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### 2025 WEAT-NTS FEBRUARY SEMINAR

*Celebrating the Past and Future: Building Blocks for a More Sustainable Future*

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# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* **President**

As your WEAT-NTS President I would like to thank everyone for making 2024 a great year. All the special events and lunch/dinner meetings have continued to improve and grow. WEAT-NTS will continue to fund our scholarships and continue to offer our educational programs because of what we do. As we continue into 2025, did you assist in getting one new member? The YP groups are killing it and looking forward to more events.

Year 2025 is here, and it has already started with a bang with a January 16th lunch meeting. Sharon Miller (NTMWD) and Brandt Miller (HAZEN) presented on "Startup and Operation of the Largest MBR in Texas with Lessons Learned Along the Way". Our next event is the February Seminar on the 11<sup>th</sup> and hope to see you there. Upcoming events include:

- ◆ February Seminar – February 11th. Reach out to Katherine Sepassi at [Katherine.sepassi@consoreng.com](mailto:Katherine.sepassi@consoreng.com) if you would like to volunteer
- ◆ Sporting Clays – March 7th. Reach out to Spencer Lindsay at [spencer.lindsay@freese.com](mailto:spencer.lindsay@freese.com) if you would like to volunteer
- ◆ Texas Water Conference - Houston
- ◆ Membranes and Mudbugs – May. Reach out to Heather Wootton at [hwootton@plummer.com](mailto:hwootton@plummer.com) if you would like to volunteer

Thanks,

**Lance Phillips**



# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
2/11/25	February Seminar	Hurst Conference Center 1601 Campus Drive Hurst, Tx 76054
3/7/25	WEAT-NTS Clay Shoot	Dallas Gun Club 3601 Stemmons Fwy Lewisville, Tx 75067
3/18/25- 3/21/25	Texas Water	George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida de las Americas Houston, Tx 77010

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# 2024 Wastewater Project of the Year

We are excited to kick off the “**2024 Wastewater Project of the Year**” campaign for the WEAT North Texas Section to continue inspiring the successes in the wastewater community. The project of the year award can be nominated by any WEAT member including consultants, government entities, and vendors. We’re on the lookout for outstanding projects and stories that highlight challenges overcome, ingenuity, and teamwork. If you’ve been part of a noteworthy project, share your success and video with us via the online form by **Friday, March 28th, 2025**. WEAT-NTS will showcase projects on our social media platforms throughout April and select a winner that will be announced at the following WEAT-NTS meeting (the winner need not be present at the meeting to receive their award).

We look forward to testing your competitive video editing skills and learning about your projects. We wish each of you the best of luck!

**Form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/4fFuy4qJTx>

## WEAT North Texas 2024 Wastewater Project of the Year





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## 2025 WEAT-NTS FEBRUARY SEMINAR

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Here is your opportunity to be a special part of the 2025 February Seminar. **Get your product and name out to more than 100 professionals in the wastewater industry.**

### Sponsorships

- Reception Sponsorship (~~2 Spots Available~~ SOLD OUT): \$1,000
- Break Area Sponsorship (3 Spots Available): \$1,000
- Table Sponsorship (6 Spots Available): \$500
- Seminar Sponsorship: \$300

### Registration

- Student Registration (w/ lunch): \$20
- Early Utility Registration: \$65
- Utility Registration (After January 28, 2025): \$90
- Early Registration: \$130
- Registration (After January 28, 2025): \$150



#### Seminar Date:

February 11, 2025

#### Seminar Location:

Hurst Convention Center  
1601 Campus Dr.  
Hurst, TX 76054

**REGISTER TODAY!  
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## FEBRUARY SEMINAR 2025 PROGRAM

**7.0 HOURS OF CEU CREDIT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE TCEQ FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER UTILITY OPERATORS.**

