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Dear Entrepreneur:

Networking is an essential skill for a small business owner. Time and again, successful business owners have confirmed the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships with customers, suppliers, and key members of the community. The City of Austin Small Business Development Program (SBDP) is dedicated to helping new businesses start and existing businesses grow. To support this goal, the SBDP offers a valuable resource to help you connect with other small business owners, learn from them, and market your products and services.

We are pleased to present you with the fourth edition of *Silver Pages*. *Silver Pages* is a directory of 98 networking organizations in the Austin area. *Silver Pages* lists Chambers of Commerce as well as business organizations that are specific to an industry or open to any business owner. The information contained in the *Silver Pages* was provided to the Small Business Development Program by these organizations. The City does not endorse any of the included organizations, nor does the City guarantee the accuracy of the information given by the organization. We hope that this resource will help you to network within your field, share your experiences, and grow your business.

In addition to *Silver Pages*, the Small Business Development Program offers no-cost *BizAid Business Orientation* classes; no-cost individualized business coaching; low-cost business education classes; and no-cost use of the Business Solutions Center, a technology resource center. Call 512.974.7800 or visit our website www.AustinSmallBiz.org for information about all our services and resources.

Thank you for being a part of Austin's vibrant and dynamic business community.

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AIGA – Austin Chapter

815-A Brazos St., PMB 549
Austin, TX 78701
www.aigaustin.org

Mission and Goals

AIGA's mission is to advance designing as a professional craft, strategic tool and vital cultural force. AIGA is the premier place for design – to discover it, discuss it, understand it, appreciate it, be inspired by it. AIGA supports the interests of professionals, educators and students who are engaged in the process of designing, regardless of where they are in the arc of their careers.

Services Offered

- Informational/educational events and lectures
- Hands-on creative workshops
- Design competitions
- Membership directory
- Job board
- Standards/guides for professional practice
- Hands-on creative workshops

Meeting Information

AIGA has multiple events each month, ranging widely in scope and timing. Check www.aigaustin.org/events for details. Events are held at various locations around Austin. details.

Membership Requirements

Paying members enjoy exclusive benefits and discounts, but events are open to non-members.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- Discounts on products, subscriptions, health insurance, training libraries, and more
- Post and view AIGA design jobs
- Members can showcase their portfolio in the AIGA Member Gallery, and list themselves in the AIGA Designer Directory
- Free and discounted entry to AIGA events
- Discount on AIGA publications
- Professional development
- For additional member benefits visit www.aiga.org/benefits

American Business Women's Association - Treaty Oak Chapter

2108 Emmett Parkway
Austin, TX 78728
www.austinabwa.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Services Offered

- Networking opportunities
- Educational speakers

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. For current meeting location please contact ABWA.

Membership Requirements

Concurrent membership is required in both the national organization and the local chapter.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- National bi-monthly business magazine
- Online training
- Regional and national conferences
- Group insurance
- Reduced rates on business services
- National business listings

American Institute of Architects - Austin

801 West 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701
www.aiaaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) exists to support its members and promote the value of architects and architecture.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Meetings held monthly, as well as various continuing education seminars and many committee activities. Gatherings are conducted primarily at the Center for Architecture, 801 West 12th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

- Licensed architects or interns are eligible
- Additional opportunities exist for non-licensed individuals and firms

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Access to numerous professional resources and documents through the AIA national website at www.aia.org
- Educational programs at the local, state and national levels, including online education, national and state conventions, etc.
- Subscription to national magazines such as Architectural Record, AIA Architect and Texas Architect Magazine as well as chapter periodicals, the Austin Chapter Clerestorie newsletter and online ARCHI-FACTS
- Access to the AIA library and Archives online catalog, as well as the Austin Chapter library
- National and local job postings and resume listings through AIA online Career Center
- Special auto, home, professional, office, and health insurance packages, many at a discounted rate through AIA Advantage Program and AIA Trust Insurance
- Practice-enhancing programs such as the Annual AIA Austin Homes Tour
- Through the Emerging Professionals, interns can find mentors, join exam study groups and network with their peers

American Marketing Association - Austin Chapter

P.O. Box 141668
Austin, TX 78714-1668
www.austinama.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin American Marketing Association (AMA) is a professional organization dedicated to helping members of the Austin marketing community connect with peers, prospects and friends, learn marketing strategies, leadership skills, and new ideas and grow their businesses, knowledge and careers.

Services Offered

- Exclusive networking opportunities at Austin AMA events
- Industry publications
- Informational resources on the Austin AMA website

Meeting Information

Go to www.austinama.org for meeting times and frequency. Locations change per event (see website for detailed information).

Membership Requirements

Individuals from organizations of all sizes are welcome as members of Austin AMA.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- Exclusive networking opportunities
- Industry publications
- Discounted member rates to programs
- Access to informational resources on the Austin AMA website
- Career development

American Society for Training & Development - Austin

P.O. Box 13324
Austin, TX 78711
www.austinastd.org

Mission and Goals

ASTD's mission is to meet the training and human resource development needs of its diverse membership and the community through national ASTD affiliation, high quality products and services, educational opportunities, and other professional activities.

Services Offered

- Monthly and annual professional development programs
- Special Interest Groups: e-learning, instructional design, collaborative consultants, and Certified Professionals in Learning and Performance™
- Quarterly networking event
- Membership is not required to take advantage of some services

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings held from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 East 8th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to anyone interested in workplace learning and performance.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Advance notice and discounts on programs and events for over 12 professional development programs including the annual conference
- Free subscription to the Austin ASTD newsletter and exclusive access to the newsletter archive
- Free listing in the Austin ASTD directory
- Access to the ASTD job bank of training and development opportunities
- Connect with other members using the ASTD online forums
- Searching privileges within the ASTD member database and other resources
- Discounts with ASTD Workplace Learning Partner businesses
- Free attendance at most Special Interest Group events
- Opportunity to participate in ASTD members only Certified Professional in Learning and Performance™ (CPLP) study group

APICS Austin - The Association of Operations Management

P.O. Box 66743
Austin, TX 78766
www.apicsaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The primary goal of APICS is to offer continuing education and support to those who want to better manage resources throughout the supply chain. APICS offers educational opportunities through two recognized certification programs in supply chain and operations management.

Services Offered

- Public and private in-house certification preparation classes for the Certification in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) programs
- Other related classes can be structured and offered

Meeting Information

Meetings held monthly in a variety of luncheon or evening dinner meetings at the Norris Conference Center and at various restaurant locations.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to any professionals interested in operations management and related disciplines.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Opportunities for internships and jobs
- Networking with other Operations Management students
- Professional development
- Community service
- Development of leadership skills
- Monthly journal
- Discounts on classes and conferences
- Discounts for reference materials
- Employment search services
- Access to online resources

ARMA International – Austin Chapter

PO Box 27435
Austin, TX 78731-3064
www.arma.org

Mission and Goals

ARMA International is a not-for-profit professional association and the authority on managing records and information, both paper and electronic. The Association was established in 1955. ARMA International, its chapters, and its members are dedicated to helping individuals, organizations, and government agencies successfully meet the challenges of the increasingly complex records and information management field.

Services Offered

- Educational and networking opportunities with Austin area records management professionals
- Monthly meetings provide information on the latest technology and changes in records management requirements impacting organizations and businesses

Meeting Information

Meetings held monthly from September through June. Meeting dates are listed at www.arma-austin.org. Meetings held at the Goodwill Community Center, 1015 Norwood Park Blvd. Austin, TX 78753.

Membership Requirements

None

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Subscription to the Information Management Journal, a bi-monthly journal containing in-depth articles on information management topics and trends
- Access to online courses and live seminars at discounted rates
- Discounted prices on records and information management books, videos, and educational tools
- Member only pricing for annual conference
- Access to local records and information management professionals for sharing ideas and networking
- Monthly educational meetings
- Special events and workshops
- Leadership opportunities
- Professional growth

Associated Builders & Contractors

3006 Longhorn Boulevard, Suite 104
Austin, TX 78758
www.abccentraltexas.org

Mission and Goals

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) is the only construction association dedicated to promoting the free enterprise philosophy – pro business. ABC represents the entire construction team: general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and industry professionals. ABC offers members the opportunity to increase their business through networking with other ABC members. ABC Central Texas Chapter protects and advances the free enterprise system. ABC represents the interest of merit shop contractors, employees, and businesses in the governmental policy making process.

Services Offered

- Apprenticeship programs
- Training and education classes – CPR, OSHA 10/30: Scaffold, Blue Print Reading, Liens, Team Building, Hard Hat Spanish, ELS, and many other classes available, including customized classes
- On-site Planroom and access to an online Planroom
- Award for Excellence in Construction Projects

Meeting Information

Meetings are hosted at different locations in and around the Austin area and are convened from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, normally on the third Tuesday of each month. Exceptions to the above schedule would happen when ABC has another large event that month (i.e. golf tournaments, clay shoot tournaments, auction, awards banquet, meet the GC Night, etc.).

Membership Requirements

Involvement in the commercial building industry is a prerequisite for membership. General contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and other industry professionals are eligible for membership.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- A government representative at the Texas Legislature and in Washington D.C.
- Discounts on fleet vehicles, drug testing, storage trailers and fuel purchases, DHL, etc.

Associated General Contractors of America - Austin

609 South Lamar Boulevard
Austin, TX 78704
www.agcaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Austin Chapter provides business services to local general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers and service providers working in the commercial building industry. AGC also takes a leadership role in promoting the positive image of the commercial construction industry in the Austin-area community.

Services Offered

- Plans/specs for commercial construction projects available for review
- Networking and educational events
- Discounts for workers comp and fleet management
- Safety service

Meeting Information

Monthly Board of Directors meetings, safety and activities committee meetings, and other meetings as scheduled are held at the AGC Austin Chapter Office at 609 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78704.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to companies in the commercial construction industry who are in good standing.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Business development
- Education
- Safety
- Other benefits

Association of Contingency Planners - Capital of Texas Chapter

P.O. Box 13371
Austin, TX 78711
capitaloftexas.acp-international.com

Mission and Goals

The Capital of Texas Chapter of Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) is dedicated to preparing Central Texas for uninterrupted viability by integrating risk management, business continuity planning, disaster recovery planning, emergency management, and information systems security knowledge through education, collaboration, and professional networking.

Services Offered

- Quality educational programs to enrich professional skills and competencies
- Networking opportunities with other contingency planning professionals
- An effective forum for exchanging information, sharing experiences and identifying and trouble-shooting common needs and problems

Meeting Information

Generally, ACP will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. For up-to-date information, anyone interested should check the events page on the ACP website. Meetings are held at the Chateau Bellevu - Austin Woman's Club, 710 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to professionals interested in the fields of Risk Management, Business Continuity Planning, Disaster Recovery Planning, Emergency Management, or Information Systems Security. Membership fees are paid to the ACP corporate headquarters.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Continuing education in the areas of risk management, business continuity planning, disaster recovery planning, emergency management, and information systems security
- Professional networking at events sponsored and co-sponsored for ACP members

Austin Advertising Federation

P.O. Box 151886
Austin, TX 78715
www.austinadfed.com

Mission and Goals

The Austin advertising market is one of the most vibrant in the nation. The Austin Advertising Federation is the place where advertising professionals gather to hone their craft, develop networking opportunities, and engage in friendly competition.

The primary mission of the Austin Advertising Federation is to provide superior networking connections with peers in the advertising profession regardless of media. This is a great resource for print, radio, television, graphic design, and web content providers.

Services Offered

- Regular educational meetings
- Recognition programs
- Visibility to industry related events
- Interaction with other media professionals
- Information regarding media techniques

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly. Meetings are discussion oriented and center on pre-defined topics with a goal of professional development. Various locations are posted on the Austin Advertising Federation website at www.austinadfed.com.

