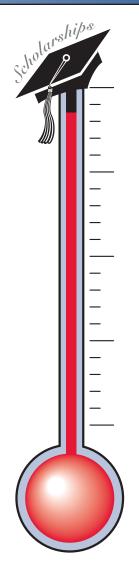
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Richard L. Savoie, PE

The gavel has been handed over! Norma Jean Mattei, P.E. and I are sharing the LAPELS Board Chairpersonship. She chaired the first six months and I was handed the gavel at the LAPELS September meeting at La. Tech. Thank you, Norma Jean for your leadership during your term with the board and during your time as Chairperson. I will try to continue the leadership you have provided.

Welcome to our newest board members, Mr. David Patterson, P.L.S. and Mr. John Irving, P. E. Mr. Patterson has been appointed to serve as the surveying representative, replacing Tim Allen, P.L.S. and Mr. Irving, has been appointed as the engineer representing the field of industry, replacing Roger Danzy, P. E.

Thanks again, Tim and Roger, for your contributions to the LAPELS board and welcome David and John. On behalf of the LAPELS board, we look forward to working with you.

Let me say I am humbled to serve as your Chairman of the LAPELS Board. I can remember getting my license almost 30 years ago and what a monumental event that was. I cherish this license and hope that all of you licensees do the same. We are all here to serve the profession and "safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare".

At the September meeting in Ruston this Board was doing exactly what we are charged with doing. The whole meeting was based on promoting licensure. We started by meeting with the Deans of 4 of our Universities that have engineering programs. We do this annually and the Board felt that there was no better opportunity than to host the Deans at La. Tech and discuss issues that affect their students and programs. We continue to discuss Computer Based Testing (CBT) by NCEES starting in January 2014. This will affect their students in a financial way, as the cost will be around \$250. The Board is concerned that this increase in cost will keep some students from taking the FE exam. Your Board has gone on record at past NCEES meetings concerning this huge increase. The fee may be lowered based on the exam duration at the test centers.

The La. Tech visit also provided the Board an opportunity to meet and greet engineering students. As with all students today, we "lured" them to an evening get together where a jambalaya meal was provided, cooked by Chef Savoie. LAPELS staff, Ms. Evelyn Mayeux, Ms. Cheron Seaman and Ms. Janet Lindsey were on hand to prepare other fixins to go with the jambalaya.

The last head count was around 340 attendees. Cooking for the students is the second most fun thing I have done as a board member.



Richard L. Savoie, PE Chairman

My most enjoyable moments are handing out the EI and PE certificates to new registrants of the Board. I was able to do this at a ceremony hosted by LES and LSPS on September 27th here in Baton Rouge. Fellow Board member Ernie Gammon, P.L.S. handed out the LSI and PLS certificates. I reminded the recipients that their journey had just begun. They had to start continuing education and professional development along with choosing a mentor from LES or LSPS to guide them in their professions. I also told them that they were responsible to "safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare".

Your Board also attended the NCEES' Annual meeting in St. Louis this past August. At this meeting the state licensing boards that compose NCEES, the organization that develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States, voted to begin converting the PE and PS exams to a computer-based format. Over 25,000 candidates took the PE exam in the past year, which included the October and April administrations. The PE exams will be converted to CBT in 2015 at the earliest. NCEES offers 25 different PE exams in 17 different engineering disciplines. There is no set time for converting the PS exam to a computer-based administration, as NCEES wants to gain experience with computer-based testing for the FE and FS exams before it moves another exam to the new format.

Continuing the focus on Industrial Exemptions, an amendment to the NCEES Model Law was approved to require responsible charge of a licensed engineer over the engineering design of buildings, structures, products, machines, processes, and systems that can affect the public health, safety, and welfare. This is subject to implementation at each state's level. LAPELS has a committee, chaired by Miles Williams, P.E. that is charged with looking into the Industrial Exemption issue. I'm also pleased to report that two LAPELS emeritus members, Sonny Launey, P. E. and Kerry Hawkins, P. E., have been appointed to serve on the NCEES Industrial Exemption Task Force.

In closing I look forward to serving the profession, as your Chairman, and I challenge each of you to do the same.

