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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Miles B. Williams. PE

and Board members have stayed busy tending to the business of "safeguarding life, health, and property and promoting the public welfare" by administering the Professional Engineering and Surveying Laws and Rules of Louisiana. The many important functions of the staff include processing applications, issuing and processing renewal notices to current registrants, and performing compliance and investigative functions necessary to maintain the high level of professional practice that the public expects. In addition, LAPELS interacts with the public in a wide variety of ways, whether it is through responding to telephone or electronic inquiries, keeping our website up to date, or giving presentations to constituent groups.

One of the more interesting issues that the Board has been working on is Industrial Licensure. Our laws and rules have one clause (LA REVISED STATUTES Title 37, Chap 8, §701. C); and one definition that is specific to this issue. Over the years there has been a wide debate over how to interpret these two items. It is the Board's belief that this wide range of interpretations has lead to the lack of consensus with the Board and therefore inaction relative to this issue. Therefore, the Board directed our Executive Director, in consultation with the Board Attorney, to solicit an Attorney General's opinion to help us settle what the current law really means. This request has been sent to the Attorney General's office and we are awaiting their response. Once we have this in hand we will be able to establish a consensus on what the Board's position is on Industrial Licensure in Louisiana and what action if any we should take to ensure that all engineers are practicing in compliance with the law and rules.

Like the rest of State government we completed our fiscal year on June 30. The LAPELS Board is a self sufficient organization operating on only self generated revenue; almost exclusively the fees of the registrants. In fact, by law, fines received in enforcement actions are remitted to the general fund and therefore cannot be used for the ongoing operation of LAPELS. The Executive Director and her staff continue to be very efficient and I want to commend them for keeping

expenses in check. For FY 2012/13 LAPELS had expenses of approximately \$1.3 million and an income of \$1.1 million for a deficit of \$202,000.



Miles B. Williams, PE *Chairman*

The LAPELS Board ran surpluses for several years through FY 2009/10. At that time the Board voted to waive \$30 of the \$120 renewal fee on all registrants through one renewal cycle of two years. These actions lead to a small annual budget deficit over the last two years, which was covered out of the previous years' surpluses. Starting with the next renewal period, this August the renewal fee will go back to \$120. This should lead to future budgets that should be about balanced.

This fall's administration of the Fundamentals of Engineering and Fundamentals of Surveying exams will be the last time for the "Pencil and Paper" biannual exams in April and October. From now on the FE and FS exams will be computer based and available at scheduled times within two month periods four times a year. There are three testing centers in Louisiana and it will be up to the applicant to schedule their time for testing. It will be interesting to see how this affects how many people take the tests and how successful they are. This is the wave of the future, with the goal being that virtually all professional engineering and surveying tests be administered through "Computer Based Testing" within the next ten years.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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McNeese University/Lake Charles

Mon/Tues, November 25/26

Wed/Thurs, January 22/23

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS PAUL N. HALE, JR., PE TO THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

overnor Bobby Jindal has appointed Paul N. Hale, Jr., PhD, PE to the Louisiana's Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board effective April 12, 2013. Dr. Hale will serve a six-year term on the Board as a licensed engineer practicing in education.

Dr. Hale earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineer for Lamar Tech in 1965, his master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1966 and his doctor of philosophy degree in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University in 1970. He obtained his Professional Engineering License in Louisiana in 1975.

Dr. Hale was a faculty member at Louisiana Tech University for 38 years. At the time of his retirement in 2008, Dr. Hale was named an Emeritus Professor in the College of Engineering and Science. Following his retirement in 2008, he served part-time as the Director of Industrial Relations for the College until March of 2013. For his contributions in engineering education and academic program accreditation, he was named a Fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education and a Fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society. Dr. Hale has served on the Board

of Directors of the national accreditation organization, ABET, and currently serves on the National Board of Governors of the Order of the Engineer.



Paul N. Hale, Jr., PE

Dr. Hale has been active in the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) at both the local and state levels including having served as Chair of the Monroe Chapter's Professional Engineers in Education Committee and Vice Chair of the LES State Committee on Professional Engineers in Education. Dr. Hale served on Economic Development's Vision 2020 – Science and Technology Task Force, the Advisory Committee of the InterTech/Biomedical Research Park (Shreveport) and was President of the Wesley Chapel Water System (Lincoln Parish).

Dr. Hale and his wife, Frances, reside in Ruston and have a daughter (Tammy) and a son (Eric). He continues to serve as a volunteer, assisting the Louisiana Tech's College of Engineering and Science in the area of industrial relations.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS CHRISTOPHER P. KNOTTS, PE TO THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

overnor Bobby Jindal has appointed Christopher P. Knotts, PE to serve on the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, effective April 12, 2013. Mr. Knotts will serve on the Board for a six year term as an engineering practice classification representative from government.

