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Meet ACEA's 2023-24 President, Garrett Shepperd

by Karen F. Aroian

When asked if being an active participant in ACEA has had an influence on his growth and development, newly-elected 2023-24 president Garrett Shepperd didn't hesitate to show he's all-in. "Absolutely it has," he answered. "To get the most out of being a member of this organization, I believe the best thing you can do is to get involved with a committee that you have a vested interest in and be an active participant."

As one of ACEA's youngest presidents, Garrett is in the perfect seat to set a welcoming tone for a new group of young members. "I would describe ACEA's organizational culture as a ton of fun but also extremely hard working. The organization stays true to its mission statement through the hard work of all our committees, but in particular, I'd like to highlight the Regulatory Oversight Committee and Community Involvement Committee.

"ACEA's Regulatory Committee does a great job keeping up with the ever-changing municipality and county policies and is the first line of defense against rule and policy changes that are unsustainable for member companies to practice.

"Our Community Involvement Committee also does a great job with all of the program and events that they have



Frank Castro hands over the gavel to incoming Board President Garrett Shepperd.

been putting on to both better our surrounding communities and promote this industry to our future leaders now in high school at events like the Construction Expo and the C3 (Careers in Civil

Construction) event."

Like many professional organizations, ACEA faces the challenge of engaging a younger member base to create a sustainable pipeline of future leaders they want to personally and professionally develop and encourage through the activities of the organization. "We are trying to create more and more fun networking events for

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PICTURED ABOVE Josh Boardman, PGC, with colleagues at the 2023 Fish Fry Fundraiser.

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everyone to enjoy," Garrett points out, "but we might need some of the more established individuals at our member companies to voluntell some of their coworkers to join a committee or at least have them come and check out the networking events."

In his youth, Garrett benefitted from that kind of encouragement. His father, Greg Shepperd had been an active member of ACEA ever since Garrett was born. His dad chaired the Fish Fry Committee for well over 20 years, served on the board during most of the 2000s, and served as board president from 2006-2007. "The biggest influence on my career path has been from my father; in my eyes he is the embodiment of hard work, dedication and loyalty, and I'm proud to follow in his footsteps."

When Garrett reflects on past ACEA leaders like his father and those who will follow him, he says, "I believe the qualities and characteristics of a leader within ACEA start with a strong sense of commitment and dedication. Those members that I've seen turn into leaders of this organization usually start their ACEA journey at the committee level and take ownership and pride in the work they do within those committees. The work done on the committee level is what keeps this organization running like a well-oiled machine, and I think it is extremely beneficial toward a future leader's growth within the organization."

Garrett is a rising star in the Leander office of Fuquay, Inc. In 2011, while still a student at Texas State University, he started out as a general laborer. By 2013, he became a full-time employee and moved into Fuquay's erosion control division as a project manager. He is currently the company's central Texas-area manager in their dry utilities division.

As a new employee of Fuquay in 2013, Garrett attended his first ACEA event, the Fish Fry fundraiser. "I volunteered to help track finances that night. As time went on, I continued to

volunteer on the Fish Fry committee and got involved in the golf committee as well. I have been on the Fish Fry committee ever since. In 2019, my involvement with the organization continued to grow. I was elected to the board of directors and began to co-chair the golf committee. In 2021, I served as treasurer/secretary, in 2022, president-elect, and now am proud to serve as president for the 2023-2024 fiscal year."

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Currently Garrett manages multiple Fuquay crews that install electric, telecom, and gas infrastructure on projects all around Central Texas. "I'm involved in estimating, project management, and whatever other tasks are required to get these projects completed in a timely, safe, and efficient manner."

Having gained a variety of experience in a quick ten years, Garrett can relate to young contractors at the outset of their professional journeys. He encourages them to get a solid start in their chosen field by advising them to "gain as much insight as possible from your superiors and be willing and eager to learn. Try to master the position you're currently in. When the time is right and you move up in your career, you'll have gained the insight needed to do the job you're moving up to and will have the knowledge it takes to teach your replacement."

