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Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Presentation:

TBPELS – Professional Practice Update/Ethics

Speaker: Dr. Lance Kinney, PE

Texas Board of Professional Engineers

and Land Surveyors

The presentation covers updates on Engineering and Surveying Ethics and Code of Conduct, Board Activities, Rule and Statutory Changes, and General Updates on Board Initiatives.

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President's Message

Ronald Ishmael, P.E.

To start 2020 I never thought I would be the President during a Pandemic. The year did not turn out as I had hoped and we missed a lot of time with our fellow structural engineers. We did make strides as an organization with a scholarship and semi joint Chapter meeting with Dallas.

As we look forward to 2021, we need to remember the intent of the organization and how it helps promote our profession. With the loss of revenue from the convention our SEAoT organization as a whole took a hit. We still pay for lobbying efforts, website, and management companies. Please do your best to renew your membership as soon as possible. Encourage others to join and help support our

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Lunch Meeting Information December 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting

(Link will be sent to registered participants the day before the presentation)

 Check-In:
 11:45 AM – 11:50 AM

 Chapter News:
 11:50 AM – 12:00 AM

 Program:
 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

SPEAKER BIO:

Dr. Kinney is the Executive Director of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. He has been with the Board for over eighteen years and is responsible for all agency programs and activities, including legislative, rule, budget, and policy issues, and represents the Board at statewide, national, and international functions. He also gives licensing and ethics outreach presentations all over the state at universities, companies, and associations.

Prior to working at the Board, he worked in the semiconductor industry for 11 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from the University of Texas, a Master's Degree in Industrial Technology from Texas State University, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction focused on Learning Technologies from the University of Texas. He has lectured as an adjunct professor in the Engineering Department at Texas State and Technology University and Electronics and Advanced Technologies Department at Austin Community College.

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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 December 7, 2020. You may make your reservations via email at fortworthseaot@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. The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. The cost for students is \$5.00. Reservations are required to ensure adequate space.

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The State Convention in 2021 was supposed to be in our great city of Fort Worth. However with the pandemic we shifted El Paso to next year. We will have to wait another year for this to come to fruition. The local board will help to make this a convention to remember. I hope to see you there.

We are looking for at least one new board member in 2021. Please let us know if interest so we can get the voting wrapped up by the end of the year. Otherwise we may have to make house calls. Here is to hoping for a brighter and bigger 2021. Everyone have a safe and happy holidays.

Cancellations

Please note that cancellations must be made by **5:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday**, **December 8**, **2020**, to be honored. SEAoT reserves the right to decline cancellations made after the cut-off and to invoice no-shows.

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 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 July 22, 2020 August 26, 2020 September 30, 2020

State Conference: October 22-23, 2020

December 9, 2020

Upcoming Seminars:

- SJI Seminars
- ACI/PCA Seminars
- AISC Seminars

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