

MEET THE SPEAKERS

DR. HASAN ATIYEH is an Associate Professor in Biosystems Engineering at Oklahoma State University. He obtained his PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Ottawa in Canada in 2003. Dr. Atiyeh has over 14 years combined academic and industrial work experience in bioprocessing, gas and sugar fermentations, minimization of water usage in processing, reactor design and process scale up. Dr. Atiyeh has authored over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, two book chapters and over 140 invited and technical presentations at national and international meetings. He has four U.S. patent applications. Dr. Atiyeh is a senior member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), and a member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).



COLE ATKINSON serves as the Pre-Engineering Coordinator for Moore Norman Technology Center. Mr. Atkinson has been an educator for 19 years as a teacher, advisor, recruiter, and facilitator. Currently as a Pre-Engineering coordinator, he coordinates the PLTW Pre-Engineering program on six different campuses with 9 teachers and over 470 students. Also, he serves as the liaison with partner schools, an academic advisor for students and coordinates recruitment activities.



J. REID BAILEY, P.E., Senior Engineer at GeoStabilization has 22 years of experience with design-build solutions for soil / infrastructure interaction failures. He is a licensed registered professional engineer in North Carolina and Guam. He has engineered and implemented creative design-build solutions to geohazards, such as: bridge abutment rehabilitation, landslides, rockfall, sinkholes, scour, severe erosion, and retaining system failures.

Reid is the point of contact for geohazard solutions in the Southeastern United States for GeoStabilization International. Reid has a BS in Engineer from the University of Georgia with a Specialization in Soil and Water Mechanics.

GOLNAZ BASSIRI, P.E. is a registered professional engineer with a M.S. and B.S. in Mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University. She is a Senior Strategic Initiatives Engineer at Matrix PDM Engineering, subsidiary of Matrix Service Company. She has been working at Matrix PDM Engineering for over 9 years. Her responsibilities at Matrix PDM Engineering were through various roles working as a design engineer, project engineer, R&D engineer and project manager. Her experiences have been in design, analysis and assessment of fit for service of storage tanks and floating roofs in according to API 650, 620, 653, and 579 and ASME pressure vessels. In her current role, she has been involved in strategic planning of company as well as taking leadership roles in various initiatives taking place.



DR. JEREMY BOAK started as Director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey in July 2015. He served as the Co-Chair of the Oil Shale Symposia, 2006-2015, a role he started as Director of the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research (COSTAR) at the Colorado School of Mines. He was an environmental and nuclear materials project manager at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and manager for performance assessment of Yucca Mountain at the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) in Nevada. Dr. Boak was an exploration geologist at ARCO Oil and Gas, Inc., in Anchorage, Denver, and Bakersfield. He received his doctorate in Geological Sciences from Harvard University, for work on the 3.8 billion year old Isua supracrustal suite, West Greenland. He received AB and MS degrees from Harvard and an MS from the University of Washington, all in Geological Sciences.



LYNNSEE BOYSE is currently the Project Manager on the design-build Oklahoma State Capitol Restoration project. Her role consists of coordinating with the design-build team on day to day issues that are encountered due to the nature of restoring a 100-year-old building, coordinating the completion of the design and ensuring we stay within the current project budget, and coordinating with the owner to ensure the project is being delivered in accordance to their expectations.



After graduating high school she attended The University of Oklahoma where she began her studies in architecture. Boyse transitioned to a degree within the Construction Science Division during her freshman year after learning more about what a career in construction had to offer. Being able to build buildings that shape our communities and impact the lives of many people is a rewarding experience that offers a lasting legacy.

DAVID BURAL, P.E. is a Design Engineer with The Charles Machine Works. He holds an AS from Rose State College, a BSME from The University of Oklahoma, and has been a licensed professional engineer since 2014. He has worked for The Charles Machine Works since 2008. In that time, he has spent over eight years designing Ditch Witch® vacuum excavation equipment used to safely expose utilities. David and his wife, Shannon, along with their two children reside in Edmond Oklahoma.