# DISCIPLINARY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Justin Owens, Compliance Investigator

Board Rule 2701(A)(4)(b) states, "All preliminary documents, so marked in large bold letters, shall contain a statement that the documents are not to be used for construction, bidding, recordation, conveyance, sales, or as the basis for the issuance of a permit. Preliminary documents are not required to have the licensee's seal, signature and date affixed, but must bear the name and licensure number of the licensee, and the firm's name, if applicable." As you can see, this Rule makes no distinction between preliminary engineering documents and preliminary land surveying documents.

Recently, however, it has come to the Board's attention that a difference of opinion exists within the land surveying community regarding the requirements for preliminary land surveying plats. It seems as though some professional land surveyors a have a long-established common practice of simply writing the word "Preliminary" into the signature block on preliminary land surveying plats while omitting the statement in the above-referenced Rule.

As the rule for preliminary documents (a) requires more than just the application of the word "preliminary" and (b) does not distinguish between preliminary engineering and preliminary land surveying documents, all licensees should ensure that these documents are clearly and correctly identified as such.

The Board continues to investigate alleged violations of the laws and rules which regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in Louisiana. Substantiated violations result in disciplinary or enforcement action being taken either through a Consent Order or by Board Decision following a formal hearing at which the respondent is adjudged guilty of one or more violations. Below is a summary of the disciplinary/enforcement actions taken by the Board since the previous issue of the Journal.

# **SEALING VIOLATIONS:**

Eugene A. Brian, PE, a licensed engineer (PE – 11960), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) sealing, signing or issuing engineering documents not prepared by the licensee or under his responsible charge in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2503(C) and (D), 2505(C), and 2701(A)(3) and (b) the licensee's seal not being accompanied by the licensee's signature and date or the signature and date not being placed adjacent to or across the seal in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC

Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(2)(f). In 2010 Mr. Brian sealed, signed, dated and issued engineering design plan sheets for the elevation of residences in Louisiana and sealed and signed (but



Justin Owens Compliance Investigator

did not date) post-construction certification letters relating to each of the same projects. The engineering design plan sheets and the post-construction certification letters were prepared by an unlicensed draftsperson who was not employed by Mr. Brian, and Mr. Brian did not exercise responsible charge over either the preparation of those documents by the draftsperson or any other work performed by him or anyone else in connection with these projects. Mr. Brian has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500; to pay administrative costs of \$1,232.05; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

# LACK OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION:

Jason S. Hathorn, PE, a licensed engineer (PE – 31839), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for demonstrating a lack of good character and reputation in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit La. R.S. 37:693(C). In 2009 Mr. Hathorn was arrested for a physical and verbal altercation with his wife and was initially charged with domestic abuse battery, false imprisonment, and disturbing the peace with language. In 2010 Mr. Hathorn pled guilty to and was convicted of the misdemeanor of false imprisonment under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Mr. Hathorn had previously been arrested and charged with domestic abuse battery arising out of physical and verbal altercations with his girlfriend in 2002 and with his wife in 2008. Mr. Hathorn has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$676.83; to his Louisiana professional engineer license being placed on probation for a period of one year; to the automatic and immediate revocation of his Louisiana professional engineer license if he is convicted of any crime during the probation period; to submit to the Board at the end of the probation period a notarized affidavit stating whether he had any criminal arrests, charges and/or convictions during the probation period (along with the details of any such arrests, charges and/or convictions); to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

# PRACTICE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE:

Norris and Associates, Inc., a licensed land surveying firm (VF - 216), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16). The firm's license has been in an expired status since October 1, 1991 and during that time the firm practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$5,000; to pay administrative costs of \$236.85; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$1,425; to immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana until such time as its expired license is renewed by the Board; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

a licensed engineer was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16). The individual's license was in an expired status from October 1, 1995 through April 16, 2012 and during that time he practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana. The individual has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$756.67; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$1,020; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website and the printing of a summary of this matter without identifying the individual by name in this publication.

