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Dear Entrepreneur:

Networking is a skill that any business person needs, but it is an essential skill for an entrepreneur. Your relationships with other business people reflect the quality of your business. By building strong relationships with other business owners, you are helping your own business to grow. There are over 25,000 small businesses in Austin and 94% of these businesses employ fewer than 50 people. How can you connect with other small business owners, learn from them and market your product and services?

There are dozens of business networking organizations in Austin and the surrounding area, and we'd like to help you find those which are beneficial to your business! The City of Austin's Small Business Development Program (SBDP) is dedicated to helping new businesses to start and existing businesses to grow. The program offers a Business Solutions Center – a technology resource center for small business, free orientations and technical assistance in writing a business plan, loan packaging and marketing plans, multiple conferences and classes, an annual "Meet the Lender" for entrepreneurs to gain access to financing, and many publications essential to small business.

One of the most popular publications offered by SBDP is the *Gold Pages*. The *Gold Pages* is a directory which provides information on various organizations that support entrepreneurs with a variety of issues. We are proud to introduce our second edition of the *Silver Pages Directory*. The *Silver Pages* is offered as a sister publication to the *Gold Pages*. The *Silver Pages* is a compilation of networking organizations that can be specific to an industry or open to any business owner. The *Silver Pages* lists Chambers of Commerce as well as neighborhood business organizations. The information contained in the *Silver Pages* Directory 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. The *Silver Pages* will hopefully help your business find organizations and businesses helpful to your small business.

If you need additional assistance, please call the City of Austin Small Business Development Program (SBDP) at 512.974.7800. The SBDP will be happy to discuss your needs and either help you directly or refer you to the appropriate organization for assistance. For more information on the SBDP, please visit our website at [www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp](http://www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp) or come to the Business Solutions Center located at 505 Barton Springs Road, First Floor. The *Silver Pages* is also available on CD through the SBDP.

Thank you for being part of one of the finest business communities in the country – Austin!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vicky Valdez'.

Vicky Valdez  
Small Business Administrator

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# **Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success**

## **Austin Chapter of the Association of Operations Management (APICS)**

P.O. Box 66743

Austin, TX 78766

[www.apicsaustin.org](http://www.apicsaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Our primary goal is to offer continuing education and support to those who would like to better manage resources throughout the supply chain. We offer 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.

### **Meetings**

Monthly in a variety of luncheons or evening dinner meetings  
Norris Conference Center/various restaurant locations

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

APICS Austin membership provides:

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

## **American Business Women's Association**

### **Treaty Oak Chapter**

2108 Emmett Parkway

Austin, TX 78728

[www.AustinABWA.com](http://www.AustinABWA.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The mission of the American Business Women's Association 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 and educational speakers are available through this organization.

### **Meetings**

- Third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.
- Radisson Hotel Restaurant, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fee/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of 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 Chapter**

801 W. 12th Street

Austin, TX 78701

[www.aiaaustin.org](http://www.aiaaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Meetings**

- Monthly meetings
- Various continuing education seminars
- Many committee activities
- Gatherings are conducted primarily at the Center for Architecture  
801 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

# **American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA)**

## **Austin Chapter**

815-A Brazos

Austin, TX 78701

<http://aigaustin.org>

## **Mission and Goals**

American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA), the professional association for communication design, is committed to furthering excellence in communication design as a broadly-defined discipline, strategic tool for business and cultural force. AIGA is the place design professionals turn to first to exchange ideas and information, participate in critical analysis and research, and advance education and ethical practice.

AIGA represents more than 16,000 designers through national activities and local programs developed by 48 chapters and more than 150 student groups. The association supports the interests of professionals, educators, and students who are engaged in the process of designing. The disciplines represented in the profession range from book and type design through the traditional communication design disciplines to the newer disciplines of interaction design, experience design, and motion graphics. AIGA supports designing from other disciplines, professions, and business who share designers' commitment to advancing understanding of the value of design.

AIGA is committed to stimulating thinking about design through conferences, competitions, exhibitions, publications, and websites. AIGA inspires, educates, and informs designers, helping them to realize their talents and to advocate the value of design.

## **Services Offered**

- Exposure to AIGA Members Only Events
- Discounted rates to events/competitions
- Access to the Design Forum
- Access to the Membership Directory
- Free job board to help link companies to job candidates.

## **Meetings**

- Monthly full board meetings
- Monthly executive board meetings
- Monthly events

## **Membership Requirements**

None

## **Fees/Dues**

Yes

## **Benefits of Membership**

We organize events and initiatives that promote industry excellence and professional development.

## **American Marketing Association**

### **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 141668

Austin, TX 78714-1668

<http://austin.marketingpower.com>

### **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**

Members have access to:

- Exclusive networking opportunities at Austin American Marketing Association events
- Industry publications
- Access to informational resources on our website

### **Meetings**

- Monthly Luncheon: Third Tuesday of each month
- High Tech Breakfasts: Quarterly
- Networking Socials: Quarterly
- Educational Seminars: Two per year
- Locations change per event; See web site for detailed information

### **Membership Requirements**

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

# **American Society for Training and Development**

## **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 1324

Austin TX 78711

[www.austin-astd.org](http://www.austin-astd.org)

## **Mission and Goals**

The American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) is the world's largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals. ASTD's 70,000 members and associates come from more than 100 countries and thousands of organizations. The Austin Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) was chartered in 1974 as a non-profit, educational society whose purpose is to promote the professional growth, competence, and effectiveness of training and development professionals.

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

## **Services offered**

Membership is not required to take advantage of some services.

- Monthly and Annual Professional Development Programs
- Special Interest Groups: e-learning, instructional design, collaborative consultants, and Certified Professionals in Learning and Performance™
- Quarterly Networking Events

## **Meetings**

- Odd Months: 11:30-1:00 Austin Women's Club.
- Even months: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Radisson Hotel, Middle Fiskville Road

## **Membership Requirements**

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

## **Fees/Dues**

Yes

## **Benefits of Membership**

- Advanced 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 our newsletter archive
- Free listing in the Austin ASTD directory
- Discounted listing in our consultant directory
- Searching privileges within our member database and other resources
- Opportunity to participate in our members only Certified Professional in Learning and Performance™ (CPLP) study group

## **Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.**

### **Central Texas Chapter**

3006 Longhorn Boulevard, Suite 104

Austin, TX 78758

[www.abccentraltexas.org](http://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. We represent the entire construction team, General Contractors, Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Industry Professionals. Membership in ABC affords you the opportunity to increase your business through networking with other ABC members.

ABC Central Texas Chapter protects and advances the Free Enterprise system. We represent 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. Also customized classes can be arranged.
- On-site Planroom and access to an online Planroom
- Award for Excellence in Construction Projects

### **Meetings**

Meetings are hosted at different locations in and around the Austin area and are convened from 5:30-8:00 pm, normally on the third Tuesday of each month. Exceptions to the above schedule would happen when we have 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 of Membership**

- Networking
- A government representative in Austin 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 (AGC)**

### **Austin Chapter**

609 South Lamar Boulevard

Austin, TX 78704

[www.agcaustin.org](http://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. We also take a leadership role in promoting the positive image of our 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 services

### **Meetings**

Monthly Board of Directors, safety and activities committee meetings, and other meetings as scheduled are held at the chapter offices.

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Business development
- Education
- Safety
- Other benefits

# **Associated Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Contractors of Texas**

505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 170

Austin, TX 78752

[www.phcc-tx.org](http://www.phcc-tx.org)

## **Mission and Goals**

The mission of the Associated Plumbing - Heating - Cooling Contractors of Texas is to be the primary legislative watchdog for issues related to our group and our industry, to deliver quality education, to subscribe to the highest level of ethical standards, to provide information and networking, and to create discount and service opportunities to our members.

## **Services Offered**

Technical and management training are available through this group.

## **Meetings**

- Annual convention
- Local chapter meetings all year

## **Membership Requirements**

Licensed plumbing/HVAC contractors are eligible for membership.

## **Fee/Dues**

Yes

## **Benefits of Membership**

- Business benefits
- Insurance
- Products

## **Association for Women in Technology**

4201 Bee Cave Road, Suite C-200  
West Lake Hills, TX 78746  
[www.awtaustin.org](http://www.awtaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Association for Women in Technology Austin (AWTAustin) is a not-for-profit organization comprised of women who work in, with, or have a passion for technology and who want to grow personally and professionally in order to make a lasting impact on our community.

