



MAY 2016


### May 2016 WEAT Annual Ethics Seminar *Presented by* Rick Valdes

The Southeast Section of WEAT is pleased to have Rick Valdes, an Investigator IV with the Compliance & Enforcement Department of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) to present this year's Ethics Seminar. He has over 24 years of experience as an investigator. In this role, Rick ensures that the TPBE Act and Board Rules are followed and also investigates complaints that are received regarding violations to the Act and/or Board Rules.

Rick has worked for the Travis County Sheriff's Department, as a Supervising Investigator for the Texas State Real Estate Commission and in the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation as the Program Manager of Professional Boxing for the State of Texas. Rick has his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.



### Event Details

- Date:** May 19, 2016
- Location:** Hess Club  
5430 Westheimer Rd.  
Houston, TX 77056
- Time:** 11:00 am to 11:30 am (Registration)  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Lunch and Presentation)
- Registration:** \$35 (Private Sector)/\$15 (Government/Student)
- Payment:** Click here  to pay now  
Or RSVP to [weatsoutheast@gmail.com](mailto:weatsoutheast@gmail.com) to pay at the door

Event Sponsor:  klotz associates

SE WEAT Section Calendar	
July 2016	Expert Panel Discusses SCADA
September 2016	Southeast WEAT Section Lunch
October 2016	WEAT Annual Clay Shoot
Statewide WEAT Events	
May 25, 2016	Free Webinar: The State of Today's Controls
June 14, 2016	Eckenfelder Lecture at UTA in Arlington
July 15, 2016	Water Reuse Conference In San Marcos

For more information on all these events go to [www.weat.org](http://www.weat.org)



## January 2016 EIC Operations Event

The January Event for Southeast WEAT was a dual presentation by Tobin Synatschk and Sean McMillan, both of Jones and Carter in Houston. Tobin presented whether To Repair or Replace Pumps, Blowers and Drives and Sean discussed SCADA Replacement. The event was organized by the EIC and Operations Committees.



## February 2016 Half Day Seminar

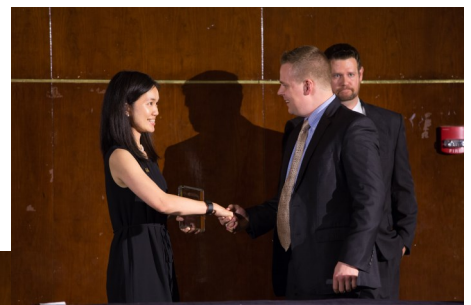
The Southeast Section of WEAT teamed up once again with the SE Section of AWWA to present a Half Day Seminar on regional water topics. The event was held at the Westchase Marriott and presenters included:



- Brazos River Authority Allens Creek Reservoir Project Update by Cathy Dominguez (BRA) and Bill Swanson (MWH)
- SAWS SSO Reduction Program: Update and Lessons Learned by Jeff Haby (SAWS) and Eric Wessels (HDR)
- Nitrification Prevention and Response Planning: Perspectives of a Large Water Provider by Sunil Kommineni (KIT) and Kira Smith (COH)
- Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion Design-Build Planning and Procurement by Jeff Benjamin (COH)
- Corpus Christi Variable Salinity Desalination Demonstration Project by Brent Clayton (COCC) and Jason Cocklin (Freese and Nichols)
- What's on the Horizon? Conversion, Conveyance, and Conservation by Al Rendl (NHCRWA), Bruce Parker (WHCRWA) and Peter Houghton (NFBWA)

## Young Engineer of the Year Banquet

The Southeast Section of WEAT was on hand to honor our section's 2016 Young Engineer of the Year, Kendall Ryan of Freese and Nichols, at the Engineers Week Young Engineer of the Year Banquet. Congratulations Kendall!!



## Engineers Week Run of Pi

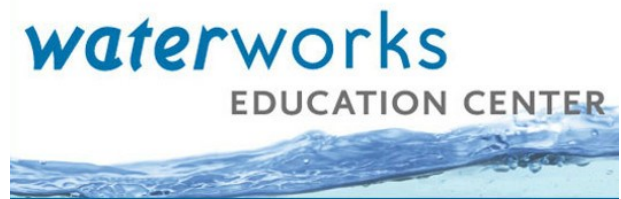
James Woodring, Kristin O'Neill and Monica Stiggins volunteered at the Engineers Week Run of Pi race event. They even had the chance to snap a picture with Engineer of the Year Ms. Nathelyne A. Kennedy, PE.



## Public Communications & Outreach Committee (PCOC) STEM Event



Krystal Gutierrez and Monica Stiggins joined Brenda Templeton and Susan Smyer of the City of Houston Water Works Education Center to introduce elementary students to water works information at Durkee Elementary.



## City of Houston Science Fair

Once again the Southeast Section of WEAT volunteered to judge water related science fair projects at the City of Houston Science and Engineering Fair. Southeast section of WEAT Se Public Communications and Outreach Committee Chair, Pavani Silaparasetty, organized the volunteer group.





## Get Involved with WEAT Southeast Section in 2016/2017!

On April 27, 2016, WEAT Southeast Section held a general meeting. New officers were introduced and an outline of the Committees for the 2016/2017 year is as follows:

### Committees:

- Clay Shoot Committee
- Water for People Committee
- PCOC Committee
- YP Committee
- Awards Committee
- Operations Committee
- Membership Committee
- EIC Committee
- Communications Committee

If you would like to get more involved in the Southeast Section of WEAT this year through a committee, please contact any of the officers or email [weatsoutheast@gmail.com](mailto:weatsoutheast@gmail.com).

## City of Houston Water Week

The Southeast Section of WEAT hosted a booth at the City of Houston Water Week. Volunteers Pavani Silaparasetty, Tiffany Staten, Adam Kohout, Krystal Gutierrez and Monica Stiggins helped elementary school kids build their own water filters.





## 2015 - 2016 Officers and Committee Chairs

### Officers



**Monica Stiggins - President**  
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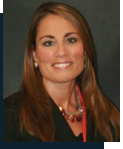
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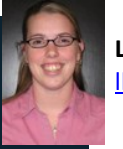
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### 2016—2017 Officers

For the 2016– 2017 year, Southeast section of WEAT is pleased to announce that Kendall Ryan will take over in the role of president and Ambarish Ravi will take over in the role of Treasurer beginning in August 2016. Also new officer Kristin O’Neill, Brown and Gay Engineers, will step into the secretary role.

### Committee Chairs



**Pavani Silaparasetty - Public Education Committee**  
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**James Woodring- Wastewater Operations Committee**  
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**Valetta Saldanha - YP Committee Co-chair**  
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### About WEAT

The **Water Environment Association of Texas** (WEAT) is made up of about 1,600 Texas professionals including scientists, engineers, utility managers, operators and regulators who have dedicated their careers to protecting and enhancing our state's water resources.