# AIDING OR ASSISTING ANOTHER PERSON IN VIOLATING LAWS/RULES OF THE BOARD:

James M. Norris, II, P.L.S., a licensed land surveyor (PLS – 4524), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Since October 1, 1991 Mr. Norris has aided or assisted Norris and Associates, Inc. in practicing and/or offering to practice

land surveying in Louisiana with an expired license. Mr. Norris has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$3,891; to pay administrative costs of \$236.85; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

Larry P. Blunt, PE, a licensed engineer (PE - 21643), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Between June 2010 and November 2011 Mr. Blunt aided or assisted Miller, Blunt & Associates, L.L.C. in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" and modifications or derivatives thereof in conjunction with its name and business in Louisiana without proper licensure. Mr. Blunt has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$182.74; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

Gerald A. Miller, PE, a licensed engineer (PE - 19657), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Between June 2010 and November 2011 Mr. Miller aided or assisted Miller, Blunt & Associates, L.L.C. in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" and modifications or derivatives thereof in conjunction with its name and business in Louisiana without proper licensure. Mr. Miller has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$182.74; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

# UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING:

TKE Engineering & Design, Inc., an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed effective November 15, 2011 (EF-4952), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for

practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B)(1). Between 2008 and October 2011 the firm practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineering" in its name and in conjunction with its business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500; to pay administrative costs of \$473.17; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

Terry L. Eleiott, an unlicensed individual who subsequently became licensed effective October 7, 2011 (PE – 36593), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A) (1). In 2009 Mr. Eleiott practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure. Mr. Eleiott has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$466.98; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

James H. Roberts, an unlicensed individual, was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/ or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A) (1). In 2009 Mr. Roberts practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure. Mr. Roberts has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$690.27; to immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana until such time as he is duly licensed by the Board; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website,

the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES

Miller, Blunt & Associates, L.L.C., an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed effective December 7, 2011 (EF-4964), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1) and (7). Between June 2010 and November 2011 the firm practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words "engineer", "engineering" and modifications or derivatives thereof in conjunction with its name and business in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$182.74; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

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# PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

Alan D. Krouse, PI

ast month I made a power point presentation to the New Orleans chapter on the history of LES. I will admit I that even though I have been a member of LES for over 25 years there was still a lot of history that I was unaware of. For example in June of 1920 the American Council of Federated Engineering Societies was organized and LES became a charter member. The objectives of the council were similar to those of LES –to promote the social and economic welfare of engineers, stimulate public service in the profession and to strive for professional unity. Its first president was the Honorable Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover was so impressed by the LES representatives that when he became President of the United States, he appointed three LES members to important positions. Ernest Jahncke became Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Marcel Garsaud was named a member of the Federal Power Commission; and Professor William Gregory, was named a member of the Advisor Committee for the National Hydraulic Laboratory. Later in his administration, President Hoover appointed two more LES members. J.F. Coleman was named to the Engineer' Advisor Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and A.M. Lockett became local Chairman of the Industrial Rehabilitation Committee, a Presidential Committee appointed to study the grave unemployment problems of that time. As you can see LES has been on the fore front of the National Engineering scene since its beginning 114 years ago. That tradition continues today with our involvement supporting the required licensing of engineering professors and engineers that work in industry.

The State office is presently receiving nominations for our Honors and Awards. These awards were established many years ago to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and services performed by engineers. Their purpose is not only to reward, but to inspire and encourage effort toward greater achievement by members of the profession. I hope that all the chapters took the time to nominate candidates for the awards.

Nominations are also underway to replace two members of the LAPELS board. The two terms that will expire are Professional Engineer in Education and Government. This board is another chapter in our history. LES introduced the first bill in the nation for the registration of engineers. Wyoming actually became the first state to pass the law beating Louisiana by one year. The original Act only provided for the regulation of Civil Engineering and Land Surveying. Through the years the law was amended but it was not until 1950 that LES

and a Council of Engineers was successful in having a bill passed to regulate the practice of all professional engineering and land surveying, enumerating the major branches of engineering. This bill also



Alan D. Krouse, PE Louisiana Engineering Society President

expanded the Board from five to seven members. I want to personally thank all of the individuals that have served on the LAPELS board past and present. I have witness how much of a commitment serving on this Board is and these members are truly dedicated to the engineering profession and the important role we have in society.

Last month I attended Chapter meetings in Monroe, Shreveport and New Orleans. I am please to report that attendance at all of them was outstanding and I credit the chapters for getting the word out and providing interesting meeting formats and topics. These meetings are our best avenue for recruiting new members and retaining members. I am looking forward to attending the other chapter meetings this year.