Membership Requirements

Membership open to those with an interest in advertising.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- A gathering place both real and virtual for the Austin ad community
- Free admission to Ad Fed parties and happy hours
- Reduced fees for Austin ADDY Awards entries
- The chance for members to learn more about their craft
- Networking opportunities
- Industry news
- Discounts to Ad Fed lunches and events
- American Advertising Federation member discounts and services

Area Translators and Interpreters Association

P.O. Box 13331
Austin, TX 78711
www.aatia.org

Mission and Goals

Austin Area Translators and Interpreters Association's (AATIA) mission is to serve its members through education, networking, and promotion of translation and interpretation professions. AATIA is one of the nation's leading resources and advocates for the translation and interpretation community.

Services Offered

- Professional career development
- Workshops for national certification examinations

Meeting Information

Members and guests get together at monthly meetings and other special events, including those arranged by the AATIA Special Interest Groups. Meetings held at the International Center of Austin, 201 East 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701. Please visit the AATIA website at www.aatia.net for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership open to those with an interest in translation and interpreting.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Professional networking
- Newcomer orientation
- Professional career development
- Monthly meetings
- Blog
- Listing in online directory of member services
- Workshops
- Information on national certification examinations
- Local and regional conferences
- Special Interest Groups
- Members-only newsgroup for career opportunities, announcements, and other fast-breaking news
- Guidance on available resources
- Social activities

Austin Asian-American Chamber of Commerce

3432 Greystone Dr., STE 202
Austin, TX 78731
www.austinaacc.org

Mission and Goals

To serve the rapidly growing Asian population in Austin, AAACC continues its leadership role in the community by partnering with various municipal agencies and advocating to create opportunities for the Asian population in the community. AAACC's mission is to be a catalyst for business growth and success in a changing economy.

Services Offered

- Business development training and assistance
- Marketing and referrals
- Events and luncheons
- Reach into the local Asian community
- Trade and Asia connections

Meeting Information

Meetings are generally held at the AAACC Office in the Chinatown Center, 10901 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78753 and at various venues in Austin. Please visit the AAACC website at www.austinaacc.org for details.

Membership Requirements

Corporate membership is based on number of employees. Non-profit/government agency, individual, and student memberships are also available.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Discounts for luncheon seminars and events
- Discounts on products and services: car rental, security and alarm systems, shopping discounts, free movie passes, etc.
- Notifications for upcoming events and promotions of interest
- Free tickets to Annual MECA Holiday Celebration
- Access to business related training classes free or at a minimum cost
- Free referrals
- Networking opportunities with government entities and other chambers of commerce or businesses
- Priority sponsorship opportunities for all AAACC events
- Opportunity to advertise upcoming events and promotions to AAACC contacts

Austin Bar Association

816 Congress Ave., Suite 700
Austin, TX 78701
www.austinbar.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Austin Bar Association is to promote professionalism and camaraderie within the legal community, to aid in the administration of justice, to enhance the delivery of and access to quality legal services, to educate the public about the legal system, and to actively participate in the success of the community at large.

Services Offered

- Continuing Legal Education seminars
- Networking opportunities
- Community services opportunities
- Monthly publication Austin Lawyer
- Weekly e-bulletin Bar Code

Meeting Information

Board meetings and various committee and section meetings are held monthly. Location of meetings varies.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to lawyers in good standing with the State Bar of Texas who live or work in Travis County or surrounding counties.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Discounted and free Continuing Legal Education seminars
- 21 substantive law sections
- 18 committees
- Member discounts on legal-related services

Austin Board of REALTORS®

10900 Stonelake Blvd., Suite A-100
Austin, TX 78759-5826
www.abor.com

Mission and Goals

Founded in 1926, the Austin Board of REALTORS® (ABoR) supports the REALTOR® community with outstanding legislative representation, education offerings, industry related products and networking opportunities. ABoR is the local counterpart of the National Association of REALTORS® and the Texas Association of REALTORS®.

Services Offered

- ABoR Multiple Listing Service (MLS)
- Continuing education courses are offered by the ABoR Academy
- ABoR's professional standards and grievance services bring members and the public a means of resolving conflicts
- ABoR's REALTOR® Store is located across the Atrium from the main ABoR offices and provides members with discounted rates on property signs, sign holders, field equipment and more

Meeting Information

Events, such as ABoR's annual Realty Round Up Tradeshow, provide members with the opportunity to network and build their business contacts. Members are also eligible to participate on committees. Committee meetings and schedules vary. Visit www.abor.com for an events calendar and more information on the courses offered at the ABoR Academy.

Membership Requirements

ABoR offers four membership levels: for individuals holding active real estate licenses; sole proprietors, partners, or corporate offices holding an active Texas broker's license; individuals engaged in business allied to real estate without an active rea

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Online learning communities
- Award-winning educational offerings
- Printed and online communications
- Promotion and public awareness
- Strong political voice
- More information is available at www.abor.com/pdf/benefitbrochure.pdf

Austin Business Travel Association

7301 Burnet Road, Suite 102
Austin, TX 78757
www.austinbta.org

Mission and Goals

As an organization, Austin Business Travel Association (ABTA) is dedicated to providing members with the knowledge, educational opportunities and the best tools possible to enhance their careers. ABTA's goals include continuing to grow chapter membership and providing tangible value through quality programs that are beneficial to all attendees. Monthly meetings will include nationally renowned speakers addressing the latest industry trends, controversial issues and motivational topics.

ABTA is an excellent venue for the sharing of travel-related information and professional expertise, and is focused on perfecting the science of business travel management.

Services Offered

- Community services offered through Outreach Committee
- Annual educational scholarships awarded for professional development and college tuition

Meeting Information

Monthly meeting notices are sent to members via email. Meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of each month during the lunch hour. ABTA holds two social events during the year, one in the spring and the other in December. ABTA holds an annual golf tournament each September. Proceeds from the golf tournament benefit the AngelHeart Children's Shelter.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to those involved in the travel industry as a buyer of services or a supplier. Non-members can join ABTA mailing list.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Monthly meetings to enhance member's career objectives and allow for networking opportunities with other travel industry professionals
- Access to the ABTA website which provides links to NBTA, local weather, flight information, and industry "Hot Topics"

Austin Chamber of Commerce

535 E. 5th Street
Austin, TX 78701
www.austinchamber.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Austin Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership that will help create regional economic prosperity and success for its members in Central Texas.

Services Offered

- Entrepreneur and Small Business Owner programs including seminars, workshops and issues forum featuring the latest management, sales and marketing tips
- Newsletter updates
- Business Resource Center

Meeting Information

Meetings are held at various times and locations. Please visit the Austin Chamber of Commerce website at www.austinchamber.com for details.

Membership Requirements

Please visit the Austin Chamber of Commerce website for membership types and requirements.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Credibility
- Publicity
- Business building opportunities
- Discounts
- Offers
- Tools

Austin Federation of Musicians Union - Local #433

8711 Burnet Road, Suite A-15
Austin, TX 78757
www.austinmusician.org
www.myspace.com/afmlocal433

Mission and Goals

For one hundred years the Austin Federation of Musicians Union - Local #433 has assisted local musicians with wages, working conditions and other issues relating to their employment. The Austin Federation of Musicians are musicians representing and working for musicians with over 500 local members.

Services Offered

- Networking opportunities
- Nominally-priced, full-replacement equipment insurance, health insurance and musician protection in the studio and on gigs

Meeting Information

Board meetings are held monthly. Membership meetings are held annually.

Membership Requirements

Prospective members must be musicians and submit a membership application to be considered for membership. Applications are approved by the board at monthly meetings.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Referrals through the Austin Federation of Musicians booking agency
- Insurance, including liability coverage
- Discount programs
- Financial assistance

Austin Film Society

1901 East 51st Street
Austin, TX 78723
www.austinfilm.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Film Society is a non-profit organization that promotes the appreciation of film and supports creative filmmaking through exhibition, grants to filmmakers, production studios, and media education.

Services Offered

- Speakers Bureau can provide experts to present media to groups or businesses
- Youth and adult media education programs
- Screening room rental

Meeting Information

Weekly events and ongoing education programs are held at various locations.

Membership Requirements

The Austin Film Society offers different membership levels, each with varying requirements and benefits. For a list of the different membership levels visit the Austin Film Society website at www.austinfilm.org.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Free and discounted admission to events
- Full benefits listed on the Austin Film Society website at www.austinfilm.org

Austin Hotel and Lodging Association

P.O. Box 82431
Austin, TX 78708
www.austinlodging.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Austin Hotel and Lodging Association is to provide information to all hoteliers, large and small. However, as larger properties generally have strong support from corporate offices, smaller and independently owned properties usually benefit the most from joining the Association.

Services Offered

- Industry updates
- Lobbying
- Luncheons with educational topics
- Seminars
- Vendor discounts
- General advice

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly, on the second Wednesday of each month.

Membership Requirements

A member must be an Austin-area lodging provider or vendor to the industry.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Educational opportunities
- Social engagements
- Networking
- Vendor discounts

Austin Human Resource Management Association

2525 Wallingwood Building 13A
Austin, TX 78746
www.austinhumanresource.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Human Resource Management Association (AHRMA) offers a wide range of educational programming and activities allowing members to develop their expertise in the functional areas of Human Resources. AHRMA fosters awareness and understanding of the profession throughout the business community and the general public. AHRMA encourages the highest standards of integrity through its Code of Ethics. AHRMA provides a regular forum for members to meet and exchange information in addressing current human resource issues.

Services Offered

- Monthly meetings on human resource topics and an annual conference
- 2 certification preparatory courses offered annually
- Diversity initiative
- Mentoring initiative
- Legislative initiative
- 12 newsletters annually
- Website with 159 pages and 112,000 hits monthly
- High member satisfaction
- Dedicated volunteers
- Established cooperative partners

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Austin Country Club, and the AT&T Center.

Membership Requirements

Members are required to pay annual dues. Visit the AHRMA website at www.austinhumanresource.org for membership costs and membership requirements.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking with other members and suppliers
- HR jobs posted on Career Center Website
- Opportunity to earn professional certification
- Credit for attending workshops

Austin Independent Business Alliance

P.O. Box 49545
Austin, TX 78765
www.ibuyaustin.com

Mission and Goals

The Austin Independent Business Alliance (AIBA) is a membership supported nonprofit that supports and promotes locally owned businesses and acts as an advocate of independent business in Austin.

Services Offered

- Networking opportunities with 400 AIBA members and growing
- A complete listing in both fall and spring IndieAustin
- A complete listing on the AIBA website which receives more than 500,000 hits per month
- Marketing member announcements and events through traditional and social media

Meeting Information

AIBA hosts breakfasts, luncheons and mixers throughout the year for members and prospective members. See www.IBuyAustin.com for dates and details.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to locally-owned businesses.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking opportunities with other local-owned businesses
- Promotion of the benefits of shopping locally by educating the public on the cultural and economic contribution of independent businesses in the community
- Markets members through a bi-annual directory, the AIBA website, social media and a host of public events
- Facilitates business-to-business connections

Austin Inventors and Entrepreneurs Association

115 Bamboo Trail
Cedar Park, TX 78613
www.austininventors.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Inventors and Entrepreneurs Association (AIEA) is dedicated to helping individual inventors and entrepreneurs get their ideas to market. AIEA is a member-led, volunteer, non-profit organization affiliated with the Austin Chamber of Commerce. AIEA is motivated to help others overcome the apparent lack of resources and support for developing and marketing an idea.

Services Offered

- Information
- Mentoring
- Support

Meeting Information

Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at the Austin Public Library – Milwood Branch (behind Cool River), 12500 Amherst Drive, Austin, TX 78727.