The cornerstones of the AWTAustin mandate are connect, learn, grow and lead. These are supported in the following manner:

- **Connect:** AWTAustin events and conferences provide enlightening, motivational and fun networking opportunities for women in technology.
- **Learn:** Through business and technology training such as lectures and discussions, we promote the enhancement of our members' capabilities and expertise.
- **Grow:** Through thought leadership, mentoring and career resources we foster personal and career growth that helps members move into action, create change and inspire others as well as themselves.
- **Lead:** AWTAustin creates opportunities that encourage members to gain a full picture of their leadership strengths and enable them to make a difference within their organization, family and community.

### **Services Offered**

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

### **Meetings**

Meeting types and times vary. See calendar of events on website.

### **Membership Requirements**

Payment of dues and organization involvement

### **Fees/Dues**

\$50/year membership dues and meeting fees

### **Benefits of Membership**

AWTAustin enables our members to connect with like-minded women, learn the latest information on business and technology trends, and make new friends by attending our monthly events, annual business conference and getting involved with the organization or the community through our member programs.

AWTAustin offers our member programs, venues and events that allow women to connect, learn, grow and lead.

## **Association of Contingency Planners**

### **Capital of Texas Chapter (ACP)**

P.O. Box 13371

Austin, TX 78711-3371

<http://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**

ACP provides an effective forum for exchanging information, sharing experiences, and identifying and trouble-shooting common needs and problems.

### **Meetings**

Generally, for 2008, we will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30am – 2:00pm at the Chateau Bellevu, Austin Woman's Club. For up-to-date information, anyone interested should check our website and see the Events Page.

### **Membership Requirements**

Membership Fees paid to our Corporate Headquarters.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of 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 our members

## **Austin Advertising Federation**

5750 Balcones Drive, Suite 201

Austin, TX 78731

<http://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**

We offer regular educational meetings, recognition programs, visibility to industry related events, interaction with other media professionals, and information regarding media techniques.

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held monthly at various locations and are posted on the website.
- Meetings are discussion oriented and center on pre-defined topics with a goal of professional development.

### **Membership Requirements**

Interest in advertising

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Business development
- Networking

## **Austin Area Translators and Interpreters Association (AATIA)**

P.O. Box 13331  
Austin, TX 78711  
[www.aatia.org](http://www.aatia.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Our mission is to serve Austin Area Translators and Interpreters Association (AATIA) 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**

Since 1985, AATIA has brought together language specialists to share expertise, provide opportunities to learn more about the tools and techniques of professional translators and interpreters, and promote the recognition of translation and interpretation in the larger community.

### **Meetings**

Members and guests get together at bimonthly meetings and other special events, including those arranged by the Special Interest Groups. See website calendar for more information.

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes—\$35 per year

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Professional networking
- Newcomer orientation
- Professional career development
- Bimonthly membership meetings
- Bimonthly newsletter
- Listing in online directory of member services
- Google Adwords (AATIA website indexed by Google)
- Yellow Pages ad
- Telephone referrals
- Workshops for 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 resource
- Social activities

## **Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce**

10901 North Lamar Boulevard, Suite B206

Austin, TX 78753

[www.austinaacc.org](http://www.austinaacc.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AAACC) is a dynamic, resourceful business network organization for the Asian and general community in Austin for economic and tourism development and international trade.

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

### **Meetings**

Meetings are generally held at the AAACC Office in the Chinatown Center on North Lamar and at various venues in Austin. Please visit website for details

### **Membership Requirements**

Corporate membership is based on number of employees, Non-profit/Government Agency, Individual, and Student Memberships available.

### **Fees/Dues**

Membership dues paid annually

### **Benefits of 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 Business Referral Association**

4009 Greenhill Place

Austin, TX 78759

[www.AustinReferral.com](http://www.AustinReferral.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

This is a networking group that shares referrals and leads with each other. Our goal is to promote each other's businesses.

### **Services Offered**

- Listing on website
- Access to previous leads online
- Support

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon
- Tien Hong Restaurant  
8301 Burnet Road  
Austin, TX 78757

### **Membership Requirements**

- Must be involved in the Austin business community, restricted to one member per business category
- Have highest business/professional reputation

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Grow your business
- Make connections with other business owners

## **Austin Business Travel Association**

7301 Burnet Road, Suite 102, #542

Austin, TX 78757

[www.austinbta.org](http://www.austinbta.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

As an organization, Austin Business Travel Association (ABTA) is dedicated to providing our members with the knowledge, educational opportunities and the best tools possible to enhance their careers. Our goals for 2008 include continuing to grow our chapter membership and providing tangible value through quality programs that will be 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 an organization 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.

### **Meetings**

- Monthly meeting notices are sent via email.
- Meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of each month during the lunch hour.
- ABTA has two social events. One event is held in the spring and the other is held in December.
- Our annual charity golf tournament is held each September.

### **Membership Requirements**

Involvement in the travel industry in some capacity, either as a buyer of services or a supplier, is required to be eligible for membership, but non-members can enroll in our mailing list.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

Attend monthly meetings that will enhance your career objectives and provide networking opportunities with other professionals in the Travel Industry. Membership will provide you with access to our website. The website provides links to NBTA, local weather, flight information and industry "Hot Topics".

## **Austin Chamber of Commerce**

210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 400

Austin, TX 78704

[www.austinchamber.org](http://www.austinchamber.org)

### **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**

The Austin Chamber of Commerce provides an active Entrepreneur and Small Business Owner program with seminars, workshops and issues forum featuring the latest management, sales and marketing tips. All services are offered at no cost or low cost to members.

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held at various times and locations.
- Please view website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

Please view website for membership types and requirements.

## **Austin Federation of Musicians Union, Local #433**

8711 Burnet Road, Suite A-15

Austin, TX 78757

Austin Chapter: [www.austinmusician.org](http://www.austinmusician.org) or [www.myspace.com/afmlocal433](http://www.myspace.com/afmlocal433)

National Chapter: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)

### **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. We are musicians representing and working for musicians with over 500 local members.

### **Services offered**

In addition to the dynamic networking opportunities, the AFM offers nominally priced full replacement equipment insurance, health insurance, and musician protection in the studio and on gigs.

### **Meetings**

- Board meetings monthly
- Membership meetings annually

### **Membership Requirements**

You must be a musician and fill out a membership application to be considered for membership. Applications are approved by the board at monthly meetings.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Referrals through our booking agency
- Insurance, including liability coverage
- Discount programs
- Financial assistance

## **Austin Film Society**

1901 East 51st Street  
Austin, TX 78723  
<http://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 discuss media to your group or business
- Youth and adult media education programs
- Screening room rental

### **Meetings**

Weekly events and ongoing education programs in various locations.

### **Membership Requirements**

Various levels of membership exist with varying requirements for each.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Free and discounted admission to events
- Full benefits listed on the website

## **Austin Hotel and Lodging Association**

P.O. Box 82431

Austin, TX 78708-2431

[www.austinhotelassn.org](http://www.austinhotelassn.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 our association.

### **Services offered**

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

### **Meetings**

Meetings are held monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Educational opportunities
- Social engagements
- Networking
- Vendor discounts

## **Austin Human Resource Management Association (AHRMA)**

2525 Wallingwood Drive, Building 13-A

Austin, TX 78746

[www.austinhumanresource.org](http://www.austinhumanresource.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

We offer a wide range of educational programming and activities allowing members to develop their expertise in the functional areas of Human Resources. We foster awareness and understanding of the profession throughout the business community and the general public. We encourage the highest standards of integrity through our Code of Ethics. We provide a regular forum for members to meet and exchange information in addressing current human resource issues. In addition, we also offer professional development, information and inclusion, networking, monthly events with excellent topics and speakers, and an educational website.

### **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

### **Meetings**

- Monthly meetings at Austin Country Club  
4408 Long Champ Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78746

### **Membership Requirements**

Pay Dues Annually.

### **Fees/Dues**

- New Members Dues: \$100: Member Renewal: \$75: College Students: \$20 annually
- Monthly lunch/speaker meeting: Members \$25: Non Members: \$35
- See website for monthly breakout sessions and costs

### **Benefits of 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 78745

[www.ibuyaustin.com](http://www.ibuyaustin.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Austin Independent Business Alliance (AIBA) works to promote locally owned businesses and speak to the concerns of independent business. AIBA's mission is to shift more dollars to locally-owned independent businesses by helping shoppers to make fully informed decisions by recognizing the full value that locally owned independent businesses provide to our community. The value includes serving local customers' tastes and owners' preferences; spending profits locally instead of exporting them to distant corporate headquarters, carrying a higher percentage of locally owned goods, and providing unique goods and services that contribute to the nature and character of Austin.

