



# SAABE TIMES

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## JOIN US FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

PRESENTATION DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

RSVPs are due no later than **FRIDAY, February 10th. YOU MUST RSVP or you will have to wait until all attendees are seated.**

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email Britney Brantley at [saabetx@gmail.com](mailto:saabetx@gmail.com) BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH AT 5:00PM so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

RSVPs are REQUIRED, so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our February luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites located at I-10 and 410 interchange. We will return to UUMC in March, but due to other scheduled events, we have elected to host our February luncheon at a different location.

To RSVP to the February luncheon, please email [saabetx@gmail.com](mailto:saabetx@gmail.com). See you there!

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## UPDATE

**BESST: Building, Equipment and Services Site Tour**  
The Good, Bad & Ugly committee has been renamed to BESST: Building, Equipment and Services Site Tour. David Ellis will still be coordinating and overseeing the committee in 2017. If you have any questions or are interested in hosting a tour, please contact David at [david.ellis@transwestern.com](mailto:david.ellis@transwestern.com).

### UPDATE FROM DAVID ELLIS:

Tours In the Planning

We could not get the booking for this month--they are looking at March now. I believe we still have time for something this month. BUT I'm now a month ahead for March!!! Yea!!

## Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

Ready or not 2017 is upon us and its up to us to make the best of it. With the New Year also comes the opportunity to continually wash the mountain cedar spores off of our cars, building windows / mullions, and possibly an extra change of our fresh air filters to keep the occupants of our buildings breathing as well as possible. All this when not taking our handful of antihistamines ourselves. Never fear though it will be over shortly and we can all participate in the possibility of scrambling for ice melt the week of a big frost in February.

For those of you who don't know much about me, my name is Robert Andrews and I am working with Sirell Commercial Real Estate Services. I have been in this profession for 14 years give or take and have officed out of Renaissance Plaza for the last 7 years. I have been a member of SAABE for the same 14 years, and served on the board as secretary under "The Charlie". Prior to becoming a Building Engineer I worked as a HVAC control technician and electrician for 4 years and the aquatic maintenance person for Landa Park in New Braunfels for 3. I am married with two children (11 and 2) and have recently gotten into what I describe as "Luxury Camping" with our 36' travel trailer as a family activity once a month. So far we have stuck to a 300 mile radius of San Antonio, but have already planned our summer trip to Colorado to test our limits and patience.



As a reminder, 2017 membership fees are due January 31, 2017. All invoices were emailed, if you need it to be sent again, please reach out to Britney at saabetx@gmail.com.

**Don't worry, if you haven't paid, we won't turn you away at the door...yet!** Please confirm your payment has been processed and keep an eye out for any reminder emails if your invoice is outstanding.

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
SAABE has always held a place in my heart as an opportunity to learn new ideas, technologies, and from others success and pitfalls. I hope to continue this tradition during my term and would truly appreciate any feedback from our members on what they would like to see or not see at our monthly luncheons, Good, Bad & Ugly Tours, Thursday Trainings, SAABE Serves, or any of the other countless activities this organization puts on.

In closing I want to thank all of our board members, past and present, for the devotion they have given to SAABE over the past years. I don't think that they hear it enough, but thank you for providing fellowship and learning opportunities to all of the members essentially free of charge. Your continued commitment to making SAABE a success does not go unnoticed!



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## SAABE SPOTLIGHT

By Justin Titus

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in San Antonio, TX and currently reside on 3 ½ acres in Spring Branch. I have been around the building engineer profession my whole life, as my father was a building engineer. I can remember cleaning the cooling tower of One International when I was 7 years old. I have been a member of SAABE for 14 years and I am excited to serve as President.

Have you received any awards/recognition/special training?

I am a CBE-M, LEED Green Associate, Systems Maintenance Administrator, and I am half way through obtaining my RPA and FMA designations. I was also Building Engineer of Year Runner up in 2006.