Membership Requirements

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- Knowledge
- Encouragement
- Resources
- Inspiration
- Contacts
- Experience

Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce – Jaycees

100 Congress Ave, Suite 500
Austin, TX 78701
www.atxjaycees.com

Mission and Goals

To make a difference in ourselves, our organization and, most importantly, the Austin community through individual and community development. We emphasize the development of personal and professional relationships through serving our community in areas of identified needs. Through this character building structure, we aim to be the organization of choice for young adults, providing direction and leadership to the City of Austin's diverse community in order to effect positive change where it is needed most.

Services Offered

- Leadership training
- Individual development
- Community development
- Social and community opportunities
- Networking

Meeting Information

Members meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month along with various social meetings and events throughout the year.

Membership Requirements

Anyone between the ages of 21 and 40.

Fees/Dues

\$65/year

Benefits for Membership

- Individual development activities
- Community service
- Creating new events for the City of Austin
- Discounted entry to Jaycee events
- Leadership retreats
- Networking opportunities

Austin Leads Network

215 Water Oak
Cedar Park, TX 78613
www.austinleadsnetwork.com

Mission and Goals

Austin Leads Network consists of business owners or their salespeople, one per industry, for mutual lead sharing to grow their businesses. The mission of Austin Leads Network is to be the best networking and lead sharing group in Austin.

Services Offered

- Mutual lead exchanges during regular meetings
- Networking opportunities

Meeting Information

Lunch meetings are held on Wednesdays 11:30 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Call James Long at 512-784-7997 for location or go to www.austinleadsnetwork.com for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership is limited to one industry professional per group. Members attend weekly gatherings and bring leads. Membership dues are required for members plus a one-time membership fee. Please visit the Austin Leads Network website at www.austinleadsnetwork.com

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Increase sales and knowledge about what is going on in Austin
- Conversation and mutual exchange of information encouraged

Austin LPA, Inc

9600 Great Hills Trail Ste. 300W
Austin, TX 78759
www.austinlpa.org

Mission and Goals

Austin LPA, Inc. – the association for legal professionals – is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession. Austin LPA is part of a tri-level organization composed of NALS (the national association), Texas ALP (the state association) and the Austin LPA (the local association).

Services Offered

- Monthly legal education lunches
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Certifications
- Online learning centers

Meeting Information

Meetings consist of board meetings and monthly continuing legal education lunches. Board meetings are held at different law firms in the downtown area. The monthly continuing legal education lunches are held at the Austin Bar Association, 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 700, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to anyone employed in the legal profession, including legal secretaries, legal assistants, paralegals, clerks, judges and attorneys.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Professional and personal development
- Valuable legal education each month
- Discounts on a variety of goods and services
- Accreditation for anyone, whether beginning a new career or enhancing a current career
- Monthly updates on current topics of interest
- Publications
- Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional and national level
- Commitment to a Code of Ethics and professional standard

Austin Music Foundation

P.O. Box 4309
Austin, TX 78765
www.austinmusicfoundation.org

Mission and Goals

Austin Music Foundation (AMF) strengthens and connects the local music community with innovative programs that empower musicians and fuel Austin's creative economy.

AMF provides programs to help local artists navigate opportunities in the music industry and services to unite the local music community through: education specifically tailored to today's music business climate, outreach efforts to determine artists' concerns combined with public awareness initiatives to inform the wider audience about music-related issues, and unification of local artists and music businesses to foster a sustainable music community.

Services Offered

- Music Industry Boot Camp
- Small Group Sessions
- Austin Music Mixer
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Meeting Information

The Music Industry Boot Camp meets quarterly. Small Group Sessions meet about 18 times per year. Austin Music Mixer typically meets once per month. Locations for meetings vary.

Membership Requirements

AMF programs are open to the public and free to attend. A person may become an AMF member with a minimum membership donation of \$50. All donations directly support AMF's educational programs for musicians.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- AMF discount card
- Other benefits vary with level of membership. For complete details on the various membership levels and their benefits visit the AMF website at www.austinmusicfoundation.org

Austin Pet Sitters Organization

Austin, TX

www.austinpetsitters.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Pet Sitters Organization (APSO) is a group of individual pet sitting companies drawn together by a common bond of caring for animals. APSO members are committed to providing services based on honesty, integrity, and professional conduct with loving commitment to pets, respect for personal property, adherence to local laws, and continuing education in pet care.

APSO's mission is to provide an opportunity for pet sitters to maximize their standard of excellence through education, mentoring, networking and community service.

Services Offered

- Networking
- Support and education

Meeting Information

APSO holds monthly meetings at different times of the day. Up-to-date meeting information can be located on the APSO website at www.austinpetsitters.org.

Membership Requirements

Membership open to pet sitting companies.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Encourages camaraderie, idea exchange and helping other companies while they are unable to care for their client's pets
- Inspires and promotes education regarding animal care
- Associated members of the pet sitting community are listed by area on the APSO website at www.austinpetsitters.org

Austin Professional Photographers' Association

P.O. Box 29643
Austin, TX 78755
www.austinppa.com

Mission and Goals

The Austin Professional Photographers Association (APPA) is a non-profit organization established in 1950 by a small group of local working photographers who were also members of the Professional Photographers of America. The goal of APPA is to advance the art and profession of photography, to encourage and maintain cordial relations and interchange of creative thoughts of its members, and to oppose violations of infringement of rights of professional photographers.

Services Offered

- Monthly meetings
- Seminars
- Print competitions

Meeting Information

Most meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. For details on meeting times and locations visit the APPA website at www.austinppa.com

Membership Requirements

Membership requires a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Improve the skills and knowledge of photography through education
- Print competitions
- Monthly meetings
- Regular seminars and conferences

Austin Technology Council

3925 West Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759
www.austintechnologycouncil.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Austin Technology Council (ATC) is to promote the growth and success of the technology industry in Central Texas. ATC serves the executive level leaders of tech companies through C-level networking, programs geared towards sharing best practices, and sector-specific intelligence. ATC also serves the tech community at large via partnerships with premier organizations also focused on serving the needs of the tech industry.

Services Offered

- Best practices
- CXO Roundtable Forums
- Sales and marketing seminars
- Peer-to-peer discussions and networking
- Discounted services from area providers

Meeting Information

ATC holds approximately 50 events annually. For more information please visit the ATC website at www.austintechnologycouncil.org. Locations for events vary.

Membership Requirements

N/A

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Preferred admission to ATC events
- Participation in C-level roundtables and peer forums
- Opportunities to advertise on ATC website and via weekly ATC eNews sent to more than 5,000 subscribers

Austin TeXchange

6836 Austin Center Blvd., Building I, Suite 280
Austin, TX 78731
www.texchange.org

Mission and Goals

Austin Texchange's mission is to promote the entrepreneurial environment and help develop the next generation of executives for technology and life sciences companies.

To further its mission and ensure high quality discussions, Texchange attracts the next generation of entrepreneurs and, more importantly, the participation and engagement of executives who provide recruitment, guidance and mentoring for future leaders.

Services Offered

- 6 to 8 meetings and discussion forums held per year
- Networking

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings (excluding March, July, August and December) held at the AT&T Conference Center at UT.

Membership Requirements

Membership open to entrepreneurs from technology or life science companies.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- One year membership includes open registration for two members of a company to any Texchange event
- Networking opportunities
- Special events
- Controlled membership: Texchange grows its membership selectively, focusing on executive level business entrepreneurs within leading industries as well as those educators, mentors and organizations that support them

Austin University Area Rotary Club

2108 Robert Dedman Drive
UT Club (East side of DKR Memorial Stadium)
Austin, TX 78712
www.austinuniversityrotary.org

Mission and Goals

Austin University Area Rotary Club members are active participants in humanitarian projects in the community, and collectively believe in the Rotary mission: to provide service to others; to promote high ethical standards; and to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

Services Offered

- Charitable activities both locally and internationally
- Camaraderie

Meeting Information

Meetings are held nearly weekly at the UT Club, 2108 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78712.

Membership Requirements

New members require a sponsorship from an existing Austin University Area Rotary Club member.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Regular meetings
- Networking
- Special events with guest speakers that provide intellectually stimulating programs
- Interactions locally, at district and internationally for charitable activities, including projects in Mexico and Nicaragua in TB and cancer.

Austin Westlake Rotary

5455 Bee Cave Rd
Austin, TX 78746
www.westlakerotary.org

Mission and Goals

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

An original goal of Rotary was to allow club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. As members of the oldest service club in the world, Rotarians represent a cross-section of their community's business owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

Services Offered

- Thought-provoking speakers
- Networking
- Service projects in the Austin community

Meeting Information

Meetings held at 7:30 am every Friday at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 5455 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746.

Membership Requirements

Rotary Club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary Clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Regular meetings
- Networking
- Special events with guest speakers that provide intellectually stimulating programs

Austin Wireless Alliance

3925 West Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759
www.austinwirelessalliance.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Wireless Alliance creates a vibrant and successful wireless industry community in Austin by helping members achieve their growth objectives. Austin Wireless Alliance's primary objective is to develop, sustain, and promote Austin as a global leader in business activity, technical innovation, and community participation within the wireless industry.

Services Offered

- Promote the growth of Austin as a wireless industry center of innovation and excellence
- Provide a forum for collaboration between senior executives, business managers, investors, technology leaders, and academics involved in wireless technology
- Facilitate growth opportunities for member companies through access to high tech mentoring and sustained sources of capital
- Promote education and training for new wireless industry job opportunities for residents of the greater Austin area
- Provide business-focused networking opportunities for member companies
- Enhance the political and regulatory climate by working directly with relevant local, state and federal entities

Meeting Information

Time, location, and frequency of meetings vary. For more information visit the Austin Wireless Alliance's website at www.austinwirelessalliance.org.

Membership Requirements

Prospective applicants must be a member of the Austin Technology Council to join the Austin Wireless Alliance.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Preferred admissions to AWA and Austin Technology Council (ATC) events including the Annual ATC Technology Forum and Awards
- Participation in C-level roundtables and Peer forums
- Opportunities to advertise on the ATC website and via weekly ATC eNews sent to more than 6000 subscribers

Austin Women Entrepreneurs

P.O. Box 5593
Austin, TX 78763
www.aweAustin.org

Mission and Goals

Believing that "high tides lift all boats", Austin Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) members are savvy and serious about their business success, and they want to be connected with like-minded women who are eager to mentor, share knowledge, and improve their tangible skills. By creating opportunities for connection and collaboration, AWE helps members to learn, support, and inspire each other to maximize individual success, while also taking a leadership role in promoting women entrepreneurship within the community. AWE believes every Austin Woman entrepreneur should be empowered and enabled to fulfill her goals, whether that's to reach the Fortune 500, expand into new markets, or achieve greater freedom in her personal life.

Services Offered

- Networking
- Mentoring
- Education and encouragement to empower members to achieve their business goals
- Promotion of women entrepreneurs in Austin, Texas

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly, in the evening on the first Thursday of the month. Location of the meetings vary. Please visit the Austin Women Entrepreneurs website at www.aweAustin.org for more information.

Membership Requirements

To qualify for membership in Austin Women Entrepreneurs, prospective applicants must be a female founder and owner of a for-profit business in Austin, Texas. In addition, AWE seeks members who are actively growing their businesses, are passionate about en

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Access to an elite group of Austin's top women entrepreneurs
- Participation in a community of visionary risk takers who are proud to be walking a different path
- Invitation to all 12 Inspire-Support-Empower™ series events, which provide a wealth of profitable information and private access to guest speakers

Austin Women in Technology

www.awtaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The goal of Austin Women in Technology (AWT) is to cultivate and nurture a community of technology-minded women by fostering personal and professional success through social and educational opportunities.

The cornerstones of the AWT mandate are connect, learn, grow and lead, which are supported in the following manner: **CONNECT** with Austin's fun, successful, intelligent, tech-minded community at events and through social media; **LEARN** something new at one of AWT's informative presentations or interactive discussions about technology, careers, community and the world; **GROW** personally and professionally by delving into interesting topics with a motivated community; **LEAD** through committee and officer roles in the organization, opportunities in the community or by mentoring members.

