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Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Presentation:

AESS: Categorized by Design

Speaker: Brian Ward

Senior Structural Steel Specialist (DFW Market) AISC

Architects want architecturally exposed structural steel on projects to meet their expectations for appearance, budget, quality and structural integrity. The category system implemented in the AISC Code of Standard Practice effectively communicates expectations and should be utilized on any AESS project. This presentation will discuss how and when to implement the AESS Category Method to effectively communicate the desired appearance for architecturally exposed structural steel in a format that contractors can understand.

President's Message

Ronald Ishmael, P.E.

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break. A long-term goal of many organizations was "Vision 2020". As we kick-off 2020, the FW SEAoT board decided to reflect on the vision of the chapter and how in 2020 we can complete that vision of the chapter. One vision of the founding members was to provide scholarships for the local community we serve. In 2019 we gathered information and Steven has taken the lead in 2020 spear heading the Scholarship effort. The board has approved \$4000 to be distributed to FW SEAoT scholarships in 2020 which will be managed by the chapter. If you have interest in assisting with this, please contact one of the board members.

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Lunch Meeting Information

January 22, 2020

Freese and Nichols Building
Second Floor Auditorium
4055 International Plaza
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Meeting Sponsor:

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Catering:

Plaza Cafe

Check-In: 11:30 AM – 11:50 AM

Chapter News: 11:50 AM – 12:00 AM

Lunch & Program: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Map to meeting is provided at end of newsletter.

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SPEAKER BIO:

Brian Ward is a Structural Steel Specialist serving the Dallas/Fort Worth market for the American Institute of Construction. His primary role at AISC is to serve as a resource to the AEC community in the DFW area on the latest innovations and information on all facets related to the design and construction of structural steel. Before joining AISC, Brian worked for a steel fabricator as a design engineer and regional sales manager in the DFW area for 16 years. Additionally, he served as a senior project engineer for a local general contractor for two years. Brian earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station.

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Lunch Catering

This month's meeting will be catered by Plaza Cafe. The menu is beef and chicken fajitas, with Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, chips & salsa, and assorted cookies for dessert.

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Reservations for Lunch Meeting

To reserve a place at this month's meeting, please **RSVP by 5:00 PM on Monday January 20, 2020**. You may make your reservations via email at fortworthseao@gmail.com or by phone to Misty Thomison at (817) 735-7240. Indicate the name of each attendant when making a reservation for several people. Also, specify if vegetarian meals are required. Lunch will be served at the meeting. The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. The cost for students is \$10.00. Reservations are required to ensure adequate seating. A map of the location of 4055 International Plaza is included at the end of the newsletter for your use. Go up the stairs and follow the signs to the Auditorium.

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Another vision of the chapter is continued growth. Our current membership is 74 which is exciting. However, 43 members have lapsed or pending renewals. In order for the SEAOt to be a thriving organization we need dedicated members like you. Your membership keeps our chapter financially healthy and allows for us to expanding our reach into scholarships. Please renew your membership today if possible, to show your support for SEAOt and our chapter. As an added incentive we have raised non-member prices at our meeting to \$40 and will be effective January 2020.

Other items the board is reviewing includes the following:

- 2021 State Convention in Fort Worth
- Improvements to the website
- Future meeting venues.
- Young Membership Events. Contact Oke Orieka for more information.

If you have any desire to assist with these efforts, please do not hesitate to contact a board member. Our new board for 2020 is as follows and I am excited to be a part of this team.

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Cancellations

Please note that cancellations must be made by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020**, to be honored. SEAOt reserves the right to decline cancellations made after the cut-off and to invoice no-shows.

Editor's Notes

Reminder: Please make sure you RSVP by the deadline so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone.

Membership Announcements

Current SEAOt members who would like to be transferred to this chapter are invited to do so by logging in with their user name and password and updating their chapter selection from their membership profile. Please email fortworthseaot@gmail.com for additional information. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEAOt FORT WORTH LUNCH MEETINGS FOR 2020:

CHAPTER MEETINGS - FORT WORTH, TX

January 22, 2020

February 26, 2020

March 25, 2020

April 22, 2020

May 20, 2020

August 26, 2020

September 30, 2020

October 21, 2020

State Conference: October 22-23, 2020

November 18, 2020

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