As far as his opinions about the City of Austin's growth, Garrett is both caring and frank. "Generally speaking, Austin appears to be growing on its



east side and remodeling everything else. The Samsung and Tesla projects have really sparked growth in the Taylor, Hutto, Pflugerville and Manor areas. We have seen a surge of apartment complexes and build-to-rent communities show up on the east side of IH35 in the last couple of years. TXDOT and the City of Austin are working on some very large road projects to try to help alleviate some of our traffic woes.

"The main issue I see, however, with the amount of growth we are seeing and what has been forecasted, is a fundamental lack of water to support all of this new development. I'm aware of the new deep water intake facility that is being constructed to help with the development of Leander and surrounding areas, but I still question whether our lake systems can keep up with our future needs, especially in years of extreme drought like we're experiencing now. The organization will continue to focus on regulation and rule changes in the City of Austin but now will need to more closely monitor the regulatory changes that are happening on the outskirts of town and make sure they are constructable and sustainable."

When Garrett looks to the fu-

ture of the construction industry in the Austin area, he shares examples of positive progress and notes one concern. "I'm excited to see how 3D-printed housing continues to develop, as the subdivision being built in Georgetown by Lennar appears to be coming together nicely. I'm excited about construction technology in general, as we're in a great spot in Austin to have the two come together organically.

"A major concern I have about the construction industry, especially in Austin, is the labor shortage we've been facing since 2020. We have an aging and dwindling workforce in this area, and although the amount of projects being built are at an all-time high, I would say the labor force that actively works and lives in the Austin area is at an all-time low."

With this in mind, Garrett is in the right position at the right time to take the helm and encourage new membership into an organization his father once led and one that is serving him well. "The association has helped me grow my network. My leadership skills have vastly improved along with my ability to speak publicly, which used to be quite the task for me. What I enjoy the most about ACEA are the networking opportunities that are made available through the organization. Whether it's the Symposium, Fish Fry, golf tournaments, networking happy hours, membership luncheons or any of the other great events that our committees put together, there is something for everyone, and these networking events have helped me to grow my network and given me a sense of community within the construction industry in the greater Austin area." \ CP

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CITY OF AUSTIN

Austin Energy Amends Utilities Criteria Manual


 Austin Energy has initiated several rules changes to amend Section 1 of the Utilities Criteria Manual - AE Design Criteria Manual (AE DCM). After public comment and adoption, these will take effect on November 16, 2023.

Austin Water Holds Permitting Webinar

 Austin Water hosted a Permitting Webinar on October 18. The


webinar walked participants through the permitting process for Onsite Water Reuse and Reclaimed Water Systems in new large commercial and multifamily developments.

City of Austin Stakeholders Meeting

 The Development Services Department held a virtual stakeholder meeting on September 28 to review the development-related changes from the 88th Legislative Session. In particular HB14 and HB3699 significantly impact the development process.


TRAVIS COUNTY

Revisions to TIA Guidelines

 A stakeholder meeting was held on August 9 to discuss the proposed updates to the Travis County Codes and Revisions to TIA Guidelines. Presentation slides are available and can be requested via email to info@aceatx.com. In addition, a survey was sent to stakeholders asking for input on efforts to evaluate what worked well in response to the pandemic and what could be improved to be more efficient and equitable to serve the workforce and residents of Travis County. The goal is to fully meet customers' needs while reducing climate impact, provide a flexible workforce, and have a leaner real estate portfolio. Results will be shared as they become available.

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Georgetown Unified Code Report

 Unified Development Code Diagnostic Report is out now. The report looks at existing regulations to identify what should be updated based on an online survey, stakeholder interview, and industry best practices. More information can be found on the Georgetown Unified Code webpage. \ CP

The Regulatory Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month. If you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings, contact at info@aceatx.com.