Services Offered

- Opportunities to network, learn, lead, connect, and grow with other women

Meeting Information

Meeting types, locations, and times vary. See calendar of events on the AWT website at www.austinwomenintech.org.

Membership Requirements

Members are required to pay dues and to be active participants in the organization.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Connect with like-minded women
- Learn the latest information on business and technology trends
- Attend monthly events and annual business conference
- Get involved with the organization or the community through AWT's member programs

Austin Young Chamber of Commerce

210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 400
Austin, TX 78704
www.austinyc.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Austin Young Chamber of Commerce (AYC) is to develop and connect young professionals in Austin to create business, community and individual success.

Services Offered

- The AYC provides members with exclusive networking activities, leadership development programs, and connections and resources that will foster personal and professional development, which will in turn empower and enrich the Austin business community by attracting and retaining young business professionals.

Meeting Information

4-5 monthly membership events

Membership Requirements

21-39 years of age, Central Texas resident

\$100- General Membership, \$300- Elite Membership, \$50- Student Membership

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

Permits invitation to all Young Chamber events at a discounted rate, exclusive access to website, E-newsletters, unique social networking opportunities, professional growth, member only events and programs, committee membership opportunities, and leadership development.

Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

927 Main St.
Bastrop, TX 78602
www.bastropchamber.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce is to improve the economy of Bastrop and thereby the quality of life for all its citizens through economic, community and leadership development.

Services Offered

- Marketing and referrals
- Events and luncheons
- Reach into the local community
- Business development training

Meeting Information

Monthly luncheons, quarterly mixers and quarterly breakfast meetings are held at various locations. For more information visit the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce website's calendar at www.batropchamber.com for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and civic organizations.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Listing in print & web membership directory
- Referrals
- Electronic event calendars
- Training & business development seminars
- Event sponsorship opportunities

Blue Knot Austin

7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731
www.blueknotaustin.org

Mission and Goals

Blue Knot is a Jewish Technology Initiative designed to address the needs of technology professionals by connecting them both to their industry and to their Jewish communities. With so many new arrivals in Austin, there is a tremendous need and desire to make connections on both a professional and personal level. Blue Knot was created to fill that void and provide venues that make it easy for people to enhance their lives.

Services Offered

- Speaking engagements
- Networking opportunities
- Information about emerging trends

Meeting Information

Blue Knot meets at least once a quarter. Visit the Blue Knot website at www.blueknotaustin.org for a schedule of upcoming meetings and events.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to Jewish professionals in the technology industry or in related positions.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- Educational opportunities
- Networking
- Social activities.

Bootstrap Austin

PO Box 29065
Austin, TX 78759
www.bootstrapaustin.org

Mission and Goals

Bootstrap Austin's mission is to create a supportive learning community for entrepreneurs taking the Bootstrap path of entrepreneurship. Bootstrapping is the third way of entrepreneurship, an integration of craft/franchise and funding-driven approaches. Bootstrap Austin provides a sharing and supportive community of fellow entrepreneurs and teaches members the Bootstrap process through the Bootstrap Bootcamp. Members create the community and are encouraged to lead groups and new initiatives. Bootstrap fosters innovation through cross-pollination of members across industry and stage.

Services Offered

- Events
- Online forums
- Subgroups by industry and stage
- Bootboards
- Bootstrap Bootcamp

Meeting Information

The main group meets every second Monday of the month. Subgroups meet at other regular times. Check the Bootstrap calendar at www.bootstrapaustin.org for meeting times and locations.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to individuals only who are either a fulltime founding Bootstrapper (Valley of Death/Growth stage) or are actively considering starting a company (Ideation stage). Organizations may not become Bootstrap members. Members are charged in “

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- A community of fellow Bootstrappers
- Learn the principles of Bootstrapping
- Members further develop their businesses by providing their services or products to the Bootstrap community
- Collaborate with the Bootstrap Organization to take joint products/services to market

Building Owners and Managers Association of Austin

P.O. Box 200275
Austin, TX 78720-0275
www.bomaaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) is to provide members with the information, advocacy, and services they cannot obtain elsewhere.

Services Offered

- Advocacy
- Networking
- Education

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Norris Conference Center, 2525 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78757.

Membership Requirements

Members must own and/or manage commercial real estate or provide goods and services to those owning or managing commercial real estate.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Up-to-the-minute news and information on legislative, regulatory and codes activities, statistical trends and more through The BOMA Magazine and e-Currents
- Recognition of excellence in overall building management through BOMA's TOBY Awards program
- Immediate access to vital industry information through BOMA's national website at www.boma.org, including comprehensive industry-wide research and information.
- Member-only discounts on seminars and other BOMA education programs
- Access to a valuable network of supporting professionals in the field, facilitating the sharing of experience and the development and expansion of member's businesses and careers
- Representation of member interests through constant monitoring and responding to codes and standards initiatives
- Savings through BOMA's legislative victories on Capitol Hill and the State Legislature

Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce

5407 North IH-35 Suite 304
Austin, TX 78723
www.capcitychamber.org

Mission and Goals

The Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC) promotes the development of African-American businesses and the expansion of the business community by providing resources, technical assistance, and leadership on policy issues that enhance economic growth and by promoting convention and tourism. The goal of CCAACC is to build bridges of prosperity, one business at a time.

Services Offered

- Training and outreach
- Bid opportunities
- Use of executive conference room
- Business-to-business referrals
- Membership directory
- Volunteer opportunities
- Ambassador Program

Meeting Information

Regularly held meetings include quarterly membership luncheons, quarterly roundtable workshops, annual awards luncheon, quarterly networking socials, and a quarterly new/renewed member orientation.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to students, individuals, small businesses and corporations.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Complimentary listing in printed and online membership directories
 - Discounted prices for CCAACC events
 - Referrals through CCAACC
- Other benefits vary based on level of membership from small business to corporation

Capital City Association of Personnel Consultants

C/O 1802 West 34th Street
Austin, TX 78703
www.tapc.org

Mission and Goals

The Capital City Association of Personnel Consultants is a professional association that is dedicated to promoting high standards of business practices and state-of-the-art educational programs for members within the staffing industry.

Services Offered

- Training and education
- Industry certification program
- Legislative representation

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Cover 3, 2700 West Anderson Lane #202, Austin, TX 78757. Contact Nad Elias (512-533-9700) to confirm the meeting location.

Membership Requirements

The Texas Association of Personal Consultants (TAPC) website outlines membership requirements. From one-person operations to multi-office enterprises, any size firm is welcome in TAPC. All prospective applicants have to do is return the application or call.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Education
- Certification
- Networking with peers
- Legislative representation

Capitol of Texas Rotary Club of Austin

913 University Road
Wimberly, TX 78676
www.capitloftexasrotary.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

During legislative session, which is every odd year from January until the end of May, Capitol of Texas Rotary Club of Austin meets every Wednesday at 7:00 AM. During the interim, the Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 AM. Meetings are held at the Capitol Grill (located inside the Extension of The Texas State Capitol), 1400 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

Members are approved by the Board of Directors. Members are approved by the the Rotary Club's Board of Directors.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Outstanding programs
- Service to others
- Leadership development

Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce

1460 East Whitestone Boulevard, Suite 180
Cedar Park, TX 78613-2274
www.cedarparkchamber.org

Mission and Goals

The Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce exists to strengthen and improve the Cedar Park business community in order to promote the economic well-being of all citizens.

Services Offered

- Networking
- Business promotion
- Business directory
- Business referral system
- Member discounts

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Hill Country Bible Church, 12124 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, TX 78750.

Membership Requirements

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Seminars
- Events
- Promotion and advertising of businesses
- Lobbying for or against issues affecting businesses
- Business updates

Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors

1306 Anderson Lane Suite A
Austin, TX 78757
www.ctcaronline.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors (CTCAR) is to provide networking, marketing and work leads and encourage business and professional development.

Services Offered

- Mandatory continuing education courses
- Networking events
- Educational activities
- Business leads

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly at various times and locations. Visit the CTCAR website at www.ctcaronline.com for up-to-date information.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to real estate licensees or service providers.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Advocacy
- Education
- Networking

Central Texas Subcontractor Organization

PO Box 143533
Austin, TX 78714
www.ctsaonline.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Central Texas Subcontractor Organization is to educate subcontractors on construction-related issues.

Services Offered

- Monthly meetings
- Membership to the Texas Construction Association

Meeting Information

Meetings are held once a month on the second Tuesday of each month at the Embassy Suites, 5901 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78723.

Membership Requirements

Prospective applicants must be subcontractors.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Monthly meetings, membership in Texas Construction Association, monthly newsletter, discounts from member companies
- Monthly meetings
- Membership in the Texas Construction Association
- Monthly newsletter
- Discounts from member companies

Classical Music Consortium of Austin

P.O. Box 270245
Austin, TX 78727
www.classicalmusicaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The Classical Music Consortium of Austin (CMCA) serves classical music organizations, artists, and audiences through collaborative marketing and other activities. CMCA's mission is to promote classical music in Austin through services to artists and audiences.

Services Offered

- Collaborative marketing: printed concert calendar, website, e-marketing, cooperative event scheduling
- Professional development and networking
- Basic arts administration services

Meeting Information

Meetings are held quarterly from September through May, usually on the second Wednesday. Meetings are usually held at the KMFA HQ, 3001 N. Lamar, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78705.

Membership Requirements

Organizational membership is by application only. Visit the CMCA website for information at www.classicalmusicaustin.org. Individual supporting membership is open to all.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Organizations receive:
 - Concert marketing
 - Professional development
 - Networking at and between meetings
 - Eligibility for low-cost administrative services
- Individuals receive:
 - Printed concert calendar by mail
 - Tax deduction
 - Other individual benefits to be developed

Downtown Austin Alliance

211 East 7th Street, Suite 100-L
Austin, TX 78701
www.downtownaustin.com

Mission and Goals

The Downtown Austin Alliance is a partnership of people and businesses who:

- Protect and strengthen the business, cultural, arts, and entertainment environments of Downtown Austin
- Provide services to increase the quality of life for people who live, work, and play in Downtown Austin
- Communicate the concerns of the Downtown community to local and state entities
- Support the constructive initiatives on issues of public policy that affect the community

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Committees meet once a month, generally held at the Downtown Austin Alliance office, 211 East 7th Street, Suite 818, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

Membership fees, which vary by type of membership, are required.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Receive the latest news on issues and current events through Downtown Austin Alliance's email newsletter
- Receive the quarterly Downtown Focus newsletter featuring news of Downtown and updates of Alliance activities
- Attend "Issues & Eggs," the Alliance's monthly forum featuring key City officials and community leaders who influence the Downtown District
- Attend quarterly luncheons featuring nationally recognized speakers on a variety of popular and critical issues that are informative, insightful, and relevant to Downtown revitalization
- Listing on the Downtown Austin Alliance's website, with links to member homepages
- Make a difference in Downtown Austin by serving on Alliance Committees and Task Forces

Entrepreneurs' Organization

PO Box 10973
Austin, TX 78766
www.eonetwork.org

Mission and Goals

The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) – for entrepreneurs only – is a membership organization designed to engage leading entrepreneurs to learn and grow. EO's vision is to build the world's most influential community of entrepreneurs.

EO is the catalyst that enables entrepreneurs to learn from each other, leading to greater business success and an enriched personal life.

Services Offered

- Peer-to-peer learning
- Once-in-a-lifetime experiences
- Connections to experts.

Meeting Information

Meetings held once a month.