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# November 2012

- 5 Honors & Awards nominations deadline
- 16 LES Board Meeting & Honors and Awards Meeting LES Office

# January 2013

- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, February issue
- 22 LES Board Meeting Lafayette, LA
- 22 LEF Board Meeting Lafayette, LA
- 23-24 17th JESC Conference and Honors & Awards Meeting Lafayette

# February 2013

- 1-28 MATHCOUNTS Window for Chapter Competition
- 17-23 National Engineers Week

# **SOCIETY NEWS**

Brenda Gajan, LES Executive Director



# **BATON ROUGE CHAPTER**

By Michael Thomassie, PE

any members of the Baton Rouge Chapter are still in denial after LSU's offense couldn't move the ball in a tough loss to the Florida Gators. LSU now faces four straight ranked opponents, to complete the toughest stretch of football that I can remember. By the time this magazine is circulated, we will know if the Tigers will be a contender this year.

The September luncheon included the licensing ceremony conducted by LAPELS and was very well attended. Engineer Interns, Surveying Interns, Professional Surveyors and Professional Engineers were welcomed into our ranks. If you happen to work with anyone that recently received their license, please congratulate them on their achievements and mention the importance of being a member of LES.

The Baton Rouge Chapter Officers have decided to improve the sponsorship opportunities available to our members by offering Baton Rouge Chapter Corporate Memberships. We have not reached the deadline to apply for this membership and already have received a tremendous response. This effort was an attempt



to eliminate the request for sponsorships several times throughout the year and will provide crucial support to reaching our goals of improving chapter functions, increasing involvement with our future engineers, and strengthening relationships throughout the engineering community. These Corporate Members will be recognized in the next magazine and throughout the year.

The first annual LES –Baton Rouge Chapter Sporting Clays Shoot will be held on November 2nd at Hunters Run Gun Club in Port Allen. This event is sure to be a great time and all proceeds will go to the Baton Rouge Chapter Scholarship fund.

# **LAKE CHARLES CHAPTER**

By Byron Racca, PE

elected chapter officers are as follows:

President: Byron Racca, PE
1st Vice President: Garry Johnson, PE
2nd Vice President: Michael Hollier, PE
Secretary/Treasurer: Curtis Dyle, PE

On September 10, 2012 the chapter held a licensing ceremony at Pat's of Henderson restaurant to honor four (4) new licensees within our chapter area. The ceremony is held in effort to recognize these outstanding individuals for their recent accomplishment in obtaining licensure. On October 9, 2012 our chapter was graciously addressed by Mr. John Mazzola of Lafayette Winwater Works. Mr. Mazzola provided a presentation and demonstration concerning new insertion valve technology developed by Mueller, in particular the EZ2 Insertion Valve.

On November 2, 2012 the Chapter will host its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at the National Golf Club of Louisiana

in Westlake, LA. Previous annual tournaments have been a great success and help us raise money for the various scholarships, awards and activities presented by the chapter throughout



the year. Other upcoming chapter events include the annual Mathcounts competition which will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2012 in conjunction with Engineering Week activities to be held the week of February 17th through the 23rd. Also, please mark your calendars for the annual Joint Engineering Society Conference which will be held on January 23-24, 2013 in Lafayette, LA.

In closing, I invite all members, prospective members and guests to our monthly chapter meetings which are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at Ryan's Family Restaurant in Lake Charles. I encourage all membership to become actively involved in their local chapters in an effort to continue the organization's positive impact within the industry and community.

# **MONROE CHAPTER**

By Joey Riggin, PE

The Monroe Chapter has gotten off to a great start for the 2012-2013 year. We had our first meeting on September 13, 2012 at Catfish Cabin in Monroe. At the meeting we held the licensing ceremony for all of the new registrants within the Monroe area to honor and recognize the accomplishments that these individuals have achieved. We had an excellent turnout with approximately 44 members, registrants, and guests in attendance. Among our guests were Brenda Gajan, Alan Krouse, Kevin Crosby, and Noble Hatch. Kevin Crosby represented LAPELS and conducted the ceremony. Brenda Gajan and Alan Krouse represented the LES State Office and gave a brief presentation on the benefits of LES membership. Noble Hatch was there representing District 5 of LSPS. After the Licensing Ceremony, Ms. Ivy Lewis with Southeastern Tank, Inc. gave a very informative presentation on "Selection and Maintenance of Storage Tanks."