JARED CANUTESON, P.E. graduated from Texas A&M University in 2002 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He began his career at North Texas Municipal Water District as an environmental engineer involved with the water, wastewater, and landfill operations assessment and permitting. In 2006, Jared joined Half Associates in the general civil engineering team assisting with water and wastewater replacements as well as land development. With the start of an oil and gas team in 2007, he began designing upstream infrastructure, such as pad sites and frac ponds. In 2014, he moved to the midstream side of the industry through an acquisition of a



small midstream engineering firm, which became the Halff Oil & Gas subsidiary, Halff TriTex. In 2015, Jared became an engineering manager for Halff TriTex and is now a Vice President overseeing the pipeline engineering team. Jared holds PE licenses in 7 states, primarily in the south region. He also currently serves on the North Texas Gas Processors Association's Scholarship Committee.

RAMA CHALLA has more than 25 years of experience in engineering and management related to hydrocarbon, chemical, LNG, Industrial and nuclear facilities. At Matrix PDM Engineering, Challa has a dual role. He leads the AST, Sphere and Special Structures engineering business line. In addition, he manages strategic initiatives supporting expansion into new E, EP and EPC markets. Rama is a subject matter expert in design and detailing, estimating, planning, and scheduling of steel plate structures and turnkey industrial facilities.



Rama is active in American Petroleum Institute (API) in the Committee on Refining Equipment (CRE). He is Chair of Task Group for Cryogenic and Refrigerated tanks, member of the LPG Facilities task group and subgroup fabrication. He also contributes to the construction industry institute (CII). Rama has a Ph.D. in engineering from Iowa State, a certificate in management from TU and is a graduate of the executive leadership program from UT Austin. He is registered as a professional engineer in multiple states in both US and Canada.

BRANDON CLABORN, P.E., CFM currently serves as the Manager of the Hydrology and Hydraulics Group of Meshek & Associates, LLC in Tulsa, OK. His expertise focuses on the development of hydrology and hydraulic models for small individual problem areas and large basin wide systems. He is currently the Project Manager for the STATE OF OKlahoma's CTP projects, the Storm Water Master Plan for the City of Moore and the Imhoff Creek Stream Restoration Project for the City of Norman. Mr. Claborn has a B.S. and an M.S. in Biosystems Engineering from Oklahoma State University and is a Professional Engineer and Certified Floodplain Manager in the State of Oklahoma.



CHRISSEY CONNER is an experienced recruiter and consultant who focuses on the engineering and technology industries. Chrissy has placed thousands of people in successful organizations for almost 20 years. With Conner International, LLC, she is a recruiter, workforce strategist, and career coach. Chrissy is passionate about helping others reach both their career and personal goals.

ADRIANNE COVINGTON GRAHAM specializes in community engagement, advocacy, program development, strategic planning, and program implementation in her role as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Engineering Foundation (OEF). Adrienne is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she earned a BA in Administrative Leadership and a Master's of Human Relations with an emphasis in Organizational Development. Additionally, Adrienne holds professional certifications in Organizational Training & Development, Leadership Management, and is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City, Class 33.



Adrienne is an education advocate and currently serves on the Youth Leadership Exchange Board and is a founding partner in the Central Oklahoma Regional STEM Alliance (COSTEMA). As the mother of a STEM college student, she understands the importance of providing a quality STEM education at an early age. This is the basis of her desire to increase STEM education programs in Oklahoma as well as provide resources for educators and parents to spark STEM interest in students at all grade levels.

DARREL GLENN COX holds a Bachelors of Math Education and Masters of Education from Oklahoma State University and a Masters of Industrial Engineering from New Mexico State University. Glenn served 21 years as a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2010. Glenn began teaching in Mid-Del schools in August of 2013. He has been the Pre-Engineering Teacher at Mid-Del Technology Center since May 2016. Before that he taught Pre-Engineering at Midwest City High School and Carl Albert High School as well as 7th grade math and technology at Kerr Middle School in Del City, Oklahoma.



MICHAEL CRAIN, P.E. has 17 years of experience in Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), utility coordination (UC), and management for a wide range of transportation and major utility infrastructure projects. Michael has extensive experience working with state DOT's in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana for large- and small-scale transportation projects, as well as municipalities, electric providers, and oil & gas companies. He has worked on large billion dollar design build projects in Texas, such as the DFW Connector Project and North Tarrant Express Project. Michael is a licensed Professional Engineer in 17 states, including Oklahoma, where he has worked with the Oklahoma DOT as a Utility Coordination Service Provider since 2010. Michael earned his bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering and Architecture from Texas Tech University and is a member of several professional and industry-related associations, including the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).



