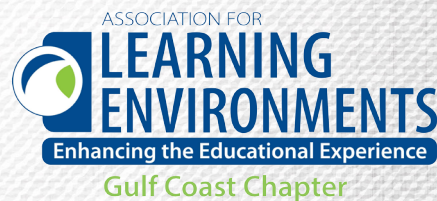


GULF COAST CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017



President's Pen

Greetings Gulf Coast Members,

It was a busy summer on the gulf coast with the opening of new schools, renovation of existing campuses and all the standard things that needed to happen before the school year began. Along the way the Gulf Coast Chapter was able to get together to tour some great facilities in Alvin ISD and Houston ISD, and even weather a little storm called Harvey. Thanks to all the members locally and across the state as well as those that were part of the Disaster Recovery Task Force that provided support and volunteered their time to the recovery efforts.

This past October, a number of you attended the International Conference in Atlanta which was a great success. The conference offered a number of interesting learning sessions that gave us many new perspectives on learning environments from across the country and the world. The chapter also requested nominations for three open positions on the board; we are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Kassman with Katy ISD, Stephanie Foster with Tandus Centiva and Rusty Deborde with Raba-Kistner as the newest members to the Gulf Coast Board. The board positions for the upcoming year will be as follows:

- *President: Dillon Brady*
- *President – Elect: Daniel Brewster*
- *Past President: Todd Lien*
- *Secretary: Easy Foster*
- *Communications Coordinator: Rusty Deborde*
- *Membership Coordinator: Elizabeth Kassman*
- *Treasurer: Cory Junemann*
- *Programs Coordinator: Stephanie Foster*

I would also like to thank all of the current and former members of the board for helping me in the role of President over the last year and continuing to make the Gulf Coast Chapter a success.

Sincerely,

Todd J. Lien, AIA

— COMING UP —

Winter Social Event Membership Mixer

January 11, 2018 | 6:00 PM
Saint Arnold Brewery
2000 Lyons Avenue
Houston, TX 77020

Bridgeland High School Tour

February 15, 2018 | TBD
10707 Mason Road
Cypress, TX 77433

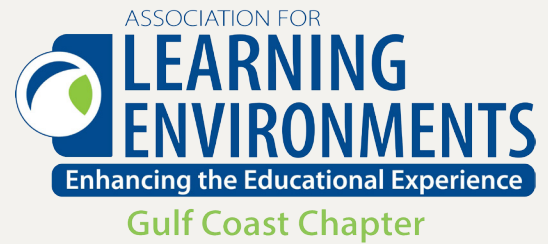


A4LE Southern Region Conference

April 4–7, 2018 | Waco, TX

A4LE International LearningSCAPES

November 1–4, 2018 | Chicago, IL



Why do I need to be a member of A4LE?

This is a question I am asked by my finance department each year as the membership dues are due and the PO for the check is issued. Each year I regurgitate the same response that satisfies the bean counters and gets the check approved and out in the mail. I generally mention the simple item of credit we receive for continuing education that helps with maintaining my professional credentials. The statement is simple and effective and so far has proven to be infallible. However, membership in A4LE is so much more. Time is precious, we are all busy and we need to invest our time where we will get the largest return on the investment. I find that A4LE participation is a worthy investment that returns a great deal more than I ever thought.

As an organization, we provide continuing education credits at our conferences, tours and best practices sessions. On top of the credit documentation, there are valuable insights and wisdom shared by the presenters that can be directly applied to our daily work. We also provide a unique environment for networking. Each of our events is designed to maximize the opportunity for people to meet and greet each other. Our membership is made up from School District personnel, Charter School personnel, Architects, Engineers, Suppliers and Vendors that all share a common passion for the built educational environment. This organization is a collaborative body where everyone has the opportunity to share freely and learn from others.

As a chapter, we organize tours of educational facilities in our region so that we can share what innovations are being implemented into active, real world scenarios. We get to see firsthand where the rubber meets the road. We also organize social events and mixers to further networking opportunities and give folks a chance to get to know one another in a relaxed environment.

As a region, we organize conferences and symposiums where we are able to receive information, influence and collaborate with professionals from all over the country and the world.

All in all membership in A4LE offers an organization the opportunity to keep up to speed with current trends, innovations and practices by providing a forum for communication across disciplines and throughout the country.

We are all responsible for building up the membership base. Please reach out to your clients and colleagues and encourage them to invest in membership so that they can tap into the resources we offer and we can add new perspectives for others to share.

Gulf Coast Chapter Officers–August 1–July 31

President

Dillon Brady
 Cy-Fair ISD

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Todd Lien
 VLK Architects

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Rusty Deborde
 Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.

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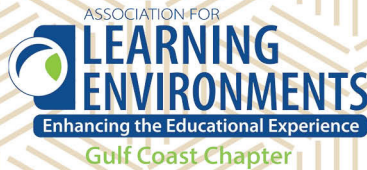
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SAVE THE DATE

WINTER SOCIAL EVENT MEMBERSHIP MIXER



JANUARY 11, 2018 | 6:00 PM

**SAINT ARNOLD
BREWING COMPANY**

2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston, TX 77020



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Gulf Coast Chapter Sporting Clays Event—November 27, 2017

The annual A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Sporting Clays Event was held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Greater Houston Gun Club. This was a new venue for our event and everyone seemed to really enjoy the new location. We had 134 attendees that tried a new tournament format that was well received by all. The event was also blessed with perfect weather...what more could you ask for? Everyone had a great time and most importantly we raised...

over \$19,000 for flood relief.

Please mark your calendars for next year, *November 26, 2018* at the same place.



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