Family and Children?

I have been married to my beautiful wife for 3 years and we have 2 children ages 11 and 2.

What hobbies keep you busy?

During the free time that our 2 year old allows me to have, I can be found somewhere on our property. We purchased the land "raw", so I can make whatever I like. My last big project was to build and expand a second driveway to accommodate our trailer. It is a bit contradictory that we moved to the quiet Hill Country so that I could run a chainsaw every chance I get now that I think about it though.

What Advice would you share with those just entering or considering the trade?

**Learn. Learn all you can and don't be afraid to ask questions. Also, don't be afraid to break things because, if you don't break things occasionally you are not trying hard enough.** When I was getting started I relied on Vendors and when they came out, I stood next to them and watched what they doing and how they solved the problem, those were always good opportunities to learn.



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### SAABE Luncheon Summary by Pete Munoz

Happy New Year All, I would like to take a moment and touch on what I learned in our December luncheon meeting. Pete Felts past SAABE president and one of the cofounder of the organization spoke how the organization started and some of the struggles.

It's great that we have had great support with our members, vendors and sponsors not to mention great talent people on the board to keep the organization going strong year after year. That is a huge accomplishment.

It was nice to get a few pictures of some of the past SAABE presidents who were able to attend the December luncheon. Our elections are held in our December General Luncheon Meeting. I would like to thank all candidates who ran and all the members who voted.

#### 2017 Board Elections

President

(W) Robert Andrews Jr run against David Ellis with Transwestern

1st Vice President (W) Louis Vega with Transwestern ran uncontested.

2 Vice President

(W) Art Martinez with HPI ran against Lee Moore with Port SA

Treasurer

(W) Pete Munoz with CBRE ran against Lee Moore with Port SA

I would like to thank Paul Thompson, Roland Trevino, Lee Moore and Doug Graves for all their contributions to the organization. I look forward to continuing to sever and to work with the new and existing board members.

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### SAABE Social Update

by Lauren Littlefield



SAABE holiday social was one for the books! Thanks to those who attended, we had a great time at the Hilton Airport with delicious food, drinks, casino games and tons of prizes! A special thank you to Michelle Bolt with Texas Fifth Wall Roofing who were our "All in" top supporting sponsor and Jim May with JPM Building Systems, who were our "Lady Luck" Sponsor. Thank you to Voss Lighting, Gerloff, Blackmon Mooring and Western States Fire Protection who donated raffle prizes. Who knew we had some high rollers among us, Delia Estrada, wife of Frank Estrada with Endura won the underwater camera (I would bet on her in Vegas!). Thank you to the wonderful Emcees for the event, John Leifester and Kendal Langenberg as well as Pete Munoz who was our Vanna White. Keep a look out for other fun events though out the year, because there ain't no party like a SABBE party.

### Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



It's hard to believe it, but we are now in 2017! And with a new year comes new opportunities to grow our membership. I'd like to ask each of you to help me this year in identifying potential SAABE members that fit into a couple of different scenarios. First, I'd like to reach out to former members who have left SAABE for one reason or another over the years, and see if we can get them back into the fold. Maybe someone left SAABE because he moved to a different management company, and didn't get around to letting the new company know about SAABE. Maybe someone left the industry for a while, but is now a building engineer again, and just needs a gentle reminder that we still exist! Whatever the reason may have been for their departure from SAABE, please let me know the name and contact info for anybody you know that fits into this category, so we can once again show them the benefits of SAABE. Second, I'd like to reach out to the building engineers in town who have never been part of SAABE. I know that this is hard to believe, but there are still engineers in San Antonio who have never even heard of SAABE! We need to get the word out to them! And I need your help with that. I'll gladly follow up with any folks in this category that you know of – simply email or call me with their contact information. Let's all work together in 2017 to help build the membership of our wonderful organization!