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Community Involvement Committee Creates Programs for High School Students

Two Programs Addressing the Workforce Development Challenge

The Community Involvement identified the need to reach graduating high school seniors interested in construction and civil engineering to address the need for more people choosing construction as a career. From this, the committee has created two programs geared toward students interested in this field. The first of these programs is the Construction Expo started in 2018.

CONSTRUCTION EXPO

The Construction Expo is a one-day event that gives students a hands-on demonstration of the equipment used by members. This event features 10 stations with various types of equipment and includes members who can answer student's questions about the equipment. Ideally, they also have an opportunity to work the machinery for a few minutes.

The next Construction Expo is scheduled for March 26, 2024. ACEA has once again partnered with the City of Austin to host the event at the Watershed Protection yard on Dalton Lane. Members are provided with the student's contact information to reach out for potential employment.

Information on how to participate as a demo station will be available on the ACEA website, or contact Kathryn Sias at info@aceatx.com to express your interest.

CAREERS IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION (C3)

The C3 program started out as part of the Careers Opportunities on Location (COOL) Experience with Leander ISD and has now evolved into a separate program not limited to the Leander schools. This year, the program includes video presentations by subject matter experts made available to area educators and concludes with an onsite tour



1. Students from Georgetown High School at a site visit after the C3 presentations. 2. MLA Geotechnical provided a drill for some hands-on time at the Construction Expo.

of a construction site. The video series is titled, "How to Build a Subdivision."

Thank you to the presenters and sponsors!

- Land Acquisition & Development
Jake Helmburg, Ashton Woods
- Geospatial Surveying
Valerie Zurcher, Pape-Dawson Engineers

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- Geotechnical Engineering
Matthew Rodriguez, MLA Geotechnical
- Civil Engineering
Jennifer Franklin, Pape-Dawson Engineers
- Permitting
Robin Griffin, City of Leander
- Construction Administration
Scott Swiderski, BGE, Inc.
- Civil Construction
Major Davenport, JLGray

The videos can be viewed on the ACEA website. Contact ACEA at info@aceatx.com for information on how your company can be part of this program. \ CP

Board of Directors Welcomes New Board Member Peggy Carrasquillo, P.E. to Fill Unexpired Term

The ACEA Board of Directors serve a two-year term, but sometimes schedule conflicts pop up, job changes happen, personal issues take precedence, making it difficult to fulfill the commitment. It takes some soul searching and courage to take a step back from serving and we want to thank Jennifer Paisley, P.E. for her service on the board for the last few years. We have appreciated her contributions and know that we will continue to support ACEA.

The ACEA bylaws allow the board of directors to appoint someone to fill the unexpired term. Peggy Carrasquillo, P.E., President of KT Civil, accepted the board's invitation. Peggy has previously chaired the Regulatory Committee for several years and has been a steadfast

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supporter of the association's programs and events. We are pleased to have her on the board and have already benefited from her experience and insights.

The board meets monthly to review the association's programs, progress on strategic plans and sets the direction for the association's growth. Nominations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year



Peggy Carrasquillo, P.E.

will begin in January. We are seeking nominations for two contractors, two engineers, and one associate member. Contact Silvia Pendleton for more information. \ CP

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ACEA Party Barge Outing

Members Cooled Off on Lake Travis

The second ACEA Party Barge Outing finally happened on June 15, 2023. The event was scheduled for 2020 and was cancelled due to the pandemic protocols in place at that time. The Membership Committee felt it was high time to bring back this fun networking event.

The event was well-attended with 30 registrants and sponsored by Accurate Pavement Striping. This casual networking get-together has been a hit and will be seriously considered for a repeat in 2024. \ CP



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1. No better place to be during a hot summer day! 2. Chance Morris, Emily Fernandez, Stephanie Drumm, Andre Alphonso, and Mark Sloop, and Sam Avitua enjoying the food and the company. 3. Mande and Jonathan McCleery having fun. 4. Bowman Consulting crew enjoyed the outing. 5. Megan Shepperd and Kathryn Sias catching up after a dip in the water.