Mr. Knotts earned a Bachelor of Engineering Technology in 1983 and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1989, both from Louisiana State University. He also earned a Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas @ Arlington in 1993 and obtained his Professional Engineering License in 1994.

Mr. Knotts began his career at Brown & Butler, Inc. in 1984. After five years in Dallas he returned to Baton Rouge in 1994. Mr. Knotts accepted a position at the Department of Transportation and Development in 1997 and later transferred to the Department of Natural Resources to work in Coastal Restoration. After a 15 year DNR tenure which spanned Coastal Restoration, Coastal Engineering, Office of Coastal Protection & Restoration and Technology Assessment, Mr.

Knotts returned to DOTD in January, 2013 as the Chief of Public Works & Water Resources.



Christopher P. Knotts, PE

Throughout his career Mr.

Knotts has remained active in professional organizations. He is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Water Resource Engineers and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Louisiana Engineering Society. Mr. Knotts is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a Past President of the Baton Rouge Branch and the Louisiana Section of ASCE. He is currently the LES Baton Rouge Chapter President for 2013-14.

Mr. Knotts and his wife Margaret reside in Baton Rouge. They have four children, two daughters, Scottie and Samantha and two sons, Addison and Carter. Mr. Knotts grew up in West Baton Rouge Parish and is a lifelong LSU fan...Geaux Tigers! In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and sports with his family.

<u>DISCIPLINARY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS</u>

Justin Owens and Tyson Ducote, Compliance Investigators

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.

UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE **ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING:**

John P. Sipes, an unlicensed individual, 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). Since at least the early 1990s, Mr. Sipes has been designing building foundations in Louisiana, and in 2012 he designed the foundation (and issued to his client foundation design drawings prepared by his unlicensed draftsman) for a proposed addition to a commercial warehouse in Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Sipes 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 \$407.28; to immediately cease and desist from designing building foundations, issuing building foundation design drawings prepared by unlicensed draftsmen, and otherwise practicing and/or offering to practice engineering 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.

George W. Mikhael, PE, a licensed engineer (PE-24193), 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). Between 2001 and 2009, Mr. Mikhael provided land surveying services on at least four projects in Louisiana, including two such projects since April 2008 (which consisted of preparing, sealing with his Louisiana professional engineer seal, signing and issuing plats of lots in a subdivision in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana). Mr. Mikhael 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 \$787; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to immediately cease and desist the preparation, sealing (with his Louisiana professional engineer seal), signing and issuance of plats or otherwise the practicing of and/or offering to practice land surveying in

Louisiana until such time as he is duly licensed by the Board as a professional land surveyor; to have licensed Louisiana professional land surveyor prepare new plats of the two subdivision lots, provide the new plats to the Board for review, provide the new plats to his clients after Board review and provide satisfactory evidence of the accomplishment of these requirements to 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.



Justin Owens Compliance Investigator



Tyson Ducote Compliance Investigator

PRACTICE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE:

Pontchartrain Engineers & Surveyors, Inc., a licensed engineering firm (EF-1614) and land surveying firm (VF-300), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and land surveying in Louisiana with expired licenses in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16). Both of the firm's licenses were unknowingly and unintentionally in an expired status from October 1, 2003 through November 9, 2012 and during this time period the firm practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and land surveying in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to unknowing and unintentional violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$3,500; to pay administrative costs of \$308.92; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$1,650; to have each of its supervising professionals successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules 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.

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

Karl J. Aucoin, PE, a licensed engineer (PE-22005), 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 October 1,

2003 and November 9, 2012, Mr. Aucoin unknowingly and unintentionally aided or assisted Pontchartrain Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. Mr. Aucoin has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to unknowing and unintentional violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$308.92; 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.

Randall E. Ward, P.L.S., a licensed land surveyor (PLS-4645), 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 October 1, 2003 and November 9, 2012, Mr. Ward unknowingly and unintentionally aided or assisted Pontchartrain Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. in practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana with an expired license. Mr. Ward has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to unknowing and unintentional violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay

administrative costs of \$308.92; 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.

Steven E. Tate, PE, a licensed engineer (PE-18993), 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 October 1, 2003 and November 9, 2012, Mr. Tate unknowingly and unintentionally aided or assisted Pontchartrain Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. in practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. Mr. Tate has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to unknowing and unintentional violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$250; to pay administrative costs of \$308.92; 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.

