

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The objectives of the Louisiana Engineering Society and the National Society of Professional Engineers are advanced at the three levels of societal affairs – local, state, and national.

Chapters pursue these purposes at the city, parish and local district levels, generally meeting once a month for the exchange and dissemination of information, and for discussion, formulation and presentation of programs to fulfill societal objectives.

The Louisiana Engineering Society operates within the state as an affiliate society of the National Society of Professional Engineers. It is divided geographically into eight chapters.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Board of Direction is the policy-making and governing body for the Society, comprising: each Chapter President, society officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President, one National Director, four State Directors), and Practice Division Chairmen. The society officers are elected by the membership and the Chapter Presidents and Practice Division Chairmen are elected within their own groups.

To help carry out the objectives of the Louisiana Engineering Society and the directives of the Board, Committees are appointed by the President. Standing Committees are established by the Louisiana Engineering Society Constitution and Bylaws, while specially appointed ad hoc Committees function on single assignments for limited periods of time. The President of the Louisiana Engineering Society appoints Committee Chairmen. Vice Chairmen for each Committee are appointed by the First Vice President of the Louisiana Engineering Society.

Members of Standing Committees and Chapter members of Practice Divisions are appointed by the Chapter Presidents. **In April of each year, the Chapter President-Elect should start preparing a list of engineers for appointment to Committees and Practice Divisions.**

Striving to fulfill professional engineering objectives through its efforts, the National Society of Professional Engineers acts as a “nerve center” to centralize state society activities and programs. It is made up of 50 state societies plus societies of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Panama Canal Zone. The National Society of Professional Engineers holds annual summer and winter meetings, augmented by regional meetings of state societies having common problems and initiatives.

The National Society of Professional Engineers, which is structured administratively like the Louisiana Engineering Society, also utilizes governing and policy-making bodies such as a Board of Direction, Practice Divisions, and Committees, which are made up of members from state societies affiliated with the National Society of Professional Engineers. The number of National Directors for each state society is limited to one for the first 1,500 national members, or fraction thereof, in good standing. The Louisiana Engineering Society currently has one national director.