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The Louisiana Engineering Society, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana do not guarantee the accuracy of statements made or necessarily concur with opinions expressed in the publication.
Happy New Year to everyone and we hope that everyone was able to spend some cherished time with their families.

With the new year comes a new legislative session and hopefully it will be an uneventful year. It is a fiscal only session, so no guarantees, but at least there is a limit to the number of bills that can be filed. As everyone is no doubt aware, last year one of our big wins was the law that finally defined the incidental practice of engineering by an architect. After the law took effect, letters were sent out to building code officials and the Office of the State Fire Marshal informing them of the new law. We have fielded many questions from engineers and building code officials regarding the new law. The reception from around the state has been very positive. We are hearing from engineers that architects and contractors have been telling them they need an engineer to design the engineering work, or the plans will not be reviewed. Please have any building code officials with questions contact the LAPELS office for clarification. The Board Rules are currently being revised to correspond with the language in the law. As mentioned previously, the Board must submit any changes to Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) for approval before changes can be implemented. As the proposed changes are required by law, we don’t anticipate any issues with approval.

From time to time the Board receives a request for interpretations of the applicability of the law and rules in certain situations or determinations/interpretations related to the laws and rules. This is accomplished through a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling. The Board reviews the laws and rules and, if warranted, issues a Declaratory ruling. These rulings range the entire gambit of practice from conflict of interest to stamping of as-built drawings to the need to involve an engineer in certain types of work. The declaratory rulings that have been issued by the Board are available on the LAPELS website under the Laws and Rules tab.

The LES Joint Engineering Societies Conference (JESC) is right around the corner and the LAPELS Board will be there for a presentation on the last day of the conference. We will be presenting updates on various items related to the laws, rules and other Board actions. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussions. If there are items you want to discuss that are not part of the presentation, please feel free to ask during the open question time at the end.

In closing, this will be my last message as Chairman. I am truly honored to have been given the opportunity to serve the past 6 years on LAPELS. During my time I have met some great engineers and surveyors dedicated to serving the citizens of Louisiana in this very important role. I have also made new friends along the way that I will take with me long after my time on the Board. I also want to thank Donna and her staff for all the hard work and time they have dedicated to engineering and surveying in Louisiana. The professional staff at LAPELS has made my time on the Board most enjoyable. If you ever have any questions or comments, please reach out to LAPELS staff and Board members for assistance.

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Louisiana Tech University’s winter quarter started wonderfully with a visit from LAPELS Board Executive Director, Donna Sentell, and Applications and Licensing Manager, Janet Lindsey. Donna and Janet were on Louisiana Tech’s campus December 7 and 8, 2022. They began with a visit to Jeff Pike’s CVEN 345 class, Fundamentals of Professional Engineering. Jeff interviewed Donna and Janet about the importance of engineering licensure and the value of taking the FE exam. The interview motivated the students to ask many questions about engineering and surveying licensure.

That afternoon, Donna Sentell made a presentation about how to become a licensed professional engineer and the history of LAPELS. She was assisted by Janet Lindsey who distributed prizes to students who asked worthy questions. The presentation was attended by students majoring in one of the eight disciplines of engineering offered at Louisiana Tech. Everyone enjoyed visiting with Donna and Janet.

Donna and Janet held another seminar on the afternoon of December 8 for students that were unable to attend the previous event. The meeting was well-attended, and thoughtful questions were asked by students and faculty. Immediately following this event, LAPELS Board Member, Wil Fontenot, PLS, assisted by Robbie Benoit, Director of Government Contracts with Chustz Surveying, LLC, a division of GIS Engineering, made a presentation about the surveying profession, the importance of licensure, and how to become licensed as a professional land surveyor. Louisiana Tech University has a land surveying option within the Construction Engineering Technology curriculum that allows students to obtain a 4-year degree and the 30 hours required for surveying licensure.