CHAD DAVIS, P.E. received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, M.S. degree in electrical engineering, and Ph.D. degree in engineering from the University of Oklahoma, in 1994, 2000, and 2007, respectively. Since 2008, he has been a member of the Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty at OU and serves as one of the primary advisors for ECE students and is one of the three faculty members that serve on the ECE Undergraduate Committee. He currently teaches technical courses in circuits, electromechanical systems, electronics, and control theory. He also serves as the course coordinator and one of the instructors for the Professional Development course at OU where over 500 engineering students each year are taught important topics outside their technical course load.



DAVID D'AMICO, P.E., F.NSPE is Principal at D'Amico Engineering Technology, Inc. He Provides the company's engineering and administrative staff with more than 29 years of experience in the programming, management and design of transportation, land development and civil engineering projects. Extensive experience includes the detailed project management, design and construction of highways, airport elements, rail, commercial, industrial, and residential land use projects, hydrology/hydrologic studies and designs, traffic signal design and traffic analysis studies, utilities, environmental permitting (EIS Process) and development of contract documents. Management experience includes the development and tracking of project controls for a total project delivery system from conception to construction completion and operations. He serves as the NSPE Director of the Northeast Region.



JORGE DELUCCA is the Compliance Assistance Specialist and Voluntary Protection Program Coordinator at the OSHA Oklahoma City Area Office. He served in the US Air Force for 20 years, most of it as a Bioenvironmental Engineer. He started working for OSHA as an industrial hygienist at the Dallas Area Office in 2003 and transferred to the Oklahoma City Area Office in 2008. Prior to OSHA he was Environmental Health and Safety Engineer at Eaton Corporation in Shawnee, Oklahoma, for 6 years and an adjunct instructor of Environmental Science and Ethics at the University of Phoenix in Oklahoma City from 2001 to 2003. He has a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, a Master of Arts in Business Administration from Webster University, and is a Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist.



KELLY DUKE is a respected recruiter and business owner who has been placing Engineers for more than a decade. Kelly is passionate about her work and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Oklahoma Engineering Foundations for 4 years and has been involved with great programs such as STEM and others. Kelly has hundreds of endorsements for recruiting, engineering, leadership, and more.

TROY DUXBURY, S.C. graduated from South Dakota State University with his bachelors in engineering. Troy serves LSC as a liaison between technical products and industry engineers, regulators, and customers while managing large projects and ongoing diversification efforts specifically in alternative markets. Troy is informed at a technical level in all of LSC's offerings and actively communicates and works with LSC's team of Regional sales managers, Directors, and company Presidents.



DR. SHANNON FERRELL grew up on a cattle and wheat operation in Western Oklahoma, and went to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University. He then received his juris doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. After law school, Shannon spent a number of years in private practice, focusing on environmental, energy and corporate law. He served as president of the Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council in 2006 and helped establish the Hall Estill firm's Renewable Energy Practice Group before joining OSU in the summer of 2007. He continues to work with the wind energy industry, helping landowners negotiate wind energy development agreements and assisting with the development of legislation for the industry. He served as one of the principal drafters for the Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Act, the Oklahoma Airspace Severance Restriction Act, and the Exploration Rights Act of 2011.

Since joining Oklahoma State University, he has provided over 400 extension seminars and workshops with a cumulative audience in excess of nearly 25,000. He has also authored seven regulatory handbooks and numerous other extension publications designed to make complex legal issues understandable for agricultural producers.

STEVEN L. FOWLER is a native of Oklahoma. He graduated from Newcastle High School, where he raised and showed cattle and was a competitive public speaker through FFA. He went on to attend Oklahoma State University where he earned a BS and an MS in Biosystems Engineering. While finishing his bachelor's degree he also completed a minor in Mathematics. Today, Steve is an Engineering Professor at Rose State College where he is able to combine his engineering education with the leadership, interpersonal, and public speaking skills he began developing as early as high school.



