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UPCOMING EVENTS

November Branch Meeting

Monday, November 14

December Branch Meeting

Monday, December 12

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very excited for the opportunity to serve as your ASCE Fort Worth Branch President for the 2022-2023 year. I'd like to say thank you to our Past President, Andrea Taylor, for a job well done and to congratulate her on closing out her term as president by becoming a mother to a healthy baby boy.

I am also grateful for the amazing group of volunteers filling the various branch leadership roles and chair positions. The group of individuals we have serving our branch is energetic and highly motivated.

In the past year they have worked hard to restructure our branch and revise our bylaws. This year, despite being less than a month into their new positions, they have taken full ownership of their roles and put together our first monthly lunch meeting (which included officer installation), expressed many innovative ideas to implement this coming year, began planning and organizing the Dallas/Fort Worth Joint Meeting, and organizing our first Younger Members site visit/field trip with over 50 members in participation. I see a bright future ahead for the ASCE Fort Worth Branch.

Our branch continually strives to provide continuing education and networking opportunities that bring value to our members. We hope that our branch members will continue to attend and enjoy the monthly lunch meetings and Younger Member events. Our goal is to continue to invite engaging speakers that can address and discuss important topics from the multiple sub-disciplines in our field. This year our branch will oversee hosting the ASCE Dallas/Fort Worth Joint Meeting. This event provides a great opportunity to network and acquire PDHs, including ethics. Watch for more details coming soon!

I am looking forward to a great year with the ASCE Fort Worth Branch.

Regards,

Jeff Philipp, P.E.
ASCE Fort Worth Branch President

BRANCH MEETINGS

Here are a few highlights from our recent branch meetings!



SEPTEMBER

Location: Frisco, TX

Speaker: Various speakers

CECON 2022 had a great turnout, start making plans for 2023!

SEPTEMBER

Location: Mi Cocina

Welcome your new Fort Worth branch leadership.



Congrats 2022-2023
FW Officer Board!

OCTOBER

Location: Reata

*Speaker: Travis Attanasio, PE, CFM
City of Burleson*

*Topic: Mitigating the Damage
Attendance: 66*



As of April 2022, the Fort Worth Branch has an account balance in good standing. Please note that the Fort Worth Branch is a 501.3(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We encourage all members to pay for their branch meeting registration online. Doing so automatically enters you into a drawing for a \$50 gift card!

Thank you to all the branch members and firms that continue to support the Fort Worth Branch!

If your company is interested in becoming a branch sponsor, please contact Lindsay Lafferty at llafferty@bhbinc.com.



Upcoming Events

Check our social media pages for more information!

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December Branch Meeting: December 12

Refer Your Colleagues to ASCE!

Do you know a fellow engineer who would benefit from ASCE's technical resources? We'd love to have them join ASCE and take advantage of all the tools, groups, newsletters, and publications offered.

For each successful referral you make in the Member-Get-a-Member program, you'll receive a \$50 Amazon.com Gift Card. At the end of the year, the member with the most successful referrals will get a \$500 Amazon.com Gift Card!

Section Director's Report

The Spring 2023 ASCE Region 6 Student Symposium will be hosted by the ASCE Student Chapters at West Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. Additional support will be provided by the ASCE High Plains and Caprock Branches, ASCE Texas Section and ASCE Region 6. The theme this year is "Building on the Wild Frontier". Sponsors are needed to make this event a success. Please visit <https://www.texasce.org/our-programs/student-symposium/sponsorships/> for more information.

Save the Date: ASCE Texas CECON 2023 in San Marcos, TX: September 20-23, 2023

The ASCE Texas Section would like to remind members to "check the box" for Section/Branch dues when renewing your ASCE Membership for 2023.





Member Spotlight: Kamlesh Khatri, PE

Name of company/field of civil engineering that you work for?

I work for Teague Nall Perkins, Inc. (TNP) as a Project engineer in the Transportation group.

What is your role in ASCE?

I am serving as Committee chair for Scholarships and Continuing education.

What college did you attend?

I completed my Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Gujarat technological University and Master of Civil Engineering from University of Texas at Arlington.

