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### Mark Your Calendar

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

PRESENTATION DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

**LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON OF 2019, DON'T MISS THIS!**

**REMINDER: 2018 DUES MUST BE PAID TO ATTEND**

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## Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

It seems like changes are happening all over the city, so if you've been lucky enough to coast through this year, please tell us your secrets! For the rest of us, make sure to check in with SAABE for any updates we can help with. Please keep in mind the Job Bank does have a few spots open, including Charlies "once in a lifetime opportunity" as well as others.

For those of you that weren't at the September General Membership Meeting, you missed some of these changes. First off, the cost per plate for our lunches has increased. Unfortunately this has forced SAABE to increase the membership dues to adjust for this. However, since the cost per plate increased we went out for "competitive bids" and found a new venue with competitive pricing. If you are really interested in finding out where we are headed starting January, make sure to RSVP for the October luncheon on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Otherwise, you will have to wait until the newsletter next month. I can promise you that not all meals are chicken based though.

Of course another way to find out any SAABE related news first is to become a board member. This brings us to the third change of the month! Elections are coming and nominations/volunteers are needed! We are currently looking for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Membership Director Nominations. Having been President of SAABE for the last two years, I know what is set to come, and know that it is going to be an exciting time! From the follow up to the best attended picnic in recent years, to the COOP with over 50 schools around the city, to the new venue (you did RSVP already right?), and a few more surprises were putting the finishing touches on. Don't sit back and just enjoy the show. Become a Board Member and help direct it!

See you at the next luncheon!



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## Hip Pocket Share

David Ellis, MS(LE), CBE-M(96) – Article SAABE 10-2018.1HPS  
[\(Questions or Comments\)](#)

Understanding SAABE and what it has to offer is not that fully understood by most. We are simply a group of Engineers and Vendor Associates that sit on the board that donate our time to exercise the By Laws wrote over 35 years ago from an Engineer with a vision. Any changes to these By Laws are voted for or against at the General **Member meetings and there have been a few and you may have voted on them but didn't know you were changing history.**

**If you haven't read the By Laws you should, but in a nut shell.**

We are a non-profit organization whom generates funding from memberships to enable regular meetings, training, meals and helpful information. These memberships are comprised of vendors, service companies, property managers and engineers.

Have you ever rented a convention hall or large venue and provide meals for a huge group of any kind? I have a **hard time setting up boarding for my dogs when I go on vacations. Well it's time heavy and can be a logistical nightmare.**

We also grow and engage sponsors whom donate their time and big monies for expanded functions, special events, **fund raisers and prize giveaways. All this is from the donations of people's time, their companies' money or their money** guided by the efforts and direction of our Board Members.

Notice I have not mentioned the addition time that our Committees and their members put in for SAABE. Most likely these people work harder than anyone to help SAABE help the community with their long hours of effort.

Only one person gets paid out of these funds and that contract is reviewed periodically for the best value for the Association. This is the position of the Association Manager a key figure in the clock work of all things important.

But most importantly is SAABE gaining and keeping the high level of respect from Property Management Companies and the Owners that employ and seek out our members for their investments? Rest assured SAABE is well recognized in SA and the surrounding areas for its long standing efforts for providing the best.

So give it up to the committees, the board members and the sponsors; better yet offer to run for a board position in the December elections, nominate someone or ask to become part of a committee to make your mark with SAABE and its continued growth into the future.

**I'm sticking with it under Article V, Section 4: Interim Membership**—I hope I interpreted it correctly. What say you?

REMEMBER:

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Call *David Ellis*, Education Director at SAABE today to help clear the way to your CBE!

## CHECK OUT THE THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED FOR THE SAABE SCHOOL DRIVE!

On behalf of Child Protective Services and all of the children you all helped by donating school supplies, we want to say THANK YOU!!

Ashley Arnold

Department of Family & Protective Services FBSS Case Worker Assistant-Unit A9

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"I personally would like to thank you for the generosity you showed by donating us school supplies. It was greatly appreciated by caseworkers and the children that received them."  
Brittany Morris

.....  
I want to personally thank you for the school supply donations. That was very thoughtful for you going out of your way to assist our kids in care and or on our caseloads. My children were very excited and thankful for the supplies. The smiles on their faces were priceless. You are truly an angel to assist with so many families. Thank you again so much for your generosity.

Thank you

Cathy Flores

.....  
"I would like to thank Stacey and everyone who participated in donating school supplies for the children. It brought the children excitement and they were all eager to start school with their new backpacks and supplies. I am sincerely grateful for getting the opportunity to see the children's happy faces when receiving their backpacks. The community support such as yours definitely makes a difference in children's lives.

Thank you,"

Jessica Barron

.....  
"Hello, The kiddos and families really appreciate your donation of school supplies. It made a difference!!! I wish you could have seen their happy little faces 😊 THANK YOU,"

Gilbert Perez

.....  
"Hello, I would like to thank you for your most recent actions. Your donations not only helped The children in need but also the agency and workers themselves. Thanks to your donation the agency was able to devote more time and effort into doing what we do best, caring and protecting the children in need. Thank you for what you do and thank you for your generosity."

Jennifer Ramon

.....  
"I would like to say THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the school supply drive I know it was not an easy task but know that all the children receiving the items were touched and had a big smile on their face. Thank you Stacey and the community for you AWESOME donations. Thank you again"

Brenda Perez-Morales

Admin Assistant to Monette Moreno - Unit A9





## The Education Corner

David Ellis, MS(LE), CBE-M(96) – Article SAABE 10-04-2018.10

[\(Questions or Comments\)](#)

### SAFETY & SECURITY

How safe are we really in this world? What red flags should we see concerning safety situations arising or even worse happening “real time” at our buildings. When should we have reacted? Why did we miss the signs? Where are we now to go and how to get there in the moment? Should we have known and seen it coming? Who or what imposed threat to security and safety? You will be asked this. Might it be us?