BELINDA GATES, ACC, retired as an owner of a 100+ person architectural/engineering/design-build firm in 2010 and has since pursued her passion to support and inspire others to achieve success. Belinda's leadership development and executive coaching services supports engineers and architects, utilities and manufacturing companies and other corporate clients.



She supports professional development and other strategic initiatives through one-on-one and team coaching as well as leadership retreats and strategic planning services.

She retired from Lockett & Farley Architects and Engineers, where she served the marketing, business development, client management and strategic direction of the firm for 17 years. Belinda began her career as a Marketing Coordinator and continued to advance within the company until she was an owner, a position she held for 9 years. Prior to that, Belinda owned an advertising agency that specialized in the commercial aviation industry.

RHONDA F. GREEN, P.E. has enjoyed a career in Aerospace Engineering for the past 37 years. Distinguished Toastmaster Rhonda is currently a Structural Material Review Board Liaison Engineer. In her job she designs repairs for damaged aircraft structure. Rhonda received a Bachelors of Science and Masters degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on Structures. She currently works at Triumph Aerostructures Group, Tulsa. Rhonda provides intra-company training on Presentation Skills, Conflict Resolution, Meeting Management and Professional Development.



Rhonda has been a member of Toastmasters for 10 years. She has always served as a club officer to improve her leadership skills. She has been recently elected to the highest Toastmasters Leadership Officer in the State of Oklahoma, The District Director, responsible for the District budget and all Education, Training, Marketing and Memberhis programs.

WILLARD GUSTAFSON is the Senior GIS Specialist at Meshek & Associates LLC, where he has been employed since 2008. He earned a Masters Degree in Geography from the University of Montana in 2002 and currently holds a Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP) Certification. He is heavily involved in the South Central Arc Users Group (SCAUG), a regional GIS professional organization, and is currently serving his 3rd elected term as the Oklahoma Representative on the Executive Board. Willard has over 20 years of diverse GIS experience including satellite imagery analysis, wildlife research, GIS/GPS survey, 3D modeling, LiDAR processing, UAV data collection, and GIS application development.



SUSAN HARMON has worked for Charles Machine Works for 18 years in the areas of quality, design and product safety and compliance. She attended Oklahoma State University and is a licensed mechanical engineer.



ZACHARY HOLLANDSWORTH, P.E., CFM is a project engineer for the Oklahoma Dam Safety Program. He has completed several dam breach inundation maps for high hazard-potential dams in Oklahoma, as well as many others for the purpose of hazard-potential evaluation. Zachary is in charge of reviewing the hydrology and hydraulics for dam construction and rehabilitation, performs inspections of low hazard-potential dams, and is experienced in using GIS programs for the development of the Dam Safety Program. Zachary has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He has been a part of the State Dam Safety Program since 2010.



VASILEIOS KALOGIROU (“VAS”), RPLS, PLS started his surveying career in his family’s privately owned surveying business in Greece in the early 90’s. While working in the surveying industry he received a 5-year Bachelor’s Degree in Land Surveying Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Greece in 2001. At the end of the same year he received his license as a Professional Land Surveyor in Greece and he then moved to the United Kingdom where he received his Master Degree in Geographical Information Systems in 2003. At the end of 2003 he served his mandatory military service in the Greek Artillery where he continued working as a surveyor for various military exercises. Vas moved to Dallas in 2005 after the completion of his military service and started working for Halff Associates.



He has managed several commercial improvement, platting, right-of-way, design-build, FEMA Elevation Certificates, Oil & Gas and topographic surveying projects in the Dallas Metroplex, Huntsville, Wichita Falls, West Texas, East Texas and New Mexico. Vas received his RPLS license in Texas in 2010 and has been coordinating the RPLS & SIT study groups in the DFW area since then. He then received his PLS license in Oklahoma in 2013, in New Mexico in 2014 and Louisiana in 2015.

REX KLENTZMAN, P.E. Graduated from Texas A&M University in 2003 with a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. He is the Engineering Support Manager for URETEK ICR and in that role he provides engineering support on polymer grouting projects across the nation. Rex coordinates with local engineers regarding URETEK projects and provides engineering guidance on a project by project basis.