Kudos to Dean of the College of Engineering and Science, Dr. Hisham Hegab, a licensed professional engineer. Dr. Hegab’s presence at each of the meetings was a positive influence for the students and faculty about his opinion on the importance of engineering licensure. Kudos are also given to Adjunct Professor, Walt Ballard, PLS, and Jason Tuggle, PLS, for their presence and support at the surveying meetings.
In Memory of
Nancy Donald

Nancy, a LAPELS employee since 2010, died on January 21, 2023. As our office receptionist, she provided a wealth of LAPELS information to the public, our applicants, licensees, board members and staff. She was always willing to assist with any office project, coming to the office early, staying late or working on weekends. She was a dedicated employee, working until the time of her death. She will be missed by her LAPELS family.

Nancy had been a Baton Rouge resident for the past 22 years, was active at St. George Catholic Church, where her funeral service was held on January 25. She is survived by her three sons, David, Adam and Mark and affectionately known as ‘Honey’ to her nine grandchildren.

2023 LAPELS Board Meetings:
Monday, March 27, 2023
Monday, June 5, 2023
Monday, July 24, 2023
Monday, October 16, 2023
UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING:

S. E. Consultants, Inc., an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm effective June 8, 2022 (EF-7327), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B). On or about June 3, 2022 the firm submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which the firm admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. Between March 2019 and February 2022 the firm admittedly provided and offered to provide engineering services on eight projects in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of $3,000; to pay administrative costs of $343.52; 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.

Island Structures Engineering, P.C. Corp, an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm effective September 1, 2022 (EF-7398), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words “engineer”, “engineering” or a modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B). On or about August 31, 2022 the firm submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which the
firm admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. Between approximately March 2020 and May 2020 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of $3,000; to pay administrative costs of $383.16; 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 THE LAWS/RULES OF THE BOARD:**

**Steven W. Schaub, P.E.** a professional engineer (PE-30910), 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). On or about June 3, 2022 S. E. Consultants, Inc. (an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which the firm admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. Between March 2019 and February 2022 (a) the firm admittedly provided and offered to provide engineering services on eight projects in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Schaub provided engineering services for the firm in Louisiana in connection with said projects. Mr. Schaub was an officer, employee and representative of the firm and has been the supervising professional of the firm since June 8, 2022. Mr. Schaub has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of $500; to pay administrative costs of $343.52; to successfully complete the Board’s online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; and to the publica-

**Brady Burgason, P.E.,** an unlicensed individual who subsequently became licensed as a professional engineer effective January 7, 2022 (PE-46351), was subject to enforcement and disciplinary action by the Board for (a) practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (b) subsequently 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). On or about February 7, 2022 FastGrid, LLC (an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which the firm admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. Between August 2021 and February 9, 2022 (a) the firm admittedly provided and offered to provide engineering services on one project in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Burgason provided engineering services for the firm in Louisiana in connection with said project both before and after January 7, 2022. Mr. Burgason was an employee and representative of the firm and has been the supervising professional of the firm since February 10, 2022. Mr. Burgason has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of $2,000; to pay administrative costs of $465.82; to successfully complete the Board’s online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; 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.

**William R. Schlumpf, P.E.,** a professional engineer (PE-44162), 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). On or about August 31, 2022 Island Structures Engineering, P.C. Corp (an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which the firm admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. Between approximately March 2020 and May 2020 (a) the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Schlumpf provided engineering services for and on behalf of the firm in Louisiana in connection with said project. Mr. Schlumpf was an owner, officer, employee and representative of the firm and has been the supervising professional of the firm since September 1, 2022. Mr. Schlumpf has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to (a) pay a fine of $500; (b) to pay administrative costs of $383.16; (c) to successfully complete the Board’s online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; 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.

