

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS



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From the President's Desk...

As dawn approaches on another great year we should look back on 2006 as a year of accomplishment. TSPE Bexar Chapter has remained focused on providing value to its membership, a key to our chapter's success as it has been for many years and will continue to be so for many more.

As members of the Bexar Chapter you should take pride in the fact that we are successful because of you. Without the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers within TSPE the accomplishments we have achieved would not be possible.

In 2007 expect to see more exciting programs as we start the new year with our joint meeting with ASCE. Several Mathcounts events are slated to occur over the next few months as well as Engineer's Week in all its fanfare.

Keep monitoring our website for future events and topics that are relevant to our membership. Also, do not forget to make your reservations for the January meeting. It will be very interesting!

I am looking forward to continue serving TSPE Bexar Chapter in 2007 along with our dedicated board members who stand equally ready to continue to provide value to you.

Damien J. Herrera, P.E.

MEETINGS

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| JANUARY 5 | - PEPP Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 am at Pape-Dawson. |
| JANUARY 8 | - Chapter Lunch Meeting, 11:30 am, The Barn Door |
| JANUARY 9 | - Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 am, Pape-Dawson. |
| JANUARY 24 | - PEPP Membership Meeting, 6:45 am, The Barn Door |
| JANUARY 26 | - Frosty Fridays, 5:30 pm, The Lion and the Rose. |
| FEBRUARY 2 | - PEPP Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 am at Pape-Dawson. |
| FEBRUARY 5 | - Chapter Lunch Meeting, 11:30 am, The Barn Door |
| FEBRUARY 6 | - P.E. Day at the State Capitol |
| FEBRUARY 7 | - Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 am, Pape-Dawson. |

Note: For reservations call Nikki Brinkley at Frost GeoSciences, Inc. by noon the Friday preceding the lunch or dinner (unless otherwise noted). Phone: 372-1315 fax: 372-318, email nbrinkley@frostgeosciences.com (Please place "TSPE" in the subject line). [Http://bexartspe.org/](http://bexartspe.org/)

BEXAR CHAPTER TSPE JANUARY 8TH, 2007 - JOINT MEETING WITH ASCE

SPEAKERS: Mr. Alan R. Thiele, Strasburger & Price, LLP

SUBJECT: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION FOR THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION

DATE: January 8, 2007

TIME: Registration & Networking – 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch and Speaker – 12:00pm – 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Barn Door Restaurant
8400 N. New Braunfels
(210) 824-0116

DIRECTIONS: From Broadway, go east on Loop 410 Access Road to North New Braunfels
Turn Right (South) on North New Braunfels
Barn Door Restaurant is approximately ¼ mile south of Loop 410 on the right

COST: TSPE MEMBERS WITH RESERVATIONS \$18.00
TSPE MEMBERS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS \$20.00
NON-MEMBERS \$ 20.00
STUDENTS - \$5.00

RSVP: Deadline: January 5, 2007
No shows are responsible for payment

CONTACT: Allen Dunn, P.E., by email: nbrinkley@frostgeosciences.com
Or phone 210-372-1315
Please provide Name, Company Name, Phone Number, and Member/Nonmember/Student Status

NOTE: This meeting will provide 1.0 PDH's.

REGIONAL MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

MathCounts is a math competition program for junior high students that is organized locally by the TSPE. We will host the regional competition on Saturday, February 17. Top students from this competition will advance to the state competition to be held in March in Austin.

We need volunteers to help proctor the exam (watch out for cheating) and to grade the exams. No math skills are required to volunteer. Volunteers are needed from 9:15 am until 1:30 pm. Continental breakfast and pizza lunch will be provided to the volunteers. The competition will be held at the UTSA - 1604 campus in the Business Building near parking lot 4.

Please contact Robin Simmons at rsimmons@pape-dawson.com or 375-9000 if you have any questions or if you need a map of the campus. You can learn more about MathCounts at www.mathcounts.org.

Thanks!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 9, 7:00 am at Pape-Dawson

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS

February 5, 2007 – Barn Door Restaurant, 11:30am -1:00pm – Mr. Joseph Krier – President, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce - “Chambers Legislative Agenda and How the Engineering Community Embraces the Chambers’ Agenda”

March 5, 2007 – Barn Door Restaurant, 11:30am -1:00pm – Mr. Tom Wendorf, P.E. – Director of Public Works - “City of San Antonio and Bexar County 2007 Bond Discussion”

April 2, 2007 – Barn Door Restaurant, 11:30am -1:00pm – Ms. Sheryl Sculley – City Manager – “City of San Antonio 2007 Bond/Budget Process and other City Issues for the Engineering Community”

April 9, 2007 – University of Texas at San Antonio BSE Atrium Area, 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Scholarship Awards and Science Fair Winners

May 7, 2007 – Barn Door Restaurant, 11:30am -1:00pm – Mr. William F. Fendley, PE, RPLS, - Incoming TSPE State President – “Installation of Bexar County TSPE Officers”

**** URGENT ****

Fellow TSPE Members:

We have not received many nominations for Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year as of December 15, 2006. Therefore, the deadline for nominating an Engineer of the Year and/or Young Engineer of the Year has been extended to Friday December 22, 2006. I urge you to please forward your candidate’s names via e-mail to the following individuals as soon as possible. Please provide them with the contact information for the candidate:

1. Don Vandertulip, P.E. – Engineer of the Year Committee Chair
E-mail address: Don.Vandertulip@Kimley-Horn.com
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Phone: 210-541-9166
Fax: 210-541-8699
2. Laura Campa, P.E. – Young Engineer of the Year Committee Chair.
E-mail address: LCampa@drashce.com
Drash Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Phone: 210-641-2112
Fax: 210-541-9231

Once the nominations have been verified, each candidate will receive an application packet via e-mail that will be due to the respective committees as soon as possible. Please contact Don, Laura, or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.

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BEXAR TSPE WEBPAGE

The TPSE, Bexar Chapter webpage is now online. Our web address is www.bexartspe.org.

The webpage has important chapter information including an officers list and a calendar of upcoming events!

Texas Society of Professional Engineers Bexar Chapter

The mission of TSPE is to promote the ethical, competent and licensed practice of engineering, and to enhance the professional, social and economic well being of its members.

2007 Legislative Issues and Priorities:

1. **Qualifications Based Selection (QBS):** The selection of engineering firms or individuals to perform engineering services for public projects, including design-build, should be based on qualifications and experience. The Professional Services Procurement Act provides for the health and safety of the public and provides procedures for negotiating fair and reasonable fees as compensation for the provision of design services.
2. **Alternative Delivery Methods:** TSPE supports Qualifications-Based Selection of engineering services as stated above for whichever delivery method is deemed appropriate for public entities. We believe that for all public projects, including design-build, the engineers, both prime consultants and subconsultants, should be selected based upon their qualifications and experience.
3. **The Engineering Practice Act**, which was passed during the 2003 session, is designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Texas through creation of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
 - TSPE will respond to any bill that encroaches upon the present definition of the practice of engineering, or attempts to change the Engineering Act.
 - TSPE would support any amendment to this Act that would make the Texas Board of Professional Engineers more effective in regulating the practice of engineering and carrying out its duty of public safety.
4. **State funding for education programs** is of vital concern to the future economic condition of our state. Our engineering colleges have produced many leaders in Texas and across the United States. Texas engineering colleges must be able to continue to provide a quality education to an increasing number of students who will be called upon to be the technological leaders of tomorrow.
 - It is imperative that our state's engineering colleges receive adequate funding in order for them to be able to produce the additional engineering graduates that are so critical to our industry and service providers in Texas.

For more information, please contact any of the below:

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**Please mark your calendar for the
Texas Society of Professional Engineers, PE Day at the Capitol,
Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Omni Hotel.**

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ENGINEERS WEEK



2007

Schedule of Events

PROCLAMATION BREAKFAST

(ENGINEER FOR A DAY)

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Honoring TSPE Young Engineer of the Year: TBA

TSPE AUXILIARY ENGINEERS WEEK LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007

Honoring the spouse of the TSPE Engineer of the Year

PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007

Airport Hilton

Scheduled Speaker: TBA

Registration: 11:15 am – 11:30 am

Lunch Begins: 11:30 am

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Feb. 23, 2007

Canyon Spring Golf Course

Registration: Noon

Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm

Dinner Begins: Immediately after tournament

SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007

Cedar Ridge Range - 7110 FM 1863, Bulverde, Texas

Registration & Breakfast Begin: 8:45 am

Shooting Start: 9:00 am

ENGINEER OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007

Sheraton Gunter Hotel

Honoring TSPE Engineer of the Year: TBA

Cocktail Hour Begins: 6:00 pm (cash bar)

Dinner Begins: 7:15 pm

ALL events must be prepaid by February 10, 2007.

For additional information, please contact: Mr. Ed Pruske by e-mail: ed.pruske@psiusa.com or at PSI 342-9377



TSPE
FROSTY FRIDAY

Friday
January 26, 2007
5:30-9:00 p.m.

at

Lion and Rose
Pub

Southeast corner of
Loop 410 and Blanco Rd

FREE APPETIZERS!

A TSPE sponsored event

Changed Employment or Address Lately?

Have you changed your address or employment status lately? Remember that the Texas Board of Professional Engineers per section 137.5 of the Engineering Practice act requires that you notify them within 30 days of the change.

§137.5 Notification of Address Change, Employer Change, and Criminal Convictions

(a) Each license holder shall notify the Board in writing not later than 30 days after of a change in the person's personal mailing address or employment status.

(b) A notice informing the Board of a change in employment status shall include, as applicable, the :

- (1) full legal trade or business name of the association or employment,
- (2) physical location and mailing address of the business,
- (3) telephone number of the business office,
- (4) type of business (corporation, assumed name, partnership, or self-employment through use of own name),
- (5) legal relationship and position of responsibility within the business,
- (6) effective date of this change; and
- (7) reason for this notification (changed employment or retired; firm went out of business or changed its name or location, etc.).

(c) Each license holder shall notify the Board in writing not later than 30 days after a misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction.

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