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September 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Info

Date: Tuesday,
September 20, 2016

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

Location:

Maggianno's Little Italy
205 North Park Center
Dallas, TX

Pricing:

- Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) – \$25.00 (USD)
- Non-Member Lunch Presentation (1.0 PDH) – \$35.00 (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 will incur a \$5.00 additional fee*

Reservations

Please register by 1:00 pm on
Monday, September 19, 2016.

**Limited walk-ins available.*

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LEARNING FROM STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS TO AVOID DAMAGE, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND DISTRESS

**Michael Lee, P.E. – Principal
at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.**

This presentation will review the author's experience with investigating problems that have occurred with structural components or systems, including damage to building finishes and other systems that are affected by the performance of the structure. Results of a historical research into past investigations will be presented. The research was conducted to determine if certain design features, project delivery system, or other factors are at greatest risk for causing problems during the life of the structure. Case histories will be discussed to illustrate how small details can mean the difference between success and disappointment, and show how codes have changed to avoid repeat occurrences. The aim of this presentation is to motivate project team members to keep vigilant in the daily performance of services.

Michael W. Lee, P.E., is a structural engineer with 35 years of experience in the design and analysis of buildings and other structures. He has a B.S. in Architectural Engineering and M.S. in Structural Engineering, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Lee is a Principal with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc., Inc. (WJE) where his work focuses on structural investigations and remediation. Prior to joining WJE in 1994, he practiced as a design engineer with W.E. Simpson in San Antonio and Gunnin-Campbell Consulting Engineers in Dallas. He is an active member of ACI Committees 117, 437, and 440; the PCI Parking Garage Committee; and other industry organizations. Mr. Lee has also served SEAOT as President of the Dallas Chapter and Board Member of the State Organization.

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Upcoming Events

Next chapter meetings:

Nov 15, 2016

The Independent – Austin, TX

Kris Swanson, P.E., S.E.

Industry Events:

SEAOt Dallas Banquet

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Dr.

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Nov 5th, 7pm – 11 pm

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President's Message

By Asma Momin, PE

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.” Paulo Coelho, writer. There are only a few months left before the year is over. At the beginning of the year, we talked about building on the successes of the past. We discussed having technical committee that is a resource to our community. We talked about celebrating our success with a banquet, and we talked about increasing benefits for our members.

Last month, our technical committee had their first presentation on Special Inspections in North Texas. It was very well attended. We are also in the process of establishing a new scholarship program. This scholarship will benefit our members directly. Your children will be able to apply for this scholarship regardless of the field they choose. We have also set a date for our banquet and booked a venue.

Are we done? No. Have we succeeded at all we attempted to achieve? That remains to be seen. This is a process that requires the commitment and participation of many. It requires really wanting it and working as a community to achieve it. It is beyond the aspirations of any of individual. We should not be afraid of failure. It is apathy that should be feared.

Our SEAOt Banquet is set for November 5th. In order to make it successful we need people to participate. There are still many opportunities available. You could sponsor a table, drinks, and other items. If you are interested, please contact one of the officers or Denny O'Connell. We are also hoping to have a silent auction that will raise funds for the new scholarship program. We are looking for items to be auctioned. We hope you will show us your support.

Stand up and be counted. “Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.” William Arthur Ward, writer.

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Ms. Katlyn Wilhelm
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Mr. Claudio Lopez
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Mr. Ashfaq Syed
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Mr. Armando Gomez-Farias
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