TIME	AGENDA
7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
<b>The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.</b>	
8:10 AM	<b>1) Full Speed Ahead: Sherman's Journey with MBR and Semiconductor Wastewater</b> <i>Nathan Whiddon (City of Sherman); Quentin Geile, PE (Plummer)</i>
8:40 AM	<b>2) Optimizing the Future: Condition Assessment Program to Launch Multi-Billion Dollar CIP Updates</b> <i>Brad Pierce, PE (Trinity River Authority); Janice Sloan (Kennedy Jenks)</i>
9:10 AM	<b>3) UTRWD's Planning for Lake Ralph Hall Through the Years and Beyond</b> <i>Kaylee Waldo, PE (Upper Trinity Regional Water District); Andrew Miller, EIT (Kimley-Horn)</i> <i>Hannah Wood, EIT (Kimley-Horn)</i>
9:40 AM	MORNING BREAK
<b>Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.</b>	
10:00 AM	<b>4) Keeping the 'Bugs' in Check-How Continued Training Efforts Turn Operators into Workforce Superheroes</b> <i>Miguel Zavala (Trinity River Authority); Caitlin Ruff, EIT (Black &amp; Veatch); Eric Redmond, PE (Black &amp; Veatch)</i>
10:30 AM	<b>5) Under the Hood: Evaluating TRA CRWS Operations and Maintenance Departments to Meet Current and Future Staffing</b> <i>Classic Rayford (Trinity River Authority); Allison Hage, PE (Freese and Nichols)</i>
11:00 AM	<b>6) The Evolution of SCADA and Automation Systems: Charting the Course to a Smarter Future</b> <i>Kevin Patel, PE (Signature Automation)</i>
11:30 PM	LUNCH
<b>Knowledge is power. Knowledge shared is multiplied.</b>	
12:30 PM	<b>7) Best Practices for Responding to the Increased Frequency of Inhibition Events Due to Industry Influences and Toxic Compounds</b> <i>Brandt Miller, PE (Hazen and Sawyer)</i>
1:00 PM	<b>8) PFAS in BioSolids: What to Know for Pros</b> <i>Kyle Thompson, PE (Carollo Engineers)</i>
1:30 AM	<b>9) PFAS in Wastewater: From Crisis to Control – Exploring Solutions, Regulations, and Treatment Innovations</b> <i>Swaroop Puchalapalli, PE (STV)</i>
2:00 PM	<b>10) Wilson Creek Regional WWTP Aeration Basin Improvements</b> <i>Daniel Spradlin (NTMWD); Paul Wood, PE (LAN)</i>
2:30 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK
<b>Innovation comes from people who take joy in their work.</b>	
2:45 PM	<b>11) Enhancing Legacy, Advancing Sustainability - Revitalizing the Dallas Central Wastewater Treatment Plant for a More Resilient Future</b> <i>Ryan Kelly (Dallas Water Utilities); Lance Klement, PE (Garver)</i>
3:15 PM	<b>12) Back to our Roots: Nature-Based Solutions for Wastewater Treatment at Every Stage</b> <i>Ana Pena-Tijerina, PE (Plummer); Sonja Cook, PE (Plummer)</i>
3:45 PM	<b>13) Retrofitting the City of Austin Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for Biological Nutrient Removal Using Westbank Process</b> <i>Xiaohong He, PhD, PE (AECOM); Ioan Chilarescu, PhD, PE (AECOM)</i>
4:15 PM	Closing Comments and Adjourn
4:15 - 6:00 PM	SEMINAR RECEPTION

Contact Katherine Sepassi (Seminar Chair) at [Katherine.sepassi@consoreng.com](mailto:Katherine.sepassi@consoreng.com) with any questions about registrations and sponsorships.

# February Seminar Sponsors

## Seminar Sponsors



## Table Sponsors



## Reception Sponsors



## Breakfast and Break Sponsors



# YP Update

Thank you all for making our recent **Coffee & Cocktails** event a resounding success! The pleasant weather and yummy drinks made for a truly enjoyable evening. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing y'all at our next event!



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# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2024 – June 2025 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:


- WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Funds
- Dinner Meetings
- Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p><b>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For One Dinner Meeting</li> <li>•Recognition of Classic Sponsors:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting</li> <li>- Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p><b>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</b></p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>
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\*Daryl Hall Golf Tournament, Sporting Clays, Opstoberfest, and Membranes and Mudbugs events sponsorships are advertised separately.

<p><b>Platinum \$1,950</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings.</li> <li>•Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting</li> <li>- Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event</li> <li>- Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events</li> <li>- Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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