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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY PAUL HAHN, P.E.



Welcome back from summer break and to the start of our ASCE Austin Branch FY 23-24 year! It looks like the heat wave might have broken just in time for us to get back together, so please join us at our next luncheon on September 26, where we'll hear from Marisa Flores Gonzalez, Program Manager for the Water Resources and Supply team at Austin Water about the City of Austin's Water Forward Program. We'll also be swearing in our Board for the new year, so this is your last chance to see me in action as President before I hand the gavel over to Mr. Tyler Dube – if that doesn't convince you to attend, then I don't know what will...

It's truly been an honor serving as your president for the past year, and I'm eternally grateful for the opportunity. Steering the branch through the year and putting together all the events and activities takes a massive commitment from all our Officers, volunteers, and members. There's far too many people supporting ASCE Austin Branch to list them all individually here, but I want to thank everyone so much for all the hard work they put in over the past year. Please say thanks to the folks you work with who volunteer to help run the branch!

On that note: If you're interested in serving on one of our numerous committees, please email Sam (or I guess this will be me after next Tuesday): pastpresident@austinasce.org. We're always looking for additional support to continue bringing volunteer events, educational resources, and networking opportunities to the Branch.

- We're especially in need of extra help to plan all the great events we host throughout the year: our Continuing Education Conference, our various Community Service events, and our various Student Outreach events.
- We're looking for help on our Scholarship Committee, and we're in the very early stages of establishing a new event to support our Scholarship fund which we'd love to have more help on.
- And finally, we could definitely use some support on the technology side to help provide a better experience at our hybrid luncheons.

Finally, don't forget to renew your membership! Membership provides access to free on-demand webinars, technical content, and lots of member deals and discounts. And if you renew in the next few months, you'll beat the Texas Section dues increase due to take effect later this year.

If you have thoughts or recommendations about our chapter, TYLER will be more than happy to hear about them, please don't hesitate to reach out to TYLER at (512) 454-8711 or president@austinasce.org!!

Thanks everyone, see you at the next luncheon!

Sincerely,
Paul Hahn, P.E.
ASCE Austin Branch President

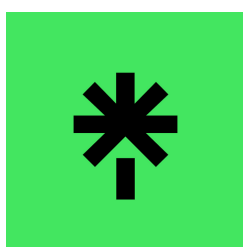
P.S. – Texas is back, baby! Hook 'em!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/20-22/2023	ASCE Texas CECOM 2023 Civil Engineering Conference
9/26/2023	ASCE Austin Branch September Luncheon
10/10/2023	EWB Greater Austin Chapter October General Meeting (virtual)
10/17/2023	ASCE Austin Branch October Luncheon
10/21/2023	EWB Greater Austin Chapter Shoal Creek Cleanup

AUSTIN BRANCH YOUTUBE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you miss a past meeting? Don't sweat it! You can now watch past virtual meetings on our YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to check out the YouTube page, and click below to view the following meeting recordings:



We're now on [LinkTree!](#)

Click above to stay up to date on all Austin Branch events

SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

BY KAT LAUER, P.E.

REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY 9/22 AT 12PM

- ▶ DATE | 9/26/2023, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- ▶ LOCATION | Balcones Country Club
Zoom Virtual Meeting
- ▶ LINK | [Click here for In Person](#)
[Click here for Virtual](#)

MEETING TOPIC

CITY OF AUSTIN'S WATER FORWARD PROGRAM

ASCE Austin Branch is excited to host Marisa Flores Gonzalez, Water Resources Team Supervisor with Austin Water who will be presenting on Water Forward. The Water Forward Plan is the City of Austin's 100-year integrated water resource plan. The foundational Water Forward 2018 plan is a roadmap for a diversified, resilient, and sustainable water future for Austin. Austin Water has begun implementation of key strategies in the plan, including advanced metering infrastructure and identifying favorable locations for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery pilot. Austin Water is now performing the 2024 update to Water Forward which includes several new elements, including updated climate and hydrology analyses, a more robust approach to incorporating uncertainty, and development of an equity and affordability framework for strategy evaluation.