<u>NEW REGISTRANTS</u>

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Land Surveyor Interns Brandon Bowen, LSI Shane Christy, LSI Jonathan Dufrene, LSI Tyler Murphy, LSI Clifton Oestriecher, LSI lill Souter. LSI

Professional Land

Surveyors Ryan Chapman, PLS Richard Daniel, PLS Lawrence Kelly, PLS Shawn MacMenamin, PLS Phillip Maxwell, PLS Scott North, PLS John Ratliff, PLS Bradley Roberts, PLS

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Matthew Bennett, EI

Lauren Bentley, EI Zachary Bergeron, EI Richard Bettis, EI Fikadu Beyene, EI Kristofer Bjerga, EI Nicolas Blish, EI Kyle Bordelon, EI Randy Bordelon. EI Iulie Bourgeois, EI Ross Bourgeois, EI Scott Boutte, EI Christopher Boyer, EI Bryan Boyett, EI Justin Broussard, EI Scott Broussard, El Daniel Brown, EI Madeleine Brown, El Reginal Brumfield, El Ryan Brunet, EI Evan Bryant, EI Hollie Bullock, EI Ariel Carmichael, EI Kyle Champagne, EI Thomas Chance, EI David Chatelain, EI Clarke Chauvin, EI Xavier Chavez Reyes, EI Hannah Cherry, ÉI Gerard Chutz, El Kelly Clement, EI Sarah Cochrane, EI Omotola Coker, EI Kelli Conerly, EI Constantinos Constantinou, EL Andrew Cook, EI Benjamin Cote, EI Callie Coulon, EI David Cox, EI Blake Cradeur, EI Ouentin Crawford, El Ervin Cutright, EI Christopher Daigle, EI Binh Dao, EI Matthew Dauphin, EI Peter Davis, El

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LES Vision Statement

The Louisiana Engineering Society is the recognized advocate of all licensed engineers in the state of Louisiana.

LES Mission Statement

The Louisiana Engineering Society serves to advance the engineering profession by:

Encouraging ethical and competent practice through licensure and legislative involvement.

Nurturing public awareness of engineers' contributions to

Growing the society through licensure & LES membership and public service.

Recognizing engineering achievements.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the Louisiana Engineering Society as President for the coming year and I want to thank all of the LES membership for the opportunity to give back to this great profession that has given so much to me. As many of you reading this know, without the continued support and dedication of the members of our profession, the mission of this society would be unobtainable. In that regard I would like to thank the 2012-2013 LES State Board and staff as well as all of the chapter officers, committee members and numerous volunteers for their willingness to step up to the challenge. I am particularly grateful to last year's President, Alan Krouse, PE, for his willingness to fill an unexpected void on the Board. Alan's continued leadership and the examples he set are to be commended. I expect his extensive knowledge of prior Board actions gained through years of service to be an invaluable asset during my term as President.

Recently, the 2013 Tri-State Engineering Societies Conference was held at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. This annual event, which was attended by more than 120 engineers, is one of the many LES-sponsored opportunities for our members to obtain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training. Those that attended were offered up to 12 hours of continuing education in addition to enjoying the amenities that the resort had to offer. At this annual event, incoming officers from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were installed by Harve D. Hnatiuk, PE, F.NSPE who will be the NSPE President for the 2014-2015 term. Mr. Hnatiuk also took the time to attend a portion of the LES Board meeting and give us a brief update on NSPE activities. According to Harve, NSPE and most state engineering societies throughout the nation have experienced a decline in membership in the recent past. NSPE is currently focusing on streamlining the national organization in an effort to provide more relevant and effective services to its membership.

Maintaining a strong membership is one of the most important issues affecting the future of our society. Common sense tells us that any society/ organization is only as strong as its membership.



Jason T. Thornhill, PE Louisiana Engineering Society President

The larger our membership is, the greater our collective voice will become with all issues related to our profession. With that in mind, one of my primary goals this year is to grow our membership and improve membership retention. As indicated below, our membership numbers have declined by a little over 10% since 2004.

LES Membership History (2004 - 2012)

2004 - 1,721 Members

2005 - 1,657 Members

2006 - 1,651 Members

2007 - 1,661 Members

2008 - 1,702 Members

2009 - 1,605 Members

2010 - 1,611 Members

2011 - 1,584 Members 2012 - 1,529 Members

Are you a member of LES? If not, why? Some of you may think that membership to LES is automatic if you are a licensed engineer or engineer intern. That is not the case. You may also be surprised to know that receiving the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor Journal does not mean you are a member of LES. This publication is delivered to nearly 15,000 engineers that are Louisiana registrants. As you can see above, the entire LES membership consists of approximately 10% of the registrants in Louisiana. As evidenced by our Vision Statement, the Louisiana Engineering Society is the recognized advocate of all licensed engineers in the state of Louisiana, even those that are not members of the society. For many years the Louisiana Engineering Society has diligently fought for legislation that would benefit our profession and against legislation that would weaken it. As I mentioned earlier, the larger our membership is, the greater our collective voice will become. With a greater collective voice LES will have a significantly improved chance of affecting positive changes. If you are not currently a member of LES, I encourage you to reflect on the benefits you are receiving from the society's efforts. I think you will find that your support through membership is warranted. Also, this is a great time to join as LES is currently offering the first six months of your membership free of charge. Check the LES website

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today at www.les-state.org for a membership application. Additionally, if you are already a member of LES, I encourage you to get involved. Chapter meetings are held throughout the state and many of these offer monthly opportunities for continuing education seminars. They are also an excellent stepping stone for greater involvement in LES. If you know someone that is not a member of LES, invite them to attend a chapter meeting with you and encourage them to join.