If you weren't an engineer, what would you be?

If I wasn't an engineer, I would be a psychologist because studying the human mind is very fascinating to me.

What's a project you've worked on in your career you'd like to share?

I have worked on several TxDOT Schematic, Feasibility and PS&E projects in my career. I would like to talk about my first project - IH20 from Winscott Road to Bryant Irvin Road for the Fort Worth District by adding auxiliary lanes to reduce congestion along IH20 in southwest Fort Worth.

What brought you to Engineering?

I always loved engineering because I love problem solving. I wanted to create a better world and protect communities through the civil engineering profession. ASCE represents members of civil engineering professions all around the world. ASCE connects civil engineers from different parts of the world to share innovative ideas and techniques used.

Have you seen any changes?

I see lot of transition from paper-based drafting back then to more computer based now. I believe this transition will continue with Artificial Intelligence, BIM, 3D printing playing a major role in field of civil engineering in the coming years.



What extra valuable guidance do you have?

"To all young engineers out there, please consider the civil engineering profession. Ask questions and never fear sharing your ideas. It's okay to make mistakes, that's when you learn the most."



OCTOBER 21, 2022 ASCE FIELD TRIP & UTA ASCE PUMPKIN CARVING

STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

The site visit on October 21 had a great turn out with roughly 50 UTA students, ASCE, and TexITE members. Since the group was so large we split the tour into 2 groups. David from Aguirre & Fields lead one group and talked about schedule, construction methods, and materials on the project. After the field trip we gathered at Texas Live for happy hour to cool off from the heat at Sports & Social and recharge with some appetizers. It was definitely great learning about the on going projects here in the DFW.



**TARLETON
STATE UNIVERSITY**
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The Tarleton State ASCE student chapter earned second place in the concrete frisbee competition at the Symposium!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Here are a few options for obtaining your PDHs!

Ongoing: TBPELS Ethics Webinars | <http://www.tbpe.texas.gov/webinars.html>

ASCE Texas Section Webinars | <https://www.texasce.org/events/category/webinars/>

ASCE National Webinars | ASCE National allows all paying members access to 10-hours of PDH webinars, with over 200 on-demand webinars from which to choose.



Member Spotlight: Mayra Rodriguez, EIT

What company do you work for?

I work for Huitt-Zollars as a Water Resources EIT

What is your role in ASCE?

I am a Younger Member Committee Chair

What college did you attend?

I went to University of Texas at Arlington, Class of 2018

what do you want to learn from higher PEs, anything you'd want from mentors?

I would want to learn from higher PE moms, their story, how they were able to balance following their dreams, becoming project managers, etc and still knowing how to balance kids school activities and not lose your sanity. (lol)

If you weren't an engineer, what would you be?

If I wasn't an engineer I would be in the cosmetology field, specifically in nails. Those who know me know I always have some themed designs on my nails that I painted and like to get creative on.

What brought you to the engineering field?

I originally thought I wanted to be an Architect but after taking one introductory class in high school I thought no way this is not me, my community college advisor suggested looking into civil engineering and after taking a class I thought "I have found my people" and never looked back. I was heavily involved in ASCE UTA Chapter and loved it so I knew I wanted to continue my membership as a professional.

How has working in the field changed your view of the industry?

I was definitely intimidated coming into the engineering field feeling that I wouldn't be accepted as a working mom. I didn't see many mothers in engineering throughout my years in school and internships. Once I started working as an EIT I couldn't have been more wrong, the amount of support I received from my boss and coworkers was amazing. The civil engineering community as you know is small so my view now is that it is a second family, very accepting, loving, and encouraging.

What's something you see changing in the industry?

Women in STEM, I am seeing more and more women in STEM and I couldn't be any happier coming from someone who growing up didn't have any engineering mentors. I'm excited to help empower the next generation of woman engineers.

Any extra information you want to add?

I'd love to connect with any engineering moms, I constantly struggle with knowing if I'm doing enough as a mother when I'm following my dreams working in an industry I love and would love to hear others stories and advice!

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