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## March 2017 Newsletter

### Meeting Info

**Date:** Tuesday,  
March 21st, 2017

**Doors Open:** 11:30 am  
**Lunch Starts:** 11:45 am  
**Program:** 12:00- 1:00pm

**Location:**  
Maggiano's Little Italy  
205 North Park Center  
Dallas, TX

### Pricing:

- Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) – \$28.00 (USD)
- Non-Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) – \$38.00 (USD)
- Member Presentation Only, No meal (1.0 PDH) – Free
- Non-Member Presentation Only, No meal (1.0 PDH) – \$10.00 (USD)
- Student Lunch Presentation Only (1.0 PDH) – \$10.00 (USD)

*\*Late registrants (as of Monday at 11:45 am) will incur a \$5.00 additional fee*

### Engineering Ethics and Liability Concerns

#### **D. Wilkes Alexander, AIA – Fisk Alexander, PC**

1. Liability Concerns
  - i. Construction Phase Contract Administration
  - ii. The Shop Drawing Process
  - iii. Observation vs. Inspection
  - iv. Communications with Design Team Leader, Contractor and General Contractual Relationships
2. Engineering Ethics in General
  - i. Dilemmas
  - ii. War Stories
  - iii. Complex Projects Can Equal Complex Litigation



**Wilkes Alexander** is a long time Texas resident, originally from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He attended the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee for two years where he was impressed by the gothic architecture and intricate stone work of the campus facilities which were modeled after Oxford University in England. After two years, he transferred to the Architecture School at the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with honors in 1981. Upon graduation, he went to work with the architectural firm of Beran & Shelmire where he was involved in commercial and residential design projects, including the Anatole Hotel, the Veranda Club at the Anatole, the Junior League Headquarters in Dallas, as well as other commercial, multi-family and single family residential projects.

It was during that time that he became interested in the legal issues that affected the practice of architecture and decided to attend law school at the University of Houston Law Center, graduating and becoming licensed in 1992. He has practiced law continuously for the last 25 years, developing a focus on the representation of design professionals, while maintaining both his architectural license, as well as his membership with the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Alexander has participated in numerous seminars specifically developed for architects, engineers, surveyors, interior designers and landscape architects dealing with professional liability matters and continues to provide support to design professionals in regards to the review of contracts, architectural assignments for lending institutions, as well as other pre-litigation issues that arise during the course of design and construction of various projects. Mr. Alexander also represents design professionals in fee collection issues, as well as in professional negligence claims and litigation and has been involved in numerous trials and arbitrations involving design, construction and collection matters.

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## Upcoming Events

### Next chapter meetings:

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Industry Events:

Texas Wood Solutions Fair  
March 22, 2017  
Irving Convention Center  
[Click here](#)

SEAOt State Conference –  
Corpus Christi  
October 26-27, 2017  
[Click here](#)

## President's Message

The year is flying by already as we approach the end of the first quarter of 2017. Spring appears to be here and the construction market seems to be blooming as well. I see many new cranes out my office window in North Plano. I hope everyone is busy with new and exciting projects on your desk.

I am excited about all the events we have ongoing and coming up this year. Jacob Reneson, our social chair has been working hard and we are finalizing the venue and date for our chapter banquet. I believe this will be an exciting and fun event again this year. Kaitlin Forke, our younger member chair, has just put on our first younger member happy hour of the year and it was a great success with 20 people in attendance. She will be organizing more events and I encourage everyone to attend and bring a guest to introduce them to SEAOt.

I encourage everyone to take an active role in the organization. We would love to have more volunteers to participate on the various committees. If you do not have the time to commit to that, we also welcome your feedback and ideas on content of the meetings and activities that would benefit you.

We want to keep the organization growing and thriving and welcome your help to do so.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ray  
SEAOt Dallas President

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## Welcome New Members

Say hello to our new members!

Teresa L. Dellies, P.E.  
Structural Engineer

Dr. Ernst Kiesling, P.E.  
Structural Engineer - Educator

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## Younger Member Happy Hour Recap

Earlier this month, approximately 20 younger members attended the Younger Member Happy Hour that was hosted at HG Sply Co. in Lower Greenville on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attendees socialized and networked on the rooftop patio with a phenomenal view of the Dallas skyline as the backdrop. Complimentary appetizers and drinks were provided by the chapter.



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