We had our October meeting on October 11, 2012, at Olive Garden in Monroe, where Chris Fore with Design Precast &

Pipe, Inc. gave a presentation on "Stormwater Management Systems." Our next meeting will be on November 8, 2012, at Catfish Cabin in Monroe. Ben Humphries with Delta Process, Inc. will be our guest speaker. His presentation will be on "Water and Wastewater Adventures." The



next highly anticipated event for our chapter is the annual Mathcounts competition which will be held at Ouachita Junior High School in February 2013. Also please mark your calendars for the annual Joint Engineering Society Conference which will be held on January 23-24, 2013 in Lafayette, LA.

I would like to invite all members, prospective members, and guests to our monthly chapter meetings. I encourage all membership to become actively involved in their local chapters in an effort to continue the organization's positive impact within the industry and community. Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

# <u>new orleans chapter</u>

By Wayne Westerfield, PE

The New Orleans Chapter kicked off the year by honoring new Engineering Interns and Professional Engineers at our September 20 meeting. These are major milestones in every engineer's career and we congratulate them on their achievement and wish them luck in the future. We look forward to having these new members getting involved with LES over the coming months and years. A special thanks goes out from the New Orleans Chapter to Norma Jean Mattei, Brenda Gajan, and Alan Krouse for coming and helping make this meeting a success.

The annual golf tournament was another great success at the Audubon Golf Course on October 12, 2012. We want to thank

our Golf Chairman Travis St. Pierre for his dedication to this event and all the volunteers and sponsors. This event has gotten bigger and better every year and I encourage people to plan to attend and participate in October 2013.



Finally, I want everyone to mark their calendars for our November 28, 2012 meeting which will be at the New Orleans Arena. The meeting will start at 6 PM with a meeting Patent Law and followed by a Hornets game with tickets in the lower bowl of the stadium. I hope you will "Bee In" for this special event.





# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Gary B. Jones, EI - Associate Member
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Brandon S. Nowakowski, EI - Associate Member
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Mark W. Schellhaas, EI - Associate Member Under 30
Ralph Sinno, EI - Associate Member Under 30
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# **COUNT ME IN!**

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is celebrating its 30th year. This program offers hundreds of junior high students a two-part workout to strengthen their numerical know-how and polish their polynomial pride. MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide math coaching competition program, encourages and prepares students to pursue mathematics in high school and beyond by making the subject as fun and exciting as a school sports event.

The MATHCOUNTS programs starts in September with the free distribution of MATHCOUNTS "coaching" materials to math teachers nationwide. Materials focus on problem solving, analytical thinking, exploration, and teamwork. Next, throughout the fall teachers use the prepared "warm ups" and "work outs" as supplement classroom material or as an extracurricular activity to spark seventh and eighth graders interest and achievement in math.

MATHCOUNTS really gets underway in February with local competitions around the state. Winning teams and individuals then progress to the State-level competition held in March. The top students from the state-level competition will finally progress to the national-level competition in May.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation expects 350,000 students to take part in MATHCOUNTS this year. Since the program

# **2013 Competition Dates**

Chapters: February 1 – 28, 2013 State: March 14-15, 2013

Pineville, LA

National: May 9-12, 2013

Washington, DC

began in 1983, over three million students have participated in MATHCOUNTS coaching and competition.

Today's children need every opportunity to achieve in math to succeed in the new economy. MATHCOUNTS not only engages students in creative approaches to learning mathematics, but it also helps to create tomorrow's problem solvers in all areas of society. Help make MATHCOUNTS available to more students in this new school year! Please consider making a contribution to this worthy program. Remember, contributions are tax deductible.

For more information about MATHCOUNTS or to obtain a free school coaching kit, contact Brenda Gajan at the Louisiana Engineering Society at (225) 924-2021 or les@les-state.org.

