



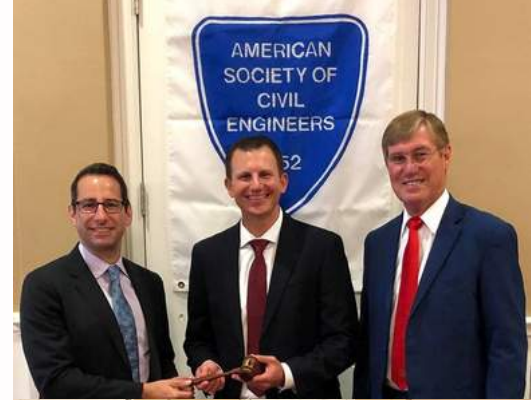
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY PAUL HAHN, P.E.



Welcome to the new year!

Please join us at our next luncheon on January 17, where we'll hear from Brandye Hendrickson, TxDOT Deputy Executive Director, who will update us on the latest news with TxDOT. Registration links and additional information can be found on [page 5](#) of this newsletter.

As everyone knows, inflation has been very high recently, and unfortunately the ASCE Austin Branch has seen our costs increase. Starting with the upcoming January 2023 luncheon, we'll be raising luncheon rates for "Members" and "Non-Members" by \$5, from \$30 to \$35 and from \$35 to \$40, respectively. We hate having to raise rates, but I believe we're still in line with other local professional orgs, and we're proud that this is our first increase since 2017. This increase will also help us continue to offer reduced rates Students, Government Employees, Life Members, and Retirees. And of course, we're still accepting donations in any amount from those of you joining us virtually. I'd love to hear your feedback on this change, so please shoot me an email or come find me on Tuesday.

Please be on the lookout for more information in the very near future about the Engineer's Week at the Science Mill event in Johnson City. We need volunteers to help introduce elementary-aged students to STEM through a variety of fun activities.

EWRI also has a couple upcoming events which you can find more info about on our website: a joint [EWRI/YMF Shoal Creek Cleanup](#) on Saturday, Jan 21 at 10am at Pease Park; and a [New Year Happy Hour](#) on Tuesday, Jan 24 at 6pm at Whisler's on E 6th.

The Legislative Drive-In, here in Austin, is coming up soon. This event is your opportunity to join an inside look at the public policy process and to interact directly with state congressional staff. This year's Drive-In has been delayed just a bit, to either March or April; stay tuned for more info about application deadline and the official event date.

Finally, the Austin Branch is always looking for eager volunteers to help organize and execute our events and you can connect with me or any other Board member to get involved. Specifically, our Branch needs help with the newly formed Texas State ASCE Student Chapter. If you have thoughts or recommendations, I'd be more than happy to hear about them, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (512) 609-1526 or president@austinasce.org.

Thanks everyone, see you at the next luncheon!

Sincerely,

Paul Hahn, P.E.

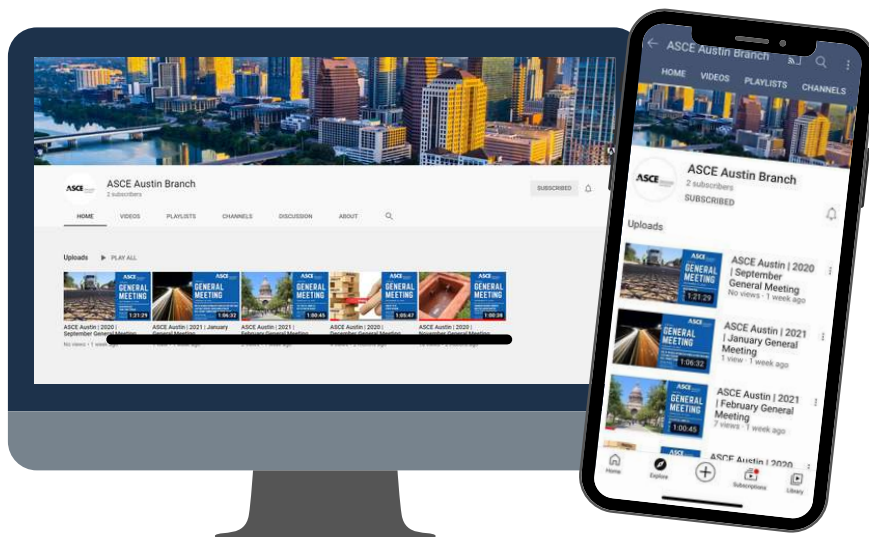
ASCE Austin Branch President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/17/23 EWB Greater Austin Chapter New Year Social
- 1/17/23 ASCE Austin Branch January Meeting
- 1/21/23 YMF Shoal Creek Cleanup
- 1/24/23 EWRI Winter Social Happy Hour
- 2/18/23 John City Science Mill Volunteering Event
- 2/20/23 Joint Org E-Week Networking Happy Hour
- 2/22/23 TSPE Engineers Week Banquet: Register [HERE](#)