### **Services Offered**

- Networking opportunities with 300 AIBA members and growing
- A complete listing in both Fall and Spring AIBA Directories, published twice yearly
- A complete listing (along with a link to your website) on the AIBA website
- Participation in marketing opportunities such as joint advertising, banners and events
- Discounts with other members
- AIBA e-Newsletter
- Monthly Happy Hours, first Wednesday, location changes, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Quarterly Luncheon Seminars
- Online Forums for open discussions with other AIBA members
- AIBA member window decal or banner to display at your business

### **Meetings**

First Wednesday Gathering is a happy hour for members to meet, exchange ideas, learn about AIBA and socialize with other members of the independent community. Quarterly lunches offer the opportunity to learn more about the programs and events at AIBA. Quarterly mixers are designed to introduce prospective members to AIBA. Member-to-member discounts generate savings for member businesses.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

Consulting assistance for your business from our Small Business Liaisons. Represent the interests of our members before local government. Promote the benefits of shopping locally by educating the public on the cultural and economic contribution of independent businesses in our community. Market our members through a bi-annual directory, our web site and a host of public events. Provide networking opportunities and facilitate business-to-business connections.

## **Austin Inventors and Entrepreneurs Association**

115 Bamboo Trail  
Cedar Park, TX 78613  
[www.austininventors.org](http://www.austininventors.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services Offered**

Information, mentoring and support.

### **Meetings**

- Meet every 4th Thursday of the month
- Austin Public Library - Milwood Branch  
(behind Cool River)  
12500 Amherst Drive  
Austin, TX 78727

### **Fees/Dues**

No

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Austin Leads Network**

215 Water Oak Drive  
Cedar Park, TX. 78613  
[www.austinleadsnetwork.com](http://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**

We participate in intimate gatherings over lunch for mutual lead exchanges and networking.

### **Meetings**

Lunches on Wednesdays 11:30am and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at Bagpipes Restaurant in the private dining room. Bagpipes is located at Burnet Rd. & 183 in the private dining room. If there are any changes in meeting times or venues they will appear on the website.

### **Membership Requirements**

Attend Weekly and bring leads.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes - one time initiation and monthly costs for lunches.

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Austin Legal Services Association (LSA), Inc.**

9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 300 West  
Austin, TX 78759  
[www.austinlsa.org](http://www.austinlsa.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Austin Legal Services Association (LSA) is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession.

### **Services offered**

Austin LSA is part of a tri-level organization composed of NALS (the national association), Texas ALP (the state association) and the Austin LSA (the local association). Austin LSA offers monthly legal education lunches, newsletters, publications, certifications and online learning centers which are available to members.

### **Meetings**

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.

### **Membership Requirements**

Anyone employed in the legal profession. This includes legal secretaries, legal assistants, paralegals, clerks, judges and attorneys.

### **Fees**

Yes

### **Benefits of 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](http://www.austinmusicfoundation.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Austin Music Foundation (AMF) serves Austin's musicians by offering educational programs on the business of making music. Austin Music Foundation 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

### **Meetings**

- Music Industry Boot Camp quarterly meeting
- Small Group Sessions, about 18 per year
- Austin Music Mixer typically meets twice a month
- Locations vary

### **Membership Requirements**

- Our 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 of Membership**

- AMF membership discount card
- Advance registration to Small Group Sessions
- Access to special AMF events
- T-shirt
- Incubator artist CD
- Benefits vary depending on level of membership

## **Austin Pet Sitters Organization**

<http://www.austinpetsitters.org>

### **Mission and Goals**

We are a group of individual pet sitting companies drawn together by a common bond of caring for animals.

Our 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.

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

### **Services offered**

The Austin Pet Sitters Organization offers networking, support and education for pet sitting organizations in the area. Our associated members operate from various locations throughout Austin. Associated members of the pet sitting community can be located by areas through the web site.

### **Meetings**

We hold monthly meetings at different times of the day. Up-to-date meeting information can be located on our web space.

### **Membership Requirements**

Pet Sitting Companies.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

We encourage camaraderie, idea exchange, helping other companies while they are unable to care for their client's pets- you never know when somebody is going to be sick, have an emergency or just need backup coverage. We inspire and promote education regarding animal care.

## **Austin Technology Council**

3925 W. Braker Lane

Austin TX 78759

[www.austintechnologycouncil.org](http://www.austintechnologycouncil.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Austin Technology Council (ATC) facilitates business-to-business and industry growth opportunities through content-driven seminars, peer to peer exchange, and diverse membership composed of industry experts, and networking events.

The mission of the Austin Technology Council is to ensure that Austin continues to be a world-renowned technology community that thrives with university-based research, venture funding, a broad array of support services, an entrepreneurial culture and a rich pool of intellectual talent and leadership.

### **Services Offered**

- Best Practices
- CXO Roundtable Forums
- Sales and Marketing Seminars
- Peer to peer discussions and networking
- Technology Job Board
- Online discussion forums
- Discounted Services from area providers

### **Meetings**

- We have approximately 100 events annually.
- Please check the calendar online. Locations will vary per event.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Preferred admission to ATC events including the Annual ATC Technology Forum and Awards
- Participation in C-level roundtables and Peer forums
- Opportunities to advertise on ATC Web site and via weekly ATC eNews sent to more than 8,000 subscribers
- Member Only discounts from area companies (on demand printing, resumes, payroll, marketing, IT solutions, recruiting, and growth strategies)

## **Austin Texchange**

[www.texchange.org](http://www.texchange.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Austin Texchange's mission is to develop the next generation of leaders for emerging and fast growth technology and life sciences companies in Austin, through a discussion forum of C-level issues and topics.

### **Services Offered**

Monthly meetings and discussion forum

### **Meetings**

- Monthly (excluding December, March, July and August)
- Austin Country Club

### **Membership Requirements**

Entrepreneurs from technology or life science companies

### **Fees/Dues**

- \$250/yr corporate membership
- Allows two attendees to meetings

### **Benefits of Membership**

One year membership includes open registration for two members of company to any Texchange event.

To further our 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.

## **Austin Unique**

[www.austinunique.com](http://www.austinunique.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The mission of Austin Unique is to promote locally-owned businesses and the unique culture they create and serve.

### **Services Offered**

Weekly networking lunch and event planning, promotion and production.

### **Meetings**

- Every Tuesday, 11:30-1 pm
- Jovita's  
1619 S. 1st Street  
Austin, TX 78704

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

\$10 for lunch

### **Benefits of Membership**

Build your business by getting to know other small business owners and giving and receiving referrals to and from each other.

## **Austin Wireless Alliance**

3925 W. Braker Lane

Austin, TX 78759

[www.austinwirelessalliance.org](http://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. Our 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
- Facilitating 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

### **Meetings**

Time, location, and frequency vary.

### **Membership Requirements**

Must be a member of Austin Technology Council

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

## **B3 Network**

[www.b3network@gmail.com](mailto:www.b3network@gmail.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The mission of the B3 Network is to educate businesses about each other and how to do business better, as well as connect businesses with needed services, education, affiliations, etc. Our organization provides a means for training.

### **Services Offered**

Training is provided through various organizations and speakers.

### **Meetings**

- Our breakfast meeting is scheduled on the first Friday of the month, from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and features two local business spotlights, giving businesses the opportunity to educate fellow businesses about their services as well as a little personal information about themselves.
- Third Friday features lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Quarterly After Hours to be determined. Meetings take place at the Hutto Chamber and at various locations.
- See calendar for more details.

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

- \$50 per year Dues
- \$10 per meeting to cover lunch.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Online directory listing
- Member discounts
- Business development
- Business relationship building
- Referrals
- Leads
- Optional elite web page with description of self and business

## **Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA)**

### **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 270255

Austin, TX 78727

[www.bdpa-austin.org/air](http://www.bdpa-austin.org/air)

### **Mission and Goals**

Black Data Processors Association (BDPA) is a global, member-focused organization that positions its members at the forefront of the IT industry. BDPA is committed to delivering IT excellence to our members, strategic partners, and community. BDPA goals are to accumulate a pool of Information Technology knowledge and business expertise. Business Development is the cornerstone of the Entrepreneur Community and BDPA has a growing, thriving business ownership community. At BDPA, our growing membership of entrepreneurs bring a vast array of knowledge and experience to our corporate sponsors, members and our community. From innovations in technology, to influencing how businesses are managed, to mentoring a new generation of “would be” entrepreneurs, this advisory group stays on the leading edge. Our goal is to assist the BDPA entrepreneurs with programs, policies and opportunities that will allow them to continue to grow both in knowledge and influence.