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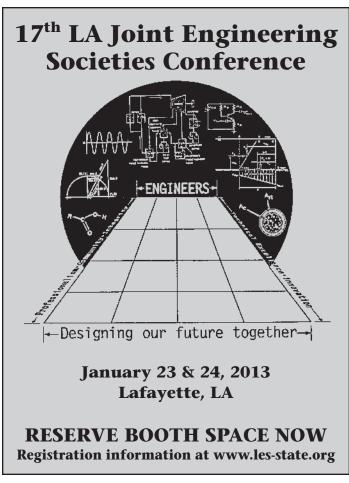
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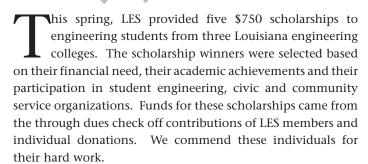
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# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan H. Richard, PE



Sixteen applications were received from students at five of Louisiana's seven colleges of engineering. The scholarship winners were:

#### **Scott Broussard**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Susan H. Richard, PE Committee Chair

# Rebecca Frederick

Tulane University

### **Ashley Picou**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

# **Eric Antoine Reves**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

### **Matthew Stewart**

Louisiana State University

In future years, we recommend that additional funding for LES scholarships be solicited through fund raising efforts, such as golf tournaments or a raffle at the annual meeting.

# LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY PRESENTS ORDER OF THE ENGINEER CEREMONY

The Louisiana Engineering Society will be having an Order of the Engineer Ceremony during the Joint Engineering Societies Conference on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11:30 AM. The Order of the Engineer is a solemn obligation to oneself to uphold devotion to the standards and the dignity of the engineering profession. It is an obligation to turn to practical use of the principles of science and the means of technology...to serve humanity by making the best use of Earth's precious wealth.

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# THE SPEC SHEET

Daniel E. Mobley, CAE, Executive Director

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It is that time of the year again. **Project Outlook 2012: Engineering a Stronger Louisiana** will be held Thursday, November 15th at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. This year's program concentrates on Transportation, Ports & Coastal Restoration.

We are delighted to have an excellent group of speakers to speak on the above subjects. In addition to Secretary LeBas, we



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# **SCHEDULE**

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7:30 - 8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfas	t			
8:30 - 9:15	Sherri LeBas, Secretary	LA DOTD	"State Transportation"		
9:15 - 10:00	Joe Bloise, Assistant Division Administrator	Federal Highway Administration, LA Division	"Мар 21"		
10:00 - 10:15	Break				
10:15 - 11:30	MPO Discussion	Regional Directors	"Transportation Plans and Funding"		
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch Presentation: Luis C. Ferreira K Communications Officer and Operations Coordinator	Panama Canal Expansion Program	"Update on Panama Canal Expansion"		
1:00 - 2:30	Ports Discussion	La. Port Directors & Panama Reps	"Preparation for Panama Canal Extension"		
2:30 - 2:45	Break				
2:45 - 3:45	Jerome Zeringue, Exec. Director Charles "Chip: Groat, Ph.D.	CPRA The Water Institute of	the Gulf	"Louisiana Restoration"	
3:45 - 4:45	Ethics Session – Updates on Public Bid Law – Michael Vallan, Assistant Attorney General				
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Dr. Charles Groat, President and CEO, of The Water Institute of the Gulf will join Jerome Zeringue, Executive Director, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in discussing how we can work with them.

To end the day, Michael Vallen, Assistant Attorney General, will update us on changes to the current bid laws. This session has been approved by LAPELS to count as an hour of ethics



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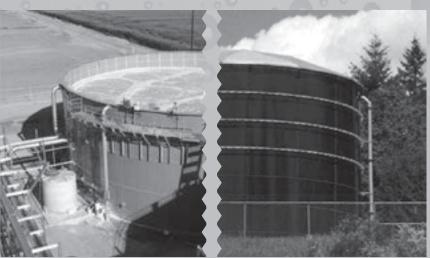
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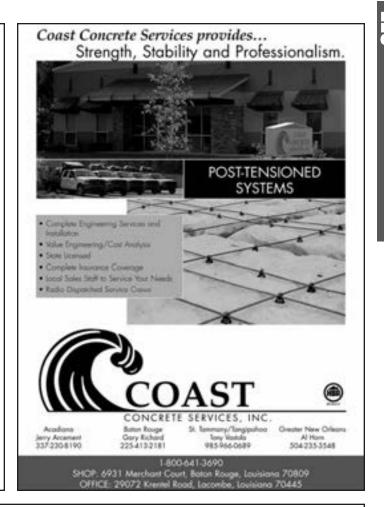
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