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Fundraiser Event Provides Laughs, Support for ACEA

2023 Fish Fry Held at Travis County Expo for Last Time

The September 28 Fish Fry Fundraiser held at the Travis County Expo Center was a lively event with over 600 tickets sold. Proceeds from this event go a long way toward supporting the various programs ACEA sponsors such as the scholarship and community events.

Darrell Seeds, DK Property Group, chaired the committee this year and publicly thanked Greg Shepperd, AK Fuquay, for his leadership over the more than 20 years that Greg has chaired this event. The hardworking committee calls members to solicit auction donations and remind them to buy their tickets. On the day of the event, they arrive early to set up and return just a few hours later to man the stations. Greg whips the attendees into a frenzy over the card raffle for a chance to win prizes donated by AK Fuquay and Haegelin Wehmeyer Construction.

Every ticket coming through the door is entered into a drawing for the prize donated by Jones-Heroy & Associates. The beautiful Tundra Haul Cooler was displayed at the entrance and caught everyone's eye.

Of course, the biggest draw are the fabulous prizes donated by member companies for the auction. You will have to ask someone who was there just how that chainsaw donated by Capital Excavation made the rounds so many times.

A big thank you to Penas Traffic Services for the use of the display sign to help everyone find the right gate in the dark. We also appreciate the support from Grayhawk Insurance for the Safe Ride Home sponsorship. We do not want anyone overindulging and driving home so this provides a safe ride from the event.

KLP Construction Supply sponsored the photo booth and GeoSolutions was the drink sponsor.

2024 EVENT LOCATION

The Travis County Expo Center is finally scheduled for renovation and isn't scheduling events in the banquet hall for 2024. A new venue will be sought out, but the committee is considering going back to the Williamson County Expo Center. We hope that you will drive the extra miles to support this fun event. \ CP

1. Frank Castro, The Nitsche Group, and Darrell Seeds, Committee Chair greet the attendees. 2. The Committee at the end of the day: Emily Fernandez, Andrew Conaway, Kathryn Sias, Raul Campa, Frank Castro, Darrell Seeds, Greg Shepperd, Garrett Shepperd, Silvia Pendleton, Bernice Ramos.





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3. Tommy Pena, Pena's Traffic Services enjoying the food. 4. Brandi Stark, B Wise Environmental, taking her chances at the Poker Chip Game. 5. Brandon Fultz, PGC, egging his colleagues on at the Poker Chip Game. 6. More than 600 tickets were sold for this popular event. 7. Darrell Seeds, Committee Chair, drawing the winning cards. 8. The Bleyl Engineering crew gathered for a group photo. 9. Greg Shepperd, long-time committee chair received a plaque from Darrell Seeds, current Committee Chair.

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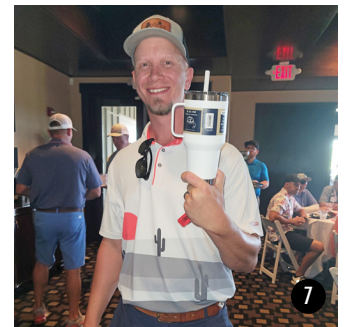
Golf Tournaments Are Popular Member Events

Spring Swing and Summer Classic Golf Tournaments

The Golf Committee found that golf tournaments are a popular way for members to network, thank clients, and make new connections. Whenever the weather cooperates, the committee plans to host three to four tournaments per year.

SPRING SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT

After the Frostbite Golf Tournament in February, the Spring Swing Golf Tournament in April was held at the Forest Creek Golf Club.



1. Cash Construction team at the Spring Swing Tournament. 2. Baer Engineering was represented at the Spring Swing Tournament. 3. Lone Star Paving was represented. 4. Chris Elliott, and Nick Page with MLA Geotechnical.