**With our jobs, beyond normal expectations of infrastructure knowledge and it’s requirements’ of service, are most importantly the safety of our end users, the owners, the management companies, their staff, the companies that rent from the management companies and their staff, their visitors and hopefully customers, the general public browsing through just killing time and enjoying the A/C and what not.**

**Well, all this changes pending which world you’re working in; be it retail, strip center, single tenant, multifamily, Data Centers, commercial single or multistory, Hotel, Motel, be they Class C, B or A, industrial, manufacturing, production, medical, research, mixed use, distribution/logistics centers, governmental, scientific clean rooms, or even make believe in some cases**

**Don’t be the pallbearers of oversight in any of these arenas. Speak up if you find things just “not right” as your voice can be loud. Even if it ends your job, I assure your sleeping will be easier and your career path will blossom with time.**

**We can’t save others or our families if we can’t save ourselves. Our buildings are like air planes; know the exits, routes and safe areas. Know the dangers of the elements, rain and wind and its path, structure issues, cracking or breaking materials in your nightmare. Know where things are, plan and always forward think!**

**“There are many tricks to save time but the goal is to do additional and productive activities or something more in that same amount of time, after all, all we have is time. Right?”**

Make that time, always be alert to everything and everyone around you, of all things out of place, sounds/smells that are not “right”, **strange out of the blue crap**—have a plan of action and stay calm. Share your concerns with plan of actions.

**Afford yourself the opportunity to participate in mock ‘active shooter’ drills and Fire Drills with the Fire Department. Most of you should have training or access to these activities and information. Participate frequently. You can also learn from attending a LTC class. Don’t be the hero, be the avoidance strategist.**

**As I’ve said, and will continue to say, as Building Engineers our communication skills and how much we know, and voice, will make or break our advancement in this complex field of choice. We are the front liners defining our trade through professionalism. Look and play the part as we are all actors in our movie of choice that others are watching.**

Remember, always ask questions to get knowledge, no question is stupid, and learn from your colleagues, during training sessions, classes, with contractors and your peers whom you can learn from here at SAABE. That’s what we are here for. No questions—no learning.

### NOW:

Again, we are coming up to elections for SAABE here in a few months and we need all Building Engineers to consider running for the up and coming open positions on the board. There are four. And for those elected for a position and you accept please realize that it will be a challenging but a lightening road in your career and most importantly to secure SAABE as the best resource for engineers that want to make that difference.

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by Justin Titus

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Iowa and when I was 1 my family moved to Minnesota. I grew up on a small farm in the middle of no where. To give you an idea, the school I attended was comprised of kids from three towns and I had a graduating class of 24. After high school, I joined the Marine Core and served our Country for 8 years. I enjoyed my time as a Marine and even met my husband who is also a Marine. When we got out of the service we literally threw a dart on a map to figure out where we were going to start the next chapter of our life. The dart landed on Houston and we have been there ever since. My husband always dreamed of owning his own business and after many years of research and opportunity presented itself to purchase a filter company, The Filter Man. We recently celebrated our one year anniversary and we are loving every minute.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for one year. I really enjoy the people in the association and it provides a great place to network. I also enjoy that the association has a good mix of engineers and service professionals.

Family and Children?

I have been married for 15 years, and we have two sons that are 6 and 10.

What hobbies keep you busy?

In the little free time that I have, I enjoy shooting and blowing up tannerite. I also enjoy spending time on the water with my family.

What is the best vacation or favorite place you have ever been to?

The best vacation I have ever been on would be a 7 day cruise. We made stops in Honduras, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. Honduras was my favorite spot, as the people were amazing and we went on a fishing excursion and the guide let us jump in and do some snorkeling at this amazing reef.

Favorite quote/saying/song?

**"Take no prisoners"**

If you could do anything you wanted and money was not a factor, what would you do?

I would buy a piece of land in the country and have an array of fun toys for the family to enjoy.

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## IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP & LUNCHEON INFORMATION

by Pete Saucedo

Hello my fellow SAABE peers. I would like to talk about RSVP's and how they affect each and everyone of us as a organization. So when the send out the email blast about our general membership meeting we ask for you to RSVP before the cut off day and time.

This is to give Embassy Suites the count so they can prepare enough lunch's for all that have RSVP. We all know that things happen and you may not be able to attend after you have RSVP. We do pay for those lunches if you show up or not.

We started to track last year and found we had a lot of no shows that RSVP monthly. We pay roughly about 25 a plate. So if 10 members RSVP and don't show we lost 250. dollars a month. If we add that up at 9 months. 2,250.

This affects everyone not just the board or a certain individual. This is money from our organization that we throw away every month and year. So we ask that if you RSVP and are not able to make it that you let us know ASAP or try to find someone else to go in your spot.

We would like to have a happy hour or after hours event in the future but we can sub-stain this type of loss and put on extra event. So I put out a challenge let do our part as SAABE member to help reduce the number of no shows. We are tracking and keep names of those who do this multiple times. There is a 25. dollar to re-enter the general membership meeting that must be paid if you have more then one occurrence.

Thank you and hope to see you guys at the picnic and Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads.

San Antonio



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*Final Thought:*

*And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.*

*-Oscar Wilde*

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