AUSTIN BRANCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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:



JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

BY KAT LAUER, P.E.

REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY 1/13 AT 12PM

- ▶ DATE | 1/17/2022, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- ▶ LOCATION | Balcones Country Club
Zoom Virtual Meeting
- ▶ LINK | [Click here for In Person](#)
[Click here for Virtual](#)

MEETING TOPIC

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Please join us for our January Branch Meeting. ASCE Austin Branch is excited to host Brandye Hendrickson, Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Administration of the Texas Department of Transportation.

MEET THE SPEAKER

As Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Hendrickson is responsible for directing the planning and administration functions of the agency, in addition to government affairs, communications, strategy and innovation, and modal programs. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Executive Director of TxDOT in July of 2021, Brandye worked in Washington D.C. as Deputy Director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials—AASHTO—and Acting Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration from 2017-2019. She served much of her career in various executive roles within the Indiana Department of Transportation, including leading the agency in a CEO capacity from 2015-2017. Brandye has served on multiple transportation boards and is a recognized leader for her contributions to the transportation industry.



Brandye Hendrickson

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ASCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE

BY JANE-ELLEN CARTER, E.I.T. & STEVE ZOBAL, P.E.

Planning is in full swing for our annual Continuing Education Conference which will be at the JJ Pickle Research Center. We are looking for ideas for topics and speakers, and we are looking for folks to help with the event!

- Do you have any topics you would like to hear about at this year's conference? If so, please send us your ideas!
- Are you interested in helping us with the Continuing Education Conference? We are looking for folks to help us with registration on the day (TBD) of the event, flyers/program printing, etc. If you plan on attending or would just simply like to volunteer, please let us know!

You can email us at:

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SAVE THE DATE!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

ASCE AUSTIN BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

BY REID JOHNSON, E.I.T., M.B.A. AND BRETT NOBLE, E.I.T.

2023 ASCE Austin Branch Scholarship applications are open. Scholarships will be in the amount of \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000. Applications can be found on the [website](#).

Requirements are:

- Enrolled at UT Austin or Texas State
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior
- A member of the school's chapter of ASCE
- Must be submitted by noon on March 3rd

Reach out to scholarships@austinasce.org for any questions.

2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE DRIVE-IN

Be on the lookout for the upcoming Legislative Drive-in--the event will occur in early Spring 2023 at the state capital right here in Austin, Texas.



This full-day event coincides with the upcoming State Legislative Session and will include:

- Briefing session to learn about ASCE's legislative priorities
- Training session
- Networking events
- Meetings with Congress and Staff

Applications will open soon!



2019 Legislative Drive-In Attendees

Lastly, we are always looking for ASCE members to join in our efforts so if you or someone you know would be interested in being part of the Government Affairs Committee, do not hesitate to reach out the committee at do not hesitate to reach out the GovernmentRelations@austinasce.org.



ASCE TEXAS SECTION UPDATE

BY AUSTIN MESSERLI, P.E.

April 12-15, 2023: [Student Symposium](#) will be held in Canyon Texas and hosted by West Texas A&M and Texas Tech.



- Nominations are open for the 2023 ASCE Texas Section Awards. For more information, click [here](#).
- Submit your article for The Texas Civil Engineer (Texas Section Newsletter) [here](#).
- Save the date for CECON 2023 which is returning to San Marcos next year.
- Infrastructure Report Card will begin work in later 2023, email texassection@austinasce.org to volunteer.



BY HOPE NEWTON, E.I.T.

