

WILLIAM 'BILL' FENDLEY, PE

CO-FOUNDER



Biography

Mr. William (Bill) Fendley cofounded Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. He has over 43 years of experience involving civil engineering and land surveying projects in Texas and is a proud graduate of the University of Houston 1971 class with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is a registered Professional Engineer in six states and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Texas. Mr. Fendley worked for six years with the Houston District of TxDOT while attending the University of Houston, and for nine years with a privately owned civil engineering firm before starting his own firm in 1980. He has held leadership positions in Professional Engineering organizations at the national, state and local levels. He volunteers at the University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering School, sitting on the Engineering Leadership Dean's Board and the Civil Engineer Advisory Board. He has served in his home county as Director of the Waller County Transportation Authority and on the 2015 Waller ISD Citizens Planning Committee and PAC.

Mr. Fendley resides in Hockley, Texas with his wife Manuela on their ranch. In his free time, he enjoys working on his property and spending time with his grandchildren.

Memberships in professional, business, civic and social organizations

Mr. Fendley has been an active participant in a number of organizations including: NSPE (National Society of Professional Engineers), TSPE (Texas Society of Professional Engineers), PACE (Political Action Committee for Engineers), University of Houston Alumni Association, University of Houston College of Engineering Alumni Association, Waller County Transit Authority Board, Prairie View A&M University College of Business Advisory Board, Texas Council of Consulting Engineering Companies (TCEC), and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). In addition, he has supported the American Heart Association Houston Heart Walk, CANstruction (benefiting the Houston Food Bank), Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and local blood drives.

Eminence, service and accomplishments

Mr. Fendley cofounded Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. in 1980 and has been a driving force in the firm's growth to more than 600 employees and 22 office locations. He is currently providing business development, project quality control and employee mentoring as an employee of the firm. Throughout his career, Mr. Fendley has dedicated countless hours to speaking about the importance and benefits of the engineering profession to legislators, peers and students. In 2007, he was elected President of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE), one of the largest state societies in the United States. In this role he worked with members to promote the image of professional engineers and their contribution to the social, economic and political aspects of communities. In 2009, Mr. Fendley became recognized as an NSPE Fellow for his exemplary service to the profession, the Society, and the community. In 2013, Mr. Fendley's career efforts were duly recognized, as he received two prestigious awards: Greater Houston Area Engineer of the Year and Texas Engineer of the Year. Over the last 15 years Mr. Fendley has been, and continues to be, a constant and tireless participant and proponent for a number of engineering societies.

National Society of Professional Engineers

- National Director
- Former Chair of Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee
- Member - PAC

Texas Society of Professional Engineers

- Greater Houston Area Engineer of the Year: 2013
- Distinguished Engineer of Texas Engineer Foundation: 2003
- President
- Vice President of Region IV
- Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Chair, Chair of Professional Engineer Day at the Capitol
- Engineers Week: Publicity Vice Chair, Publicity Chair, TSPE Representative, Vice Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee, Chair
- Political Action Committee for Engineers: Trustee, Vice Chair, Chair
- Northwest Houston Chapter: Member of Board of Directors, President Elect

- Greater Houston Chapter: President, Membership Chair, State Director, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair, Leadership Forum Chair and Founder

American Council of Consulting Engineering Companies

- Texas Council of Consulting Engineering Companies: Representative to One Call Board Industry Task Force, State Legislative Committee, Sunset Commission Task Force
- Houston Council of Consulting Engineering Companies: Chair of Elected Officials Reception Committee, Chair of Special Task Force to Join CEC, Member of Board of Directors, Secretary to Board of Directors

UH Cullen College of Engineering / Engineering Alumni Association

- Since his graduation from the University of Houston in 1971, William Fendley has been dedicated to promoting and strengthening the University's engineering program. He has provided value to the Cullen College of Engineering through his participation with the following:
- UHAA Board of Directors: 1997-2002, Vice President of Constituent Relations 2001-2002
- EAA Board of Directors: 1996-2002, President 1997
- Dean's Engineering Leadership Board: 1999-Present
- CE Advisory Board: 2001-Present
- Assisted engineering department in working with the State Legislature
- Participated in the creation of the CobbFendley Civil Engineering Endowment
- Participated in the creation of the CobbFendley Telecommunications Endowment
- Participated in the creation of the C. J. Tamborello Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Participated in the creation of the CobbFendley Dean's Excellence Endowment
- Participated in the creation of the CobbFendley Building Fund to benefit the University of Houston

Awards

- Distinguished Alumni: 2000
- Eichorn Leadership Award: 2011
- Academy of Distinguished Civil and Environmental Engineer: 2011

In addition, on numerous occasions, Mr. Fendley has proudly delivered the commencement speech to the graduating students of the Cullen College of Engineering and the Civil Engineering graduating seniors.