The Chairman of the 2013-2014 LES Membership Committee is Michael Thomassie, PE of the Baton Rouge Chapter. At the recent Board meeting in Destin, FL, Michael presented his initial thoughts regarding membership growth/retention and requested input from the rest of the Board. Michael already has some great ideas and his enthusiasm for the challenge is encouraging. If you have any ideas for membership recruitment/ retention or any suggestions for improvements to the services provided by LES, please contact a Board Member or the LES State office. The Louisiana Engineering Society website includes a list of contact information for members of the State Board as well as officers for the various chapters.

On a final note, a contingent of the LES State Board recently attended the NSPE 2013 Leader Conference & Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This conference included several sessions aimed at offering guidance on various topics to the current state society's leaders. I found the session on "Best Practices for Measuring & Increasing Member Engagement" of particular interest. In this session, the six NSPE Regional Directors presented what they felt were key

practices currently utilized by states in their region to improve member engagement, thereby increasing member retention and recruitment of new members. NSPE plans to summarize these key practices in a "white paper" which will be provided to all state societies on the NSPE website. I anticipate that we will be able to use this as a resource for new ideas to improve the services we provide our membership in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2013

- Honors & Awards nominations begin
- 14 18th JESC Planning Meeting Telephone Conference

September 2013

- 3 Alexandria Chapter Mtg. & Licensing Ceremony
- 10 Lake Charles Chapter Mtg. & Licensing Ceremony
- 11 Shreveport Chapter Mtg. & Licensing Ceremony
- 12 Monroe & Bayou Chapter Meetings & Licensing Ceremonies
- 13 LES Board Meeting Shreveport, LA
- 16 Life Safety Code Seminar Shreveport, LA
- 18 Life Safety Code Seminar Baton Rouge, LA
- 18 New Orleans Chapter Mtg. & Licensing Ceremony
- 20 Life Safety Code Seminar Covington, LA
- 24 Lafayette Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 25 Life Safety Code Seminar McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
- 26 Baton Rouge Chapter Mtg. & Licensing Ceremony

October 2013

15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, November issue

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ALEXANDRIA

Scott J. Champagne, EI EI Associate Member

Vincent C. Chicola, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Darrill A. Carter, PE

PE Member

BATON ROUGE

Beau Barbera, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Tyler H. Branch, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Stephen E. Evans, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Marian Kahlia Gager, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Blake A. Guidry, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Morgan D. Hidalgo, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Eugene Melamed, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Justin W. Morris

EI Associate Member Under 30

Athens Gomes Silaban, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Ioshua Tate

Individual Sustaining

Resal (Reese) Craven, PE

PE Member

Zack L. Dial, PE

PE Member

Robert Wolf, PE

PE Member

Brian T. Broussard

Student Member

LAFAYETTE

Dane Hardy, EI

EI Associate Member

Melissa Budden, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Liesl C. Hensgens, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

LAKE CHARLES

Alan B. Sifford, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Steve Gremillion, PE

PE Member

MONROE

David Ewing, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

NEW ORLEANS

Quality Sitework Materials, Inc.

Corporation Sustaining

Laura Meza, EI

EI Associate Member

Charles W. Babbie, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Chelsea Gaudet, PE

PE Member

Michael Genova, PE

PE Member

Lawrence Ringel,

PE Member

Michael B. Sulser, PE

PE Member

Stephen J. Bernard

Student Member

Jared Michael Landry

Student Member

James J. Marques

Student member

Student member

Arthur "Gene" Robinson Student Member

SHREVEPORT

Tyler K. Comeaux, EI

EI Associate Member Under 30

Jerry M. Ivey, PE

PE Member

2013 TRI STATE ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



















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SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Joint Engineering Societies Conference on January 22 & 23, 2014 in Lafayette, LA at the Hilton Hotel!

<u>alexandria Chapter</u>

By Luke Miller, PF

Summer is winding down and that means our monthly meetings will be starting soon. Over the course of the year, the Alexandria Chapter will host eight lunch meetings from September to May, excluding February, on the first Tuesday of the month. So far, we have arranged two plant tours that will highlight the manufacturing side of Alexandria/Pineville and the economic impact that has on our community.

In September, the Chapter will begin selling tickets for our 4th Annual Gun Raffle for MATHCOUNTS. This year's gun is a 35 Whelen and the winner will be announced at the December 3rd meeting. At \$5/ticket, it is a deal. If you are interested in buying a ticket, I will find a way to get you one. Our goal this year is to clear \$1,000 for MATHCOUNTS, so every ticket sold helps.

The Alexandria Chapter Officers for the upcoming year are Luke Miller (President), Jennifer Gemar (1st Vice President), Heath McGuffee (2nd Vice President), and Vincent Chicola (Secretary-Treasurer). The officers, along

involvement in Chapter activities.

