

It Will Be Fun

It has been said many times over and over, “The Only Thing Constant Is Change”. I want to give Craig a very big heart felt **“Thank You”** for the leadership and vision during the past year as ASCE Texas Section President. From the continued growth of CECON and the first Drive-in, to the update of the Infrastructure Report and staffing modifications at the Section office, you truly had a full plate.

Craig’s compassion and drive for our industry and ASCE was felt by many. Again, thank you for all that you accomplished for the organization under your term. I am excited to take over as our new Section President. Below you will find my Section highlights and updates.

Harvey has and continues to impact so many lives from one end of the Texas coast to the other, and across the entire state. I want to extend a huge round of applause to all the members of the Civil Engineering community who have selflessly stepped up to help communities throughout the state. ASCE Global has provided wonderful support from many aspects. I know there has been much discussion about Houston in the news, but I want to remind everyone that many of the smaller communities didn’t receive the news spotlight, yet some of these areas were totally devastated. We need to make sure the smaller communities are not forgotten in our recovery efforts. The theme of “Resiliency” for CECON couldn’t have come at a better time.

Thirty four years ago, I looked toward those that lead ASCE, with amazement for the time and dedication they gave to the society. I wondered what it would be like to hold the same position. I watched friends and colleagues take on the role and accomplish so much. And now, I have been blessed with the opportunity to provide guidance and leadership to the Texas Section. As I started out the message, “The Only Thing Constant Is Change”, sometimes that is not an easy task to accomplish, but in order for

an organization to survive we must look to adjust and improve in order to achieve growth. Some of you may have heard my theme song at recent events, "Some Nights," by Fun. The song is about fighting for what you believe in, and digging deep inside to determine what values you stand for. Some nights it's not easy to determine. It is a fight for membership sustainability and increasing membership in order to provide staff and support from the Section office to support programs and events.

What are we willing to give up in order to achieve what we value and is important to members of the Texas Section? The Texas Section's success is deeply rooted in the members that give so much of their time to the organization, and yet also give up time in other areas of their lives. As the induction ceremony script states to the members that a Board of Directors cannot be successful without the full support of the members.

I am looking forward to carrying the torch that has been placed in my care, but I cannot do it without everyone's support. I look forward to hearing what employers need from the Texas Section in order to want to support their employees as active ASCE members.

Hold on, there is change in the air, and it "Will be Fun".