

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am grateful and excited to serve as President of the Fort Worth Branch of ASCE. Several individuals that I consider to be great leaders in our local engineering community have held this title in the past. As such, it is a great honor to follow in their footsteps and serve one of the largest branches in the Texas Section.

On that note, I am thankful to Mr. Austin Baird, P.E. who just completed his term as Branch President and is now serving in the most coveted role of Past-President. Through his leadership, our branch was able to award scholarships to two civil engineering students at both the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and Tarleton State University (TSU). This year we also hosted the joint Fort Worth/Dallas branch meeting at the University of Texas at Arlington. It was a great event that allowed young civil engineering students the opportunity to interact with professionals. The Fort Worth branch continued to experience growth during Austin's presidency and I hope to lead this branch over the next year as successfully as he did.

I am also thankful to all the individuals that fill the various branch leadership and chair positions. Many of these people also serve on subcommittees that are aimed at advancing the initiatives of our branch. Their efforts, all volunteered, ensure that our branch can continue to serve the needs of our membership. I encourage all members to visit our website (<http://branches.asce.org/ft-worth/>), view our organizational structure, and personally thank these individuals for their efforts. Also, I would like to encourage anyone who is interested to become more involved in the branch, whether it be a large or a small role, because it is through these efforts that we truly succeed both personally and professionally.

Our branch strives to provide continuing education and networking opportunities that bring value to our members. We hope that our branch members continue to attend and enjoy the monthly lunch meetings. Our goal is to continue inviting engaging speakers that address and discuss the bevy of sub-disciplines in our field. This year our branch will oversee hosting the Charity Golf Tournament held in the spring. This is a great networking event and all proceeds fund our annual UTA and TSU Civil Engineering Student Scholarships. Watch for more details in the coming months.

Cheers to the beginnings of another great year for ASCE Fort Worth!

Sincerely,

Kameron Boggan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Branch Meetings:**

November 18, 2019  
UTA Maverick Activities Center  
Speaker: Vistasp Karbhari, PhD

December 16, 2019  
Reata Restaurant  
Speaker TBA

January 6, 2020  
Joint Meeting with SAME  
Speaker TBA



# Meetings From the Previous Quarter

## ***September Branch Meeting***

Location: Reata Restaurant

Speaker: Tyson Thompson, PE, Stephen Nichols, PE,  
& Victor Tornado, PE of CoFW

Topic: House Bill 3167: Plat/Plan Bill

Attendance: 82



## ***October Branch Meeting— Joint ITE Meeting***

Location: Blue Mesa Grill

Speaker: Jessica Andrews, PE of TxDOT

Topic: TxDOT Fort Worth Procurements

Attendance: 85

## **Continuing Ed Opportunities**

See below for continuing education webinar opportunities provided by the Texas Section! The price for each is \$75. Register online at [texasce.org/event](https://texasce.org/event).

### **November 12, 2019 12-1 PM**

*Understanding the Value of Pavement Preservation for County/  
Municipal Roadway Maintenance Operations*

Presented by Don Ward, PE

### **December 10, 2019 12-1 PM**

*Interpretation of Buried Utility Data*

Presented by Glenn Fox, PE

## **Section Director's Report**

The 2020 Student Symposium is hosted by the UTA ASCE and Chi Epsilon student chapters. Additional support provided by the ASCE Dallas and Fort Worth branches, ASCE Texas Section, and Chi Epsilon Southwest District. Sponsors are needed to make it a success; visit [texasce.org/our-programs/student-symposium](https://texasce.org/our-programs/student-symposium)

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# Tarleton State Update



The Tarleton State ASCE student chapter is having a productive semester so far! The chapter welcomed a new faculty advisor, Dr. Fei Wang, attended a site visit to the Trinity River Vision V-Bridge in Fort Worth, and hosted professional guest lectures from several industry professionals including TxDOT engineers from the Stephenville and Fort Worth District Office – Mr. David Fowler, PE (Stephenville TxDOT Area Engineer), Ms. Sarah Horner, PE (Stephenville TxDOT Assistant Area Engineer) and Mr. Loyl Bussell, PE (TxDOT Fort Worth District Engineer).



Additionally, the chapter hosted several social activities including the TSU Family Carnival and TSU Yard Social. Members of the Tarleton State ASCE student chapter volunteered for community service activities with the Erath County Habitat for Humanity. On October 29th, the student chapter participated in the TSU Halloween Carnival. This event allowed student organizations the opportunity to fundraise by creating a carnival game and deciding the price to play.

The TSU student chapter of ASCE is also involved with the ASCE Fort Worth Branch and attends the monthly chapter meetings when possible.



The Tarleton State ASCE student chapter will be featured in the October issue of the ASCE Texas Section *Texas Civil Engineer* magazine! Keep an eye out for their article to learn more about what the student chapter is up to.





# University of Texas at Arlington Update

Several students attended CE Con in San Marcos in mid-September to represent the UTA ASCE and Chi Epsilon student chapters. The attendees participated in seminars and interacted with professionals. It was also a great opportunity to raise awareness of the upcoming student symposium and conference the chapter is hosting in the spring semester.

The UTA ASCE student chapter held its annual cookout on September 7th at Bowman Springs Park in Arlington. Professors, students, alumni, family, and friends all came together to enjoy a beautiful day in the sun playing games, eating BBQ, and concrete canoeing. The cookout had a great turnout, including alumni from the class of 1991! It was a great opportunity for civil engineering students to meet the new ASCE and Chi Epsilon officers and kick off the fall semester.

On September 27th, the student chapter participated in UTA's 31<sup>st</sup> annual Oozeball tournament. Oozeball is a longstanding UTA tradition and this year 92 teams battled to win the mud volleyball tournament. Many civil engineering students were on the winning team, including the UTA ASCE student chapter president!

The UTA Chi Epsilon chapter is offering an FE exam preparation course during the fall semester! The course is comprised of ten sessions total. Each session is two hours long and covers a wide variety of civil engineering topics tested on the FE exam. The sessions are hosted by UTA professors and aid students in their studies through a series of practice problems, topic discussions, and refreshers. The course is open to all civil engineering students.

The UTA ASCE student chapter is working hard to put together the 2020 Student Symposium held in Arlington, Texas in the spring semester. The chapter has explored several options to create a fun and exciting experience for the Texas-Mexico section. The Symposium will also incorporate events hosted by Chi Epsilon to promote the organization to other schools.

Awesome job UTA ASCE! Go MAVS!





# Younger Member Update



The ASCE Fort Worth branch Younger Members had a busy few months! The Younger Members volunteered in the community twice by participating in Habitat for Humanity and the annual Trinity Trash Bash. Both events had great participation! In addition to volunteering, the Younger Members also hosted a social at Kung Fu Saloon where young professionals had the opportunity to network and socialize.

Check out the upcoming Younger Member events below!

## ***Younger Member Friendsgiving***

November 16th, 11am-2pm, City Disc Park

## ***Gift Wrapping at the Gladney Center for Adoption***

December 3rd, 6-9pm, Gladney Center for Adoption

Email Allison Stamper ([allison.stamper@pelotonland.com](mailto:allison.stamper@pelotonland.com)) or Amanda Quisenberry ([amanda.quisenberry@aguirre-fields.com](mailto:amanda.quisenberry@aguirre-fields.com)) for additional details.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

As of October 2019, the Fort Worth Branch has an account balance in good standing. Please note that the Fort Worth Branch is a Section 501.3(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We encourage all members to pay for meetings online. Doing so automatically enters you into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

We appreciate and thank all of the members and firms that continue to support the Fort Worth Branch!

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