



## THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

### FORT WORTH CHAPTER

[www.seaot.org](http://www.seaot.org)

President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Misty Thomison, P.E.  
Manaf Refai, P.E.  
Jorge Jimenez, P.E.  
Ralph Benson, P.E.

Volume 15, Issue 6

## SEAoT Fort Worth News

August 2022

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

### Presentation:

### Structural Modeling

*Speaker: Ben Follett, P.E.*

## President's Message

Misty Thomison, P.E.

As mentioned in the last president's message and chapter meeting the state board of SEAoT had their second quarter meeting last month. SEAoT is still pursuing efforts towards an SE licensure in Texas. We have changed our approach this year from a transparency act (no restrictions) to a practice act. With a practice act, an SE designation would be required to design certain structures. The Government Affairs committee is still in the process of meeting with various interested parties and other engineering associations to get feedback and better refine what we will be presenting to the legislature. Getting buy-in from all the various interested engineering associations is vital in getting the act passed. In particular we need to get more traction with ACEC members. I encourage each of you to reach out to the government affairs committee with any questions you have and to also reach out to your contacts that may be in opposition to better understand their concerns.

*Continued on page 3*

### Meeting Information August 17, 2022

### Reata Restaurant

Address:

310 Houston St, Fort Worth 76102

**Check-In:** 11:30 AM – 11:50 AM  
**Chapter News:** 11:50 AM – 12:00 AM  
**Program:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

*Map to meeting is provided at end of newsletter.*

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

PAGE	
1, 2	Program and Speaker Bio
1, 3	President's Message
2, 3	Meeting Reservation Policy/Cancelations/ Membership Announcements
3	Calendar
4-5	Advertisements
6-7	**June Meeting and Tour Pictures**
8	2022 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs
9	Map to Meeting

## **SPEAKER BIO:**

Ben Follett is a licensed engineer in Pennsylvania and serves as the Director of Sales and Marketing at RISA. In his role, he focuses on helping engineering firms to streamline and integrate their 3D engineering workflows using RISA and ADAPT products. Prior to his work in the software industry, he was a structural associate with Michael Baker International, one of the Engineering News Record Top 500 Design Firms.

## **Newsletter Advertisement Policy**

The Fort Worth Chapter of SEAoT would like to invite all prospective advertisers to contribute to the newsletter. We will definitely appreciate your support. You may support SEAoT by advertising in the newsletter. Space is available to structural engineering firms, vendors, and suppliers starting at \$175.00 for one year of advertisement (8 newsletters). If interested, please contact the newsletter editor, Jorge Jimenez, via phone at (972) 302-4367 or email at [fortworthseaot@gmail.com](mailto:fortworthseaot@gmail.com).

The newsletter editor is also looking for articles and announcements for publication. Submissions may be sent to the editor at [fortworthseaot@gmail.com](mailto:fortworthseaot@gmail.com). Articles and ads to be included in the newsletter must be received by the first Wednesday of the month the article or ad is to first appear. The newsletter is loaded on the SEAoT website, so you will get exposure to the entire state of Texas and more.

## **Reservations for Meeting**

To reserve a place at this month's meeting, please **RSVP by 5:00 PM on Tuesday August 16, 2022**. You may make your reservations via email at [fortworthseaot@gmail.com](mailto:fortworthseaot@gmail.com) or by phone to Jorge Jimenez at (972) 302-4367. Indicate the name of each attendant when making a reservation for several people. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. The cost for students is \$20.00. Reservations are required to ensure adequate space.

President's Message continued from page 1

A few of the state level committees are still looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a member of the Membership committee or Technical and Codes committee, I encourage you to reach out. The Technical and Codes committee is currently working on developing guidance to better understand and implement special inspections as required by the IBC. This is an area of much confusion across the state with different areas implementing it and enforcing it differently.

The state conference, which will be here in Fort Worth this year, is starting to take shape. We have a few of the presenters and exhibitors already signed on as we work to nail down the rest. If there are any presenters that you've heard in the past that you would like to see another presentation from, let me know. I'd be happy to reach out to them. In the meantime, be on the look out for an announcement of the conference and early bird sign up.

Misty Thomison, P.E.  
President, SEAoT Fort Worth Chapter

## Cancellations

Please note that cancellations must be made by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022**, 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 [fortworthseaot@gmail.com](mailto:fortworthseaot@gmail.com) for additional information. ❖

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEAoT FORT WORTH LUNCH MEETINGS FOR 2022:

### CHAPTER MEETINGS - FORT WORTH, TX

February 16, 2022

March 23, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 24, 2022

June 15, 2022

August 17, 2022

September 21, 2022

October (6-7) – State Conference

November 16, 2022

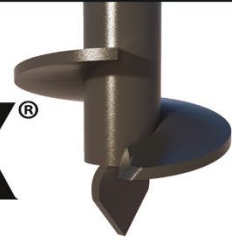
### Upcoming Seminars:

- [SJI Seminars](#)
- [ACI/PCA Seminars](#)
- [AISC Seminars](#)

