February 2019

LAST MEETING: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, December 14th at the Waller Creek Center. We heard from the State Chair of Water For People for TAWWA, Adam Conner, who gave a presentation on Water For People. Thank you also to our December sponsors, BGE, Inc and Global WET.

NEXT MEETING: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, February 15th, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45 am to ensure a good seat. Rick D. Strong, P.E. will be giving the Texas Board of Professional Engineers’ Professional Practice Update / Ethics presentation.

Rick D. Strong, P.E. joined the Texas Board of Professional Engineers in April 2017 as the Director of Licensing. As the Director of the Licensing Division, he oversees the review of all PE applications, Firm registrations, EIT certifications and renewals in the State of Texas. The Licensing division reviews more than 3,000 PE applications per year and handles the renewals for close to 64,000 licensed Texas PEs and approximately 10,400 registered engineering Firms. He has 31 years of experience in the Texas coal mining industry; he is knowledgeable in all aspects of mining engineering and mine operations. Rick has been a licensed professional engineer in Texas since 1992. He is a 1985 graduate from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor’s degree in Mining Engineering.

Please join us for this interesting presentation and earn one (1) professional development hour toward your annual licensing requirements. The February meeting will satisfy your annual ethics hour requirement.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Capital Area Chapter Officer elections will be held during the February meeting prior to our presentation. If you are an AWWA member and would like to place a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, or President, please send your nominations to Olivia Beck at Olivia.Beck@austintexas.gov.

Upcoming Events and News:

- **ASCE YMF YP Networking**
  February 19 in Austin, TX
- **Girl Day at UT**
  February 23 in Austin, TX
- **CAC TAWWA Seminar**
  February 28 in Austin, TX
- **Amplify Austin—WFP Benefit**
  February 28 in Austin, TX
- **Texas Water**
  April 2 - 5 in Houston, TX
- **WFP Volleyball Tournament**
  April 27 at Krieg Fields in Austin, TX

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Next Meeting
Friday, February 15
12:00 Noon
Waller Creek Center
Lunch Provided
(First Come, First Served)
Trihydro provides environmental consulting, engineering and surveying, air quality and process management, information technology, and water and natural resource services to public and private clients. From its initial startup as a two-person firm in 1984, Trihydro has grown into a successful organization of more than 400 employees with 16 offices and support staff nationwide.

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On the sunny morning of January 5th, TAWWA YP joined the local CTS WEAT chapter to host an event to participate in the Texas River Cleanup, a competition to promote environmental stewardship, awareness, and cooperation. About 20 people joined forces on a beautiful day and set out together on kayaks to clean up Lady Bird Lake and enjoy lunch afterwards. Special thanks to Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. and US Pipe for sponsoring this event!
Event Recap: Food Bank Volunteering
The YP members met on January 26th to volunteer at the Central Texas Food Bank and help put good food within reach to those in our community. In all, 3,600 pounds of food were sorted which will provide about 3,000 meals. There was a great turnout from our members who worked the warehouse shift! Thank you to all who attended.

Young Professionals Networking
Come out to Abel’s on the Lake (3825 Lake Austin Blvd) on February 19th at 6:00 PM for a networking opportunity for all types of civil engineers from Central Texas. This event is hosted by the ASCE Younger Member Forum and will be a great networking opportunity for all sectors of civil engineering. Special thanks to our networking night sponsors, Scruggs Co. and The Rios Group. Free registration is here.

WFP—Amplify Austin Power Hour
Come hang out at Hops & Grain on February 28th from 6 - 7 PM during Amplify Austin’s: I Live Here I Give Here Day!
Join us for snacks, $1 Beer for Donors, and comedy at 8 PM. Bring a friend and stay for the evening in support of Water For People! For more information, visit www.amplifyatx.org/organizations/water-for-people.

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If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list or becoming a sponsor of the local YP events, please contact Membership / YP Chair Jonathan Chen at Jonathan.Chen2@aecom.com.

Water for People Volleyball Tournament
The annual Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament will be held April 27th at the Krieg Fields in Austin. Approximately 100 players and spectators attended the event last year, raising $8,230 for sustainable water projects around the world. Based on average costs for Water for People’s work, this is enough money to provide safe water or sanitation for over 160 people for a lifetime. See the attached flyer for additional information about the event.

Future Events—Stayed Tuned!
- March 5 – AWWA/WEF YP Summit & Utility Management Conference (Nashville)
- March 8-9 – Austin Rodeo BBQ Social – Hosted by Members of EI2
- March / April TBD—YP Bowling Happy Hour

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Consumer Outreach Committee
The Consumer Outreach Committee is proud to bring you “All Things H2O,” a monthly blog highlighting existing water utilities and programs across Texas. Stay tuned for our December Blog post, coming soon to the link below:
http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_Out

If you’d like to learn more about the Consumer Outreach Committee, including volunteering with the Committee, or if you’d like to suggest a topic for future posts, please contact Karen Menard, Committee Chair, at kmenard@utrwd.com.

Water Conservation License Plates Available
The Texas Section AWWA has created the only Water Conservation License Plate in the country. It only adds $30 to your annual license plate fee. Through our partnership with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, $22 of the mere $30 comes back to the Section to fund scholarships for families of Texas AWWA members like you. Your small investment helps shape the future of Water Conservation and the future of water professionals. Go to www.conservetexaswater.org to purchase yours today!

About the Capital Area Chapter
The Capital Area Chapter meets at the City of Austin offices at Waller Creek Center, 625 E. 10th Street, Austin, Room 104 on the third Friday of even numbered months.

Upon arrival, 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, contact Mark Graves: 512-617-3193 or mark.graves@freese.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 Olivia Beck at 512-972-1839 or Olivia.Beck@austintexas.gov

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