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STACY LONG has worked for Charles Machine Works for 5 years in the areas of marketing and product safety and compliance. She attended Oklahoma State University and received her degree in Fire Protection and Safety.



GEORGE LOUTHAN serves as the Director of the Tandy Supercomputing Center, an initiative of the Oklahoma Innovation Institute in Tulsa, OK, that provides high performance computing resources to the Tulsa region. He joined the institute as a volunteer in 2011, becoming OII's first full time employee in late 2012. He holds degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Tulsa, as well as all 6 National Information Assurance Training Standards certificates from the Committee on National Security Systems. Before moving to high performance computing, he worked in information security and research software. In 2014 he was honored in the Tulsa Business and Legal News Tulsa 40 class of community leaders under 40. He has served on the City of Tulsa's Open Source and Open Data steering committee, is a Co-Lead of the OneOklahoma Cyberinfrastructure Initiative, and serves on the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance Advisory Council.

JEFF LUX, P.E. received his BS and MS in Geological Engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology. His MS program focused on the investigation and remediation of environmental contaminants in the environment. Upon receiving his Master's Degree, he came to Oklahoma City to work in Engineering Services for Kerr-McGee Corporation. He has managed environmental investigations and cleanups at chemical plants, creosote treating facilities, refineries, and nuclear facilities.



In 2005, He was invited to present "Decommissioning Lessons Learned" to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in Rockville, MD, and in 2006, a paper on the characterization of radioactive material in soil to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Athens, Greece. He now works for Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company in Oklahoma City, focusing on consulting on the evaluation and remediation of both naturally occurring and man-made radioactive material.

DR. GENNARO G. MARINO, PH.D., P.E. received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering in 1985, from the University of Illinois. His thesis topic was related to mine subsidence and structural response to subsidence over room and pillar mines. Dr. Marino presently has a P.E. license in 25 states and is a member of ASCE, SME, and ASTM. As a committee member of ASTM, Dr. Marino reviews soil and rock testing procedures. Dr. Marino is also the chairman of the American Bar Association's Expert Witness Civil Engineering subcommittee.



Working in the area of mine subsidence for over 37 years in various ore fields in the U.S., Dr. Marino has researched and consulted on all aspects of subsidence engineering with government agencies, engineering and architectural firms, surface owners, as well as pipeline, insurance and mining companies. His work includes planning, mining and abandonment stages of room and pillar to high extraction workings, as well as related cause and origin investigations.

STEVE MASON was the principal owner and president of Cardinal Engineering, Inc. from 1989 to 2014 until Cardinal was sold. Cardinal Engineering provided civil engineering, environmental engineering, and surveying services and employed 92 people. Mr. Mason received a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from Vanderbilt University.



He currently serves on the board of directors for the City of Oklahoma City Business Improvement District, Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma, Automobile Alley, and Allied Arts. He served on the board of directors for Greater Oklahoma City Chamber from 2005 to 2015. He served on the board of the Oklahoma Community Foundation from 2000 to 2013 and was president from 2009 to 2012. He served as President of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America from 2007 to 2010. He has also served on the board of directors for the Oklahoma City Arts Council. Since 2010, Steve has served on the OKC MAPS 3 Transit/Modern Streetcar Subcommittee. He was appointed Chairman of the Oklahoma State Capitol Repair Oversight Committee which is responsible for the \$245M renovation of the Oklahoma State Capitol in 2014. Steve is the owner of Mason Realty Investors, LLC which has restored, remodeled and manages 22 historic buildings in Oklahoma City in Automobile Alley and the Plaza District with 48 retail, restaurant, and office tenants.

SCOTT MILANOWSKI, P.E. is Director of Product Delivery in OG&E's Sales and Marketing organization. Scott and his team are responsible for implementing newly developed products, services and programs that improve service to customers and help the Company meet its strategic objectives.



Since earning his engineering degree, Scott has worked at the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, where he has served in various engineering and management capacities in Engineering, Resource Planning, Corporate Planning, System Integrity, Strategy, Smart Grid, and Utility Technical Support.

