



## First Annual Dinner Gala: Building Bridges to a Brighter Future

"It was a night to remember". A statement that was heard from so many of our guests regarding our First Annual Gala Dinner on October 16, 2010. The Gala was a great success that gathered more than 350 members, guests, professionals and industry leaders. Among the notable speakers were honorable Ray Lahood, US Secretary of Transportation; honorable Beverly Swaim-Staley, Maryland secretary of Transportation; and many others. The First Gala inaugurated AAEEA into the professional scene in the Washington, DC Metro area.



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Why do we need an ethnic professional organization while there are other professional organizations available?

- Having our own professional organization evokes a sense of pride.
- Needs of our membership are different from others.
- Our members are at a disadvantage since other organizations do not address our specific needs.

### Why Non-political Non-religious?

- There are other organizations serving those two purposes.
- AAEEA has a fundamental intention of serving its members in their professional undertaking.

### What's in it for me?

- Free or reduced rate Seminars and Technical conferences
- Drastically reduced EIT review fees (\$100 vs. \$800 elsewhere)
- Job announcements, Referral, Career advice
- Platform for networking
- Newsletter

- Website
- Social events such as picnics
- Activities at substantially low costs
- Scholarship program for students
- Opportunities to get an intern summer job

### How is AAEEA funded?

- Membership fees (\$50 Members, \$10 Students)
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Donations
- Events

### Does AAEEA have full or part-time employees?

- AAEEA is purely based on volunteer work by its members.

### What is AAEEA current membership count?

- Over 800 paid members in fourteen States.
- Over 2000 members in our mailing list.



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## Education and Career Enhancement



AAEEA is a professional organization dedicated to helping its members succeed in their professions by networking among each other through seminars and social activities. It is a non-political non-profit and non-religious organization. Full membership is open to all architects, engineers and computer science professionals and students of Arab heritage.

## Goals

- To further the public welfare whenever engineering knowledge is involved.
- Promote cooperation among its members.
- Establish scholarship programs.
- Cooperate with other professional organizations.
- Establish a presence in the Capital area.
- Serve the professional interest of the members.
- Provide Networking opportunities

To achieve these goals, AAEEA, on a regular basis, conducts seminars, training classes, and social activities.

## History

In the fall of 1996, a group of engineers gathered to discuss the need for an organization to serve the interests of Arab American Engineers and Architects in the Chicago area. After over a year of planning, they convened more than fifty (50) engineers and architects to elect the first board of directors for the newly founded Arab-American Association of Engineers and Architects (AAEEA). Today, the organization has eleven sister associations. The Capital Area association was established in 2008. AAEEA is a non-political, non-religious, and not-for-profit (501(C) (6) Federal tax exemption) association.

## 2011 Executive Committee

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## Professional Networking



## Why are we going National in 2011 ?

- National Network
- National Strength
- National Annual Gathering
- National Recognition

## Membership

Among our members are Educators, Engineers, Architects, Computer Scientists, Engineering Company Owners, Partners, and Students. AAAEA has among its membership classes the following :

- **Full Members** are Engineers, Architects, & Computer Science Professionals who are Arabs and/or of Arab ancestry residing in the United States of America.
- **Associate Members** are those who do not meet the requirements of Full members and who have expressed and demonstrated interests in the Association.
- **Student Members** are those who are studying Engineering, Architecture or Computer Science.

## Structure

Executive Committee  
President-Vice President  
Treasurer-Secretary-IT Officer

Board of Trustees  
Fifteen members maximum  
Currently Nine members

Standing Committees  
Activities  
Education & Career Enhancement  
Membership & Outreach  
Financial  
IT & Communication  
Policies & Procedures

Ad-Hoc Committees  
Election  
Outreach Committee  
Annual Dinner Gala



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## Programs & Activities

### Business Opportunities

Numerous business opportunities have been created through coordination among business owners/executives.

### Scholarship Awards

AAAEA is currently establishing a scholarship program. A minimum of three scholarships for an amount of \$1000 will be awarded during the Second Annual Dinner scheduled in October, 2011.

### Educational Seminars

- Seminar topics included:
- LEED
  - Access Management
  - Microsoft office Tips & Tricks
  - Communications for Managers
  - E-mail Etiquette
  - Emotional Intelligence in Business
  - Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements
  - The use of Lime in Subgrade Stabilization

### Family Picnics

AAAEA organized two family picnics in 2010 that attracted more than 120 people each. Picnics include various activities for adults and children. In 2011 a minimum of two picnics are scheduled.

### Student Chapters

AAAEA has established its first Student chapter at the University of Maryland at College Park. Two other chapters are in the works at George Washington University and Virginia Tech.

### Local Website

AAAEA launched its local website in 2009 to provide its members with updates on activities, seminars, meeting minutes and keeping everybody aware of the Association's business.

### First Annual Dinner Gala

AAAEA-Capital Area hosted its first Annual Dinner Gala at the Capital Beltway Marriott in Greenbelt, MD. The Gala was a great success on every aspect. AAAEA was honored with the presence of US Secretary of Transportation as our key note speaker among other distinguished speakers and guests.

### Going National in 2011

In 2011, all current eleven associations and newly created ones will merge into one National Association to provide its members with **National Strength, National Network, National Annual Gathering** and **National Recognition**.

## Social Activities



## AAAEA Statistics