President), Heath McGuffee (2nd Vice President), and Vincent Chicola (Secretary-Treasurer). The officers, along with committee presidents and Chapter members at large, look to the 2013-2014 year with a desire to continue to grow the professional development of the Chapter and member

In closing, one day you are the teacher and the next the student. Being good at one and poor at the other limits your ability to grow. Allow yourself to be both and, in the process, help advance the engineering profession. Our Chapter meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



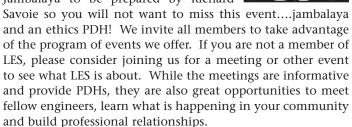
<u>Baton rouge chapter</u>

By Christopher P. Knotts, PE

Listruly an honor to serve as your 2013-14 Baton Rouge Chapter President. We have an excellent Board and building on the successes of the Presidents before me, the Chapter Board of Directors is working hard to insure another successful year for our members. Instead of going dormant during the summer, our Past President Michael Thomassie secured Lunch-N-Learn meetings for June and July. The presenters provided the meals as well as some very useful design and product information.

The Board of Directors decided to continue our Corporate Sustaining Membership Program, which was initiated last year. Through the generosity of our Corporate Members, we were able to provide a very good program of events for our members and as always, we are looking to improve. Our year starts on August 15th with a joint LES/ASCE meeting. The speaker will be DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas, PE. The September meeting will be on the 26th with a Design-Build topic scheduled. Also at this meeting LAPELS will present PE and EI certificates to newly licensed professionals. In October we have our Skeet Shoot Contest on the 11th followed by

the monthly Chapter meeting on the 24th. This will be quickly followed by our annual LSU/SU Student Function at Patrick Taylor Hall on November 5th. Jambalaya to be prepared by Richard



Finally, we were notified that East Baton Rouge City-Parish Government has been awarded a 2013 Qualifications-Based Selection Merit Award by the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies. The award will be presented to East Baton Rouge City-Parish at our August meeting. Congratulations to EBR City-Parish and their QBS process!



By Stan Whitney, PE

t the beginning of another year for the Bayou chapter, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our departing past president, Melanie Caillouet for all her hard work and dedication to the chapter over the past years. The 2013 – 2014 officers for our chapter are:

Stan Whitney - President Heather Klingman - 1st Vice President Chad Hadaway - 2nd Vice President Melanie Caillouet - Secretary-Treasurer We also look forward to our Fall Licensing Ceremony which will be held on September 12th, and our annual golf tournament which will be held on November 1st. Remember, this golf tournament is our yearly fundraiser for

the Mathcounts completion. Let's continue the momentum from last year and make this tournament another great fund raiser for this great cause. We will send out our meeting calendar for the year to our membership as soon as it's available, and we hope to see everyone there.

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

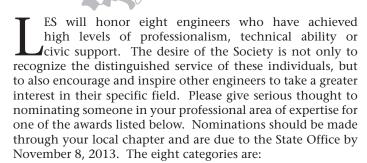
n September 18, LES-NOLA will have a wonderful meeting at The 1834 Club in the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life on Tulane's Campus with the Main speaker being the Tulane Dean of Engineering. Many EI's and PE's will be awarded at this meeting. October is another exciting month for the LES New Orleans Chapter. Our annual golf tournament is going to be at the Audubon Golf Course on Friday, October 11. This event has become bigger and more fun every year, and I encourage you to dust off the clubs and sign up to play.

New Officers:

Lee M. Alexander, PE, F.NSPE - President Glen Orgeron, PE - Vice-President Robert Mejia, PE - Secretary Roy Phelps, PE - Treasurer Nick Musmeci - Director Charles Babbitt, EI - Director



LES 2014 HONORS & AWARDS



- 1) A. B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer in Management
- 2) Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities
- 3) James L. Todd Technical Accomplishment Medal
- 4) Leo M. Odom Award for Service to the Profession
- 5) Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award
- 6) F. Hugh Couglin Young Engineer Award
- 7) Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award
- 8) Dudley Hixon Bobby Price National Professional **Achievement Award**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEWLY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND ENGINEER INTERNS!

You have achieved a major milestone in your engineering career!

The Louisiana Engineering Society would like to recognize your achievement by inviting you to a Certificate Ceremony Presentation.

This will give you a chance to be recognized in front of your peers, and network with others in the Engineering Profession.

> There will be a presentation hosted by all eight chapters around the state.

We encourage you to invite family and friends to celebrate this monumental event.

To the right is a Schedule of Certificate Presentation Ceremonies by Chapter.

Please send RSVP's to les@les-state.org

Include your name, PE or EI number & number of guests attending with you.

