

# BUSINESS & NETWORKING GROUPS

Ranked by local membership as of October 2012

Rank (Prior)	Group * Address Phone   Website	Austin-area: Members/ Paid staff/Vol. Year est. locally	Nature of gathering Cost to attend	Purpose	Top local executive: Current/ Incoming
<b>1</b> (1)	<b>Door64</b> 4202 Spicewood Springs, Ste. 204 78759 795-9964   www.door64.com	<b>28,000</b> 4 / 10 2007	Happy hour/networking/job fairs, SXSW Interactive Party; no cost, tech background required	Event company focused on creating high-value engagements for the high-tech demographic	Matt Genovese, Founder, CEO matt@door64.com Same
<b>2</b> (N/R)	<b>Launch Pad Job Club</b> P.O. Box 9113 78766 292-1558   www.launchpadjobclub.org	<b>12,600</b> 1 / 30 2001	Networking/job leads, weekly meetings; no cost	Help people stay motivated, informed and skilled in job search techniques, all leading to employment	Kathy Lansford-Powell, president frogwerkz2@yahoo.com Same
<b>3</b> (2)	<b>Austin Board of Realtors</b> 10900 Stonelake Blvd., Ste. A-100 78759 454-7636   www.abor.com	<b>9,000</b> 45 / 300 1926	Realty Round Up trade show, Mercedes giveaway, edu.; App. fee: \$200, membership: \$125, events: \$27-\$300	To provide Cen. Tx. Realtors with education programs and services for the betterment of homebuyers	Shannon Bubel, interim president, CEO sbubel@abor.com DND
<b>4</b> (6)	<b>RISE Austin</b> P.O. Box 684927 78768 807-1464   www.riseglobal.org	<b>7,400</b> 1 / 100 2007	Annual RISE conference and events; free but no shows are charged a fee	Relationship & Information Series for Entrepreneurs to empower, connect, inspire	Claire England, executive director claire@riseglobal.org Same
<b>5</b> (9)	<b>Texas Entrepreneurs Network</b> <sup>1</sup> P.O. Box 10434 78766 656-9487   www.txenetworks.com	<b>6,000</b> 2 / 0 2009	Weekly Funding Forums; various costs based on services	To put startups/mid-market companies in front of angel investors in Texas (\$200K-\$3M avg. raised)	Hall Martin, director director@txenetworks.com Same
<b>6</b> (3)	<b>Austin Tech Happy Hour</b> 9600 Escarpment Blvd., Ste. 745 78749 670-8324   www.austintechhh.com	<b>5,500</b> 0 / 4 2006	Monthly happy hour/networking; pre-registration: \$7.50, \$10 at the door	The place for the technology community to relax and network	Angela and Bryan Menell, owners sponsorships@austintechhh.com Same
<b>7</b> (N/R)	<b>CleanTx Foundation</b> 3925 W. Braker Lane 78759 402-4630   www.cleantx.org	<b>4,000</b> 1 / 3 2007	Clean Energy Beers, Power Lunch, CleanTX Forum, Solar Energy Entrepreneur Network, training focus; cost varies	To support, promote and encourage the growth of Central Texas' clean energy economy	John King, executive director john@cleantx.org Same
<b>8</b> (7)	<b>Austin Advertising Federation Inc.</b> P.O. Box 200273 78720 997-9994   www.austinaadfed.com	<b>1,800</b> 0 / 100 1931	Monthly lunches/seminars: \$25-\$50. Socials \$5-\$20. ADDY Awards, Big Wig Awards; dues: \$75-\$1,000	Support Austin's advertising community; regular programs, socials, Hispanic Marketing Symposium	Karen Goumakos, president president@austinaadfed.com Same
<b>9</b> (4)	<b>Leadership Austin</b> 1609 Shoal Creek Blvd., Ste. 202 78701 499-0435   www.leadershipaustin.org	<b>1,500</b> 7 / 200 1979	Engage monthly breakfast speaker series: \$25; Leadership development program tuition varies; Annual Gala	Explore community issues, develop leadership skills, foster relationships for positive change	Heather McKissick, president, CEO hcmckissick@leadershipaustin.org Same