OTHER VIOLATIONS:

Beau A. Barbera, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-40756), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for the unlicensed practice of land surveying; fraud, deceit, gross negligence, material misrepresentation, gross incompetence, or gross misconduct in the practice of engineering in violation of La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2), (6), (13), (15) and (17); and LAC Title 46: LXI§2503(A), and (B); La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (2), (4). Between July 8, 2021 and July 9, 2021, Mr. Barbera (a) copied and affixed the seal and forged the signature of a Louisiana licensed P.L.S. to a Resubdivision Plat that Mr. Barbera also edited although he was not licensed as a P.L.S. of a Resubdivision Plat that the licensed P.L.S. had prepared, (b) forged the signature of a Louisiana licensed P.E. on that same Resubdivision Plat, (c) forged the signature of the Planning Director for East Baton Rouge City-Parish Planning Commission on that same Resubdivision Plat, (d) prepared by editing the previously edited Resubdivision Plat previously edited Resubdivision Plat previously prepared by a licensed Louisiana surveyor with boundary information and Mr. Barbera is not a licensed Louisiana P.L.S. and (e) caused the Resubdivision Plat that Mr. Barbera fraudulently created and containing the forged signatures the Mr. Barbera forged to be recorded with the Clerk of Court in East Baton Rouge Parish. Mr. Barbera has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein Mr. Barbera admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws and rules and agreed to (a) pay a fine of $12,000; (b) to pay administrative costs of $1,037.31; (c) to successfully complete the Board’s online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz with a score of 90% or higher on each; (d) to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board’s website, the printing of a summary of this matter in the Board’s official Journal, and the reporting of this matter to NCEES, identifying Respondent by name.

MULTIPLE LAWS/RULES VIOLATIONS:

David R. O’Reilly, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-34032), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) material misstatements in applying for a renewal license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1); (b) not being truthful in communications with the Board and making material misstatements in connection with such communications in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46: LXI§2501(F); (c) practicing and/or offering to practice engineering with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16); and (d) 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).

Mr. O’Reilly’s license was in an expired status from
October 1, 2020 to March 18, 2021. Between April 1, 2011 and January 26, 2022 David R. O’Reilly Engineering Consultants, L.L.C. (a professional engineering firm whose license was in an expired status) (a) offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on numerous projects in Louisiana, at least 53 of which were since January 2018, and (b) Mr. O’Reilly provided engineering services for and on behalf of the firm in Louisiana in connection with said projects. Mr. O’Reilly was the owner, manager, representative and supervising professional of the firm. Between February 2017 and September 2018 Mr. O’Reilly designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least 21 projects in Louisiana. On or about October 15, 2018 Mr. O’Reilly incorrectly stated on his 2018 Louisiana professional engineer license renewal that he did not design buildings or building systems. Between October 1, 2020 and March 18, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least 15 projects in Louisiana. Between October 1, 2020 and February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least one project in Louisiana. On or about February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly incorrectly stated on his application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license renewal that he did not design buildings or building systems. Between October 1, 2020 and February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least one project in Louisiana. On or about February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly incorrectly stated on his application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license renewal that he did not design buildings or building systems. Between October 1, 2020 and February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least one project in Louisiana. On or about February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly incorrectly stated on his application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license renewal that he did not design buildings or building systems. Between October 1, 2020 and February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least one project in Louisiana. On or about February 8, 2021 Mr. O’Reilly incorrectly stated on his application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license renewal that he did not design buildings or building systems. Mr. O’Reilly has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of $3,250; to pay administrative costs of $3,605.94; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of $120; to successfully complete the Board’s online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to successfully complete the five PDH online course in engineering ethics through Texas Tech University; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; 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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As we moved into 2023, I took a little time to assess the past year for ACEC/L. 2022 represented a year of progress for the organization. There have been a few milestone accomplishments along the way, but it was the consistent smaller actions taken by the staff, board members, active members, and committees which were truly impactful. By my rough estimate, this effort to advance this organization results in a couple of hundreds of people's time EACH WEEK!

This ACEC/L Board is loaded with talented and passionate individuals, and it has truly been an honor to serve with them through a year of transition in leadership with Barker Dirmann coming on as President and CEO. I would consider this transition seamless as Barker worked hard to understand the history and purpose of the organization and brought positive energy and new ideas. The organization will continue to flourish under Barker's leadership along with the support from Vice President Janet Landry and Office Manager Haleigh Gray.