SUMMER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Summer tournament held on July 31 at Twin Creeks Golf Club, is the one not to miss. The coveted crystal trophy has been retired with the Fuquay team claiming the honor. The Summer Classic includes over \$2,000 worth of door prizes. \ CP



5. The Crystal Trophy went home with the Fuquay, Inc. team. Darrell Seeds, Garrett Shepperd, Greg Shepperd, and Colton Turner accept the trophy from Raul Campa, Golf Co-Chair. 6. Garrett Shepperd, Golf Co-Chair presents one of the door prizes to Greg Shepperd. 7. Andrew Conaway, B Wise Environmental, with his door prize. 8. A box of Titleist golf balls was one of the door prizes. 9. Frank Castro, Nitsche Group, was happy with his prize. 10. Everyone is hoping they have a winning ticket number.



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Moving to a New Venue



The 2024 Symposium is moving to the AT&T Conference Center. The Austin Convention Center will be demolished starting in 2025. In the meantime, the dates available for the next Symposium did not work for our scheduling. The AT&T Conference Center meets our space requirements and offers an opportunity to find a new home for our event ahead of the convention center’s closing.

The Symposium Planning Committee hit the ground running in August and have already identified many strong session topics for next year. We will once again kick off with a plenary session in the morning with the first breakout starting at 9:00 a.m. Overall, there will be five tracks with 20 sessions and a keynote speaker.

Eight of the sessions will be recorded and will be available on-demand for up to six months after the event. The recorded sessions offer an opportunity to extend the number of sessions to either attend or watch online and

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| On-demand Only | \$250 (no late fee) | |
| Non-Member | \$500 | \$500 |
| Student | \$50 | \$50 |
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extending the number of credit hours awarded. Attendees will have the option of registering for in-person (to include the on-demand sessions) or just the on-demand access only.

A conference app will be available to facilitate the networking and follow up with speakers and handouts. The committee is focused on reducing the need for a printed program, but will

have plenty of signage available to guide attendees.

Registration is open and information on sessions and speakers will be available in the coming weeks. \ CP

SCHEDULE

Registration: 7:00 a.m.

Plenary session: 8:00 a.m.

First breakout session: 9:00 a.m.

Lunch with keynote: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Social: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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ACEA Membership Luncheon Recaps

What You Missed at the Membership Luncheons

Those who have attended recent membership luncheons will attest that they are one of the best resources: Industry topics and speakers are relevant and timely, plus connecting with fellow ACEA members provides the foundation for your professional network. Here is a brief recap of what you missed the past few months:

JUNE

The June luncheon is always well attended and is a celebration of sorts. The scholarship recipients are recognized, the Volunteer of the Year is announced, and any changes on the board level are presented. You can find more information on the 2023 Scholarship program on page __. The board had a difficult time narrowing down the nominations for the Volunteer of the Year and decided to honor both Julia Vasquez, MLA Geotechnical, and David Neitch, Rain for Rent. McCar Materials sponsored the luncheon and provided door prizes won by Troy Young, RDO Equipment. ACEA provided door prizes from Forest Creek to Penny Hughs, KLP Construction Supply; Jonathan Mohler, Contech Engineered Solutions; Andrew Nolan, and Jacob Vandergriff, Markel Surety.

JULY

The July luncheon started off with a hand-off of the gavel from Frank Castro to the new ACEA Board President Garrett Shepperd. A token of appreciation was presented to Frank for his leadership and service. Guest speaker Brian Gettinger presented a thought-provoking presentation for “A Better Project Connect.” Chris Robles, American Ductile/American Flow Control, provided the sponsor door prize to Brandon Scarbrough, KLP Construction Supply, and Gail Hamrick-Pigg, CAS Consulting.

