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South Central Chapter
International Erosion Control Association

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Your
Calendars!

May 19-21

San Antonio, Texas



EDUCATION May 19-20

- Sustainable Building Practices
- CPESC/CESSWI Training and Testing Visit www.cpesc.net
- Regulatory Issues
- Erosion and Sediment Control Technologies



FIELD DAY May 21

Field Day will provide demonstrations and opportunities to see various BMPs and new technologies. Vendors & suppliers will be on hand to answer your product questions.



Muddy Water Blues-Texas 2008



The first Muddy Water Blues (MWB) event held west of the Mississippi River, MWB-Texas 2007, was a big success. The Chapter Board of Directors has authorized MWB-Texas for 2008. Once again, the event will be held in San Antonio, Texas in partnership with the San Antonio Water System and Brooks City Base. MWB-Texas 2008 will offer 16 Professional Development Hours to attendees. For more information and registration forms for the event go the www.scieca.org or visit the upcoming events on the IECA website at www.ieca.org. If you have any questions on MWB-Texas 2008 call or e-mail Phil Handley at 210-233-3564 or Philip.HandleyIII@saws.org.



Presented by SCIECA in partnership with:



Classes will be held at the historic Menger Hotel 204 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX 78205, located minutes from the Alamo and the San Antonio Riverwalk. The For Hotel reservations call 1-800-345-9285 and ask for the "SCIECA event". Room rates will be \$112.00 per night* For attendees. These rates are available 3 days prior to the event through 3 days after the event.

South Central Chapter Brings Home the Awards

The South Central Chapter of the IECA had a very successful 2007. The IECA EC08 annual conference in Orlando, Florida honored the South Central Chapter with two Chapter Awards and one Chapter Member Award. The South Central Chapter received the Most Improved IECA Chapter and for the first time, we brought home the most prestigious IECA Award, the Rick Granard Award of Excellence as the all around best Chapter for 2007.

Chapter member Andy Johnston brought home the IECA Education Award, an Award given to an individual who has demonstrated a career effort in providing education opportunities to others in our profession on erosion and sedimentation control. Earlier in 2007, Andy also received the SCIECA Sustained Contributor Award. Congratulations to Andy and all SCIECA members for fantastic effort



CONGRATULATIONS!

U.S. EPA MS4 Storm Water Operators Conference July 14-18, 2008-Waco, Texas

The City of Waco, Texas is hosting this year's EPA MS4 event along with the Texas Department of Transportation-Waco. The SCIECA is partnering with the City of Waco to assist with the vendor/exhibitor area as well as coordinating speakers for erosion and sedimentation control and water quality topics. For more information on this event, visit the USEPA website and under the search box type in MS4 Storm Water Operators Conference or <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/sw/ms4/conference.htm>

SCIECA Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Events

In future Newsletters, we will begin highlighting the existing, new and some just starting Lunch and Learn Events that are taking off in all corners of the Chapter.

Current programs that are in place:

- Capital Area Erosion Network- Austin, Texas
- DFW Area Storm Water Network- Dallas/Ft. Worth area
- Houston Land/Water Sustainability Forum - Houston, Texas
- Northwest Arkansas Storm Water Coop-Bentonville, Arkansas region
- River City Water Quality Forum- San Antonio, Texas

We will be working in the near future to place information or links to these programs on the www.scieca.org website so you will have contact with program coordinators in your area.

SCIECA: State of the Chapter 2007

2007 was a good year for SCIECA. We held two successful events, the Muddy Water Blues-Texas in San Antonio, May, 2007 and the SCIECA Fall Conference in Mesquite, October, 2007. There were several Brown Bag Lunch and Learn events initiated within the Chapter. Austin's Capital Area Erosion Network continued its success, Dallas-Ft. Worth began their lunch events, the Houston Land & Water Sustainability Forum was established and Northwest Arkansas began lunch events.

SCIECA Accounts for 2007

Total income	\$22,078.89
Total Expenses	\$21,485.92
Transfers	\$ 2,475.00
Over-all total	\$ 3,067.97

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Partners with Sustainable Land Development International (SLDI)

The SLDI will be holding the Land Development Break-Through event in Austin, Texas on May 1-2, 2008 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel at 9721 Arboretum Blvd., Austin, Texas 78759. SCIECA is assisting the SLDI in marketing this event and in return, SCIECA will be provided booth space and also a discount for SCIECA members registering for the event. For more information on the SLDI event and registration information see link.

Austin Land Development Breakthroughs Leadership Conference

Now is the time to get serious about learning how to apply the principles of sustainable development to your business.

Join with Sustainable Land Development International, the University of Texas Center for Sustainable Development, the Home Builders Associations of Greater Austin and Greater Dallas, SCIECA, and other industry leaders May 1st and 2nd in Austin to help achieve economic prosperity, social justice, and ecological health.

Members receive \$150 off the regular conference rate.

Go to <http://www.LDBaustin.com> for details and use the following discount code when registering for this important event.

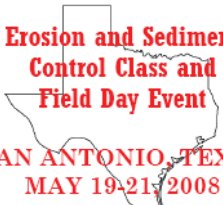
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SCIECA Proposed By-Law Changes Regarding Board

Recently an e-mail arrived to all SCIECA members regarding a proposed change to the Chapter By-Laws. The By-Law regarding nominations and voting for Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) has historically placed nominations and voting for rotating Board positions to be held at a Fall SCIECA Conference. The current BOD believed that the Chapter was not getting the best representation from the Chapter due to a small percentage of member turn out during Fall Conferences. So a proposal to change to a call for nominations and a voting process that would utilize the U.S. Postal

Service and e-mail has been e-mailed to you for membership voting. If passed, a future date will be set for nominations and then a period for voting in order to set the next Chapter BOD in place. Please vote and please participate in the Chapter BOD election process.

**Erosion and Sediment
Control Class and
Field Day Event**



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