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Presentation:

(Ethics)

Document Preservation – Polices, Procedures, and Pitfalls

Speaker: Stephanie Harrison, Esq.

What are an engineer's legal and ethical obligations when it comes to document retention? Should you keep all, some, or none of the documents relating to the project, and how long should documents be kept? How can an engineer implement document retention policies to help prevent or reduce liability exposure? What are an engineer's obligations in responding to subpoenas? This presentation will help answer these questions and more.

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President's Message

Brian Graves, P.E.

The year as far as SEAoT Fort Worth is concerned is quickly coming to a close. After this month's meeting is over, we will have had six 2017 meetings with only two remaining. The first six have gone by quickly and I think that the programs have been great in terms of quality. President-Elect Brad Watson has been doing a great job scheduling first-rate speakers. January's meeting was not held in a particularly good venue for our setup, but thanks to research by Past-President John Tornberg, we found a new home which has been perfect. The new meeting venue requires that we hire caterers, and so far we have had a wide variety of menus. Arranging catering details has been my responsibility. The Chapter newsletter has changed formatting to communicate the new meeting details and Secretary Steven Hodridge has put in the work for those changes. Steven has also

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Lunch Meeting Information

June 28, 2017

809 at Vickery
809 W. Vickery Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Meeting Sponsor:

Stephanie Harrison

Catering:

Mamma Mia Italian Grill

Check-In: 11:30 AM ó 11:50 AM
Chapter News: 11:50 AM ó 12:00 AM
Lunch & Program: 12:00 PM ó 1:00 PM

*Map to 809 at Vickery is provided at end of newsletter.
Additional Catering information is on page 2.*

SPEAKER BIO:

Stephanie Harrison is a 2002 graduate of Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. She also earned her juris doctorate degree from Texas Tech School of Law in 2005.

Stephanie began her career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Justice Dixon W. Holman of the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, Texas. Stephanie has practiced construction law in Tarrant County since 2008. Currently, she is a partner with Canty Hanger LLP practicing in the firm's litigation group, with a focus on construction.

She has experience in a wide array of litigation matters, including representation of engineering, architecture, general contractors and subcontractors in construction-related disputes of all sizes. Stephanie also negotiates contracts, assists clients with filing or responding to lien and bond claims, and represents clients before regulatory agencies such as the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

Lunch Catering

This month's meeting will be catered by Mamma Mia Italian Grill. They will be serving a choice of lasagna or fettuccini alfredo with grilled chicken. (The chicken will be served from the side so vegetarians can opt out of meat with their meal). A side salad and bread rolls will be offered as well. Water, lemonade and tea will be the drink options available.

Newsletter Advertisement Policy

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The newsletter editor is also looking for articles and announcements for publication. Submissions may be sent to the editor via email at FTW@SEAOt.org. 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 Lunch Meeting

To reserve a place at this month's meeting, please **RSVP by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2017**. You may make your reservations via email at FTW@SEAOt.org or by phone to Steven Hodridge at (817) 649-1544. Indicate the name of each attendant when making a reservation for several people. Also, specify if vegetarian meals are required. Lunch will be served at the meeting.

The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. The cost for students is \$10.00. Reservations are required to ensure adequate seating. A map of the location of 809 at Vickery is included at the end of the newsletter for your use.

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been sorting through Chapter emails and taking meeting RSVPs. And as always, Treasurer Bill Gigl has been on top of our finances and meeting registration. We're still trying to find Bill the best seat so he can manage registration and still hear & see the presentation, and we're getting closer each meeting!

My goal so far in this message has been to provide insight into what the responsibilities of the Board are. Our Chapter relies on volunteers to fill these roles so that we can continue our operations. If we rotate through the same group of people over and over, our Chapter will quickly become stale. New people provide new ideas, and for our group that can translate into presentations on previously untouched topics. Membership has grown this year and the percentage of membership attending meetings has also risen, which means that there is someone out there that wants to join the Board starting in 2018!

The commitment for joining the board is three years; we cycle through being secretary, president-elect, and president. Each year the responsibilities change, as partially described above. Please take a moment and consider donating your time to the Organization in the upcoming years. We have plenty of resources and experience to help you be successful, so don't feel like you can't volunteer because you have never been in such a position before. Please talk with or email any member of the Board if you have are interested, we would be more than happy to speak with you.

On another note, now is the time to consider attending the SEAoT State Conference in Corpus Christi on October 26 & 27. I have been attending the conference since it was held in Fort Worth in 2014 and have found that for the price and proximity to home (Corpus is a little further) nothing beats it for getting quality PDHs and talking with exhibitors. Registration is open now and will increase in price at the end of September.

Have a good summer!

Brian Graves, PE **President**

Cancellations

Please note that cancellations must be made by **9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26th, 2017**, to be honored. SEAoT reserves the right to decline cancellations made after the cut-off and to invoice no-shows.

Editor's Notes

Reminder: Please make sure you RSVP by the deadline so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone.

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 FTW@SEAoT.org for additional information. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEAoT FORT WORTH LUNCH MEETINGS FOR 2017:

809 AT VICKERY - FORT WORTH, TX

June 28, 2017

September 27, 2017

November 15, 2017

Upcoming Seminars:

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

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