MEET THE SPEAKER



Marisa Flores Gonzalez

Marisa Flores Gonzalez leads the Water Resources Team at Austin Water and serves as the project manager for Water Forward, Austin's 100-year Integrated Water Resource Plan. Ms. Flores Gonzalez has twelve years of experience working in local government and utilities in multiple areas including water supply, water distribution, wastewater collection, and stormwater management planning. She brings a holistic approach to water planning, with a belief in the value of community engagement and adaptive management to create a resilient and equitable water future for the Austin community. Ms. Flores Gonzalez holds a B.A. in Geography and the Environment from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's in Public Administration from Texas State University.

In addition to the technical presentation, we will also be installing the incoming 2023-2024 ASCE Austin Branch Board of Directors.

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ASCE TEXAS SECTION UPDATE

BY AUSTIN MESSERLI, P.E.

- Submit your article for The Texas Civil Engineer (Texas Section Newsletter) [here](#).
- Find more information and how to get involved with ASCE Texas click the link [here](#) or email texassection@austinasce.org to volunteer.
- [Registration is still open](#) for CECON 2023 which is returning to San Marcos this year.

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September 20-22, 2023
San Marcos, Texas

YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM UPDATE

By CASEY SCHNEIDER

UPCOMING AUSTIN YMF EVENTS

Austin ASCE YMF is in the works planning upcoming service events, happy hours, as well as holiday events this year and can't wait to see everyone there!

For event details see our calendar:
<https://www.austinasce.org/calendar>

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

YMF has a few leadership positions open:

- Golf Tournament Committee
- Scholarship Committee

If you or anyone you may know might be interested, please reach out to us via email or social media.

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If you are interested in learning more about ASCE YMF Austin, please contact our president Matthew Gaal at Matthew.Gaal@kimley-horn.com.

Keep up to date on our latest news by following us on any of our social media platforms!



EWB UPDATE

BY ELISE HIGGINS, E.I.T.

EWB OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



Our October General Meeting will be held virtually on October 10, 2023.

Zoom meeting:
[Join Meeting Here](#)

Meeting ID: 823 3267 5181

If you are interested in EWB or would like to learn more about us, come and join us! If you have more questions about the event or our organization, contact one of our Co-Directors of Operations, Elise or Sylvie Higgins, at operations@ewbgreateraustin.org.

SHOAL CREEK CLEANUP

We also have a Shoal Creek Cleanup on October 21, 2023 from 10am-12pm.

Location:
Parking at Shoal Creek Trail
1101B Gaston Ave, Austin, TX 78703

Google Maps:
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/DnCY4tmBjCW6JW5y9>

ASCE AUSTIN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you're looking for ways to get more involved with your local ASCE branch, you're in luck! We're actively recruiting for multiple open positions for ASCE Austin, EWRI, SEI, and more. If you are interested in any of our committees, please contact our and our Nominations Committee Chair at pastpresident@austinasce.org.

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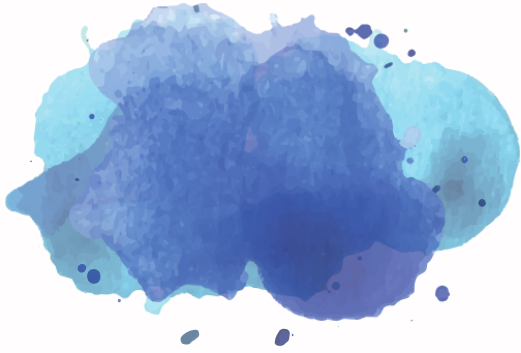
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2023-2024 ASCE AUSTIN BRANCH OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS will start at our September meeting

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSOR THE ASCE AUSTIN BRANCH!

BY BRANDON ESSLER, P.E., RAS



We ask that all members consider supporting your local ASCE branch during these uncertain and difficult times. Almost all the functions of the organization are dependent upon these sponsorships and we cannot do all the great things that we do, without YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information about the benefits of sponsorship visit www.austinasce.org/sponsors.

To sign up to sponsor, visit [here](#)

If you have any questions or for more information please email sponsorship@austinasce.org.

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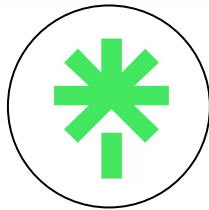


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