

## From the President's desk....



What a great way to start the year. Susan Jablonski, Area Director for TCEQ, updated us and we met Dr Donna Campbell, Republican candidate for the Texas Senate. After Dr Campbell introduced herself, our members didn't waste any time by taking advantage of the opportunity to inform Dr Campbell of important engineering issues such as the method for procurement of engineering services, or the quality based selection process (QBS).

Our legislators are faced each session with bills that try to eliminate the QBS process. In listening to Dr Campbell, I learned that most legislators probably do not understand the importance of this process or the pitfalls of other procurement methods. Through TSPE, we can unite our voices to our representatives.

At our last meeting, Doug Steadman, PE announced to the membership that the owners of Alamo Beer have purchased the property adjacent to the Hays Street Bridge and plan to build their new brewery there. The land they purchased for the brewery had been donated to the City for a park. Instead of building a park, the city sold the land to the brewery. Mr. Steadman passed around a petition hoping for everyone's support to keep the park.

Many of our members have financially donated to rehabilitate The Hays Street Bridge. It recently received national recognition as a historical engineering structure. Its renovation is now complete. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the San Antonio Chapter Structural Engineers Association (SEAO<sup>T</sup>) has invited Doug Steadman to update us on the latest regarding the bridge, park and brewery. The meeting will be at the bridge at lunchtime. Box lunches will be provided. All TSPE, SEAO<sup>T</sup> and ASCE members interested are invited to attend.

As always, we need that one-hour of ethics continuing education each year. This month we can all scratch it off our list by attending our monthly meeting and learning from David Howell, PE, Director of Licensing at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

So now that we discussed our government regulating engineering procurement laws and engineering ethics, how many engineers would participate in non-QBS procurement on public services if no government regulations existed to prevent it? Would you as an engineer still believe strongly enough in the QBS process as the only ethical process for the public agencies to procure engineering services? Would you refrain from submitting and be selected based on low price? What would you do?

Sincerely,

*Davy Beicker, P.E., RMT*  
TSPE Bexar Chapter President

OCTOBER EVENTS

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October 1, 2012

TSPE Ethics Seminar  
Chapter Lunch Meeting  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Villita Assembly Building

October 6, 2012

9th Annual Spurs/Mathcounts-  
Mathletes in Action  
(Volunteers Needed!)  
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
AT&T Center

October 16, 2012

SEAO T Chapter Meeting  
(TSPE members invited–Doug Steadman speaking)  
12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Hays Street Bridge  
San Antonio, TX

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5, 2012  
Chapter Lunch Meeting

December 3, 2012  
Chapter Lunch Meeting

January 7, 2012  
Chapter Lunch Meeting

“Post Your Business Card Here”

Price is \$200 per election period  
That is a total of nine newsletter publications  
Please contact Lorena Carter, E.I.T. for details  
[ldleon@bmbi.com](mailto:ldleon@bmbi.com)

CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER ETHICS MEETING

**SUBJECT:** ETHICS PDH CREDIT  
-Professional practice update  
-Updates on board rule changes

**SPEAKER:** David Howell, P.E.  
Director of Licensing with Texas  
Board of Professional Engineers

**DATE:** October 1, 2012

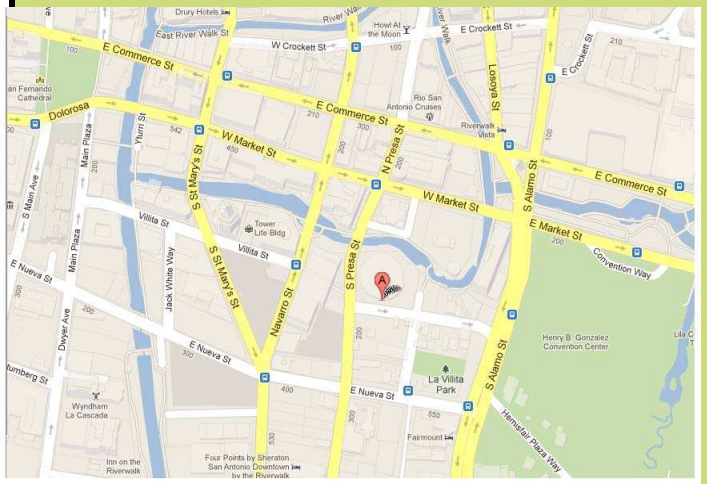
**TIME:** Registration: 11:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Villita Assembly Building  
401 Villita Street  
San Antonio, TX 78269

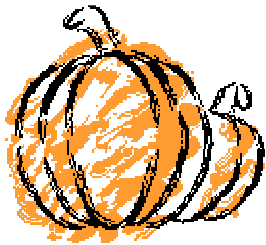
**COST:** \$25 member w/Reservation  
\$40 non-member w/Reservation

**RSVP:** Deadline:September 28,2012 by 3 p.m.

**CONTACT:** RSVP required online at  
[www.bexartspe.org](http://www.bexartspe.org)  
Reservations and online payments are  
currently open and will close at 3 p.m.  
on September 28, 2012



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ANNOUNCEMENTS!



