

**Bioenvironmental Sciences Professional Board
6th Annual Fall Meeting**

Thursday, September 28, 2017

We host most planned meals, but each Board Member is responsible for expenses associated with transportation and lodging

- 2:30 pm Any and all available to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony (invitation attached in email)
- 6:00 pm Executive Committee – Gather at [Abuelos](#) (840 University Drive) pre-dinner meeting.
(Officers/Committee Chairs: Bryan (Anderson will substitute), Gay, Holloway, Boeck, Fiffick, Steph **Ex Officio:** Brochu, Pierson, Wilkinson)
- 7:00 pm Welcome reception - dinner, drink, and business at [Abuelos](#) (840 University Drive) *faculty welcome; entire Board (and spouses) welcome, meet and greet entire Board including new Board Members*

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*Parking should be available at **Lot 100**. This is an expense for each vehicle. We will distribute several parking hang tags at dinner. Frequently board members choose to car pool together from the hotel. Contact Heather Wilkinson (979-574-4738) if you would like assistance coordinating a ride from the hotel.*

- 7:45 am Arrive **AgriLife Conference Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room** - *Continental Breakfast and Coffee available*
- 8:00 am Welcome Dr. Leland Pierson (“Sandy”)
- 8:15 am BOARD MEETING - Call to Order – Bryan Gay
- Board Member Introductions (Attendance)
 - Welcome New Members
 - Jay Carsten, Geologist, Texas Department of Transportation
 - Coy Crain, Client Service Manager/Project Manager, TRC
 - Christina Higginbotham, Senior Environmental Specialist, Targa Resources
 - Heather Podlipny, Project Manager, Remediation Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - John Sorkness, Junior Scientist and Project Manager, Air Measurements and Compliance at AECOM
 - Wally Zverina, Senior Project Manager, ERM
 - Review and Update Contact List
 - Approval of previous meeting minutes
- 9:30 am BESC Program Overview – Heather Wilkinson, Faculty Liaison BESC Professional Board

10:00 am Vote about Bylaw Change

*Amendment: add a Section 9 to Article III.
Section 9.*

Members are required to provide an annual monetary contribution of \$250.00 to help fund the purpose of the Board. This \$250.00 annual contribution may be paid individually by the member or acquired through donations solicited from others and paid with reference to the specific member upon whose behalf it is contributed. Failure to make or acquire the \$250.00 annual payment for two consecutive years is considered just cause subjecting the member to removal by the BESC Professional Board.

10:30 am Committee Alignment

- Committee introductions –brief description of the Committee charge –Bryan Gay
- Breakout into committees to discuss current efforts and plan this year.
 - New members may visit during the breakout to determine where to join
 - Current members may realign to committees they choose
 - Discuss current efforts and plans for this year
 - Set Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
 - Agree to Chair and Co-chair roles for the newly aligned group
 - Agree to Communication Plan
- Committees report back to group
 - Capture membership in minutes

12:00 pm Lunch - **Boxed sandwiches provided**

Guests:

Brief remarks from Kim Dooley, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture

Keynote Speaker Craig Bonds, Inland Fisheries Division Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

1:30 pm Join Student Poster Symposium AgriLife Conference Center

3:30 pm BESC Program Student Awards

- Introductory Remarks by Dr. Pierson, Professor and Department Head
- Presentations Shaw (BURS Scholars, Research Poster Awards), by Ebbole (Internships Poster Awards) and Wilkinson (Scholarships)

4:00 pm Keynote Address, ***Aligning the Water Needs of Fish and People in Texas*** - Craig Bonds, Inland Fisheries Division Director, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

- Introduction by Dr. Kenneth Tramm, PhD, PG, CHMM, Principal of Modern Geosciences

5:00 pm Free Time

6:00 PM BESC Tailgate (Peterson Building)

Saturday September 30, 2017

TAMU vs South Carolina (everyone on their own)