Membership Requirements

- Be the founder, co-founder, owner or controlling shareholder of a company
- Serve in one of the above roles for a company grossing a minimum of \$1 million annually

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Please contact Emma Jouvent Online forum
- Member Exchange
- Health care and counseling information through the Healthnetwork Foundation
- Trusted personal mentors
- Attend customized learning programs from the world's top business schools
- Network on a global scale through EO's Global Events
- Access to an exclusive global community through the EO website
- Contact EO for more information on benefits

Financial Planning Association of Austin

P.O. Box 28268
Austin, TX 78755
www.austinfpa.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of Financial Planning Association (FPA) of Austin is to foster the value of the financial planning process and its ethical practice through professional growth, networking, education and mentoring. Members of FPA of Austin provide a broad range of financial services including investment planning, tax planning, insurance planning, and legal advice to small business owners.

Services Offered

- Access to cutting-edge educational opportunities
- Discounts
- Insurance programs

Meeting Information

Monthly on the second Tuesday Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday at the Austin Country Club, 4408 Long Champ Drive, Austin, TX 78746.

Membership Requirements

FPA's individual members include:

- Financial planners
- Accountants
- Attorneys
- Bankers
- Charitable giving specialists
- Insurance agents
- Stockbrokers
- Money managers
- Investment consultants
- Broker-dealer and corporate executives

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Continuing education
- Networking
- Business solutions
- Government relations

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce

100 Stadium Drive
Georgetown, TX 78627-0346
www.georgetownchamber.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce (GCC) is to promote member businesses and responsible economic development, represent member perspectives on key public policy issues, and provide leadership in the Georgetown community.

Services Offered

- Economic development – recruitment and retention
- Numerous business networking opportunities
- Leadership Georgetown
- Advocacy on public policy issues
- Certificates of Origin
- Manufacturers' Alliance
- State of the art meeting facilities with advanced A/V capabilities
- Business Lending Library
- Access to visitor's office at the Chamber for short-term needs
- On-site wireless internet access
- Development Alliance
- Art Alliance

Meeting Information

Numerous meetings are held at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Meeting Facility, 100 Stadium Drive, Georgetown, TX 78627. For a schedule of meetings and events, visit the GCC website at www.georgetownchamber.org.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to businesses, non-profits, and individuals.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Excellent business seminars and training
- Member discounts on meeting space
- Excellent website and print publications to promote member businesses
- Cost-effective advertising in Member Directory, local and area map, and website
- Member-to-Member discounts

Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

2800 South IH 35, Suite 260
Austin, TX 78704
www.gahcc.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC) is to build its members' wealth through programs and services in economic and workforce development, business networking, and community and policy advocacy.

Services Offered

- GAHCC economic development programs: Access to Capital, Procurement & Certification, Workforce Development, Business Start-up Assistance & Incubation
- Marketing and networking opportunities available through GAHCC's various monthly events

Meeting Information

Meetings are held at various times and locations. Please visit the GAHCC website at www.gahcc.org for details.

Membership Requirements

None

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Free referrals and market visibility through GAHCC's 1,000+ local and national member database available online
- Automatic membership to the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC)
- Opportunity to participate in small business workshops, forums and specialized computer training classes as part of GAHCC's Business Incubator
- Free ribbon cutting & ground breaking ceremonies
- Networking opportunities at GAHCC's monthly membership events. Special rates are offered for members
- Discounted advertisement rates in monthly GAHCC e-newsletter and on www.gahcc.org
- Opportunity to submit announcements, articles and photos for the monthly GAHCC e-newsletter
- Opportunity to post member's business benefits in the Member to Member (M2M) Section on www.gahcc.org
- Opportunity to participate in GAHCC committees
- The GAHCC builds members' wealth

Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 556
Leander, TX 78646
www.leandercc.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) is to promote member businesses, encourage responsible economic development, and develop leadership.

Services Offered

- Information displayed at GLCC
- Link to business on GLCC website
- Exclusive advertising

Meeting Information

Regular meetings include: Leander Business Circle, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, second Thursday of the month; Real Estate Roundtable, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, third Wednesday of the month; New Member Orientation, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, third Tuesday of the month; and the Monthly Membership Luncheon, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, fourth Tuesday of the month.

Meetings are held at the Pat Bryson Hall, 201 North Brushy, Leander, TX 78641. Luncheons are held at Dr. John's Sports Center, 1800 Clover Lane, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to all legitimate businesses.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Advertising opportunities
- Networking opportunities
- Public recognition

Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Inc

P.O. Box 311417
New Braunfels, TX 78131-1417
www.nbcham.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (GNBCC) is to promote progress via economic development, community betterment, membership services, and public policy.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Board meetings are held monthly on the third Monday at 12:00 PM at the New Braunfels Civic Center – Honors Hall, 380 South Seguin, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to businesses, government/school employees, retirees, professionals, and individuals.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Referrals
- Representation
- Leadership training
- Business intelligence

Hispanic Women's Network of Texas - Austin Chapter

P.O. Box 1356
Austin, TX 78767
www.hwnt.org/austin

Mission and Goals

The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT) advocates for the advancement of Hispanic Women. HWNT was founded in 1987 when members of existing women's and Hispanic groups from around the state came together to create an organization to address issues unique to Hispañas. HWNT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization recognized as the premier Hispanic women's organization in Texas.

The Austin Chapter of HWNT has approximately 100 members. Regular meetings, cultural events, networking and professional development opportunities are integral parts of the chapter's activities. In addition, the Chapter administers a scholarship program for the benefit of high school and college students as well as those seeking continuing education or leadership training. Information exchange occurs through newsletters, an e-mail network and the HWNT website.

Services Offered

- HWNT offers small businesses an opportunity to connect with Hispanic women in the Greater Austin area
- HWNT provides members and non-members monthly networking events and/or personal development opportunities

Meeting Information

Visit the HWNT website at www.hwnt.org/austin for meeting dates, times, and locations.

Membership Requirements

Members are required to pay annual dues.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Facilitate the exchange of information with other Austin and Texas Hispanic women and organizations
- Expand opportunities in career and business
- Realize personal goals and develop leadership skills
- Receive support in resolving professional and personal conflicts
- Provide encouragement and mentorship to present and future Hispanic women leaders
- Maintain visibility through the local and state newsletter
- Expand member's network through the statewide membership
- Participate in leadership development opportunities

Home Builders Association of Greater Austin

8140 Exchange Drive
Austin, TX 78754
www.austinhomebuilders.com

Mission and Goals

The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater Austin is a trade association that promotes, protects and educates its members and informs the home buying public. It covers a five-county area and reports on 30 city and county governments. There are approximately 850 members of which 87% are small businesses.

Services Offered

- Marketing opportunities
- Networking functions
- Education and training
- Public policy updates

Meeting Information

Meeting times vary. Visit the HBA website at www.austinhomebuilders.com for up-to-date information. Meetings are usually held at the HBA Office at 8140 Exchange Drive, Austin, TX 78754.

Membership Requirements

All members must adhere to HBA's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as HBA Texas Association of Builders' and National Association of Home Builders' rules and policies.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Access to critical news and information
- Professional recognition
- Participation in insurance programs
- Training and education
- Marketing opportunities
- Strengthened voice in government
- Positive public image
- Media attention

Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce

122 East Street
Hutto, TX 78634
www.HuttoChamber.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve and support its members towards greater success.

Services Offered

- Connecting with other business leaders
- Education
- Increased visibility
- Support

Meeting Information

Monthly luncheons, seminars and Networking events. Meetings include monthly luncheons, seminars and networking events. For more information visit the Chamber website at www.huttochamber.com.

Membership Requirements

Members are required to pay annual membership dues.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Member's name and company information spotlighted in the Chamber newsletter
- Learn firsthand from informative business speakers and high-content seminars
- Two listings on the Chamber enhanced website and in the Chamber's annual business directory
- A publicized ribbon cutting to announce membership to the community
- Member's business will be recognized at a monthly luncheon
- Sponsored Chamber events to further enhance recognition of member business
- Display of member products or services at the Chamber's Annual Business Showcase
- Attend Chamber orientation to learn how to get the most from membership
- Attend/host monthly Networking After Hour events for contacts and referrals
- Enjoy annual social events such as the Chamber golf tournament, annual banquet and Olde Tyme Days Festival
- Money-back guarantee. Attend two Chamber functions within 60 days of joining. If not satisfied, members can receive refund of annual dues

Independent Insurance Agents of Austin

P.O. Box 28226
Austin, TX 78755
www.iiaaustin.com

Mission and Goals

The Independent Insurance Agents of Austin (IIAAustin) is a professional association for property and casualty independent insurance agencies and affiliated companies. IIAAustin's mission is to help its members grow and succeed.

Services Offered

- Luncheon meetings for members to network and hear informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics

Meeting Information

Meetings are held 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The frequency and location of meetings vary. Refer to the IIAAustin website at www.iiaaustin.com for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership requirements vary depending on type of membership. Please visit IIAAustin's website for details.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Members get access to standard carriers by attending local meetings where they can connect with marketing representatives from a variety of companies
- Luncheons - IIAAustin features informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics including current industry issues
- Members receive advance notice of IIAAustin meetings
- Agency members are listed on the IIAAustin website where consumers can access the information. Associate members are also listed providing IIAAustin's agency members with a directory of those companies that support IIAAustin
- Big "I" Day - join IIAAustin for their annual benefit golf tournament. Agents and associate members come together to have fun and give back to the community. Last year IIAAustin donated \$15,600 in tournament proceeds to the Austin Children's Shelter
- Young Agents - whether they are gathering for a social networking event or giving back to the community, IIAAustin's Young Agents Group is active and fun
- Networking – members keep in contact with their local Austin-area agents and insurance industry representatives
- Holiday luncheon - celebrate the season with IIAAustin. This event features an ACSR Conferment Ceremony and the presentation of IIAAustin's Distinguished Service Award

International Association of Business Communicators Austin Chapter

P.O. Box 2733
Austin, TX 78768-2733
austin.iabc.com

Mission and Goals

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) enables a global network of communicators working in diverse industries and disciplines to identify, share, and apply the world's most effective communication practices. Established in 1970, IABC serves 15,000 members in 80 countries, 100 chapters and 10,000 organizations. IABC Austin offers a broad scope of professional development topics, networking and volunteer opportunities within the communications field, and leadership development. Members are writers, editors, graphic designers, marketing and communications professionals, public relations practitioners, photographers, and freelancers in small and large companies and associations.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

IABC Austin meetings are held once a month with a hiatus during the summer. Local, regional and international IABC events are held throughout the year.

Membership Requirements

Members must be in communications, public relations, marketing or related field. Members must be in communications, public relations, marketing or related fields.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Professional development
- Networking/career opportunities
- Leadership development
- Regional and international conference

International Game Developers Association

3311 Settlement Drive
Round Rock, TX 78665-1303
www.igda.org/austin

Mission and Goals

The International Game Developers Association (IGDA) - Austin is a non-profit advocacy group for the video games industry in Austin, Texas. IGDA's goals are focused on strengthening professional game development in the Austin area by:

- Fostering a sense of community amongst game developers
- Keeping talent in Austin
- Attracting talent to Austin
- Showcasing the fact that Austin has an excellent game development community

Services Offered

- Lectures and panels disseminate information and best practices
- Job openings and studio information posted on the IGDA Austin website
- IGDA runs booths at industry trade shows to present information on Austin as a game development center

Meeting Information

IGDA holds monthly events most of the year, including lectures, panels, demo nights, happy hours, an annual Studio Resource Town Hall in January, an annual IGDA picnic in the summer, and an annual IGDA GDC party coinciding with GDC.

Membership Requirements

- Only professionals in the game development industry are allowed to attend IGDA lectures and the picnic
- The public events are open to everyone

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

N/A

International Special Events Society

P.O. Box 300910
Austin, TX 78703
www.isesaustin.com

Mission and Goals

By joining the International Special Events Society (ISES), members gain access to an ever-expanding educational and networking resource to answer questions. Well-known special event professionals who have practical know-how can help members grow their business. ISES's mission is to inspire and educate special event professionals through programs and networking opportunities.

