

# LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETING

September 23, 2022

Alexandria, LA

1. The meeting of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) Board of Direction was held on Friday, September 23, 2022 in Alexandria, LA. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order by President Chad Bacas at 10:00 AM.

## Board Members Present

Chad Bacas, President  
James Ellingburg, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Melanie Caillouet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Gavin Gautreau, Secretary-Treasurer  
Tyler Comeaux, Past President  
Rachel Kenney, State Director  
Taylor Goldman, State Director  
Roy Phelps, State Director  
Jeremy Hebron, Alexandria Chapter President  
Kimberly McDaniel, Baton Rouge Chapter President  
Glenn McCall, Lafayette Chapter President  
Kalyn Partin, Lake Charles Chapter President  
N. Dakota Hill, Monroe Chapter President  
David Gereighty, New Orleans Chapter President  
Jordan Pearson, Shreveport Chapter President  
Stan Whitney, PEC Chairman  
Jeffrey Pike, PEE Chairman  
Jason Thornhill, PEPP Chairman  
Mary Claire Ruckert, Executive Director

## Board Members Absent

Alan Krouse, NSPE Representative  
Oliver Neal, Young Engineer Representative  
Clinton Patrick, State Director  
Laura Barnes, Bayou Chapter President  
Ali Mustapha, PEG Chairman

## Guests Present

No Guests Present

2. The Invocation was given.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. President's Report was given
5. LES Vision & Mission Statement was read.
6. **Acceptance of the Agenda**  
**A motion was made to accept the agenda, motion seconded, motion passed.**
7. **Acceptance of May 2022 minutes.**  
**A motion was made to accept the May 2022 minutes, motion seconded, motion passed.**
8. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report –**

- a. **Financial Reports as of 8/31/2022** (See attached reports)
1. LES P&L Statement – The LES P&L Statement was reviewed and discussed. There was confusion in reference to some of the balances from the report. A continuance was granted for the P&L to be discussed further after the Secretary-Treasurer meets with the LES Bookkeeper.
  2. LES Balance Sheet – The LES Balance sheet was reviewed and discussed. **A motion was made to accept the Balance sheet as of 8/31/2022, motion seconded, motion passed.**
- b. **Year-End Financial Reports as of 6/30/2022** (See attached reports)
1. LES P&L Statement – The LES P&L Statement as of 6/30/2022 was reviewed and discussed. **A motion was made to accept the P&L Statement as of 6/30/2022, motion seconded, motion passed.**
  2. LES Balance Sheet – The LES Balance Sheet as of 6/30/2022 was reviewed and discussed. **A motion was made to accept the Balance sheet as of 6/30/2022, motion seconded, motion passed.**
- c. **Prior Year Comparison** – (See attached report)  
**A motion was made to accept the prior year comparison, motion seconded, motioned passed.**

9. **Executive Directors Report** – (see attached report)

- There were four PDH seminars scheduled for this fall. The ADA seminar, with 42 attendees, the Life Safety Code Seminar, with 62 registered as of September 16, an Ethics presentation, with 99 registered as of September 16, and a Project Management seminar that is currently available on demand.
- NCEES – Community Engagement Program – It may be beneficial for the chapters/state office to reach participate in events that promote the engineering profession such as:
  - Acadiana STEM Fest – May 2023
  - STEM Nola Summer Camps – Summer 2023
  - STEM Fest (Southeastern University) – August 26, 2023
- LES recently changed out IT services provider from Tri-Core to ITInspired
- Honors & Awards nominations are due at the State office no later than November 4, 2022

10. **Old Business** -

- a. **NSPE Update** – (See attached) The NSPE Board of Directors met, for the first time since 2019, in Philadelphia on August 1, 2022, where the Strategic Goals of NSPE were discussed.

11. **New Business** –

- a. **Report from Membership Committee** –
1. The Membership Committee is once again holding a Membership Drive & Contest for the Chapters. (see attached)

- b. **Update on JESC** – JESC registration is now open. As of September 21, registration is as follows:

- 12 Exhibitors, 14 Booths sold (12 Tier 1 booths and 2 Tier 3 booths)
- 5 Sponsors (1 Platinum and 4 Event Sponsors)
- 19 out of 44 Speaker slots have been filled
- 6 Conference Registrations

A discussion took place about inviting other societies to be invited to purchase a booth at a discounted rate to promote other societies within the state. The State office is going to reach out to the Cajundome to see where we will have the space to put them and then will reach out to the other societies. (see attached)

- c. **Alexandria Chapter Report** – Report was given – Currently has 110 members.
- d. **Baton Rouge Chapter Report** – Report was given – (See attached Report) Currently has 540 members. Recently held a Joint Luncheon with ASCE Baton Rouge with 76 attendees, a Fall Joint Societies Conference with ASCE, APWA, LES and WTS with 87 attendees, and a September Baton Rouge Chapter luncheon with 60 attendees. Upcoming events include a Sponsor & Member Appreciation Happy Hour (October 6), BR Chapter Luncheon

(October 13), 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Clay Shoot (October 14) and another BR Chapter Luncheon (December 1).

- e. **Bayou Chapter Report** – No report was given - Currently has 88 members.
  - f. **Lafayette Chapter Report** – Report was given – (see attached report) Currently has 367 members. The Lafayette Chapter has established a Constant Contact account for chapter communications. The Chapter held a joint meeting with ASCE Acadiana that was well attended in July. The August Chapter meeting included Dr. Ahmed Khattab as a speaker and elected the chapter officers as follows: Justin Schexnayder, PE as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joey Krefft, PE as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Austin Doucet, EI as Secretary Treasurer.
  - g. **Lake Charles Chapter Report** – Report was given – Currently has 127members.
  - h. **Monroe Chapter Report** – Report was given – Currently has 117 members. The September chapter meeting had a great turnout.
  - i. **New Orleans Chapter Report** – Report was given – Currently has 564 members. A dinner meeting was held on September 14, 2022, with presenter Frank Knowles Smith, III. There is an upcoming meeting planned at the University of New Orleans Engineering Society with a presentation from the new dean of engineering at the University of New Orleans and a tour of the University of New Orleans Tow Tank. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 28. The New Orleans Chapter is planning to fund the middle school MATHCOUNTS program, FRC First Bayou Robotics Competition and the Tulane Engineering Forum as well as five chapter level scholarships.
  - j. **Shreveport Chapter Report** – Report was given – Currently has 140 members. Membership is holding steady. The last chapter meeting was on September 14, 2022 and had Trent McCoy with Delta Process present on self-priming pumps with 30 attendees were present. The next chapter meeting with be on October 12 with Tyler Comeaux with the CB Port presenting on Port Updates.
  - k. **PEC Report** – PEC is currently accepting names for the upcoming LAPELS PEC Vacancy.
  - l. **PEE Report** – No report was given.
  - m. **PEG Report** – No Report was given.
  - n. **PEI Report** – No report was given.
  - o. **PEPP Report** – PEPP will soon start accepting names for the upcoming LAPELS PEPP Vacancy.
12. **Announcements -**
- a. The next Board of Direction Meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at the LES State Office. The annual Board photo will be taken at this meeting so please dress accordingly.
  - b. Nominations for LES Honors & Awards began August 1<sup>st</sup> and are due by November 4. The nominating committee will meet the morning of November 18<sup>th</sup> at the State Office beginning at 9:00 AM.
13. **Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn, motion seconded; motion passed.** Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.