### **Services Offered**

- Career Center, IT Professional Development, Student Programs, Conference Discounts, BDPA Information Network, and Communication Forums, Entrepreneur Directory.
- Unique seminars and workshops at the annual National BDPA Technology Conference.
- The Entrepreneur Advisory Group (EAG) addresses the unique needs of the entrepreneur within the BDPA organization.

### **Meetings**

- Third Tuesday of the month from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Mitchie's Fine Black Arts at 6406 North IH 35 Ste. 2800, Austin, Texas 78752

### **Membership Requirements**

Full membership is available to persons directly employed by or interested in the information processing Industry, including electronic data processing; electronic word processing and data communication.

### **Fees/Dues**

- Full Member - \$75.00 per year
- Full-time Student Member - \$15.00 per year
- Full Five Year Member - \$300.00

### **Benefits of Membership**

Membership in BDPA means that you have a partner in achieving your career goals and aspirations through excellent members' services.

## **Blue Knot Austin**

### **A program of the Jewish Community Association of Austin (JCAA)**

7300 Hart Lane

Austin, TX 78731

[www.blueknotaustin.org](http://www.blueknotaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Blue Knot is a national 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 our city, 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 and information about emerging trends.

### **Meetings**

We meet at least once a quarter. Visit the website for a schedule of upcoming meetings or events.

### **Membership Requirements**

Open to Jewish professionals in the technology industry or in related positions.

### **Fees/Dues**

No

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Educational opportunities
- Networking
- Social activities.

## **Bootstrap Austin**

P.O. Box 29065

Austin, TX 78759

[www.bootstrapaustin.org](http://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 cookie-cutter/franchise and funding-driven approaches. We provide a sharing and supportive community of fellow entrepreneurs and teach 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.

### **Meetings**

- Main group meets every second Monday of the month
- Subgroups meet at other regular times.
- Check the Bootstrap calendar for meeting times and locations.

### **Membership Requirements**

- Individuals only – you are a fulltime founding bootstrapper (Valley of Death/Growth stage) or are actively considering starting a company (Ideation stage).
- Organizations may not become Bootstrap members.

### **Fees/Dues**

- No fees.
- Members are charged in "BootKarma" (units of time) for meeting attendance.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- A community of fellow bootstrappers
- Learn the principles of bootstrapping
- Further develop your business by providing your service or product to the bootstrap community
- Collaborate with the Bootstrap Organization to take joint products/services to market.

## **Breakfast Club Network**

P.O. Box 476

Cedar Park, TX 78630-0476

<http://www.breakfastclubnetwork.com>

### **Mission and Goals**

It's a widely accepted principle that people do business with people whom they know and like. We provide a structured environment for small business owners, entrepreneurs and home-based professionals to get to know others in their community. The Breakfast Club Network currently has active chapters in Cedar Park and Round Rock.

We build small business through relationships. Attendees can increase their sales, profits, productivity, and business savvy by the mutual exchange of referrals and information.

### **Services offered**

Structured business networking; Limited seating available

### **Meetings**

- See website for details & registration
- Cedar Park Chapter:  
Monthly; First Wednesday (unless otherwise stated); 7:15AM-8:30AM  
Twin Lakes YMCA, Cedar Park
- Round Rock Chapter:  
Monthly; Second Wednesday (unless otherwise stated); 7:15AM-8:30AM  
Location varies

### **Membership Requirements**

Membership is open to small business owners, home-based professionals and entrepreneurs who wish to grow a clientele in the chapter area.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Online directory listing
- Membership plaque
- Exclusive members-only events and opportunities for co-op advertising

## **Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)**

P.O. Box 200275

Austin, TX 78720

[www.BOMAaustin.org](http://www.BOMAaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services offered**

- Advocacy
- Networking
- Education

### **Meetings**

- Third Thursday of each month
- U.T. Club

### **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 of Membership**

- Advocacy
- Networking
- Education

## **Business Network Connection**

108 Wild Basin Road #244

Austin TX, 78746

[www.businessnetworkconnection.com](http://www.businessnetworkconnection.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

Business Network Connection offers a network of talented business to business professionals. We screen our applicants to provide the best service providers in Austin to provide a networking resource for Business to Business (B2B) professionals in the Austin area.

### **Meetings**

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Saltgrass Steak House  
183 South between Great Hills Trail and Braker Lane

### **Membership Requirements**

- We are category specific
- You must be in good standing in the business community.

### **Fees/Dues**

\$12.00 per lunch

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Instant access to top B2B professionals
- Leads
- Referrals
- Business support

## **Capital City A&M Club Reveille Breakfast**

[www.austinags.org](http://www.austinags.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Allows for networking and business development among Texas A&M alumni in Austin

### **Services Offered**

- Breakfast meetings
- Forums
- Speakers

### **Meetings**

- Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month
- Holiday Inn Northwest

### **Membership Requirements**

No

### **Fees/Dues**

Dues are optional

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Network with local Aggies twice a month
- Help develop new business

## **Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce**

5407 North IH-35, Suite 304

Austin, TX 78723

[www.capcitychamber.org](http://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.

Goal: 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

### **Meetings**

- Quarterly Membership Luncheons
- Quarterly Roundtable Workshops
- Annual Awards Luncheon
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Quarterly Networking Socials
- Quarterly New/Renewed Member Orientation

### **Membership Requirements**

Open to Students, Individuals, Small Businesses & Corporations

### **Fees/Dues**

Student (\$25), Individual (\$100) and Small Business - Corporation (\$250 - \$25,000)

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Capital City Association of Personnel Consultants**

c/o 1802 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78703  
[www.tapc.org/ccapc](http://www.tapc.org/ccapc)

### **Mission**

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

### **Meetings**

- Second Thursday of each month
- Meetings at Cool River unless special program is planned.

### **Membership Requirements**

Our website outlines membership requirements. From one-person operations to multi-office enterprises, any size firm is welcome in TAPC. All you have to do is return the application or call our headquarters. Our Unity Program allows you to automatically combine your membership in TAPC with membership in one of our associations throughout the state. There's no better way to gain important certifications, save money, have an impact on legislation, and build your personnel consulting business than to join with thousands of others who have made TAPC their choice. Affiliate and Associate memberships are also available.

### **Fees/Dues**

Membership dues and monthly program fees are outlined on the website.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Education
- Certification
- Networking with peers
- Legislative representation

## **Capitol of Texas Chefs**

### **Austin Chapter of the American Culinary Foundation**

6020-B Dillard Circle

Austin, TX 78752

[www.capitoloftexaschefs.com](http://www.capitoloftexaschefs.com)

#### **Mission and Goals**

The Capitol of Texas Chefs American Culinary Foundation Chapter is located in Austin, Texas. The chapter is dedicated to helping chefs network and achieve professional certification through the American Culinary Federation. This organization seeks new chef members as well as junior and affiliate members to join.

#### **Services offered**

Networking and certification

#### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held monthly early in the week (either on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday) and locations vary so watch the website for up-to-date details.
- Discussions focus on:
  - Food
  - Recipes
  - Menu ideas
  - Cost-control
  - Upcoming events
  - News around town
  - Charity events
  - Dining around town
  - Other topics relevant to a chef's profession.

#### **Membership Requirements**

Dues

#### **Fees/Dues**

- Dues vary.
- Please contact the Austin chapter for current fees.
- Members are encouraged to bring non-member guests in the hospitality field to meetings.

#### **Benefits of Membership**

- Insurance
- Certification
- Networking
- Professional growth

## **Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors**

1306-A West Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78757

[www.ctcaronline.com](http://www.ctcaronline.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The mission of the Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors 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

### **Meetings**

- The association meets monthly at various times and locations.
- Check website for up to date information.

### **Membership Requirements**

Real estate licensee or service provider

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Advocacy
- Education
- Networking

## **CEO Network**

P.O. Box 142466

Austin, TX 78714-2466

[www.ceonetworkaustin.com](http://www.ceonetworkaustin.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The CEO Networking group consists of small business owners. We build strong relationships and refer business to each other. We also try to pull from the expertise and experiences of the membership base to answer business concerns and problems.

The purpose of CEO Network is to bring together small business owners, the self-employed and professionals from a wide variety of occupations to increase their sales, profits and productivity by the mutual exchange of business leads and information.

### **Services offered**

A professionally managed networking group

### **Meetings**

- Tuesday Lunch 11:30 – 1:00
- Carmelo's at 5<sup>th</sup> & Red River

### **Membership Requirements**

- Business owner
- Some key decision makers are allowed
- Only one person per business category

### **Fees/Dues**

- \$25 guest fee - please contact for business category availability.
- Guests limited to two visits.
- Fee to join, plus monthly dues (includes meals).

