

2025 AWBD

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Friday, January 24 – Saturday, January 25



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CONFERENCE DATES:

Friday, January 24
Saturday, January 25, 2025

LOCATION:

JW Marriott Austin
110 E 2nd St.,
Austin, Texas 78701

REGISTRATION

**All Registrations Are
Non-Transferable.**

The 2025 AWBD Midwinter Conference is only weeks away and registrations indicate this will be another very successful conference.

By Journal press time, registrations will incur additional charges and do not guarantee seating at food functions or receipt of conference materials or hospitality items. Registration fees are now \$540/member and \$1080/non-member.

To register for the 2025 AWBD Midwinter Conference, you must complete both the Comprehensive Conference Registration Form and the Emergency Data Form provided online through the AWBD website (www.awbd.org). Registrations are not considered complete without the Emergency Data Form; failure to complete both forms can delay processing of your registration. Printable copies of the Conference Registration Form and Emergency Data Form also will be available through the website.

ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS

Any On-Site registrations will be charged \$880/member and \$1760/non-member. On-Site registrants will receive only a “DELEGATE” badge. They will not receive any food function tickets, nor will they receive the delegate giveaway bag.

Delegates will receive confirmation of their successful registration from the AWBD office and should double check the confirmation to be sure all the information is correct, especially if you are requesting a guest badge.

HOUSING

You must be registered as a delegate for the AWBD Midwinter Conference in order to be eligible to reserve a room in any official AWBD housing block in Austin, Texas.

Upon completing your conference registration online successfully, you will receive a conference confirmation with the link for housing. Delegates may register for only one room per registered delegate. AWBD is not responsible for housing reservations. Housing reservations remain the sole responsibility of the delegate.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

On tap are 9 seminar blocks, one General Session, Luncheon, and the AWBD Board of Trustees Candidacy Workshop.

See Program Notes and the Midwinter Conference Schedule for more details.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Scheduled for Friday evening from 5:30-7:00 pm in the JW Grand Ballroom of the JW Marriott Austin.

Guests are welcome at this first get-together. A delicious buffet of light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available during the reception.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

J. B. Saucedo

Texas Monthly

You must have registered for the luncheon to have a ticket to the function as no lunch tickets will be issued in Austin. The luncheon is scheduled for the JW Grand Ballroom in the JW Marriott Austin beginning at 12:00 pm.

AWBD BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDACY WORKSHOP

For those delegates interested in running for the AWBD Board of Trustees for a position in 2025-2026, the AWBD Board of Trustees Candidacy Workshop is a must. It will be held on Saturday at 4:15 pm in Room 409 of the JW Marriott Austin.



A MILE ABOVE TEXAS

J. B. Saucedo's Journey to Hosting Texas Country Reporter

Join J.B. Saucedo as he takes you on a storytelling journey across Texas— one that spans dusty highways, iconic landmarks, and unforgettable encounters. From building a fast-scaling logistics company to catching a George Strait performance at Gruene Hall, and ultimately stepping into the shoes of Bob Phillips to host the legendary 53-year-old TV show Texas Country Reporter.

This talk offers a behind-the-scenes look at J.B.'s unique career, with life lessons learned from the road, insights on navigating change, and a few laughs along the way. It's a visual and spoken word experience that celebrates the heart and soul of Texas and the power of embracing new chapters.

All Events Are In The JW Marriott Austin Unless Noted Otherwise.

Delegates must display conference registration badges and tickets, if required by event, for admittance to all conference functions; delegates are expected to comply with stated AWBD policy of expected behavior at AWBD functions.

Registrations/Tickets are non-transferable. Guests are not admitted to nor permitted to attend Delegates Only functions, such as continental breakfasts, coffee breaks, luncheon, or seminars.

Children will not be admitted in the conference areas.

