

# Larry's Corner – Newsletter

## December 2017

Why did the boy's mother knit him three socks for Christmas? (See answer at the end of the article)

It looks like we made it: another year is coming to a close. I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our members for all the support and efforts to contribute to the Texas Section and our Civil Engineering Industry. We all need to take some time away from our busy jobs and relax with friends and family. As engineers we find it difficult at times to step back and take a breath if a project or task is not yet completed. I know this is true of myself, and the older I become, I have learned to place a high value in those quality moments that we can cherish for a life time. I encourage everyone to savor those times.

As part of my goals for the upcoming year, I want to hear from our community about ways that the Texas Section can be a stronger resource to our Profession. The section staff has begun the journey of upgrading the website in order to provide a richer platform for communication and access to information. Through the web site I want to develop a closer relationship between Institutes and other areas of the organization by providing easier access to technical and historical data. Institutes are a vital part of this organization, and I am recommending that all Branches and Committees develop collaboration opportunities with institutes. We are ASCE Texas Section members that have the opportunity to belong to a specified institute, and both members and institutes require each other's expertise to successfully complete most projects.

Over the next few issues I will continue to elaborate and provide details on each of the goals I have developed for my time leading the organization. I would very much value comments and suggestions, so I encourage you to send me emails with your thoughts and ideas on ways to develop opportunities for collaboration among all institutes.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season and hope you all find time to cherish moments with friends and family.

**Answer:** Because he grew another foot. I am looking forward to watching the Texas Section grow in 2018, but it won't be possible without your involvement.

Until the next issue – **It Will Be Fun!!!**

Sincerely,

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