You may contact Mrs. Brenda Gajan, LES Executive Director, at (225) 924-2021 or at brenda@les-state.org if you have any questions. **Alexandria Chapter**

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon Southern Creations, 3140 MacArthur Drive

Baton Rouge Chapter

Thursday, September 26, 2013 @ 11:30 AM Jubans, 3739 Perkins Road

Bayou Chapter

Thursday, September 12, 2013 @ 6:00 PM Bayou Country Club, 900 Country Club Drive

Lafayette Chapter

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 @ 11:30 AM Don's Downtown, 301 E. Vermillion Street

Lake Charles Chapter

Tuesday September 10, 2013 @ 11:30 AM Pat's of Henderson, 1500 Siebarth Drive

Monroe Chapter

Thursday, September 12, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon Catfish Cabin, 1400 Louisville Ave.

New Orleans Chapter

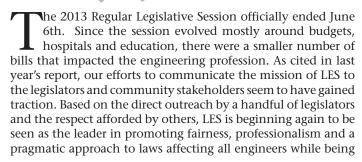
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 @ 6:30 PM The 1834 Club, 31 McAlister Drive (located in the Lavin-Bernick Center of University Life at Tulane University

Shreveport Chapter

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 @ 11:45 AM Petroleum Club, 416 Travis Street

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ronald J. Rodi, PE, Chairman



steadfast to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. We have to continue to communicate this to each elected official to ensure LES is seen as a positive, collaborative entity.



Ronald J. Rodi, PE Legislative Committee Chairman

Following is a summary of the bills that were tracked and their current status:

<u>Bill</u>	Disposition	<u>Description</u>
SB 171	Signed by Governor	Restricts DHH application of Ten States Standards for Water.
HB 487	Sent to Study Committee	Requires owner or design consultant to show overhead power lines and wattage on any plans for public works projects.
HB 559	Signed by Governor	Extends Design Build to July 10, 2014 for five named schools in Orleans Parish; and to July 10, 205 for the construction of a N.O. S&WB power plant.
HB 264	Deferred by author	Excludes design professional whose public service is limited to certain professional services from the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Three ongoing items coming out of this session are:

- 1. the importance of our voice in defining how private practice engineers are treated under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. While LES took an opposing stance to others in the design community, it is now our obligation to the legislative and community stakeholders to help resolve this continuing issue. This will include ongoing dialogues with the State Ethics Board and other professional organizations as well as community groups who push for transparency in government contracting;
- 2. a continuing role working with the Louisiana DHH and the community water system professionals/operators to draft the standards for water system design as well as the

- application of these standards in systems operations & maintenance; and
- 3. participate in the legislative the study group for HB 487, an initiative to require the inclusion of overhead power lines on plans for public works projects.

Gerald Simmons continues in his role as our legislative advisor, and was as always, instrumental in tracking the various bills, providing valuable advice on legislative strategy and setting up meetings with legislative leaders. The State office also continued to provide the important link in communications with the Board of Directions and the general membership as well as assisting in compilation of materials and related information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Thomassie, PE

A sthe new Chairman of the Membership Committee, I will be working with the state officers and chapters to increase membership for LES. Jason Thornhill has asked me to lead a membership drive and after reviewing the membership numbers, I understand why. LES membership is down (+/-)10% since 2009 and all chapters have been affected. The national average is down (+/-)20%, so we are actually doing better than most. I will have a formal plan for the membership drive in the next few months and it will focus on the retention of current members as well as recruiting new members. We have some great ideas but would also like any ideas you may have to provide a better experience for members or recruit new ones.



Michael Thomassie, PE Membership Committee Chairman

NSPE FELLOW

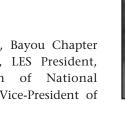


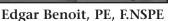
The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) has named Edgar Benoit, PE, F.NSPE, to its 2013 class of Fellow Members. The Fellow membership grade honors Professional Engineers who have demonstrated exemplary service to their profession, society and their community. Since its creation in 2000, less than one percent of all NSPE members have advanced to this highest membership rank.

Edgar is currently a licensed math and science homebound teacher to students of Lafourche Parish that are too ill to attend at a school location. Most of his career was spent in engineering and management positions in the electric utility industry.

He is the current PEI representative on the LES board. He served numerous positions with the engineering society

including, Bayou Chapter President, LES President, Chairman of National PEI and Vice-President of NSPE.



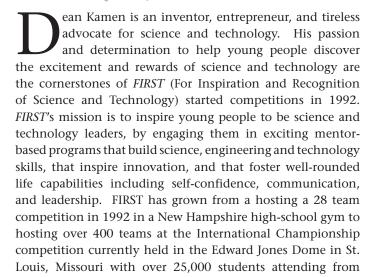


When notified of the award, he said, "Thank you to the LES board and NSPE

for this honor. I have met so many lifelong friends working with my fellow engineers and would encourage young engineers to be active in the society."

His interests include tennis, golf and camping with his wife of 43 years, Debbie. They live in Schriever, LA.