UPCOMING YMF EVENTS

- Shoal Creek Cleanup on Saturday, January 21th
- Joint Networking Happy Hour on Monday, February 20th

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

SHOAL CREEK CLEANUP



Pease District Park
January 21st @ 10:00 AM

Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/503513220597>

JOINT NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR



Abels's on the Lake
February 20th @ 5:30 PM

Interested in partnering or sponsoring? Email
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If you are interested in learning more about ASCE YMF Austin, please contact our director Kaylyn Hudson at kaylynkhudson@gmail.com.

EWB UPDATE

BY JENNA GARDNER

On January 17, 2023, Engineers Without Borders – Greater Austin Chapter is hosting a New Year Social event!

We are hoping to celebrate the New Year with current and potentially new members! There will be free food, drinks, games and lots of fun! The event is on Tuesday, 1/17/23 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Yarborough Branch – Austin Public Library. If you are interested in EWB or would like to learn more about us, then come and join us! We are also going to be talking about our goals for the coming year so if you're curious about EWB at all, this would be a great introduction to a wonderful organization. If you would have more questions about the event or our organization itself, please contact Jenna Gardner, Director of Operations, at operations@ewbgreateraustin.org.



EWRI UPDATE

BY KAYLA SWEDEEN, E.I.T.

EWRI is kicking off the new year right with a Winter Social Happy Hour and anyone is welcome! Come down to Whisler's on East 6th Street on Tuesday January 24th from 6 – 8pm for FREE appetizers from the Golden Tiger food truck and networking! This a great time to come together to meet other ASCE members and learn more about EWRI! If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to our social chair: Parker Kallman at parker.kallman@freese.com.





SEI UPDATE

BY SCOTT L. WALLACE, P.E., F.SEI

As the calendar turns to 2023, SEI Austin wishes each of you a great start to the new year. In accordance with our commitment to advance and serve the Structural Engineering profession, this month we are focusing on providing information on Structural Engineering Talks (SET 2023). For details on other upcoming events visit our [website](#).

Structural Engineering Talks (SET 2023):

Structural Engineering Talks are back! Our premier event will take place in the Spring. Best described as TED Talks meets Alamo Drafthouse, this event includes four presentations that each depart from a normal in-the-weeds technical presentation but still relate to our profession while relaxing with dinner and drinks at an Alamo theater. The presentations are lively, philosophical, inspirational or thought-provoking and sometimes make us re-think our approach to structural engineering. SET2023 is an Austin original and should be a lot of fun.



In the mean time, information on developments and links to past SET presentations can be found here: <https://www.austinasce.org/sei/set>.

Additional Opportunities & Resources:

1. National SEI website

Take a look at the new more user friendly design: [Visit SEI Now](#)

2. SEI Standards Series

Join live, virtual sessions for exclusive interaction with expert ASCE/SEI Standard developers on state-of-the-market updates. Participants will learn about technical revisions and review a design example. Attendees are encouraged to join and participate in Live Q&A. REGISTER NOW at <https://cutt.ly/9hQDTEo>



3. ASCE Collaborate

This is a collaboration page normally reserved for ASCE members but now open to all. It contains several events that can be joined. Many events are free of charge. See: <https://collaborate.asce.org/events/events200>

STAY CONNECTED:

Stay connected to the SEI Austin Chapter via our [website](#). We always welcome your thoughts on future technical presentations and other special events you'd like to see in 2023. If there is something you would like to do, then we would like to hear about it. Please drop us a line at sei@austinasce.org and join us for future events.

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

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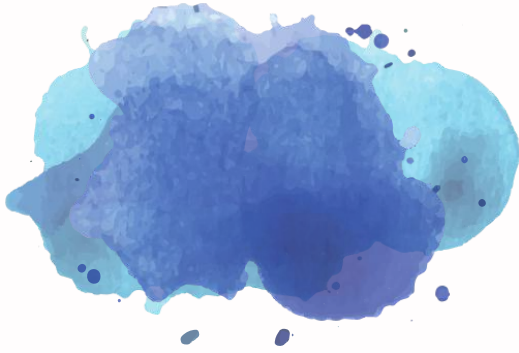
TEXAS STATE STUDENT CHAPTER CONTACT COMMITTEE

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SPONSOR THE ASCE AUSTIN BRANCH FOR 2022-2023!

BY AMOS EMERSON, P.E.



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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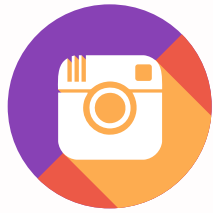
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