Services Offered

- Professional Resources ISES offers many resources for the special events professional.
- Education and Professional Development
- Discounted business services and exclusive savings
ISES members receive discounts for FedEx/Kinko's, Staples, Alamo, Shaker Group, Inc trade show shipping and DHL/Airborne Express Shipping.

Meeting Information

Meetings are held once a month, usually the second Thursday of each month, at various locations around Austin.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to members of the event industry or students.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- 41 Chapters and 5 Chapters in formation - Establish contacts, stay attuned to trends and participate in local educational activities. Become actively involved in leading the association at the local level.
- Earn professional recognition for outstanding achievements ISES honors industry excellence through its prestigious awards program, the ISES Esprit Awards.
- Special Events Magazine and eventworld
With your membership, you will receive a complementary subscription to Special Events Magazine, and ISES's newsletter, eventworld.
- The "ISES Bookshelf"
- Annual Membership Directory - Invaluable resource with more than 4,000 Special Events professionals and suppliers worldwide.

Jewish Business Network

7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731
www.austinjbn.org

Mission and Goals

The goal of the Jewish Business Network is to introduce Jewish business people to other business people in Austin. Participants promote their businesses, job openings and resumes through meeting attendance and through the Jewish Business Network website database.

Services Offered

- Monthly networking meetings
- Website featuring all events and participant information

Meeting Information

Most meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM at 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731, followed by an optional dinner at Dave and Buster's.

Membership Requirements

Membership consists of Jews, those partnered with Jews and/or members of the Jewish Community Association of Austin (JCAA).

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

- Promotion of businesses
- Postings of job openings and resumes

Lago Vista & Jonestown Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau

8040 Bar-K Ranch Road
Lago Vista, TX 78645
www.lagovista.org

Mission and Goals

The goal of the Lago Vista & Jonestown Area Chamber of Commerce is to be a service to its members and community through marketing and encouragement of economic development and tourism in the Lago Vista and Jonestown areas.

Services Offered

- Marketing of economic development and tourism in the Lago Vista & Jonestown areas

Meeting Information

Luncheon meetings and after-hour events are held at least twice a month. After-hour events held at the business that hosts the event. Monthly luncheon meetings also vary in location. Visit the Chamber website at www.lagovista.org for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to businesses in good standing.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Extensive promotional opportunities through Chamber networking and community events
- Representation on the Chamber website and in periodic emails

Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 340034
Austin, TX 78734
www.laketravischamber.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce (LTCC) is to promote sound economic growth, assist members with business development and create awareness related to the outstanding characteristics of LTCC's unique South Lake Travis community.

Services Offered

- Monthly luncheons
- Networking opportunities

Meeting Information

Monthly luncheons are held the third Wednesday of the month. Additional networking opportunities are offered weekly. Meeting locations vary. Please see website for details.

Membership Requirements

N/A

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

Be a member of the business organization that supports local commerce.

Manor Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 936
Manor, TX 78653
www.manorchamberofcommerce.com

Mission and Goals

The goal of the Manor Chamber of Commerce (MCC) is to serve and support its members so that their success will strengthen the Manor community.

Services Offered

- Monthly meetings offering guest speakers providing information of interest
- Business referrals
- Business networking

Meeting Information

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 11:30 am Monthly meetings are held at the Manor ISD Administration Building Boardroom, 10335 US Hwy. 290 East, Manor, TX 78653. Summer mixers are held at other locations.

Membership Requirements

None

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Free listing on the MCC website
- Listing in membership directory
- Business referrals
- Networking opportunities
- Notice of importance to business owners
- Representation at government and other meetings
- Ribbon cuttings and grand opening ceremonies available to all members

Metropolitan Breakfast Club

P.O. Box 2532
Austin, TX 78768
www.mbcaustin.org

Mission and Goals

Most of the members of the Metropolitan Breakfast Club own small businesses or work for small businesses. The Metropolitan Breakfast Club's mission is to provide knowledge of local and regional issues via current issue speakers.

Services Offered

- Wonderful business relationships
- Networking

Meeting Information

Meetings held every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am at the UT Club, 2108 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78712.

Membership Requirements

Interest in community issuesMembership is open to those interested in community issues.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Weekly meetings
- Occasional evening social events

NAIFA - Austin Chapter

P.O. Box 28226
Austin, TX 78755
www.naifaustin.org.

Mission and Goals

The National Association for Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) is a professional association for insurance and financial advisors and affiliated companies. The mission of NAIFA Austin is to advocate for a positive legislative and regulatory environment, enhance business and professional skills, and promote the ethical conduct of NAIFA members.

Services Offered

- NAIFA offers luncheon meetings for members to network and hear informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics
- Refer to the NAIFA Austin website for additional events

Meeting Information

Meeting dates and times vary. Meetings are held at the Westwood Country Club, 3808 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78703.

Membership Requirements

Requirements vary depending on type of membership. Please refer to the NAIFA Austin website for details.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Great sales and marketing ideas
- Education and training programs
- Networking opportunities
- Discounts on business products and services
- The opportunity to get involved in NAIFA's advocacy efforts

National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. – Cen-Tex Chapter

P.O. Box 142572
Austin, TX 78714
www.naba-austincentex.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) is to establish an organization to address the concerns of minorities entering the accounting profession and to make a commitment to professional and academic excellence. The goals of the association include the following:

- To represent the interests of current and prospective minority professionals
- To encourage and assist minority students in entering the accounting profession
- To promote and develop the professional skills of NABA members
- To provide opportunities for members to fulfill their civic responsibilities
- To ensure long-term financial stability and provide adequate resources to implement chapter, regional, and national programs

NABA's programs provide support to and create opportunities for professionals and students seeking levels of accomplishment in various fields of accounting and finance.

Services Offered

- CPE Training Sessions & Speaker's Forum
- Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Hosted NABA National Executive Council Meetings
- 1996, 2001, 2002, 2010 & 2011 Western Region Student Conference host
- Annual Awards & Scholarship Event in April

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of January, July, and October from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Huston-Tillotson University, A-L Conference Room, 900 Chicon Street, Austin, TX 78702.

Membership Requirements

Accounting, Finance, or Business Related Student or Professional Membership is open to accounting, finance, or business related students or professionals.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Training
- Job/internship, business, diversity image, and hiring opportunities

National Association of Remodeling Industry

101 Parque Circle
Georgetown, TX 78626
www.austinnari.org

Mission and Goals

The National Association of Remodeling Industry (NARI) wants to advance and promote the remodeling industry's professionalism, product and vital public purpose, as well as help members through enhanced education, promotion and association.

Services Offered

- Promotion, fellowship and resources for remodelers and associated businesses
- Additional meetings open to the general public for small business networking

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Dave and Buster's, 9333 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759.

Membership Requirements

- Remodeling Industry business or associated vendor
- General contractor
- Subcontractor
- Service
- Supplier

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Education
- Networking
- Legislative updates
- Public relations
- Marketing

National Business Exchange

Austin, TX

www.nbxnetwork.com

Mission and Goals

National Business Exchange (NBX) just celebrated its tenth anniversary. NBX is an informal, but incredibly strong network of professionals from all occupations interested in promoting their businesses. By "informal," NBX does not limit membership to one member per profession. There is no specific requirement to pass referrals, nor are there high membership fees. The goal of the group is to develop strong professional friendships, which leads to a strong referral network.

At each NBX meeting, members and guests are able to introduce themselves, have a lively discussion of business and networking topics, and are interviewed so members get to know one another better.

Services Offered

- Networking lunch

Meeting Information

Meetings are held every Thursday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Iron Cactus, 10001 Stonelake Blvd., Austin, TX 78759.

Membership Requirements

To become a member, attend three meetings in three months.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Members are included on the NBX website directory, LinkedIn group, and Facebook page
- Members are eligible to be in the spotlight at one of the NBX press conferences

Northwest Austin Business Connections

P.O. Box 204042
Austin, TX 78720
www.nwabc.net

Mission and Goals

Northwest Austin Business Connections (NWABC) is a group of professional business people who are committed to networking and promoting the advancement of its members and guests in business.

Through weekly meetings, NWABC provides the opportunity for members to support each other in mutually advancing their businesses by providing a forum for relationship building, networking, self-introduction, educational and professional development.

Services Offered

- Networking
- Relationship building
- Business referrals
- Educational development

Meeting Information

Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Mangias, 12001 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78759 — just East of Mopac where Burnet Rd. intersects with Duval.

Membership Requirements

Individuals should be involved in business as an entrepreneur, an individual professional, or a corporate representative.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Business listing (photo optional) in both the printed and on-line membership directories
- Copy of the printed member directory handbook
- Option to take advantage of specially priced advertisements in printed and on-line directories
- Publish articles on the NWABC website
- Access to member email distribution lists
- Opportunities for organizational leadership and committee involvement
- Pay less for lunch than guests do
- Upon attending a minimum of 3 meetings after joining NWABC, a member becomes eligible to give a twenty-five minute presentation to the group on a business-related subject, or a ten minute presentation detailing their business and/or services

Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 483
Pflugerville, TX 78691
www.pfchamber.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce (PCC) is to combine business and community resources to strengthen the area's business climate.

Services Offered

- Business Development Services
- Opportunities for greater exposure through PCC programs and events

Meeting Information

First Thursday evening networking meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at various locations. Morning Edition networking meetings are held on the last Friday of each month from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the PCC Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Pflugerville, TX 78691. Chamber Chatter Luncheon Series lunches are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM at various locations.

Membership Requirements

Visit the PCC website at www.pfchamber.com for membership details.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Business referrals to members only
- Grand opening ceremonies and use of Grand Opening Banner
- Website traffic over 2,000 visits per month
- Exposure through sponsorship opportunities
- Weekly communications through email newsletter, Weekly Wire
- Monthly networking programs
- Yearly events

Project Management Institute Austin Chapter

3267 Bee Caves Rd., Suite 107-126
Austin, TX 78755
www.austinpmi.org

Mission and Goals

With over 2,000 members in the Central Austin area, Project Management Institute (PMI) Austin Chapter serves the project management community via various meetings during each month and provides an opportunity for members to network with each other.

Services Offered

- Project Management training
- Networking opportunities
- Events to support local charities such as hosting a supply drive for Safehouse, participating in Hands on Housing, and helping out at the local food bank

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the U.T. Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78713.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to any person who is interested and/or engaged in practicing, teaching, researching or otherwise applying project management. To become a member in the Austin Chapter, prospective applicants must first join the global PMI organization.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking
- Job opportunities list
- Training opportunities
- Seminars
- Professional development

Public Relations Society of America - Austin

P.O. Box 27304
Austin, TX 78755
prsa.austin.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Austin Chapter is to unify, strengthen and advance the public relations profession.

Services Offered

- Professional development
- Networking
- Job bank
- Seminars

Meeting Information

Times and locations vary. Please see website for details.

Membership Requirements

To qualify for membership, prospective members must devote a substantial portion of time (at least 50%) to the paid professional practice of public relations or to the teaching or administration of public relations curriculum in an accredited college or u

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Professional development
- Career assistance
- Media resources
- Mentoring
- Career tools
- Professional resource center
- National awards program
- Professional interest groups, seminars
- Conferences
- Members-only web access
- Leadership opportunities
- Networking
- Discounts

Reel Women

P.O. Box 92523
Austin, TX 78709
www.reelwomen.org

Mission and Goals

Reel Women is a support and resource group providing information, education, networking activities and opportunities for community service to women and others at all levels of experience in the film and video industries.

Services Offered

- Mentoring
- Networking
- Workshops
- Meetings with speakers

Meeting Information

Meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at The Picture Box Studio, 701 Tillery, Suite A-7, Austin, TX 78702.