I consider the biggest accomplishment of 2022 to be the Strategic Planning Priorities session held last summer. During this session, the Board evaluated the ACEC/L 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, acknowledged objectives that had been accomplished, and identified action items for outstanding objectives yet to be accomplished. Each member of the Executive Committee was selected to be a Goal Captain to advance the 4 Goals of the Strategic Plan: 1) Expanded and Influential Membership; 2) Essential Value to Society; 3) Leading Business Strategy; and 4) Highly Effective Business Enterprise. Implementation of the priority plan is ongoing and includes hundreds of Action Items that we feel will result in a stronger organization that provides better service to our member firms.

Although the goal is to become a stronger organization, I want to share information that few beyond current and former board members know which is that ACEC/L is recognized to be very strong in our region and for a state our size. We currently have 130 member firms compared to others in our region: Mississippi- 92, Alabama - 61, and Arkansas-43. In fact, Louisiana is ranked 11th in the nation for the number of member firms. Not bad for a state that ranks around 25 in population.

Speaking of strong, the ACEC PAC is one of the most influential PACs in the nation representing trade organizations. Just this past year, ACEC President & CEO, Linda Bauer Darr, and ACEC Senior Vice President of Government Advocacy, Steve Hall, were recognized in The Hill’s 2022 Top Lobbyists. Through individual contributions made by ACEC members from around the country, the ACEC PAC raised over a million dollars annually. All of which go directly to supporting Congressional candidates and federal policies that positively impact the business of engineering. With all the challenges and opportunities in DC these days, having a strong PAC advocating for us and our public partners is more important than ever.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge that ACEC/L has blessed me with the opportunity to meet many incredible engineers, be a part of an organization committed to its members and make some special memories along the way. I ask our members to let us know how we can serve you better in 2023. For any non-members out there, I...

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and has started off the New Year with lots of joy and optimism. As we ease out of the busy holiday mode, I was reminded of all the great things that happen in the Spring. As January was the official kickoff of our Mardi Gras season, we roll into February, which is filled with MathCounts, our Joint Engineering Society Conference (JESC), and Engineers Week. We all have varying degrees of involvement with Mardi Gras throughout the state but I’m sure everyone has the same sentiment as I do when you just had lots of good food and good times over the holidays and bam you start the new year with a resolution and low and behold here sits that king cake in the stores and office you want to avoid but can’t!

Engineers Week (#Eweek2023) this year will run from Sunday, February 19 through Saturday, February 25, and has been a celebration of the innovation, imagination, and creativity of our engineering industry and our colleagues. We all know that every week is Engineers Week, but these seven days in February are an opportunity to spotlight what it means to be an engineer and conversely what engineering means to our communities. What’s a better way to acknowledge this Engineers Week than having our JESC conference and of course honoring our state award winners at a luncheon on Thursday, February 23. Hopefully, each of our chapters takes the time to recognize their local winners and spend time spotlighting their accomplishments at one of their luncheons or banquets. We all were attracted to engineering at different times and in different ways but it’s important to attract our younger generation to our profession.

By promoting the essential role of engineering and elevating the awareness of the critical work we do, we give clients and policymakers a greater understanding of the value of what our profession delivers. Promoting our essential values reinforces the importance of our Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) and often reminds us of the vulnerability of the QBS system. Often policymakers and our clients find themselves trying to incorporate price or politics in the selection process out of ignorance of our profession. We have to be vigilant in watching for legislation or other local rules that threaten the selection based on design ability, experience, and integrity. Just this week, a local councilman wanted to add a council member to their selection board. The current board has no direct political seats but rather engineering and surveying members representing various societies and agencies. Together with ACEC and NSPE, LES has much experience and ammunition to educate and oppose these situations when they occur.

Once again, a big shout out to the office staff and our committee for their coordination for the preparation of a successful Joint Engineering Societies Conference. As MathCounts is in full swing, please ask your chapter how you can volunteer, and, if not at your local competition, join us at the state competition held in Pineville, LA on March 24th. Also, please be on the lookout for information on the General Membership Meeting and the 4th Annual LA Transportation Partners Golf Tournament coming this summer. I encourage you to take an active role and participate in the week-long Engineers Week by showing your support to our young people by encouraging them to find out more about our profession and our role in transforming communities.