-OCTOBER Meeting Minutes are now posted on TSPE website!!! ([www.bexartspe.org](http://www.bexartspe.org))

-The Bexar Chapter MATHCOUNTS team is seeking volunteers to help proctor and grade the exams. No math skills are required to volunteer. Volunteers are needed from 10 am until 2:30pm. The competition will be held in the AT&T Center and all volunteers earn a ticket to the pre-season game that evening. A continental style breakfast will be provided to the volunteers upon arrival.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact John Krauss at [jkrauss@pape-dawson.com](mailto:jkrauss@pape-dawson.com) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. or (210) 375-9000 by September 28<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about MATHCOUNTS by clicking the logo above or by going to [www.MathCounts.org](http://www.MathCounts.org).

-Bexar Chapter TSPE is soliciting nominations for the **2013 Engineer of the Year** and **Young Engineer of the Year**, who will be honored at our Annual Banquet in February 2013. Nominees are to be licensed Texas Professional Engineers (age 35 or older) or Engineer in Training in good standing with TSPE. Nominees for Young Engineer of the Year should be under 35 years old.

The Engineer of the Year selection committee consists of: John A. Brogan PE (retired) and H. Michael Coyle, Jr., P.E. and Sam Dawson P.E.

If you would like to nominate someone for "Engineer of the Year" please submit your nominations to John A Brogan PE (retired): home phone 210-342-0586 or cell phone 210-289-9732, email: [jabrogan@ieece.org](mailto:jabrogan@ieece.org) or [jabrogan@satx.rr.com](mailto:jabrogan@satx.rr.com).

If you would like to nominate someone for "Young Engineer of the Year" please submit your nominations to Edgar Munoz PE Office phone: (210) 641-2112 or email: [eamunoz@terracon.com](mailto:eamunoz@terracon.com)

Please provide the following information:  
Candidates name, phone number & email.

The Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year will be announced at the January Chapter Meeting. The Young Engineer of the Year will be recognized at the Proclamation Breakfast and the Engineer of the Year will be recognized at the Engineer's Banquet during National Engineer's Week February 17-23, 2013.



BEXAR TSPE  
WEBPAGE

The TSPE Bexar Chapter webpage is online. Our web address is [www.bexartspe.org](http://www.bexartspe.org). The webpage has important chapter information including an officer list and a calendar of upcoming events!

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## TSPE Membership... Pass the advantage along.

### 2012 – 2013 Member Appreciation Program

TSPE appreciates the support from the membership for their encouragement of new members. To show our appreciation, we are rewarding you with gifts.

As a member YOU already know the advantage membership has given you.

- Promotion of the profession's image
- Recognition from your peers
- Numerous educational courses
- Variety of idea exchange sessions
- Giving back to the community
- Leadership training
- Advocacy before the Legislature
- Educating your hometown community about the engineering profession
- Encouraging future engineers

We are asking that YOU share your enthusiasm and value received from membership with the engineers in your community. Your encouragement to join will increase the strength and service TSPE can provide to you. **TSPE is the only organization representing the interest of all licensed Professional Engineers.**

### What's in it for you?

#### Recruit 10 + new members

The Member who sponsors the most over 10 receives a two night stay at La Mansion Del Rio, San Antonio (\$600 value)

#### Recruit 10 new members

Free one day Annual Conference, Leadership Conference, or Chapter Seminar registration of your choice

#### Recruit 9 new members

FREE TSPE (state and chapter) membership dues (\$178.00 value)

#### Recruit 8 new members

\$30 TSPE Bucks

#### Recruit 7 new members

\$25 TSPE Bucks

#### Recruit 6 new members

\$20 TSPE Bucks

#### Recruit 5 new members

\$15 TSPE Bucks

#### Recruit 4 new members

\$10 TSPE Bucks

#### Recruit 1 new member

Name on TSPE Website

Each new member sponsored, enters you into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.

To receive credit, you must notify the state office each time you recruit a new member. Please e-mail this information to [membership@tspe.org](mailto:membership@tspe.org) or call (512) 472-9286. Prizes are awarded quarterly after new or reinstated member dues are paid in full. TSPE Bucks can be used at any TSPE state or chapter event as well as to purchase items from the TSPE store. Bucks expire one year after they are awarded.



# Quick Take

Name: Brooke Shelton, E.I.T.  
Company: Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.  
Job Title: Engineer II  
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas  
School: Texas A&M University  
Degree: Bachelor's and Master's in Civil Engineering



**Why did you choose to become an engineer?**

I really enjoyed both math and science in high school so I knew in college I wanted to get a degree in applied math and science. I started out as a civil engineer and really enjoyed the coursework So I stuck with it!

**What do you like most about your job?**

I like that I can visit the communities and commercial properties that I designed and actually see a project go from a piece of paper to constructed out in the field.

**Any advice or tips you can give other engineers?**

Ask questions and try to see the finished product of a project as often as possible because that's what makes the job rewarding!

**How long have you been a member of TSPE and what has benefited you from being a member?**

I have been a member for 1 year. I have enjoyed getting to meet other engineers outside of Pape-Dawson and participating in an organization that supports engineers across a wide range of specialties

**What is your favorite restaurant in the San Antonio area?**

I will have to go with Saltgrass!



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# Sharpening Your Skills

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**Announcement from the Editor...**

Contribute to your chapter and community by submitting engineering related articles. Articles may be eligible for PDH time so hurry and submit yours. The **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER deadline** for receiving articles or advertisements is **October 15** . If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [ldeleon@bmbi.com](mailto:ldeleon@bmbi.com) or by phone at (210) 494-7223

Sincerely,  
Lorena Carter, E.I.T.

Run Time	One Run	Two Runs	Three Runs	Nine Runs
Business card	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Half page ad	\$100	\$150	\$200	N/A
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