Membership Requirements

No

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Discounts on workshops
- Screenings
- Special events
- Services
- Mentoring
- Advance notice of events

Reveille Group - Capital City A&M Club

www.austinags.org

Mission and Goals

The Reveille Group – Capital City A&M Club allows for networking and business development among Texas A&M alumni in Austin.

Services Offered

- Monthly keynote speaker lunches
- Cocktail receptions
- Various networking events

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly (date changes every month) at the Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX, 78701.

Membership Requirements

Membership dues are optional.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Network with other professionals within the Austin business community
- Business development opportunities
- Hear experts speak on various industry topics

Rice Alliance - Austin Chapter

Rice University, MS- 531, P.O. Box 2932
Houston, TX 77252-2932
www.austinricealliance.org
twitter.com/riceallianceATX

Mission and Goals

The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship is a non-profit organization that supports entrepreneurs and early stage companies. While the Austin Chapter of the Rice Alliance is supported by Rice University, members do not have to be associated with Rice University to attend Rice Alliance events or workshops or to be involved in the organization. Rice Alliance's mission is to support the vision of the organization by creating a forum for exchange and collaboration among the academic, business, engineering and science communities in Austin and Central Texas. Rice Alliance is a vehicle for the education and support of, and networking and collaboration between, inventors, innovators, investors, scientists and entrepreneurs in Central Texas, as well as the people and organizations who support their pursuit of technology and business endeavors.

Services Offered

- Networking/educational events and workshops. Networking/educational events
- Workshops

Meeting Information

Four or five major public events are held per year. Rice Alliance offers an intensive 9-week Entrepreneur's Workshop in collaboration with the Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) every spring and fall. Rice Alliance also co-sponsors with ATI bi-monthly symBIOsys events. Events take place at various locations around Austin.

Membership Requirements

No membership requirements. Connections and announcements are available through LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

Unique opportunities to meet and hear from successful and emerging entrepreneurs, investors, and others with insights into how to navigate the pathways to business success

Rotary Club of East Austin

1501 East 6th Street
Austin, TX 78702
www.main.org/rotary

Mission and Goals

The mission of Rotary International, a world wide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, promote high ethical standards, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Services Offered

- Community Service
- Community service
- Informational programs
- Networking

Meeting Information

Meetings are held every Tuesday 12:00 pm at Nuevo Leon Restaurant, 1601 E. 6th Street 78702

Membership Requirements

All are welcome to attend meetings. Membership is by invitation by a current member.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Community service
- Fellowship
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Leadership

Semantic Web Austin

3925 West Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759
www.semanticwebaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The goal of Semantic Web Austin is to position Austin as the leader in the semantic web technology space by creating a sustaining, self managing community of semantic web technical, business and investment professionals.

Services Offered

- Create and apply leading edge knowledge
- Retain, attract, and home-grow leading semantic web talent – both technical and business
- Bellwether for start ups and business applications in the semantic web technology space

Meeting Information

Meetings are held once a month. Meeting locations vary.

Membership Requirements

None

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

N/A

Society of Financial Service Professionals - Austin Chapter

P.O. Box 28226
Austin, TX 78755
www.fspaustin.org

Mission and Goals

The Society of Financial Service Professionals (FSP) is a professional association for credentialed insurance and financial advisors. The Austin Chapter, like the National Society, sets and promotes standards of excellence for professionals in financial services. Society members include graduates of The American College and other credentialed financial service professionals. FSP members' continuing commitment to advanced education and high ethical standards uniquely qualifies them to assist the public in achieving financial goals.

Services Offered

- Networking and educational meetings with presentations from speakers on a variety of topics that relate to the financial service industry
- Full calendar of events and meetings on FSP website at www.fspaustin.org

Meeting Information

Meeting times and locations vary. Visit www.fspaustin.org for more information.

Membership Requirements

Membership requirements vary depending on type of membership.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Bimonthly issues of the award-winning Journal of Financial Service Professionals
- FSP Archived Audio Conferences
- Free member referral service and listing for consumers
- Free Professional Interest Section with section newsletters & e-mail discussion groups that give members the opportunity to interact with professionals around the country in their practice area
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Continuing Education Programs - Almost all FSP programs offer CE credit for Insurance (CIE), CFP®, CLE, CPE, PACE, and ICB
- Search and research capabilities via an electronic information retrieval service for all Society publications
- Society e-Bulletin, FSP's monthly electronic newsletter with reference to member professions and the financial services industry, with links to more detailed material
- FSP's quarterly membership magazine, Society Page
- Informative meetings, provided by FSP local chapters
- Client education and support tools, online career center, vendor discounts & more

Southwest Movers Association

700 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701
www.southwestmovers.org

Mission and Goals

Southwest Movers Association (SMA) represents licensed household goods movers in Texas, thereby offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to use a reliable, honest mover to serve their moving needs. SMA enhances the professionalism and standards of the moving industry to protect the moving public. The Association hosts a consumer website which informs Texans of their rights and empowers them with helpful tips to be better prepared for their next move.

Services Offered

- Simulated move environment and training facility for mover employees
- Website with directory of licensed movers, vendors and consumer information
- Education seminars to promote and enhance membership standards
- Pinnacle Mover Certification and promotion
- Filed tariff of rates and charges
- Regulatory agency approved forms
- On-line training for movers at www.professionalmovertraining.com

Meeting Information

Three regularly scheduled meetings are held per year. Education seminars offered throughout the year.

Membership Requirements

Movers must be licensed by TxDMV. Vendor members offer services or supplies to movers.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Education and training for employees
- Mover/loader training certification
- Promotion of member companies to consumers
- Strategic positioning of SMA members with statewide media
- Pinnacle Mover Certification Program
- Networking with other movers
- SMA Foundation scholarship program
- Weekly fax/email industry information
- Magazine, The Bulletin
- Annual trade show
- Constant voice of the moving industry to state legislative and executive leadership

strataTX

823 Congress Avenue, Suite 650
Austin, TX 78701
www.stratatx.org

Mission and Goals

strataTX provides an opportunity for young professionals to network with a diverse cross-section of individuals in Austin in the creative industries from digital media and advertising to art, music, and film. strataTX is a giving group that brings together energetic young professionals from various backgrounds and industries to support creativity in the arts, culture, and economy. By assembling a community of innovators and thinkers, strataTX will accomplish their mission through the building of social capital, the forming of strategic partnerships, and the generation of fresh ideas.

Services Offered

- Monthly events provide networking opportunities and diverse cultural experiences
- strataTX aspires to expose their members to the best Austin has to offer in creative expression, both non-profit and commercial

Meeting Information

Meetings are held once a month at various locations.

Membership Requirements

Members are required to pay annual membership dues.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Social and cultural events throughout the year in Austin with VIP-only appeal
- Networking opportunities, social and professional
- Provide direct financial support to Texas Cultural Trust programs in its mission to elevate art education and heighten arts awareness statewide

Taylor Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

1519 North Main St.
Taylor, TX 76574
www.taylorchamber.org

Mission and Goals

The goal of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce is to support the local area business community of Taylor, Texas.

Services Offered

- Referrals
- Distribution of literature and brochures on local businesses, maps, and community information

Meeting Information

Chamber EXCHANGE (Business Community Meeting) - 3rd Monday of every month, 12 Noon at the Taylor Sirloin Stockade, 3607 North Main Street, Taylor, TX 76574.

Membership Requirements

Taylor Chamber of Commerce membership varies from \$45/year (Senior Individual members) to \$150/year (small business) to higher tiers dependent on number of employees.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Referrals
- Networking opportunities
- Support services
- Training classes

Texas Pest Control Association

P.O. Box 9128
Austin, TX 78766-9128
www.texaspest.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Texas Pest Control Association is to enhance the professionalism of the industry and to provide quality and relevant education to licensees. Texas Pest Control Association assists Texas pest control professionals to better protect the public health and property. Texas Pest Control Association provides legislative representation in Austin and Washington, DC.

Services Offered

- Continuing education and business education
- Regulatory support
- Business cost savings

Meeting Information

Three to four meetings are held per year. An annual convention is offered for members. Education workshops are available in El Paso and Lubbock.

Membership Requirements

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking with peers
- Cost saving programs
- Adhere to higher standard of business ethics
- Support with regulators
- Capitol updates

Texas Retailers Association

504 West 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701
www.txretailers.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Texas Retailers Association (TRA) is to be a strong advocate for the retail industry and to provide value-added services and programs pertinent to its members. TRA services small business owners by providing discounts on products and services to improve their bottom line and provide legislative and regulatory advocacy at the state and local level. TRA also provides educational opportunities live and online.

Services Offered

- Legislative and regulatory representation
- Online education
- Newsletters
- Industry updates

Meeting Information

Texas Retailers Association hosts two board meetings per year, monthly board conference calls, various education meetings, committee meetings, charity golf tournament, and Political Action Committee fundraisers. Visit the TRA website at www.txretailers.org for meeting times and locations.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to retailers, students or individuals or companies affiliated with the retail industry (supplier, consultant, etc.).

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Credit card processing
- Tax audit program
- Shipping discounts
- Property and casualty insurance
- Printing discounts
- Health insurance
- Electricity procurement
- Hot check recovery/collections
- Demographics and market segmentation solutions
- Point of sale software discounts
- Marketing strategies for independent retailers

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants - Austin CPA Chapter

3305 Northland Drive, Suite 406
Austin, TX 78731
www.cpascount.org

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants Austin Chapter is to elevate the standards of proficiency, integrity, and character of the accounting profession, and to cultivate professional cooperation and social interaction among CPA members.

Members are licensed Texas CPAs uniquely qualified to assist businesses and entrepreneurs in all aspects of their financial futures.

Services Offered

- Free online “Find a CPA” service

Meeting Information

Two social events are held per year. Quarterly happy hours are held at various locations around Austin.

Membership Requirements

Members must be licensed Texas CPAs in good standing with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Education
- Networking
- Community service

The CleanTX Foundation

4707 Greystone Drive
Austin, TX 78731
www.cleantx.org

Mission and Goals

The CleanTX Foundation provides the networking and educational environment for professionals interested in building the Texas clean technology community. The CleanTX Foundation's mission is to promote entrepreneurship in the field of clean technology and renewable energy in Texas, by providing educational forums, content, awareness and networking opportunities for executives, entrepreneurs, investors, analysts, and policy makers to share real-world experiences and challenges in the field. The CleanTX Foundation will also schedule ad hoc events when clean technology leaders are available to travel to Austin. CleanTX will also announce and support workshops and demonstrations of new technologies in the community and will highlight Austin's growing list of cleantech successes.

The CleanTX Foundation (501c3) will continue to coordinate the events and partnerships necessary to extend Clean Technology educational leadership in Central Texas, deliver new programs, and expand the services offered to the CleanTX community.

Services Offered

- Monthly CleanTX Forums
- Quarterly SEEN (Solar Energy Entrepreneurs' Network) events

Meeting Information

CleanTX Forums are held monthly and SEEN events are held quarterly. Meeting locations include Austin City Hall, The Long Center, Sholz' Garten, and The West Pickle Research Center.

Membership Requirements

SEEN events are free (RSVP required). There is a \$20 charge for the CleanTX Forums.

Fees/Dues

No

Benefits for Membership

Specific community benefits include:

- To bring the cleantech community together to be educated on leading topics in the arena
- Attract outside talent to Austin to present national and international topics
- Assist and recruit new companies to locate in Austin and to do business here
- Reach more of the Texas Community by hosting more events, broadcasting to other cities and building a community portal

The Holistic Chamber of Commerce ~ Austin

8600 State Hwy 71 West, #637
Austin, TX 79735
<http://austin.holisitchamberofcommerece.com>

Mission and Goals

To help consumers find and access high quality holistic and eco-friendly professionals and practitioners offering products and services for health, lifestyle and business.