### **Benefits of Membership**

The primary benefit of joining a referral group is referrals. But there is more to it than that. Our members reasons for remaining members each year are:

- Shared business strategies and marketing techniques, removing the burden of relying on themselves alone for new ideas
- Members can tap into the larger knowledge pool of their peers as they plan and problem-solve
- Personal friendships develop that last for years
- Many of our business owners offer discounted services to each other

## **Classical Music Consortium of Austin**

P.O. Box 10042

Austin TX 78766

[www.classicalmusicaustin.org](http://www.classicalmusicaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services Offered**

- Collaborative marketing (printed concert calendar, web site, e-marketing, cooperative event scheduling)
- Professional development and networking
- Basic arts administration services

### **Meetings**

- Monthly, September through May, usually on the first Tuesday.
- Locations vary.

### **Membership Requirements**

- Organizational membership is by application only, see website for information.
- Individual supporting membership is open to all.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Organizations receive:
  - Concert marketing
  - Professional development
  - Networking at and between meetings
  - Eligible for low-cost administrative services.
- Individuals receive:
  - Printed concert calendar by mail
  - Tax deduction
  - Other individual benefits to be developed in 2008.

## **Downtown Austin Alliance**

211 E. 7th Street, Suite 100-L  
Austin, TX 78701  
[www.downtownaustin.com](http://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

### **Meetings**

Committees meet once a month generally held at the Downtown Austin Alliance Office

### **Fees/Dues**

- Memberships are available in the following categories:
- Voluntary Entitlement Membership: \$250
  - Reserved for all parties who own property within the Public Improvement District but are not assessed (Properties valued under \$500,000)
- Associate Membership Levels:
  - Open to non-property owners
    - Individual Membership: \$125 (Not available to employees or representatives of businesses operating within the Public Improvement District)
    - Non-profit Organization: \$125
    - Business with fewer than 10 employees: \$150
    - Business with 10 to 50 employees: \$250
    - Business with more than 50 employees: \$500

### **Benefits of 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 forums 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
- As a member of the Alliance you will be listed on our web site, with links to your homepage
- Make a difference in Downtown Austin by serving on Alliance Committees and Task Forces

## **Financial Planning Association of Austin**

P.O. Box 28268

Austin, TX 78755-8268

[www.austinfpa.org](http://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 our association provide a broad range of financial services including investment planning, tax planning, insurance planning, and legal advice to small business owners.

### **Meetings**

- Monthly on the second Tuesday
- Austin Country Club

### **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
- Others who champion the financial planning process

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Continuing education
- Networking
- Business solutions
- Government relations

## **Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

2800 South IH-35, Suite 260

Austin, TX 78704

[www.gahcc.org](http://www.gahcc.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will lead the efforts that strengthen and support small, minority and women-owned businesses; stimulate and advocate for business growth, development and opportunities; promote educational excellence; and promote awareness and preservation of the Hispanic heritage.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are at various times and locations. Please check website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Access to GAHCC database with approximately 700 local and national members
- Free automatic membership to the statewide Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC)
- Free annual GAHCC membership directory
- Free complimentary membership listing
- Free GAHCC Membership Certificate
- Free Small Business Development workshops, seminars, and forums, including specialized computer training classes in English and Spanish
- Free ribbon cuttings & groundbreaking ceremonies
- Free business networking mixers
- Networking opportunities at our monthly membership luncheons, special rates for members
- Special membership advertising opportunities for GAHCC special events, such as Annual Awards & Installation Banquet and Community Service Awards Luncheon
- Special membership advertisement rates for our monthly Noticias newsletter
- Opportunity to submit announcements and articles in the Noticias newsletters
- Opportunity to participate in our leadership development programs such as Hispanic Austin Leadership (HAL)
- Committee involvement leading to community development opportunities
- Referral opportunities to members and nonmembers.

## **Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce**

101 South Third Street  
Pflugerville, TX 78691  
[www.pfchamber.com](http://www.pfchamber.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services Offered**

The Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce offers opportunities for greater exposure through the Chamber's programs and events, plus Business Development Services and more.

### **Meetings**

- First Thursday (evening networking)
  - First Thursday each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Go SSIP Friday (morning networking)
  - Last Friday each month from 7:30-9:00 a.m.
- Chamber Chatter – Luncheon series
  - Second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

### **Fees/Dues**

Annual membership investment fee

### **Benefits of 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 the "Weekly Wire"
- Monthly networking programs
- Yearly events

## **Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT)**

### **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 1356

Austin, TX 78767-1356

[www.hwnt.org/Austin](http://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 that would 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 an integral part 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 our 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.

### **Meetings**

Visit our website for meeting dates, times, and locations

### **Membership Requirements**

Annual Dues

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of 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 your 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](http://www.AustinHomeBuilders.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater Austin is a trade association to promote, protect and educate its members and inform the home buying public. It covers a five-county area and reports on thirty city and county governments. There are approximately 850 members of which 87% of the member firms being small businesses.

### **Services Offered**

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

### **Meetings**

- Usually at HBA Office, times vary.
- Check website for up to date information.

### **Membership Requirements**

- Builders must be registered with the Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC).
- All members must adhere to HBA's Constitution and Bylaws, HBA, Texas Association of Builders' and National Association of Home Builders' rules and policies.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits for Members**

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

## **Independent Insurance Agents of Austin**

P.O. Box 201298

Austin TX 78720-1298

[www.iaaustin.com](http://www.iaaustin.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Independent Insurance Agents of Austin is a professional association for property and casualty independent insurance agencies and affiliated companies. Our mission is to help our members grow and succeed.

### **Services Offered**

We offer luncheon meetings for our members to network and hear informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics. Refer to our website for additional events.

### **Meetings**

Varies. Refer to our website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

Varies depending on type of membership. Please visit our website for details.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Join us at luncheons as we feature informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics including current industry issues
- Members receive advance notice of our meetings
- Agency members are listed on our web site from which consumers can access information. Associate members are also listed providing our agency members with a directory of those companies that support our association
- We offer Big "I" Day, a benefit golf tournament for fun and fellowship
- Keep in contact with your local Austin area agents and insurance industry representatives through networking
- We host a holiday luncheon to celebrate the season. This event features an ACSR Conferment Ceremony and the presentation of our Distinguished Service Award

## **International Association of Business Communicators**

P.O. Box 2733

Austin, TX 78768-2733

<http://www.iabcaustin.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 14,500 members in 70 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.

### **Meetings**

- IABC/Austin meetings are held once a month with a hiatus during the summer.
- Regional and International IABC events are held throughout the year.

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Dues are \$276 to 316/year

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **International Coach Federation**

### **Greater Austin Chapter**

P. O. Box 4963

Austin TX 78765-4963

[www.austincoaching.com](http://www.austincoaching.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Greater Austin Chapter of the International Coach Federation (ICF) is a non-profit, professional organization of personal and business coaches. ICF exists to build, support and preserve the integrity of the coaching profession. The Greater Austin Chapter of the International Coach Federation strives to provide a forum for members to:

- Share information
- Learn skills and competencies
- Build a community of coaches
- Promote coaching in the Austin area.

### **Services Offered**

We provide a free "Find a Coach" referral service which list member coaches specializing in corporate, small business and personal coaching.

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month
- Casa de Luz located at 1701 Toomey Road

### **Membership Requirements**

To be a member you must:

- Practice an identifiable form of coaching as part of his/her professional practice or occupation
- Be enrolled as a student in or graduate of a coach training organization
- Have an interest in the coaching profession

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- No meeting fees
- Free inclusion in "Find a Coach" referral service
- Chapter voting privileges
- Eligibility to hold a chapter Board position

## **International Game Developers Association**

3311 Settlement Drive  
Round Rock, TX 78665-1303  
[www.igda.org/austin](http://www.igda.org/austin)

### **Mission and Goals**

The International Game Developers Association (IGDA) - Austin is a nonprofit advocacy group for the video games industry in Austin, Texas. Our 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**

IGDA – Austin fulfills its mission by:

- Holding lectures and panels to disseminate information and best practices
- Posting job openings and studio information on our website
- Running booths at industry trade shows to present information on Austin as a game development center

### **Meetings**

- Lectures/Panels – three in the Spring and three in the Fall
- Public Events – Two events per year
- Picnic – Once per year in the summer

### **Membership Requirements**

- Only professionals in the game development industry are allowed to attend our lectures and the picnic.
- The public events are open to everyone.
- Companies that wish to advertise or post jobs on our web site must pay sponsorship fees.