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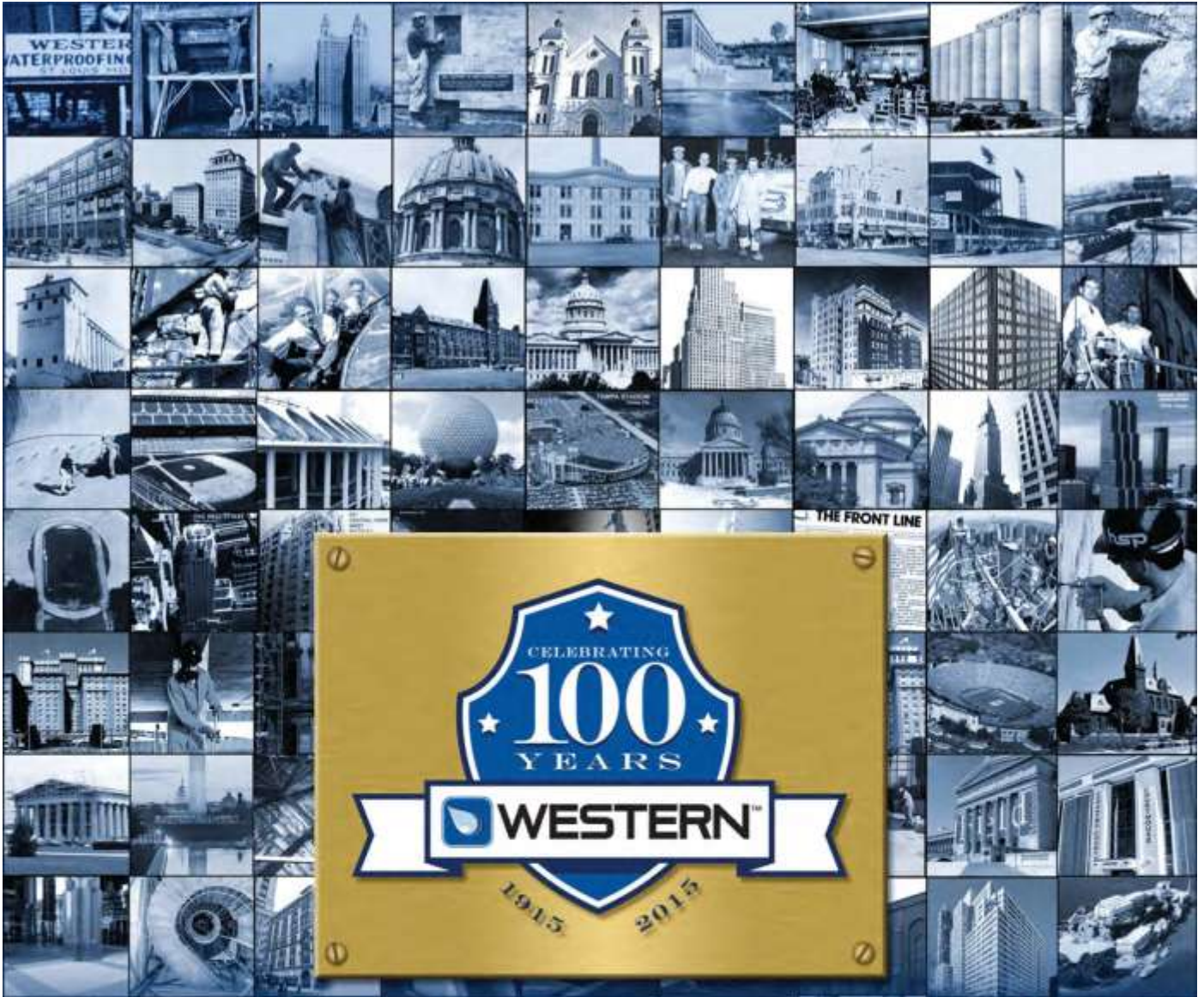


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*Final Thought:*

**“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.”**

-Seneca

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