Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, June 20th at Waller Creek Center.

The June 20th CAC AWWA meeting featured a presentation by Juan Pedro Maestre, a post-doctoral student from the University of Texas at Austin’s Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program. He gave a presentation on research he conducted related to exposure to microorganisms through pathways other than water consumption.

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, August 15th, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45am to ensure a good seat.

Mark Dollins, P.E., with Austin Water Utility will give a presentation on AWU’s leak detection and condition assessment program for large diameter water pipelines. Mr. Dollins will discuss the non-destructive technologies used and results of investigations performed since AWU began this program in 2010.

Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation!

Upcoming Events and News:
- **WEFTEC** Conference will be held September 27th—October 1st at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.
- **WateReuse Symposium** 29th Annual Symposium will be held September 7th—10th in Dallas, TX.
- **AWWA/WEF YP Summit** Will be hosted at the Hyatt Regency Austin on February 17th, 2015. See attached flyer for more information.
- **AWWA/WEAT YP Happy Hour** Will be hosted on August 20th at 5:30 pm at Pinthouse Pizza (4729 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78756).
- **AWWA/UT Students Creek Cleanup** Will be hosted in October. More information to come.
- **AWWA/WEAT Social** Is tentatively scheduled for November 6th at TopGolf. More information to come.
YP Happy Hour

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA and the Central Texas Section of WEAT hosted a Young Professionals (YP) Happy Hour on June 26th at Draft Pick, with a tour of the new Lady Bird Lake Boardwalk. A big thank you to Hobas Pipe USA for sponsoring the event.

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Naomi Bourgeois at awwaypchair@gmail.com.

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About the Capital Area Chapter

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Enter the parking garage from either 10th or 9th streets. Sign in with the security guard at the 10th street entrance. Room 104 is the large conference room on the east side of the first floor.

If you are interested in speaking at a meeting or have suggestions for meeting topics, please contact Erin Wiesehan at: 512-452-5905 or Ewiesehan@apaienv.com

This newsletter is sent to over 600 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting or have information for publication, contact Behnoush Yeganeh at: 512-479-1630 or behnoush.yeganeh@aecom.com

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Volunteer Positions Open

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA is a volunteer operated organization, and can always use a few extra hands. Commit as little or as much time as you want. Contact Behnoush Yeganeh at behnoush.yeganeh@aecom.com or 512-479-1630 and let us know what you’d like to do to help!

TAWWA WEAT Social—Save the Date!

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For additional information on the event, sponsorship opportunities, or donating gifts for the raffle, please contact Olivia Beck at olivia.beck@austintexas.gov or (210)-807-0702 or Theresa Hlavinka at theresa@kennedyjenks.com or 512-345-8600. Hope to see you there!

TAWWA Annual Seminar

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA will be holding its Annual Seminar on October 29, 2014 at the City of Austin’s Hornsby Bend Biosolids Plant located at 2210 South FM 973. The CAC TAWWA Seminar provides the opportunity to hear about leading edge projects, learn from experts, and network with colleagues. The Seminar is also key in supporting AWWA scholarships in central Texas.

The planning committee is looking for individuals or organizations that are interested in sponsoring the event. Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you are interested in learning more about the seminar, please contact Joe Hoepken at joe.hoepken@austintexas.gov or 512-972-1168.

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