FIRST ROBOTICS



FIRST is divided into four different categories: Junior FIRST Lego League is for ages 6-9 and grades K-3. This FIRST program introduces young students to science and technology with hopes of sparking their interest and curiosity at an early

dozens of countries. Currently, nearly 250,000 students are

participating in a FIRST program across the nations.

age. FIRST Lego Leauge is for ages 9-14, middle schoolers in grades 4-8. This FIRST program introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. The FIRST Tech Challenge can be considered the Junior Varsity robotics program, building robots that fit inside an 18" cube. The more advanced competition is the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) where high school students under the guidance of mentors build a 120 pound robot under strict rules and regulatio ns, with limited resources, and in only a six week build season.

In 2013, sixty regional competitions took place across the world. The Bayou Regional Competition held in New Orleans, LA hosts about fifty-two FRC teams from Louisiana and Mississippi as well as teams from Texas, Florida, Arkansas and as far away as Massachusetts. The Bayou Regional is held annually in the Spring and is organized and run by a great group of FIRST volunteers, under the direction of its FIRST Robotics Regional Director and the FRC Bayou Regional Planning Committee. For more information visit www. frcbayouregional.com and www.usfirst.org.

Louisiana Engineering Society presents: Three 8hr Life Safety Code Seminars

by Robert Miller
The Building Code Institute, LLC

Approved AIA Provider

Approved Florida Provider

September 16 8:00am – 4:30pm Courtyard Marriott Bossier City, LA

<u>OR</u>

September 18 8:00am – 4:30pm Marriott Hotel Baton Rouge, LA

OR

September 20 8:00am – 4:30pm Courtyard Marriott Covington, LA

This one-day, 8 hour credit seminar will focus on the Life Safety issues for renovation in existing buildings as required by the Louisiana Construction Code which includes the International Existing Building Code, NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code, International Building Code, and the 2010 ADA Standard. The soon to be adopted 2012 Editions of the Life Safety and Building Codes will be the basis of the seminar information which will address the changes to those Codes.

The primary design issues regarding existing structure renovation are covered including occupancy classification, classification of the work, components of the means of egress, egress arrangement, life safety systems requirements, and accessibility where required by law. The attendees will be best served by obtaining and bringing to the seminar their personal 2012 Editions of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code which may be purchased from www.nfpa org and the International Building Code (IBC) and International Existing Building Code (IEBC) obtainable from www.iccsafe.org. The 2010 ADA Standard can be downloaded from www.access-board.gov
Links to these codes are available for your convenience on www.RLMARCH.com

A workbook will be provided and used for future reference of the issues covered in the seminar.

2013 Seminar Subjects:

Life Safety Code - International Existing Building Code - and International Building Code

- Learning to recognize the limitations and extent of the IBC related to existing buildings
- Classifying work associated with existing building
- 3. Determining whether fire protection systems need to be upgraded
- 4. Understanding the alternative tabular method of evaluating existing buildings

2010 ADA Guidelines - Accessibility Compliance in Existing and Historic Buildings

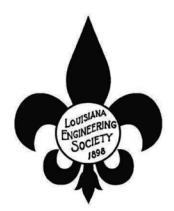
- 1. Limitations of the Standard to existing and historic structures
- 2. Understanding "Technical Infeasibility" as applied to accessibility in existing buildings
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For more information please visit our website: www.les-state.org
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Louisiana Engineering Society presents: 8 Hour Life Safety Code Seminar

by Warren Bonisch, P.E. Aon Fire Protection Engineering

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8:00am - 4:30pmLunch will be served

Seminar will be held at: McNeese State University

Description of Course

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2012 edition, was issued by NFPA on and approved as an American National Standard on August 31, 2011. Significant changes have occurred in the 2012 edition, among which are:

- New definitions
- Elevators for occupant controlled evacuation
- Normally unoccupied building service equipment support areas
- Rewrite & expansion of Ch. 8 provisions on opening protective
- Carbon monoxide detection
- Health Care chapter provisions to make more homelike

The 8 hour class room instruction will cover the major changes to the 2012 Life Safety Code as follows:

- Core Chapters 1 thru 11
- Occupancy Chapters
 - Assembly
 - Health Care
 - Residential
 - Business
 - **Building Rehabilitation**

Attendees should have an intermediate level of NFPA 101 knowledge, and basic understanding of the structure, goals and objectives of such codes. Presentation will be in the form of PowerPoint slides and verbal instructional discussions. It is highly recommended that attendee bring a copy of 2012 NFPA 101 to this class.

Attendees will learn:

- Identification of major changes in 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.
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THE SPEC SHEET

Daniel E. Mobley, CAE, Executive Director American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana

A friend of mine tells the story of a TV reporter who got a hot tip about a rural police juror who directed a parish employee to clear and grade someone's private property. The reporter and videographer drove to the address from the tipster, and sure enough, a big, orange backhoe with the parish emblem on the side was hard at work, moving dirt around what clearly was someone's private property.