In a previous position, Scott performed a central role in planning and executing OG&E's Smart Grid vision. During this period, he led the efforts to develop the Company's Smart Grid strategy and to successfully procure a \$130 million DOE Smart Grid Investment Grant. More recently, Scott led the project team to plan and build OG&E's first solar farm, a 2.5 MW facility at the Company's Mustang Power Plant.

Scott earned a BSEE degree from the University of Oklahoma, an MBA degree from Oklahoma City University, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Oklahoma. He is a Senior Member of IEEE. Scott and his wife Jan have been married for 35 years and reside in Oklahoma City.

EMMA MORADI, E.I., CFM serves as project engineer for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's Dam Safety Program, where she performs inspections of low hazard-potential dam and prepares relevant engineering reports, conducts simplified breach analysis, and leads the public outreach program. Emma has Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Oklahoma State University. Emma also has a passion for real estate and is a licensed agent in Oklahoma. Prior to joining OWRB 3 years ago, Emma worked in a geotechnical engineering firm in Oklahoma City.



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VIMAL NAIR is a Freese and Nichols, Inc. I Associate, Mechanical and Plumbing Discipline Manager and a LEED-accredited professional engineer with extensive experience in the planning, design and construction of HVAC systems for higher education, commercial, municipal, institutional, military and industrial facilities. He is skilled in the design of central plants, hydronic and DX, energy recovery, rainwater and condensate harvesting, solar arrays, and building automation systems. He is also experienced in the commissioning of building systems and the performance of energy audits. Vimal has participated in numerous LEED-certified projects.



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Chris has been a member of Toastmasters for 2 years and a Navy trainer for 8 years. He currently holds leadership positions in both the State-level Organization (District) and his home club. He currently holds the designations of Advanced Communicator Bronze and Advanced Leader Bronze.

DR. CLAUDIA OTTO worked for over ten (10) years at the secondary level as a special education English teacher for grade levels 9-12, serving various mild/moderate disabilities. Currently, Dr. Otto is a Clinical Assistant Professor with Oklahoma State University, working on both the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses. She has been teaching at the university level since 2012. Teaching both graduate and undergraduate special education courses that include instructional design and methods, social education processes, transition services, and interagency collaboration.



MIKE PATTERSON was appointed the Executive Director of Oklahoma Department of Transportation in April, 2013. Prior to that appointment he served as the Deputy Director for the agency for three years as well as filling the role of Chief Financial Officer since September 1999. Prior to this current position, he also served as the Comptroller for the agency for 15 years having begun his career with ODOT as the Deputy Comptroller in 1980.



Mike has been active with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for many years serving in several roles. Currently he serves as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and as a member of the Strategic Management Committee. Mike also serves as a member of the Governmental Technology Review Board (GTARB) for the State of Oklahoma.

HAYDEN PEER has been an Engineering Recruiter for GDH Consulting since January, 2016. He is responsible for sourcing, recruiting and screening applicants for a variety of technical positions including entry-level and experienced candidates.



DR. HAZEM REFAI is the Williams Professor for Telecommunication and Networking at the OU school of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Telecommunication Program in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His fields of interest include the development of physical and medium access control layers to enhance wireless coexistence, the development of mobile multi-user optical wireless systems, vehicle-to-vehicle communication systems, and wireless sensor networks for smart city and intelligent transportation. He is founder and director of the Wireless Electromagnetic Compliance And Design (WECAD) Center at OU-Tulsa. WECAD's mission is to conduct basic and applied research examining medical device coexistence with various RF wireless systems and technologies, as well as validating electronic and electromagnetic compatibility. Dr. Refai has published more than 200 referred papers for national and international conferences and Journal articles.



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STEVE SEABOLT is a Product Manager for the Ditch Witch® organization based in Perry, Oklahoma. He currently has responsibility for strategic product plans on Heavy Duty Tractors. Over the past 20+ years Steve has served in many roles including Design Team Management, Project Management, Dealer Development, and Product Strategy. Steve serves on several national and local organization boards and regularly speaks at industry conferences on behalf of Ditch Witch. In his past life, Steve spent 7 years with the Wal-Mart Corporation and owned/operated a successful family business. His personal passions include everything fatherhood, OSU athletics, scuba diving, and fishing or boating with his wife and 3 children.



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