AUGUST

Guest speaker for August was Katherine Caffrey, Deputy City Manager, City

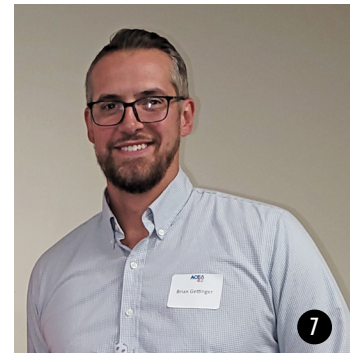


JUNE

1. Justin Loucks, Offenhauser & Co., introducing Safe in Austin. 2. Volunteers of the Year: (L) David Neitch, Rain for Rent, and (R) Julia Vasquez, MLA Geotechnical, with ACEA Board President Frank Castro. 3. Frank Castro with scholarship recipients: Riley Cloyd, Joshua Miller, Brecken Lee, and Victor Alexiou. 4. Cory Farris, McCar Materials, presents the door prize to Troy Young, RDO Equipment.

JULY

5. Garrett Shepperd presents outgoing ACEA Board President Frank Castro with a token of appreciation for his leadership. 6. Chris Robles, American Ductile, presents the door prize to Brandon Scarbrough, KLP Construction Supply. 7. Brian Gettinger was the guest speaker in July.



of Cedar Park presenting on “Capital Project Update in Cedar Park: What’s Happening Now, and What’s on the

Horizon.” Justin Midura, LJA Engineering, won the door prize provided by Cory Farris, McCar Companies.



SEPTEMBER

Guest speaker Sarah Scott, The Chapman Firm provided an overview of "Legislation Affecting Contractors & Engineers." Sponsor Tim Weston, MLA Geotechnical, provided a door prize won by Varsha Gudla, Bleyl Engineering. \ CP



AUGUST

8. Garrett Shepperd thanks Katherine Caffrey at the August luncheon. 9. Justin Midura, LJA Engineering, took home the door prize presented by Cory Farris, McCar Materials. 10. Casual conversations at the luncheon with Randy Leuders, and Walter Hoysa.

SEPTEMBER

11. Justin Lange, Westwood, with 2022 scholarship recipient, Irina Raleigh. 12. Kevin Ludhardt, Nicole Phelps, and Doug Akim, Terracon Consultants. 13. Guest speaker Sarah Scott, The Chapman Firm, with ACEA Board President, Garrett Shepperd. 14. Tim Weston, P.E., provided the door prize won by Varsha Gudla, Bleyl Engineering.



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CP \ ACEA EVENTS

OCT \ 30

SCREAM SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION: 7:30 a.m.

TEE TIME: 9:00 a.m.

The Scream Swing Tournament will include a trick-or-treat hole sponsored by the Membership Committee and promises to be a spooky good fun.

Sponsorships Available.

Onion Creek Club
2510 Onion Creek Pkwy
Austin, TX

NOV \ 9

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

TIME: 11:30 - 1:00 PM

SPEAKER: Patrick Hodgkiss, Compliance Resources, Inc.

TOPIC: TCPDG Updates

SPONSORED BY: Compliance Resources, Inc.

Norris Conference Center
2525 Anderson Lane (Northcross Mall)

NOV \ 16

MEMBER NETWORKING

Whiskey Tasting

TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hutto
245 Will Smith Drive
Hutto, TX

DEC \ 12

GIFT DELIVERY TO MAINSPRING SCHOOLS

TIME: 9:00 - Noon

Mainspring School
1100 W. Live Oak St.
Austin, TX

DEC \ 14

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

TIME: 11:30 - 1:00 PM

SPEAKER: Panel of ACEA Members

Sponsorship Available.

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ACEA COFFEE CHATS

Connect with ACEA Members on the first Friday of every month. Enjoy a cup of coffee and morning networking with civil engineering and construction professionals. Attendance is free, but please register so we know how many to expect and for your chance to win a door prize!

NOVEMBER 3

LENTZ ENGINEERING

Easy Tiger
3508 S. Lamar
Austin, TX 78704

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 1

TREEMANN SOLUTIONS

Houndstooth Coffee
11501 Rock Rose Ave. #118 (The Domain)
Austin, TX 78758

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 5

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (ADS)

Trianon Coffee
3654 Bee Caves Rd., Ste. A
Austin, TX 78745

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 A.M.