### **Fees/Dues**

- Fees are required to post information on our website.
- Contact for more details.

## **International Special Events Society (ISES)**

[www.isesaustin.com](http://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. Our mission is to inspire and educate special event professionals through programs and networking opportunities.

### **Meetings**

- Once a month, usually the second Thursday of each month
- Various locations around Austin

### **Membership Requirements**

Member of the event industry or student

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Become a part of a supportive local network of industry professionals
- All members are listed in the ISES member directory, an international industry resource
- Subscription to Special Events Magazine, a great source for educational articles and new on industry happenings and trends
- CSEP, Certified Special Event Professional, an internationally recognized professional designation. We can help you take the next step in professional development. Enroll in the program and join our study groups.
- Discounts from major vendors like Kinko's, DHL, Staples, Alamo car rental, EarthLink and more

## **Jewish Business Network**

7300 Hart Lane  
Austin, Texas 78731  
[www.austinjbn.org](http://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/or resumes through meeting attendance and through our web page database.

### **Services offered**

Monthly networking meetings and a website featuring all events and participant information.

### **Meetings**

Most meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 6pm-8:15pm, followed by 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**

- Two dollars for Seniors, JCAA members and students
- Five dollars for all others at each meeting attended.

### **Benefits of Membership**

Promotion of businesses, job openings and resumes, among like-minded individuals.

## **Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 340034

Austin, TX 78734

[www.LakeTravisChamber.com](http://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 our unique South Lake Travis community.

### **Services offered**

Luncheons and networking opportunities

### **Meetings**

Monthly luncheons are held the third Wednesday of the month

Additional networking opportunities offered weekly

Meeting locations vary

Please see website for details

### **Fees**

\$150-\$695

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Metropolitan Breakfast Club**

P O Box 2532

Austin, TX 78768

[www.mbcaustin.org](http://www.mbcaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services Offered**

Wonderful business relationships

### **Meetings**

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the UT Club (on east side of Royal Memorial Stadium)

### **Membership Requirements**

Interest in community issues

### **Fees/Dues**

- Fees \$120 per year (September through August)
- \$15 each week for breakfast and parking

### **Benefits of Membership**

Building business relationships through:

- Weekly meetings
- Occasional evening social events

## **National Association for Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)**

### **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 201298

Austin, TX 78720-1298

[www.naifanet.com/austin](http://www.naifanet.com/austin)

### **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 our members.

### **Services Offered**

We offer luncheon meetings for our members to network and hear informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics. Refer to our website for additional events.

### **Meetings**

Meeting dates and times of meeting vary. Please refer to the website for details.

Meetings are held at the Westwood Country Club, 3808 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, TX 78703.

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

\$472.00/per year for the local, state and national level. Includes your lunch at local meeting.

### **Benefits of Membership**

Great sales and marketing ideas, education and training programs, networking opportunities, discounts on business products and services, or the opportunity to get involved in NAIFA's advocacy efforts.

## **National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), Inc.**

### **Cen-Tex Chapter**

PO Box 142572

Austin, TX 78714

[www.mbcaustin.org](http://www.mbcaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) wanted 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 our 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.

The 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 Forums
- Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Hosted NABA National Executive Council Meetings
- 1996, 2001, & 2002 Western Region Student Conference (WRSC) Host
- University Of Texas At Austin Student Chapter
- Membership Networking Activities
- Community Service Activities
- Leadership Development Activities
- Scholarships

### **Meetings**

- Last Saturday of January, April, July, and October
- 9:00 am to 11am
- Huston-Tillotson University  
900 Chicon Street  
A-L Conference Room

### **Membership Requirements**

Accounting, Finance, or Business Related Student or Professional

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

## **National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)**

### **Austin Chapter**

101 Parque Circle  
Georgetown, TX 78626  
[www.austinnari.org](http://www.austinnari.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

We want 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**

We provide promotion, fellowship and resources for remodelers and associated businesses. Additionally, some meetings are open to the general public for small business networking

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Dave & Busters

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **National Business Exchange (NBX Austin)**

[www.nbxnetwork.com](http://www.nbxnetwork.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The National Business Exchange (NBX) is a network created to bring together like-minded professionals from all occupations interested in promoting their primary businesses, while learning strategies to develop their marketing skills and to increase their market share.

NBX also provides, through guest speakers and special events, the opportunity to learn techniques that will assist you in implementing proven business, financial and tax strategies. We are a networking group that helps small business owners develop friendships that lead to great referral relationships.

### **Services Offered**

- Networking Lunch
- Speakers
- Trade Shows

### **Meetings**

- Every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Iron Cactus  
10001 Stonelake Blvd

### **Membership Requirements**

Once you attend three times in three months you are a member.

### **Fees/Dues**

There are no annual fees or dues but we do ask that you buy lunch at the meeting.

### **Benefits of Membership**

Once someone is a member they can be placed on our directory, on our e-mail list and can participate in our tradeshow and weekly mini press conferences.

## **Networking Austin**

P.O. Box 50071

Austin, TX 78763

[www.networkingaustin.com](http://www.networkingaustin.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

Networking Austin allows a small business the opportunity to have the resource of a large sales force they probably could not otherwise afford. This resource is comprised of knowledgeable professionals that have a level of commitment based on personal and business relationships that money can't buy.

### **Services offered:**

- Networking Austin delivers a high-quality business networking experience,
- Participants learn how to use our effective networking system to grow and expand their sales force, and ultimately, their revenues.
- Networking Austin is operated by experienced networkers who know this market and understand what it takes to be successful in this business community.
- We help the business professional build long-term productive relationships that open the path to many exciting business opportunities and greater personal wealth.

### **Meetings**

- Weekly Network meetings and training Thursdays at 7:00 am
- Headliners Club  
Chase Tower  
Corner of Sixth Street and Lavaca  
21st floor

### **Membership Requirements**

Small Business Owner

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

Solid Business Relationships

## **Northwest Businesswomen's Association**

P.O. Box 204042

Austin TX 78720

<http://www.nwbw.org/>

### **Mission and Goals**

The Northwest Businesswomen's Association is a group of professional business people who are committed to promoting the advancement of women in business.

### **Services Offered**

The Northwest Businesswomen's Association's weekly meetings provide the opportunity to support each other in mutually advancing our businesses by providing a forum for relationship-building, self-introduction, educational and professional development.

### **Meetings**

- Weekly meetings on Wednesdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- The Iron Cactus Restaurant  
10001 Stonelake Boulevard  
Located between Capitol of Texas Highway and Great Hills Trail, North of 183

### **Membership Requirements**

Guests are always welcome. To become a member there are semi-annual dues.

### **Fees/Dues**

Weekly meeting fees:

Guest: \$15.00 (there is a \$3 off coupon on the Web site)

Member: \$12 Meeting fee which includes lunch.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Relationship-building, self-introduction, educational and professional development are our main goals.
- Listings in website and print directories
- Chance at weekly meetings for guests and members to introduce themselves and their businesses, make special announcements and offer referrals and thank you's to other members/guests.
- The opportunity to be the speaker at a meeting is available as often as once a year. Non-member guest speakers are booked for two out of four or five weeks each month, addressing business-related topics.
- Members are also encouraged to submit articles they have written to be published on the Web site.

# **Project Management Institute**

## **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 27196

Austin, TX 78755

[www.austinpmi.org](http://www.austinpmi.org)

## **Mission and Goals**

With over 2000 members in the Central Austin area, the 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**

In addition to providing Project Management training and networking opportunities, the Chapter periodically participates in events to support local charities. Past support includes hosting a supply drive for Safehouse, participating in Hands on Housing, and helping out at the local food bank.

## **Meetings**

- Monthly meetings on fourth Tuesday of every month
- U.T. Thompson Conference Center

## **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, you must first join the global PMI Organization.

## **Fees/Dues**

Yes

## **Benefits of Membership**

- Networking
- Job Opportunities List
- Training Opportunities
- Seminars
- Professional Development

## **Public Relations Society of America**

### **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 27304

Austin, TX 78755

<http://www.prsa.austin.org>

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services offered**

- Professional development
- Networking
- Job bank
- Seminars

### **Meetings**

Times and locations vary. Please see website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

To qualify for membership, you 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 university and adhere to the PRSA Member Code of Ethics 2000. If you are currently unemployed, a prior position held within the last five years must meet the above requirement, or one of the following: you hold a degree in Public Relations; you hold another academic degree program which meets the standards for a PRSSA charter; you hold PRSA certification for Education in Public Relations or you have achieved accreditation in Public Relations.