The backhoe operator, understandably, got nervous and called the police juror, who arrived on the scene in minutes. As the police juror drove up, the reporter and videographer got into position to document the "gotcha" moment, but instead the police juror smiled and shook the reporter's hand.

"Why is the piece of parish equipment operating on private property?" the reporter demanded to know.

"I think it's digging a hole, but it may be grading Johnny's yard," the police juror explained, pointing to the yard.

"But that's public equipment!" the reporter said.

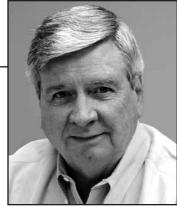
"Yeah, and Johnny's a member of the public," the police juror said. "He needed some yard work done, so we're helping him out. And if you lived here and needed some yard work done, we'd do the same for you. It's all for the public."

I was thinking about that story while pondering the Louisiana Board of Ethics' apparent inability to understand the difference between what is public and what is not public. It has been a long-established precedent (not to mention common sense) that a public employee is someone who is employed by the government, draws a government paycheck and performs governmental functions. Sometimes, the government will ask private firms to handle jobs that require specialized expertise or skills that the government doesn't have or can't afford to employ on a long-term basis. In these instances, a contract lays out what work will be done by the private firm and how much the government will pay for that work. The lines are clear; on one side is the government, on the other side is private industry.

A key reason we have ethics laws is to regulate conduct between these two players to protect the public, the taxpayer. For example, the private firm is prohibited from giving anything of value to the public employee because it could give the private firm an unfair advantage in seeking public contracts. The public employee is prohibited from dealing with private firms in which she or her family may have an interest. The ethics laws basically tell us what is OK and what is prohibited when dealing with government agencies and government employees. While some of the rules may seem arbitrary or even silly, at least the rules spell out what we can

do and what we can't do.

Or course, all of this assumes we know which team we're on.



Daniel E. Mobley, CAE

The Board of Ethics contends that an architectural firm or engineering firm that is working on a public contract is considered a public employee because it performs "a government function" (Louisiana Board of Ethics, Docket Number 2009-378). This raises a lot of interesting questions. For example, if XYZ Engineering is now considered a public employee because it designed a bridge, does that mean the law that prohibits private firms from giving anything of value to public employees no longer applies to XYX because it is not considered a private firm? But if XYZ is a public employee, how can it enter into contracts for public work? Maybe XYZ can seek work as long as it doesn't involve the bridge section, where XYZ presumably is now publicly employed. What if XYZ has a subsidiary company? Would the subsidiary company now be considered the relative of a public employee?

If you think this is confusing, you're not alone. One observer wrote that, if the Louisiana Legislature wanted to do what the Board of Ethics was doing, the legislature "would simply have stated that any private party who provides a service under any contract with a government is deemed to be a 'public employee.' The Legislature has not adopted such a law." That observer was Frank Simoneaux, who was chairman of the Board of Ethics when the opinion was issued. His comments were in a sharply worded dissenting opinion that was joined by three other board members.

For the past two legislative sessions, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana has sponsored legislation to clarify that private firms are exactly what they appear to be – private companies contracted to perform public projects. Unfortunately, our efforts to clarify these roles and draw a clear line between what is public and what is private have been mischaracterized as industry trying to "exempt itself" from some ethics laws. In reality, the opposite is true. We believe ethics laws that govern the conduct between the private sector and public agencies are vitally important.

ACEC/L will continue working on behalf of its member firms on this important issue. We believe the fact that a private firm is engaged in public works should not strip away the ethics laws that bind that firm's conduct. By allowing the definition of who is and who is not a public employee to be so ill defined, the Board of Ethics ironically has weakened the very laws it is charged with overseeing.

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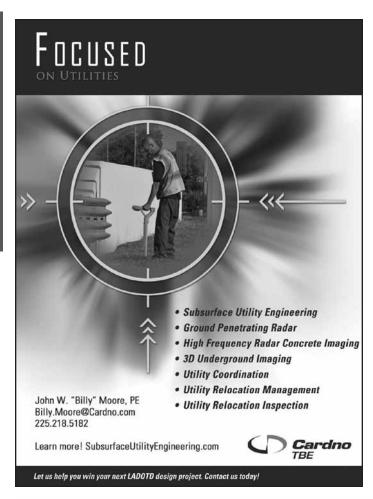
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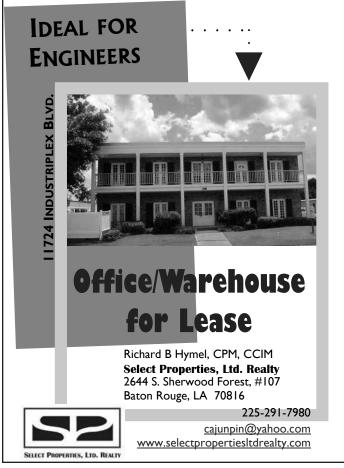


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