RECOGNITION

LUNA AWARDS

The LUNA Awards recognizes the contributions by women to the A/E/C industry.

Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

- Selene Alaffa, AECOM Hunt
- Jacquie White, AECOM Hunt
- Vanessa Molina, BGE, Inc.

A/E/C FIRM OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

- KT Civil
- KLP Construction Supply

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

WESTWOOD ACQUIRES PELOTON LAND SOLUTIONS

Westwood, a national multi-discipline engineering firm acquired Peloton Land Solutions. Peloton will operate as Peloton Land Solutions, a Westwood company and continue to serve clients from their current locations.

BEC ENGINEERS ACQUIRED BY DUNAWAY

The Houston-based civil and structural engineering firm, BEC Engineers and Consultants, has been acquired by Dunaway. Through the acquisition, Dunaway has officially opened its Houston office.

The firm has tapped Principal and Chief Revenue Officer Ross Eubanks, PE, SE to lead the office, and Development Executive and Principal, Chris Vadala, who will oversee business development operations alongside BEC Executives Karl Breckon and Reece Scott.

PAPE-DAWSON ENGINEERS PARTNERS WITH COSTELLO

Pape-Dawson Engineers has partnered with Costello as part of its strategy to grow its industry-leading civil engineering practice within Texas and across the United States.



LUNA AWARDS

1. Nicole Soderholm, Ben Wainwright, both with KLP Construction, Kristen Smith, TxDOT Civil Rights Division, Karen Rogers and Brandon Scarborough also with KLP Construction Supply. 2. Vanessa Molina, BGE, Inc. was one of the nominees. 3. Garrett Shepperd, ACEA Board President, and Frank Castro, Nitsche Group, attended in support of the ACEA member nominees. 4. Karen Rogers and Nathali Parker, KLP Construction Supply nominated for Service Firm of the Year.

PROJECTS

BRAKER VALLEY HOMES

Braker Valley is adding hundreds of homes in Northeast Austin. Plans were designed by BGE, Inc.

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jacobs and Encotech Engineering Consultants are involved in the modernization of 25 schools in the AISD.

FILM STUDIO IN BASTROP

Parnell Engineering is the civil engineer for a tiny apartment project in Austin. Carlson, Brigance, & Doering Inc. is the civil engineer for the film studio going up in Bastrop. \ CP

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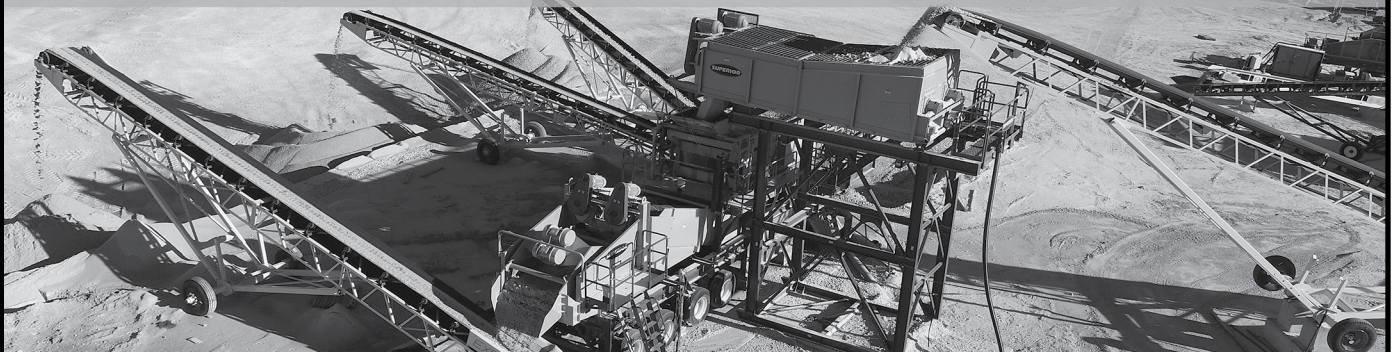
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