### **Fees/Dues**

National Membership: \$290, (Initiation fee: \$65 + annual dues \$225)

Austin Chapter Dues: \$40

### **Benefits of 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 78709-2523

[www.reelwomen.org](http://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

### **Meetings**

- Third Wednesday of each month
- Various locations

### **Membership Requirements**

No

### **Fees/Dues**

\$35 per year

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Remarkable Women's Conferences**

321 West Ben White Boulevard, Suite 203

Austin, TX 78704

[www.RemarkableConference.com](http://www.RemarkableConference.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Remarkable Women's Conference was created to fill a void in local conferences by providing a space for women from all cross-sections of the community to come together, make meaningful connections, and provide support and encouragement for one another while attending first class break-out sessions and keynote addresses from the best talent that Austin has to offer. The Conference provides a vehicle for women to grow their whole person and includes amazing speakers in topics such as family, workplace, health, relationships and business ownership.

### **Services Offered**

- Monthly "connectworking" events
- Yearly conference includes:
  - Tradeshow
  - 25 local speakers
  - Keynote
  - Discounted coaching programs
  - Pre-conference workshop intensive

### **Meetings**

- Monthly connectworking events all over Austin
- Yearly conference
- Check website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

- Monthly connectworking is free or nominal cost
- Conference attendance requires registration

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

# **Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship**

## **Austin Chapter**

<http://www.alliance.rice.edu>

### **Mission and Goals**

The Rice Alliance is a non-profit organization that mentors entrepreneurs and early stage companies. You do NOT have to be associated with Rice University to attend our events. Our mission is to support the vision of the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship by creating a forum for exchange and collaboration among the academic, business, engineering and science communities in Austin.

We aim to be a vehicle for the education and support of, and networking and collaboration between, inventors, innovators, scientists and entrepreneurs in their pursuit of technology and business endeavors.

### **Services Offered**

Entrepreneur Mentoring

### **Meetings**

Four or five events a year in various locations

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

No

## **Ripple Effect**

[www.ripplecentral.com](http://www.ripplecentral.com)

### **Mission/Goals**

The 8 Minute Ripple is not your typical business networking function. In fact it is quite the opposite! This connection building event successfully demonstrates that relationships (especially those in business) can be significantly enhanced when people step outside their traditional boxes and connect as individuals. Participants witness the fun and unpredictable connections that can develop by crossing paths with those they might not ordinarily meet.

### **Services Offered**

We create an environment that is fun, interactive and far more likely to yield a positive result for all concerned. Through this form of interaction, participants have a truer appreciation for the people they meet, discover potential connection points, common interests and opportunities for further interaction. As one participant suggested, it's like putting accelerant on the relationship. We couldn't agree more!

### **Meetings**

- Meetings are held at different times and locations.
- See website for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

None

### **Membership Benefits**

- Expand Your Connections
- Create More Meaningful Interactions
- Learn More About Yourself & Others
- Find New & Exciting Opportunities
- Discover How To Really Connect
- Stimulate Your Creativity & Collaboration
- Enjoy an Event Like No Other

# **Society of Financial Service Professionals**

## **Austin Chapter**

P.O. Box 201298

Austin, TX 78720-1298

[www.sfsp.net/austin](http://www.sfsp.net/austin)

## **Mission and Goals**

The Society of Financial Service Professionals 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 credential financial service professionals. Our members' continuing commitment to advanced education and high ethical standards uniquely qualifies them to assist the public in achieving financial goals.

## **Services Offered**

- We offer luncheon meetings for our members to network and hear informative presentations from speakers on a variety of topics.
- Refer to our website for additional events.

## **Meetings**

- Meeting times vary
- Please refer to the website for details
- Westwood Country Club  
3808 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, TX 78703.

## **Membership Requirements**

- Varies depending on type of membership

## **Fees/Dues**

Varies depending on type of membership

## **Benefits of Membership**

- A WebEx presentation by CEO Joe Frack presents the wide array of resources and tools offered by FSP to keep members at the top of their game. See website for details.
- Connect with other members across the country.
- Bimonthly issues of the award-winning *Journal of Financial Service Professionals*
- Complimentary Subscription to *Barron's Online*  
Special FSP Member Discount for *Barron's Magazine*
- Access to FSP archived conferences
- Free member referral service
- Free Professional Interest Section with Section newsletters & e-mail discussion groups that give you the opportunity to interact with professionals around the country in your practice area

## **Southwest Movers Association**

700 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Austin, Texas 78701

[www.mytexasmover.com](http://www.mytexasmover.com)

### **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. The association hosts a consumer Web site 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
- Web site 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

### **Meetings**

- Three regularly scheduled meetings/year
- Education seminars are offered throughout the year.

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Education and training for employees
- Mover/loader training certification
- Promotion of member companies to consumers
- Increased exposure of companies through innovative Web site
- Strategic positioning of SMA members with statewide media
- Pinnacle mover certification
- Networking with other movers
- Tariff and forms
- 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](http://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**

Our monthly events provide networking opportunities and diverse cultural experiences. We aspire to expose our members to the best Austin has to offer in creative expression, both nonprofit and commercial.

### **Meetings**

Once a month in various locations

### **Membership Requirements**

Annual membership dues

### **Fees/Dues**

- \$125 for individual
- \$100 per individual for groups of two or more

### **Benefits of 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

## **Talk 1370 Small Business Network**

Talk Radio 1370am  
4301 Westbank Drive  
Escalade B – Third Floor  
Austin, TX 78749

<http://talkradio1370am.com/SBN-Search-Results/909961>

### **Mission and Goals**

The Talk 1370 Small Business Network is an on-line community designed to connect and grow small businesses by leveraging the power and reach of KJCE's on-air and on-line presence. Listeners can easily find information about member businesses on-line and benefit from exclusive offers.

The Mission of Talk 1370 Small Business Network is to help facilitate small business owners grow their business and align themselves with other small business owners in the market. The SBN is designed to be utilized as a networking medium for business owners in the Austin area.

### **Services Offered**

- 10 (:30) SBN Roll-Out Commercials in the first month of sign-up
- Opportunity to provide special offers to other SBN Members and Talk Radio 1370 listeners.
- Invitations to Talk Radio 1370 Business Networking Events.
- Exclusive invitation to the SBN Speaker Series
- Exclusive discounts on Talk Radio 1370 advertising throughout the year.
- Monthly E-Newsletter
- 12 month listing of your company on Talk1370.com

### **Meetings**

- Monthly happy hours and Speaker series
- Visit web for details.

### **Membership Requirements**

We prefer that an organization who wishes to join is a small to medium sized business in or around the Austin market.

### **Fees/Dues**

\$595 per year

### **Benefits of Membership**

The Talk 1370 Small Business Network is community-designed to connect and grow small businesses by leveraging the power and reach of Talk Radio 1370's on-air, on-line, and on-site presences.

## **Technology Advisors Group (TAG)**

P.O. Box 684846

Austin, TX 78768-4846

[www.TagAustin.org](http://www.TagAustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Technology Advisors Group facilitates economic growth within Austin by providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Austin's business to business professionals and the high tech community. The Technology Advisors Group's vision is a network of service providers and business leaders interested in growing our technology based economy and building stronger companies through personal interaction, applying information, expertise and successful experience to problem solving.

### **Services Offered**

- Networking
- Fellowship
- Information on Austin Technology oriented companies
- Great Friday morning breakfast

### **Meetings**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting on the Last Friday of each month
- The Austin Club  
110 E. 9th Street

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

No

## **Texas Pest Control Association**

100 East Anderson Lane, Suite 325

Austin, TX 78752-1202

[www.texaspest.org](http://www.texaspest.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

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

### **Services offered**

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

### **Meetings**

- We have three to four meetings per year
- Education workshops are available in El Paso and Lubbock
- An annual convention is offered

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **Texas Retailers Association**

504 West 12<sup>th</sup> St.

Austin, TX 78701

[www.txretailers.org](http://www.txretailers.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The mission of the Texas Retailers Association is to be a strong advocate for the retail industry and to provide value-added services and programs pertinent to our members. We service 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. We also provide educational opportunities live and online.

### **Services Offered**

- Legislative and regulatory representation
- On-line education
- Newsletters
- Industry updates.

### **Meetings**

- Two Board meetings per year
- Monthly Board conference calls
- Various education meetings
- Committee meetings
- Charity golf tournament
- Political Action Committee fundraisers
- Check website for dates and locations.
- Locations vary: Austin, Houston, Dallas and other venues across the State.