TOPICS & SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2025 AWBD MIDWINTER CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE JW Marriott Austin

Friday 1/24/25

12:30 p.m.	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Begins	Hotel Loop
1:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In Opens	JW Grand Foyer
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (One guest per registered delegate; advance guest registration required; no guests will be registered at the conference; no children permitted)	JW Grand Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In Closes	JW Grand Foyer
7:30 p.m.	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Stops	Hotel Loop

Saturday 1/25/25

7:30 a.m.	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Begins	Hotel Loop
8:00 a.m.	Conference Check-In Opens	JW Grand Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Delegates Only) Delegates only will be admitted to the continental breakfast; no guests will be allowed in this area or at this function. <i>Complimentary Beverage Service For Delegates Only Throughout Day</i>	JW Grand Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	General Session	JW Grand Ballroom
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	SEMINAR I – Legislative Update	JW Grand Ballroom

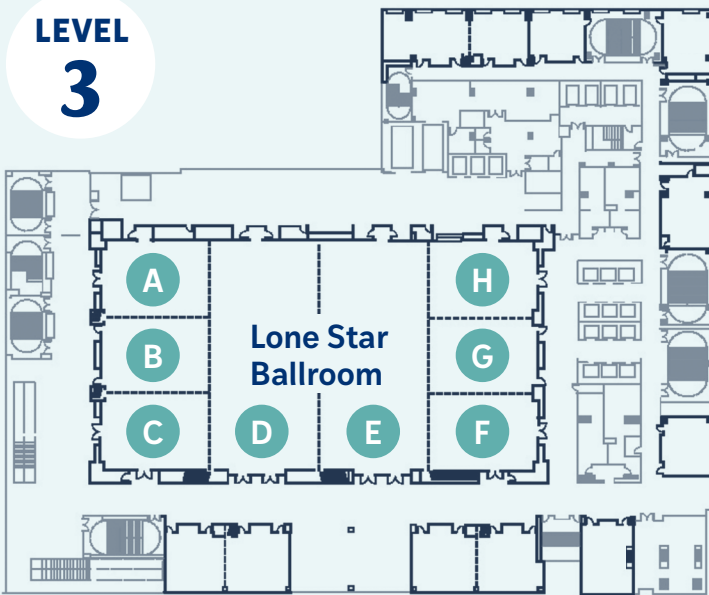
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. SEMINAR BLOCK II		
Session A	Water You Waiting For? Planning for Successful Surface Water Conversion	<i>Griffin Hall</i>
Session B	Bonds Basics 101	<i>Lone Star Ballroom A,B,C,D</i>
Session C	Ethics: How to Stay Out of the MUD	<i>Lone Star Ballroom E,F,G,H</i>
12:00 p.m. <i>Delegates must present ticket for admission.</i>	LUNCHEON (Delegates Only) A Mile Above Texas: J.B. Saucedá's Journey to Hosting Texas Country Reporter	JW Grand Ballroom
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. SEMINAR BLOCK III		
Session A	Prepared, Not Panicked: The Power of Emergency Action Plans	<i>Griffin Hall</i>
Session B	Confused About Environmental Regulations? Get Help From the TCEQ	<i>Lone Star Ballroom A,B,C,D</i>
Session C	Money, Politics and (Standby) Power	<i>Lone Star Ballroom E,F,G,H</i>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SEMINAR BLOCK IV		
Session A	Local Park Grants	<i>Griffin Hall</i>
Session B	Avoid a Pain in the Drain: Understanding Drainage and the Importance of Maintenance	<i>Lone Star Ballroom A,B,C,D</i>
Session C	They Said What?!?! Meeting Mayhem: How to Keep It Professional	<i>Lone Star Ballroom E,F,G,H</i>
4:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In Closes	JW Grand Foyer
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	AWBD Board of Trustees Candidacy Workshop	Room 409
5:00 p.m.	Conference Adjourns	
5:30 p.m.	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Ends	Hotel Loop

EVENT MAP

LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3



LEVEL 4