<b>tie</b> (5)	<b>Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA)</b> 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Ste. 510 78701 320-4151   www.recaonline.com	<b>1,500</b> 4 / 1,500 1991	Monthly lunches, Black-tie Boxing fundraiser; annual dues: \$275-\$1,100, Lunch: \$35 member, \$45 nonmember	Moderate voice addressing issues impacting local businesses and the real estate industry	Janice Cartwright, executive director jcartwright@recaonline.com Same
<b>11</b> (N/R)	<b>Internet Marketing Party</b> 1425 Elm Brook Drive 78758 961-6323   www.internetmarketingparty.com	<b>1,381</b> 0 / 12 2008	Monthly happy hour/networking; cost: \$29 at door, \$19 early bird discount, \$19 monthly online membership	Community of online marketing professionals, sharing best practices and insider trade secrets	David Gonzalez, founder support@internetmarketingparty.com Same
<b>12</b> (10)	<b>Austin Technology Council</b> 3420 Executive Center Drive, Ste. 300 78731 394-8260   www.austintechnologycouncil.org	<b>919</b> 5 / 100 1994	Lunch, CEO Summit, Top Talent Roadshow; cost by number of employees	To facilitate the growth and success of the tech industry in Central Texas	Julie Huls, executive director, president interest@austintechnologycouncil.org Same
<b>13</b> (13)	<b>American Institute of Architects, Austin Chapter</b> 801 W. 12th St. 78701 452-4332   www.aiaaustin.org	<b>810</b> 4 / 20 1920	Homes Tour, conference, lunch, speaker series, Design Awards; annual dues, continuing education, tours	We improve our community by advancing the value of architecture	Sally Fly, executive director sally@aiaaustin.org Same
<b>14</b> (12)	<b>Home Builders Assn. of Greater Austin</b> 8140 Exchange Drive 78754 454-5588   www.austinhomebuilders.com	<b>750</b> 5 / 0 1953	Monthly meetings, events, annual awards banquet, Parade of Homes; associate dues, builder/developer dues	Educate and advocate for the home-building industry; crawfish boil, golf tournament, sporting clay shoot	Kathey Comer, executive VP New board starts November 2012
<b>15</b> (N/R)	<b>PR over Coffee</b> P.O. Box 170097 78717 963-9924   www.provercoffee.com	<b>700</b> 1 / 2-4 2011	Seminars/workshops/certifications/training as primary focus; meetings: \$20-\$30, workshops: up to \$50	To provide contacts, knowledge and resources for small businesses and nonprofits to perform their own PR	Dave Manzer, founder dave@davemanzer.com Same
<b>16</b> (14)	<b>Downtown Austin Alliance</b> 211 E. Seventh St., Ste. 818 78701 469-1766   www.downtownaustin.com	<b>600</b> 11 / 50 1993	Monthly Issues & Eggs breakfast series, two education sessions/yr.; cost varies per event	To preserve and enhance the value and vitality of downtown Austin	Charlie Betts, executive director cbetts@downtownaustin.com Same
<b>17</b> (15)	<b>WIMPS</b> 301 Congress Ave., Ste. 200 78701 530-6508   www.facebook.com/wimpsaustin	<b>469</b> 0 / 12 2007	Lunch/speaker/network no membership fees-only cost of lunches	Networking and information exchange for women in the music industry	Nancy Coplin, co-founder nancy.coplin@austintexas.gov Same
<b>18</b> (11)	<b>Austin Independent Business Alliance</b> P.O. Box 49545 78765 441-2123   www.ibuyaustin.com	<b>400</b> 3 / 2 1992	Breakfast/lunch/speaker/network, happy hour; \$175 annual membership	To promote and support locally owned business.	Rebecca Melançon, executive director rebecca@ibuyaustin.com Same
<b>19</b> (16)	<b>American Marketing Association, Austin</b> P.O. Box 141668 78714 757-8102   www.austinama.org	<b>300</b> 1 / 50 1978	Monthly lunch, special events; new members: \$275, renewing members: \$245, app. fee: \$30	Advance the Central Tx. marketing profession by helping marketing professionals lead, connect and grow	Michelle Vrudhula, current president 2012 Melanie Brennenman, president elect 2013 melanie.brennenman@gmail.com
