other Texas Section events to be aware of are:
• ASCE Structures Congress 2018 - April 19-21, 2018 – Fort Worth, Texas
• ASCE Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Hall of Fame Gala - May 1, 2018 – Houston, Texas
• Geo Soil Dynamics V (GEESD) - June 10-13, 2018 – Austin, Texas
• Dream Big Netflix Release - July 1, 2018
• ASCE Younger Member Leadership Symposium - August 10-12, 2018 – Reston, Virginia
• Presidents and Governors Forum - September 23-24, 2018 – Reston, Virginia
• ASCE 8th Forensic Engineering Congress - November 29 – December 2, 2018 – Austin, Texas

Clint Hoover, Texas Section Director – Fort Worth Branch
Thank you for your participation and interest in the Texas section of ASCE

Clint Hoover, P.E.
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ASCE FORT WORTH branch successfully organized a well attended one day workshop on Rock slope stabilization and slope stability at the campus of University of Phoenix, Dallas that was conducted by Geobrugg on March 20, 2018. Due to the overwhelming success of the seminar and the fact that the workshop had to limit the number of attendees, Geobrugg intends to do the workshop again during Fall 2018.

Encouraged by this success, ASCE Fort Worth is investigating the possibility of another such event during Fall/ Spring 2018/19.

Dr. Dorairaja Raghu, P.E.
raghu@nijt.edu

YOUNGER MEMBER EVENTS
PAST EVENTS

On Saturday February 17th the Fort Worth Branch Younger Members had a TopGolf Social Hour. 11 members participated. It was obvious who leaves work early on Fridays to hit the golf course....not going to mention any names...

During E-Week the Fort Worth Branch YMs stayed busy volunteering at the Museum of Science and History in Fort Worth. Volunteers helped guests test their engineering skills as they built Keva Block bridges, dowel rod buildings, and vertical structures from clothespins and craft sticks. The museum reported over 3100 guest on the days our ASCE YMs volunteered.

On Saturday March 10th the Fort Worth Branch Young Members teamed up with TexITE to help construct a Habitat for Humanity House. All participants had a great time and made a difference for someone in need.

On Saturday April 7th the Fort Worth Branch Younger Members teamed up with TexITE and volunteer at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. All participants helped sort and package food for the Food Bank and then enjoyed a Social Hour at Panther Island Brewery as a reward for helping their community!
YOUNGER MEMBER EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, May 15th the Fort Worth Branch Younger Members and UTA students have scheduled a tour of the "Texas Live!" construction site with the ASCE President Elect, Robin Kemper. Registration Link available soon!

For more upcoming ASCE Younger Member events please join the ‘ASCE Younger Members of Dallas-Fort Worth’ Facebook group. Members can find all sorts of activities hosted by the Dallas and Fort Worth branches each month.

Contact Johnathan Zimmerer for more information at jzimmer@ferrovial.us

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The University of Texas at Arlington ASCE Student Chapter has been selected by the Committee on Student Members to receive a Letter of Honorable Mention for its outstanding activities as recorded in their 2017 Chapter Annual Report.

Please contact Andrew "AJ" Czubai for more information.
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Phone: 817-909-7201

March 28, 2018

James C. Williams, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASC
ASCE Student Chapter Faculty Advisor
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Civil Engineering Dept.
Arlington, TX 76019-0205

Subject: 2018 Letter of Honorable Mention

Dear Dr. Williams,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the University of Texas at Arlington ASCE Student Chapter has been selected by the Committee on Student Members to receive a Letter of Honorable Mention for its outstanding activities as recorded in the 2017 chapter annual report. This is recognition received by only the top third of all Student Organizations.

The Chapter’s accomplishments reflect the enthusiasm and hard work of your student officers and members, as well as your fine guidance as faculty advisor. You, the practitioner advisors, and every individual who had a part in this endeavor should be justifiably proud of your contributions to the development of the future of civil engineering.

Best wishes for continued success in your future activities.

Sincerely,

Leslie Payne, A.M.ASC
Director, Student and Younger Members Programs

MEMORANDUM

TO: ASCE Student Organization Faculty Advisor, University of Texas at Arlington
FROM: Mr. Ryan Kotula, Chair, Committee on Student Members
DATE: March 22, 2018

SUBJECT: 2017 ASCE Student Organization Annual Report Evaluation

The Committee on Student Members (CSM), commends your Student Chapter officers on your Annual Report for 2017. It articulates the great deal of effort required to plan, execute and document these activities and provides new officers with history and examples for future planning. Below is the reviewee's summary of the major components of your report.

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Overall Comments:
- good program and good interaction with the local community. Keep up the good work.

Compared to other student organizations:
- Top 1/3 of Student Branches
- Middle 1/3 of Student Groups
- Lower 1/3 of Student Groups

Comments:
The Committee on Student Members received reports from 147 ASCE Student Chapters and International Student Groups this year. Based on our assessment of the information you provided in your annual report this is where your organization places.
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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
SIGNUP TODAY: http://branches.asce.org/ft-worth/

Many of us have had the opportunity to work with Susan on City of Fort Worth Water Department Projects. Those who have, will say she was an extremely nice lady and very detailed oriented. Nothing went past her.