### **Membership Requirements**

Retailer, student or individual or company affiliated with the retail industry (supplier, consultant, etc.).

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Credit card processing
- Tax audit program
- Shipping discounts
- Property & 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 Chapter  
3305 Northland Drive, Suite 406  
Austin, TX 78731  
[www.cpascount.org](http://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.

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

### **Services Offered**

Free online Certified Public Accountant Referral Service

### **Meetings**

- Two social events per year
- Quarterly happy hours around town

### **Membership Requirements**

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

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Education
- Networking
- Community service

## **Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA)**

812 San Antonio Street, Suite 401

Austin TX 78701

[www.ttia.org](http://www.ttia.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

The Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) is a membership organization serving all travel, tourism and related organizations in the state. In so doing, we represent hundreds of businesses and organizations that service the traveling public directly or provide a service or product to those organizations. Our mission is to unify and develop industry leadership that will support and influence the growth of Texas travel and tourism.

### **Services Offered**

- Marketing
- Networking
- Public policy
- Education

### **Meetings**

Varies

### **Membership Requirements**

See web site

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Marketing
- Networking
- Public policy
- Education

## **The Writers' League of Texas**

611 South Congress Avenue, Suite 130

Austin, TX 78704

[www.WritersLeague.org](http://www.WritersLeague.org)

### **Mission**

The Writers' League of Texas is a nonprofit 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**

Want to promote your book, product, or service? Check out the marketing opportunities at our upcoming events. Contact the Writers' League of Texas for information on promotion, sponsorships, exhibition spaces, program advertising, tote-bag insertions.

### **Meetings**

- Third Thursday of the month
- Barnes & Noble  
Highway 360 and Bee Caves

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

Benefit from the Writers' League of Texas programs, events, products, and contests to advance your writing career.

## **The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Austin**

3925 W. Braker Lane, #370

Austin, Texas 78759

[www.austin.tie.org](http://www.austin.tie.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

TiE Austin acts as a point of contact for people of the ethnic South Asian or Indus region when they come to Austin to do business or move here with an existing business. We facilitate smooth cultural transition and utilize the unique perspective of entrepreneurship to help others establish and grow their businesses in Austin.

Additionally, when Austinites wish to do business in the Indus region, TiE helps facilitate relationships that foster their requirements. While its roots belong to people of origin in the Indian subcontinent, TiE is an inclusive organization and its membership and benefits are open to anyone interested in working with and supporting the entrepreneurial community. TiE's members comprise of CxOs, executives, investors, academics, consultants, service providers and mainstream professionals.

### **Services Offered**

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

### **Meetings**

Usually 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, or a venue that has been publicized to the general public and members alike.

### **Membership Requirements**

The desire to approach business through entrepreneurial endeavors and to help others in their pursuit of success.

### **Fees/Dues**

- \$20.00 per year for students
- \$100.00 per year general

### **Benefits of Membership**

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

## **U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association de Austin**

1106 Clayton Lane, 511W

Austin, TX 78723

[www.ushca-austin.com](http://www.ushca-austin.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

The U.S. Hispanic Contractors of Austin (USHCA de Austin) is an advocate to ensure that legislation or policy is not exclusionary to our stakeholders in the construction community. We often join forces with the state and national chapters, the Hispanic Contractors Association de Tejas and the U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association, to bring opportunity and benefits based on fairness and inclusion to its regional and affiliated members across the country. We engage on behalf of our members and stakeholders in the community on issues relevant to the construction industry. We seek out and forge relationships with industry related corporations, associations, government entities, political leaders and individuals. We strive to create support to our members with basic services and resources.

### **Services Offered**

USHCA de Austin provides:

- Plan Room
- City of Austin Certification Assistance
- Referrals
- Workshops
- OSHA Safety Training in Spanish & English
- Networking Events
- Legislative Advocacy
- Conference Room Meeting Space
- Marketing Brochure
- Automatic Dual Membership in State & National Associations
- Complimentary El Nuevo Constructor Subscription

### **Meetings**

- Last Wednesday of the month in various locations
- Check website for updates

### **Membership Requirements**

- No requirements
- Open to anyone or any company
- Registration and payment for level desired

### **Fees/Dues**

- Starting at \$25 - \$350 for small business
- Larger investment for corporate sponsorship

## **Wisdom at Work**

[www.wisdomatworkaustin.org](http://www.wisdomatworkaustin.org)

### **Mission and Goals**

Wisdom at Work serves businesses by presenting ideas and tools that support individuals and organizations in the creation of healthy and productive workplace environments that allow people to express their authentic selves, communicate respectfully and experience overall health and spiritual wellbeing at work. Wisdom At Work is dedicated to the spiritual well-being and personal fulfillment of individuals and to the vitality of their organizations.

### **Services Offered**

Monthly luncheons, occasional social events and, starting this year, are evening “Wisdom After Work” discussion meetings that allow for the deeper exploration of universally valued spiritual principles and how they can be applied while engaged in our work and professional activities.

### **Meetings**

- Monthly: Luncheons on fourth Friday of the month
  - Marie Callender’s Restaurant  
9503 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78759
- Bi-monthly: “Wisdom After Work” evening gatherings at various locations.
- Two or three times per year: Social gatherings at various locations.

### **Membership Requirements**

Nothing other than a genuine interest in exploring ways to integrating one’s wisdom and spirituality into their professional relationships and experience of work.

### **Fees/Dues**

Luncheons: \$20.00

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Networking
- Community support and friendship
- Intellectual stimulation
- Leadership and Communication skill development
- Health and spiritual wellbeing

## **Women Presidents' Organization**

155 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 411

New York, NY 10022

[www.womenpresidentsorg.com](http://www.womenpresidentsorg.com)

### **Mission and Goals**

Women Presidents' Organization is a nonprofit membership organization whose members are a diverse group of entrepreneurial women presidents who have guided their businesses to generate at least \$2million in annual sales. 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 organization 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. We increase business and financial success of women presidents, provide continuing education in business and leadership, provide a forum where women presidents can make strategic contacts and promote business development, increase the visibility of women presidents on the local, national, and international levels, advance the influence of women in the business community.

### **Meetings**

Monthly for 3 hours.

Please contact Joanie Schwartz at [wpo1@satx.rr.com](mailto:wpo1@satx.rr.com) for information on the Austin Chapter.

### **Membership Requirements**

Approval from application

### **Fees/Dues**

See website

### **Benefits of 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, Suite 158  
Arlington, TX 76011  
www.wbcswsouthwest.org

### **Mission and Goals**

The Women's Business Council Southwest (WBCS) will provide you access to corporate procurement decision-makers. Every event, program, and tool that the WBCS provides to you, has the purpose of increasing your procurement opportunities. We want 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**

WBCS offers certification, procurement, networking, and educational programs that help Women Business Enterprises (WBE) grow.

### **Meetings**

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

### **Membership Requirements**

- At least fifty-one percent ownership by a woman or women
- Proof of effective management and control of the business
- Documented evidence of contribution of capital and/or expertise
- U.S. Citizenship or Legal Resident Alien status

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of 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 your 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 Hispanic Professional Austin Association**

P.O. Box 301827

Austin, TX 78703

[www.yhpa.org](http://www.yhpa.org)

### **Mission**

The Young Hispanic Professional Austin Association serves as the principal professional resource for young Hispanics in the Austin and Central Texas area for members to build a foundation for their professional, community and social development.

### **Services Offered**

- Professional development seminars
- Community service projects
- Social/networking events
- Referrals
- Scholarships

### **Meetings**

- Once a month at various locations
- Please check website for updates.

### **Membership Requirements**

None

### **Fees/Dues**

\$25 per year

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Make a positive impact in the Austin community by volunteering
- Support higher education through scholarships
- Participate in professional development events
- Expand on business partnerships
- Build new friendships
- Participate in a variety of social/networking events
- Share our resources and create a support system
- Start building a foundation with future Hispanic leaders

## **Young Men's Business League of Austin**

[www.austinyubl.org](http://www.austinyubl.org)

### **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.

### **Meetings**

- Third Wednesday of each month at noon
- Headliners Club
  - Chase Building
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and Colorado
  - Twentieth floor
- Reservations required.

### **Membership Requirements**

- Partake in at least on special event
- Volunteer with Sunshine camp activities
- Raise at least \$250 in individual fundraising.

### **Fees/Dues**

Yes

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Opportunity to give back to needy children of Austin
- Social activities
- Networking opportunities