# Engineered Foundation Solutions



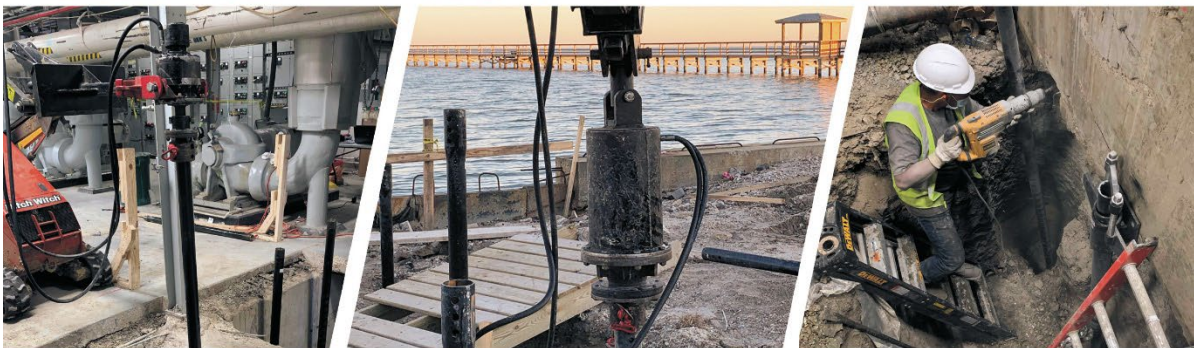
# RAMJACK®



## HELICAL PILES • DRIVEN PILES • POLYURETHANE FOAM

- ✓ New Construction
- ✓ Multi-Family
- ✓ Commercial
- ✓ Warehouses
- ✓ Distribution Centers
- ✓ Public Works
- ✓ Industrial
- ✓ Remedial

- ✓ In-House Engineering
- ✓ In-House Design
- ✓ In-House Installation
- ✓ Custom Solutions
- ✓ Long Term Results
- ✓ ICC-ES Accredited
- ✓ Fast Efficient Installs



## CONTACT OUR COMMERCIAL TEAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE  
AN ON-SITE EVALUATION FOR YOUR CURRENT  
OR UPCOMING PROJECT.

DALLAS | FT. WORTH | HOUSTON | SAN ANTONIO | WACO | AUSTIN

CONTACT US **800-969-2255** or [RamJack.com](http://RamJack.com)





**EPIC Metals' Architectural Roof and Composite Floor Deck Ceiling Systems feature long spans to 58', green features, an acoustic option, a versatile hanging system, access panels, air dams, and hidden roofing fasteners. New products include woodgrain finishes, architectural/sun screens, and cloud ceilings.**

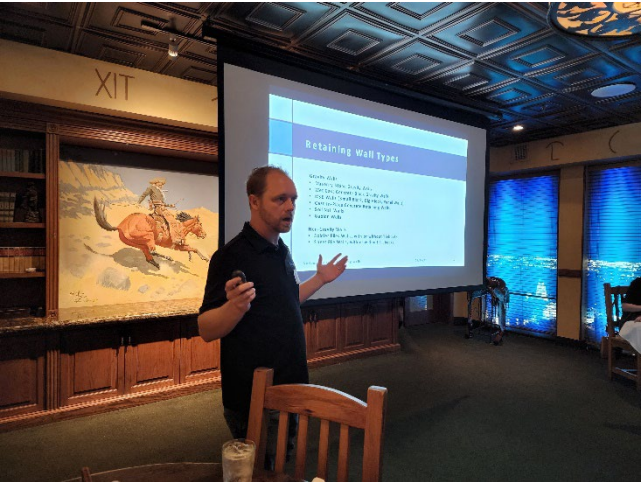
# July 2022 - Young Professional Meeting

## Hilti Tour



**Be on the lookout for more young professional meetings!**

# June Meeting 2022 – Aaron Berkes



**We look forward to seeing everyone in the next meeting!**

## 2022 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs

### Chapter Positions

President	Misty Thomison, P.E.	(817) 735-7240	<a href="mailto:mmt@freese.com">mmt@freese.com</a>
President-Elect	Manaf Refai, P.E.	(214) 385-5907	<a href="mailto:manaf@falkofske.com">manaf@falkofske.com</a>
Treasurer	Ralph Benson, P.E.	(817) 944-2497	<a href="mailto:seaotftreasurer@gmail.com">seaotftreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Jorge Jimenez, P.E.	(972) 302-4367	<a href="mailto:fortworthseaot@gmail.com">fortworthseaot@gmail.com</a>
Past President	Brion Echols, P.E.	(817) 335-3000	<a href="mailto:bechols@Huitt-Zollars.com">bechols@Huitt-Zollars.com</a>
State Director	Misty Thomison, P.E.	(817) 735-7240	<a href="mailto:mmt@freese.com">mmt@freese.com</a>
State Director	Manaf Refai, P.E.	(214) 385-5907	<a href="mailto:manaf@falkofske.com">manaf@falkofske.com</a>
Membership	Open		
Political Action Liaison	Open		
Young Members	Kayla Lombard, E.I.T.	(817) 338-1277	<a href="mailto:klombard@bhbin.com">klombard@bhbin.com</a>



# Map to Reata Restaurant 310 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