Services Offered

We connect HCC Professional Members to those seeking new options and solutions for today's challenges. We represent chiropractors, acupuncturists, homeopaths, naturopaths, energy medicine practitioners as well as more traditional professionals (webmasters, business and marketing experts, attorneys and accountants) who work from a holistic point-of-view.

Meeting Information

The second Wednesday of every month, from 6:45 – 8:00 PM, at Casa de Luz restaurant, 1701 Toomey Road, Austin, TX 78704.

Membership Requirements

Submit application for Member Directory listing along with three (3) colleagues and/or clients as references.

Fees/Dues

\$95 annual dues. One-time \$35 processing fee.

Benefits for Membership

- Professional Member listing at www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com
- Listing in our Facebook Member Directory
- Network with like-minded professionals and practitioners
- Member Website Badges to enhance your website
- Member Certificate to frame for your office
- Affordable Professional Liability Insurance
- Discounts on business-related products, services and advertising (e-mail marketing, promotional items, advertising, QuickBooks set-up and training, professional liability insurance, website services, et al.)
- Access to our office for business-building advice
- Business-building education

The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.

98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 501
Austin, TX 78701
www.recaonline.com

Mission and Goals

The mission of the Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc. (RECA) is to be an effective resource and advocate for the interests of the real estate industry and to promote and sustain the Greater Austin region as an outstanding community where all its citizens have the opportunity to find meaningful employment, affordable housing and outstanding education within a clean and safe environment. RECA believes that achieving a sustainable balance of economic, social and environmental interests is critical to the long-term vitality of the Austin community.

RECA is a member-oriented organization committed to economic development and real estate-related issues in one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. It is a non-profit corporation 501 (c) (6) created January 15, 1991.

Services Offered

- Monthly membership luncheons featuring interesting speakers on timely topics
- Networking happy hours
- Community service events
- Charitable activities
- Website with online membership directory, job postings, and other resources for members

Meeting Information

Committee meetings, luncheons and networking events are held at various times throughout the week. Committee meetings are located at RECA's Offices, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 501, Austin, TX 78701. Luncheons are held at the Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX 78701 and networking events are held at various locations.

Membership Requirements

Members must pay membership dues.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- RECA advocates for the commercial real estate industry at all levels of government
- RECA keeps its members informed and provides opportunities to network and do business
- E-mail alerts and Hot Topics posted on the web site
- Electronic bi-weekly newsletter, The Hot Sheet
Monthly regional electronic newsletter, The Regional Review

The Rotary Club of Austin Centennial

10903 Pecan Park Boulevard
Austin, TX 78750
www.rotary5870.com

Mission and Goals

Rotary is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million Business Leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace. Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Lunch meetings held on the second through the last Tuesday of the month from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. A Membership Social and Network meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. All meetings are held at Freda's Seafood Grill, 10903 Pecan Park Blvd., Austin, TX 78750.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to business professionals in a vocation accepted by members and sponsored by a member of the Club.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Make a difference in the local community and around the world
- Meet and get to know business professionals in the local community
- Members foster relationships with business owners and leaders in the local community that can help member businesses grow

The Society for Marketing Professional Services

P.O. Box 303096
Austin, TX 78703
www.austinsmps.org

Mission and Goals

The Austin Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services focuses on the needs of marketers and business developers in the architectural, engineering and construction community, along with related strategic partners.

Services Offered

- National marketing and management conference
- National seminars and workshops
- Awards programs, publications and educational resources to highlight the latest trends and best practices in marketing and business development in the design and construction industries
- Educational events and regular meetings nationwide

Meeting Information

Monthly lunch programs focus on opportunities in Central Texas and feature influential owners and community leaders as panelists. Luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the UT Club, 2108 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78712. There is an educational program on the fourth Thursday of each month. Visit the website at www.austinsmps.org for more information on upcoming programs.

Membership Requirements

Please note the cost for joining SMPS is \$355.00 plus a \$50.00 origination fee. The cost for renewing is \$355. Non-members can attend meetings for a higher registration fee.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Reduced registration fees for luncheons, lunch & learns, conferences and workshops
- Free job bank postings & webinars
- Ability to check out, free of charge, webinars from the chapter library
- Free December Networking and Awards Lunch
- Early registration notice of events with limited participation
- Member newsletter
- Opportunities for committee/board participation
- National listserv and membership directory
- Career center
- Free subscription to Marketer magazine
- Free online professional resource

The Writers League of Texas

611 South Congress Ave, Suite 505

Austin, TX 78704

www.writersleague.org

Mission and Goals

The Writers' League of Texas is a non-profit professional organization whose primary purpose is to provide a forum for information, support, and sharing among writers, to help members improve and market their writing skills, and to promote the interests of writers and the writing community.

Services Offered

- Marketing opportunities at events
- Promotion, sponsorships, exhibition spaces, program advertising, and tote-bag insertions

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Writers' League of Texas office, 611 South Congress, Suite 130, Austin, TX 78704.

Membership Requirements

None

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

Programs, events, products, and contests to advance members' writing careers

The Young Execs of Austin

106 East 6th Street, Suite 900
Austin, TX 78701
www.youngexecs.net
www.facebook.com/yeaustin
@yeaustin

Mission and Goals

The goal of The Young Execs of Austin is to form leaders, friendships and foundations through action.

Services Offered

- Professional Development, Network Connection, Wellness, Community Engagement
Professional development
- Network connection
- Wellness
- Community engagement

Meeting Information

Meetings are held 2 to 3 times monthly at various venues, mostly in downtown Austin.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to individuals under the age of 40 who are passionate about growth and involvement in the community.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- The Young Execs focuses its efforts in 3 areas: Connection, Engagement, Wellness.
- Connection: Networking events that are more than just exchanging business cards by providing professional development and access to local leaders. Ex: VIP night hosted by Austin Toros COO, Peter Lubell
- Engagement: The Young Execs of Austin give their time and actions to help the youth in Austin, not always just by fund raising. These experiences also create lasting connections and relationships beyond the all too-common superficial networking. Ex: Volunteering with Urban Roots and learning about sustainable farming from local students
- Wellness: Good health leads to a higher quality and more productive life. The Young Execs of Austin have monthly events to encourage personal wellness that also lead to better connection with other motivated young professionals. Ex: Hikes on Enchanted Rock, free bootcamps, and intramural teams

TiE Austin

3925 West Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759
www.austin.tie.org

Mission and Goals

TiE is a global non-profit organization for fostering entrepreneurship globally. TiE is present in 13 countries, 55 locations and in 5 continents.

TiE is an inclusive organization and its membership and benefits are available to anyone interested in working with and supporting the entrepreneurial community. TiE focuses its energies on creating business opportunities, maintaining relationships through networking and nurturing entrepreneurship in the Greater Austin community.

Services Offered

- Networking
- Education
- Mentorship

Meeting Information

Meetings usually held once a month with additional networking opportunities every other month. Usual Institutes on the second Tuesday of each month at MCC, 3925 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78759, or a venue that has been publicized to the general public and members alike.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to those who desire to approach business through entrepreneurial endeavors and to help others in their pursuit of success.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Networking opportunities
- Mentorship
- Educational and business acceleration techniques
Connections in the Austin Metropolitan area

Wisdom at Work

13604 Caldwell Drive, #65
Austin, TX 78705
www.wisdomatworkaustin.org

Mission and Goals

Founded on the belief that the adventure of work is a spiritual practice, Wisdom at Work provides insightful learning, authentic connection and the opportunity to transform organizations through their monthly luncheons, evening events, sponsored workshops and online resources. Drawing on the wisdom, practices and inspired examples of a wide range of innovative thinkers, successful business leaders and insightful consultants, Wisdom at Work provides a sense of community and practical tools to explore the meaningful journey of work.

Services Offered

- Monthly luncheons with speakers
- Sponsored workshops
- Evening discussion groups
- Occasional social events

Meeting Information

Monthly Luncheons are held every fourth Friday of the month from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM. Quarterly "Getting Wisdom to Work" Workshops from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Friday afternoons. Various social gatherings held at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 9503 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78759. See the website at www.wisdomatworkaustin.org for dates and more details.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to those with an interest in making the workplace a more positive environment and a curiosity for exploring the integration of wisdom and the experience of work.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Authentic networking
- Community of practice and support
- Discounts for local merchants and consultants
- Intellectual stimulation
- Leadership and communication skill development
- Health and spiritual wellbeing

Women Presidents' Organization - Central Texas Chapter

155 East 55th Street, Suite 411
New York, NY 10022
www.womenpresidentsorg.com

Mission and Goals

Women Presidents' Organization is a non-profit membership organization whose members are a diverse group of entrepreneurial women presidents who have guided their businesses to generate at least \$2 million in annual sales for a product or \$1 million for a service-based business. Each chapter serves as a peer advisory group. The synergy of the group empowers members to achieve increased business and financial success as well as individual growth. The international organization, headquartered in New York, is supported by a group of national sponsors committed to the role women presidents play in the business and financial communities and who are active partners in growing the organization.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Meetings are held monthly for 3 hours in San Marcos to accommodate members from Austin and San Antonio. Please contact Joanie Schwartz, jhschwartz65@yahoo.com, for additional information.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to those approved based on membership application.

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Monthly meetings with a peer advisory group and professional facilitator
- Highly individualized support
- Innovative ideas and problem solving
- Annual conference
- Annual online directory
- Webcast conferences with nationally-known leadership speakers
- Preferential benefits from national and local sponsors
- Monthly newsletters

Women's Business Council - Southwest

2201 North Collins Street
Arlington, TX 76011
www.wbcswsouthwest.org

Mission and Goals

The Women's Business Council Southwest (WBCS) provides members access to corporate procurement decision-makers. Every event, program, and tool that the WBCS provides to members has the purpose of increasing their procurement opportunities. WBCS wants to facilitate mutually-beneficial procurement opportunities among women business enterprises (WBE) and Sustaining Members. Sustaining Members include corporations, businesses, government entities, institutions and other organizations.

Services Offered

- Certification
- Procurement
- Networking
- Educational programs

Meeting Information

Quarterly events are held in Dallas, Austin, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Membership Requirements

Membership requires at least fifty-one percent ownership of a company by a woman or women, proof of effective management and control of the business, documented evidence of contribution of capital and/or expertise, and U.S. Citizenship or Legal Resident A

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Procurement events provide access to corporate and government contracting opportunities
- Access to Corporate WBE Programs encourages WBEs to compete for contracts
- Networking events throughout the year
- Individual appointments with Sustaining (corporate) Members specifically match WBCS's capabilities with members' procurement needs
- Educational Programs conducted in collaboration with nationally-recognized experts in small business management
- A mentoring program matches WBEs with other WBEs for goal-specific mentoring
- Table Topic Luncheons
- Parade of Stars Awards Gala recognizes outstanding WBE and Sustaining Members
- Regional Directory of Certified WBEs and Sustaining Members
- Done Deals™ program advertises the business conducted between WBE and Sustaining Members and tracks the total dollar amount

Young Men's Business League of Austin

P.O. Box 684980
Austin, TX 78768
www.austinytbl.org

Mission and Goals

The Young Men's Business League (YMBL), founded in 1913, is one of the oldest and most respected social service organizations in Austin. It enables men to grow professionally by working with others toward a common mission: to provide programs for deserving children in Austin and the surrounding area which aid in their professional development and teach the skills necessary to succeed in school and in life. In short, we are a non-profit, non-political organization, dedicated to taking the risk out of Austin's at-risk youth.

Services Offered

N/A

Meeting Information

Meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM (reservations required). Meetings held at the Headliners Club, Chase Building, 221 West 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Membership Requirements

- Partake in at least one special event
- Volunteer with Sunshine Camp activities
- Raise at least \$330 in individual fundraising

Fees/Dues

Yes

Benefits for Membership

- Opportunity to give back to needy children of Austin
- Year-round social activities
- Vast business and personal networking opportunities