On Monday, April 16th St. John the Apostolic Catholic Church held Mass to commemorate her life. During the service Priest Nguyen spoke of Susan’s altruistic lifestyle. Through all her health challenges she gave and gave to those in need. She gave her bed, TV, kitchen table, and provided shelter for those in need. She is truly an inspiration. Stories like Susan’s life show that love and kindness for others still exists, and small acts of kindness go a very long way.

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Lynn Schwiner

FORT WORTH—Susan Lynn Schwiner, P.E., died peacefully early Tuesday morning, April 10, 2018, after a long courageous battle with melanoma cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to St. John the Apostolic Catholic Church, 7341 Gleneagles Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 or a City of North Richland Hills Veterans Assistance Program, 4301 Civic Point Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180.

Susan Lynn Schwiner was born Dec. 29, 1960, in Fort Worth to John and Ellen Schwiner. She was a 1979 graduate of Richland High School where she was a devoted athlete. She went on to play collegiate softball, anti-pro soccer, and was an avid cyclist. Susan received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from University of Texas at Arlington. She later earned her professional Engineer License, both state and national, and was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Susan had a successful career as an engineer with accomplishments such as being one of the project managers at the DFW airport in Austin, and many projects throughout Tarrant County.

Susan worked for the City of Fort Worth, Water Engineering Department, for almost 20 years, but her EOC’s work was serving the homeless and others who were less fortunate. She repeatedly sought people who were on the streets by bringing food, clothing, and essentials. Susan’s faith and devotion to helping others was what she cherished most.

To honor Susan was to love her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Susan was a kind and gentle soul who is now in her heavenly home.

SURVIVORS: She is survived by her parents, John and Ellen Schwiner; sister, Christi Garcia and her daughter, Elena and Erma Garcia; John’s sisters, Annette and Husband, Roy Phol, and Betty and husband, Bob Drante.

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Kenneth English, obit attached, was a founder of the well-respected civil engineering firm, Knowlton, Ratliff, English, Flowers (later Knowlton, English and Flowers. Lopez Garcia purchased Knowlton, English and Flowers in about 2003 or so to deepen its relationships with North Texas municipalities. In 2008, Lopez Garcia was purchased by URS Corporation.

In 1953 Rusty founded an early Arlington engineering firm, O. V. Di Sciuillo Consulting Engineer. When Jeff Terry left his position as Assistant City Engineer for the City of Arlington in 1978, the firm became Di Sciuollo & Terry, Inc. Today, the firm is Di Sciuollo-Terry, Stanton & Associates.
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Back in March 1987, President Ronald Regan vetoed H.R. 2, a five-year, $88 billion federal-aid highway authorization bill. This March 1987 Key Alert was a “call to pens” to all ASCE members to reach out to their members of Congress to save our nation’s infrastructure, economy and jobs. I am certain the mountain of letters and mailgrams – can you send those anymore? – contributed to Congress overriding President Regan’s veto and the rest is history... Never doubt the influence you can have on national politics!

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

March 27, 1987

KEY ALERT

President Reagan today vetoed H.R. 2, a five-year, $88 billion highway and transit authorization bill. Overwhelming passage of H.R. 2 in the House (401-17) and Senate (79-17) indicates that a Congressional override (two-thirds required in both houses) is quite possible.

SUCCESSFUL ACTION REQUESTED:

WRITE YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSIONAL TOUGHS AND URGENT VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT’S VETO OF R.R. 2

○ Failure to override the veto will likely mean no federal highway program from fiscal 1987.
○ Failure to enact the highway bill will have a serious adverse impact on the economy.
○ Loss of an entire construction season would mean $90,000 lost jobs, increased costs to government, and billions of dollars worth of lost projects. Even a delay until May would cause the loss this year of 250 projects worth $3.3 billion.
○ Highways are an essential component of the nation’s infrastructure in need of upkeep, repair, and further development.
○ H.R. 2 is likely the best possible compromise that can get through Congress at this time.

When writing to Congress, present yourself as an interested citizen and civil engineer, not as a member of ASCE.
Your letter will be more effective if you site a local example of a project that would be threatened by failure to enact H.R. 2.

Address your letters the following way:
The Honorable
United States Senator
Washington, DC 20515
Dear Senator

The Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
Dear Representative

Because time is short, you might consider sending a mailgram to your Senator and Congressman, or calling directly (call 202-224-321 for the Capitol switchboards)

Thank you very much. Please send the ASCE Washington Office copies of the letters you send and any replies you receive. Mail the copies to: ASCE Washington Office, 1667 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20006.

After you have written your letters, give this Key Alert to another civil engineer and urge him or her to write as well. Thanks to those Key Contacts who responded to the January 14, 1987 Key Alert on H.R. 2.

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
JHRoberts@LAN-Inc.com

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
"Engineering problems are under-defined, there are many solutions, good, bad and indifferent. The art is to arrive at a good solution. This is a creative activity, involving imagination, intuition and deliberate choice."– Ove Arup