<b>tie</b> (18)	<b>Associated General Contractors</b> <sup>2</sup> 609 S. Lamar Blvd. 78704 442-7887   www.agcaustin.org	<b>300</b> 5 / 0 1946	Annual awards, monthly meetings, Fish Fry, Spring golf; dues: associate: \$750; general contractor: \$800+	Provides business services to commercial construction industry; annual Outstanding Construction Awards	Phil Thoden, president, CEO philt@agcaustin.org Same
<b>21</b> (N/R)	<b>BOMA Austin</b> P.O. Box 153187 78715 529-5070   www.bomaaustin.org	<b>270</b> 2 / 40 1974	Lunch/speaker/networking; dues for associate/vendor: \$905, property managers based on s.f. managed	Promote ethical and professional standards, member and community support, advocacy, networking, edu.	Heather Haney, president 2013 admin@bomaustin.org
<b>22</b> (21)	<b>Assoc. for Women in Communications</b> <sup>3</sup> Box 50104 78763 231-0939   www.awcaustin.org	<b>220</b> 0 / 25 1929	Monthly lunches, annual awards/scholarship fundraiser, membership: \$69-\$214, lunch: \$35-\$45	Professional org. for all communications disciplines, Get Smart half-day professional dev. conference	Dara Quackenbush, president 2012 Susan Moore, president-elect 2013 presidentelect@awcaustin.org
<b>23</b> (19)	<b>Texchange-Tech. Entrepreneur's eXchange</b> 11525A Stonehollow Drive, Bldg. II-100 78758 961-6113   www.texchange.org	<b>150</b> 0 / 25 1990	Happy hour/networking Annual dues: \$150-\$250, dinner: \$35-50	Promote the entrepreneurial enviro., help develop the next generation of execs for tech and life sciences cos.	Dan Graham, president dan.graham@buildasign.com Same
<b>24</b> (17)	<b>Freelance Austin</b> P.O. Box 50104 78763 300-4183   www.freelanceaustin.org	<b>120</b> 0 / 4 1995	Lunch/speaker/network Free to AWC Austin members, \$35/year for non-AWC supporters.	Part of AWC Austin job networking/resource for communication professionals	Sheila Scarborough, chair sheila@tourismcurrents.com Same
<b>25</b> (N/R)	<b>Women's Business Council-Southwest</b> 2201 N. Collins St., Ste.158 76011 694-2556   www.wbcsouthwest.org	<b>95</b> 9 / 2-4 1995	Monthly lunch/speaker/network; lunch: \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers	Provides national WBE certification, and facilitates procurement opportunities	Debbie Hurst, president Same
<b>26</b> (N/R)	<b>National Speakers Association</b> 10200 Grand Teton Court 78731 418-0527   www.nsa-austin.com	<b>25</b> 1 / 8 2010	Lunch/speaker/network: Austin Insights; networking reception, annual celebration of Austin office; varies	To create a strong community of professional speakers	Patti DeNucci, president patti@intentionalnetworker.com Sylvia Stern, president-elect

Ties listed alphabetically. DND=Did not disclose. \* List does not include Chambers of Commerce. <sup>1</sup> Texas Entrepreneurs Network /k/a Austin Entrepreneurs Network. Membership reflects just Austin-area members. <sup>2</sup> Full name is Associated General Contractors of America-Austin. <sup>3</sup> Full name is The Association for Women in Communications, Austin Chapter. Sources: Surveys, telephone interviews and group websites. Information provided by the groups. Only organizations that responded to requests for information are included. Research by Patricia Rogers. For reprints, email austin@bizjournals.com. Information for obtaining commemorative plaques and Web permissions can be obtained from the Business Journal's designated partner company, Scoop ReprintSource at (800)767-3263 or scoopreprintsource.com. No other companies offering similar services are affiliated in any way with the Business Journal.

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