



## Austin Water Utility Director Chris Lippe, P.E. to speak at April luncheon

The Travis Chapter of TSPE is pleased to welcome Chris Lippe as our guest speaker on Wednesday, April 19. As Director of the Austin Water Utility, Chris oversees management of the City's water resources, including potable water supply and wastewater collection and treatment. He will update us on a variety of initiatives, including the downtown wastewater tunnel, Austin Clean Water Program, Green Water Treatment Plant, and the Utility's capital improvement project plans.

Chris graduated from the University of Texas in 1974 with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. He is a

registered Professional Engineer. Chris began his career as a Field Engineer with Chicago Bridge and Iron, Inc. He has worked as a Hydrologist with the Texas Department of Water Resources, Environmental Engineer with Radian Corporation, Project Manager with the Texas Water Commission and began his career with the City of Austin Water Utility in 1984. Before accepting the position of Director of the Austin Water Utility, Chris served as the City's Assistant Director of Engineering and of Water and Wastewater Treatment.



Chris Lippe, P.E.

### April Luncheon Program

**Special Guest:**  
**Chris Lippe, P.E.2**  
**Director, Austin Water Utilities**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2006**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Austin Woman's Club**  
**708 San Antonio**  
**Downtown Austin**

**Cost: \$16 per person with advance reservation; \$5 for students and government employees**

Reservations can be made by visiting [www.tspe-travis.org](http://www.tspe-travis.org)

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# Thank you for your support

By Dale Shumaker, P.E. - President, Travis Chapter TSPE

This has been a good year (and not just because it's at an end). This year's Board members and volunteers have done a fantastic job not only with many of the programs that are great every year, but also in achieving several goals I set out at the beginning of the year. I am extremely grateful for their support.

These goals included increasing membership involvement, improving chapter communications, and focusing on the Professional Engineer. The first goal was achieved through a membership campaign lead by **Julia Harrod** and **Steve Roth** that added many new members including a number of younger members; and a reorganization of the Board to focus each position on specific areas of leadership for the Chapter. Implementing a new chapter web site and making the

monthly newsletter electronic improved communications. Focusing on being the "Voice of the Professional Engineer" led by **John Powell's** initiative established a presence and better ties between the Travis Chapter and the State P.E. Board. As my term as President comes to a close, I strongly encourage the Chapter to continue the pushing forward with these goals, including rewriting the Travis Chapter Bylaws to more effectively represent the Chapter's emphasis on these goals.

That being said, in May we will have our installation banquet for next year's officers. I am very excited about the elected Board members for next year. They are extraordinarily gifted, have great ideas, and will lead this chapter well. I will pass the baton to **Julie Hastings** who begins her presidency next month. I have



found her to be an outstanding leader and motivator. I know each of you will enjoy working with her. She will, however, be finishing her M.B.A. at the same time and will need everyone's help.

Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I believe the practice of Professional Engineering is a noble endeavor that TSPE and others rightfully stand up to protect. Keep up the good fight and get involved!

## The votes are in. Congratulations to our new Officers and Directors for 2006-2007

**President – Julie Hastings**

**President-Elect – Steve Roth**

**Vice President – Kelly Barney**

**Secretary – Larissa Prince**

**Treasurer – Rebecca Feldman**

**Banquet Director – B. Ryan Bell**

**Associate Member Director – Stephanie Stanford**

**Serving a second year of their two-year term:**

**State Director – Julia Harrod**

**Alternate State Director – Carroll Faulkner**



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# Board Meeting Minutes

by Dan Shanahan, P.E.

Below are the minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held March 8, 2006:

President **Dale Shumaker, P.E.** provided agendas and announced that the Chapter Ballot will be prepared at this meeting. Dale also provided an update on the Web-Site and Newsletter and reading of other communications.

Banquet Chair **Kelly Barney** briefly reported on this outstanding event and received highest accolades from the Board. President Dale also announced that the Home School Awards ceremony in Austin was very interesting and well attended. Travis Chapter was asked to assist and will be honored to repeat.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Rebecca Feldman** reported that the Christmas Party cost \$501.80, the cost driven up by the change of the Chapter Meeting location.

## Engineers Banquet

The Engineers Banquet provided \$1,283 income. Approximately 250 people attended the banquet. Treasurer's report next month.

## Chapter Meeting

Vice-President, **Steve Roth** has secured Karen Bondy with LCRA as the speaker for the meeting on March 15, 2006.

## Recruitment of New Members

Dale and Julia reported on new member incentives. Associate Member Director, **Ted Schoenberg**, reported that he met with thirteen engineering students at the University of Texas and that the possibility of a soft ball game in late April exists.

## Other Updates

**Julie Hastings** reported on Math Counts Competition and Engineers Week. The 2006-2007 officers ballot is scheduled to be included with the April Travis Chapter Newsletter. Julia and J. Carroll Faulkner provided a State Issues report.

## Attendees

**Dale Shumaker, Rebecca Feldman, J. Carroll Faulkner, Larissa Wobus, Ted Schoenberg, Julie Hastings, Kelly Barney, Julia Harrod, Dan Shanahan and Beth Falls.**

# INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Friday, May 5, 2006

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Austin Party Cruises

\$40 per person

2-hour sunset cruise on beautiful Lake Austin

Austintatious Fajita Dinner

Variety of drinks

Casual attire

*Join the fun on the Celebration – a double-deck party boat with air-conditioned dining and bar area. The upper deck is for relaxing in the cool lake breezes and enjoying a scenic tour of Lake Austin and its majestic landmarks.*

*Boarding at Walsh Boat Landing (intersection of Lake Austin Boulevard and Enfield)*

*Parking lot across from Walsh Landing*

**RSVP by 5:00 pm Monday, May 1, 2006**

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or email Beth Falls at [bfalls@cfaulknerengineering.com](mailto:bfalls@cfaulknerengineering.com)

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Space is limited so early RSVP's are encouraged.

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