

January MSSC Board Member of the Month

Robert Mace

Robert Mace is currently employed by the Texas Water Development Board. He earned both his Bachelor's Degree in Geophysics and his Master's Degree in Hydrology at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He earned his Ph.D. in Hydrogeology at The University of Texas at Austin.

In 1999 Mr. Mace joined the Texas Water Development Board as a Unit Leader. Robert has held several positions that includes Assistant Division Director, Division Director and is now serving as Deputy Executive Administrator. He is currently overseeing the Groundwater, Surface Water, Conservation, and Innovative Water Technologies divisions.

From 1991 to 1999 Robert worked on the (ill-fated) Superconducting Super Collider project starting as a Research Scientist Association and then as a Research Associate with the Bureau of Economic Geology.

Prior to 1991 Robert worked on dense non-aqueous liquids as a Research Assistant with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

In 2011, after the retirement of the Texas Water Development Board's Executive Administrator, Robert became involved with the Multi-State Salinity Coalition and now serves on the MSSC Board of Directors. His involvement with the Rio Grande Salinity Coalition, Pecos River Salinity Advisory Committee, and purview over the Innovative Water Technologies (which includes desalination) guided him to MSSC.

Robert's goals for the MSSC organization are, "To further MSSC's mission to advance desalination and salinity control as water management strategies. I also want to foster interstate cooperation on salinity control."

Robert is looking forward to working with the Coalition on advancing desalination, a technology that will figure prominently in future water supplies.

Robert is married to a metallurgical engineer (she says stainless steel and salt do not work well together). They live in Austin, Texas, with a cat named after a fairly prominent water conservationist in the state. His hobbies include; electronic music, microcars, writing, collecting postcards depicting artesian wells in Texas and is currently fixated on the history of modern architecture.