Cheers to a prosperous 2023!
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1-28 MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competitions
15 Al Dunn’s Endowed Scholarship Begins
19-25 National Engineers Week
22 LES & LEF Board Meetings—Lafayette, LA
23-24 27th JESC Conference and Honors & Awards Meeting—Lafayette, LA

March 2023
24 MATHCOUNTS State Competition—Pineville, LA
31 LES Board Meeting—Baton Rouge, LA

April 2023
10 Legislative Session Starts
14 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, May issue
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4th Annual
LA Transportation Partners Golf Tournament
June 9, 2023
Carter Plantation Golf Course
23475 Carter Trace, Springfield, LA 70462

Registration Opens Soon!
LES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & CONTEST
2022–2023

BEGINNS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
ENDS: MAY 31, 2023

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:
The Louisiana Engineering Society Membership Drive & Contest for 2022-2023 will kick off on September 1, 2022, and end on May 31, 2023.

The contest will be divided into two (2) groups:
- Large Chapters - Baton Rouge, Lafayette, & New Orleans
- Small Chapters - Alexandria, Bayou, Lake Charles, Monroe, & Shreveport

At the end of the contest period, the winning chapter in each group will receive an award based on net growth & retention (excluding student members).

We hope that all chapters and members will continue to support and grow LES. Our growth ensures the prosperity and success of the engineers in Louisiana as well as promotes the noble engineering profession and, more importantly, the welfare and safety of the public.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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PRIZES

The winning Large Chapter group will receive a $250 reward, a plaque, and recognition in the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor Journal.

The winning Small Chapter group will receive a $150 reward, a plaque, and recognition in the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor Journal.

... and don’t forget about bragging rights!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lake Charles Chapter
2021-2022
Small Chapter Winner

SPECIAL GRAND PRIZE

Any chapter that achieves a 15+% NET growth of existing membership*, excluding student members, will receive a $500 reward, a plaque, and recognition in the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor Journal.

*Membership as of September 1, 2022

*A Government Employee Member is defined as an individual that is employed by a governmental agency that would like to contribute to the well-being of the Society. A Governmental Employee Member shall have no voting privileges nor be able to hold office, and is eligible for all other Society benefits.
Alexandria Chapter  By: Jeremy Hebron, PE, PLS

I hope everyone was blessed with an enjoyable holiday season and ended 2022 with a remarkable year overall.

Our lunch-n-learn meetings have been successful with great food and fellowship, good attendance, and fantastic speakers delivering informative presentations on various topics. The year started in September when we received a technical presentation and an awesome guided tour of the Rinker Materials facility here in Alexandria. In October, Cyndi Glascock with Gainey’s provided a wonderful presentation on “Large Custom Civil Engineering Structures”. In November, Trudy Boudreaux with Economy Polymers offered an outstanding presentation on “Chemistry of Well Stimulation”. In December, Andy Dressel with Gulf States Engineering Company and assisted by RJ Dunn with ADG Engineering delivered an enlightening in-depth technical presentation on “Basics of Variable Frequency Drives”. In January, LDH Region 6 Engineering Manager James Monroe provided a perfect informative introduction on a topic that has the current attention of every public water system “Community Water System Accountability Rule”. The following list provides the remainder of the lunch-n-learn dates and presenters that you are welcome to attend:

- No meeting in February (due to the local chapter Mathcounts competition);
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 11:45 am – technical presentation by Ben St. Cyr with ADS Pipe;
- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 11:45 am – tentatively scheduled for either Ethics or Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy;
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 11:45 am – tentatively scheduled for Matt Johns, Rapides Area Planning Commission updates.

Our chapter will be hosting a local Mathcounts competition scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2023 from noon until 5 pm at LSUA.

Other Alexandria Chapter events planned for the year include a golf tournament fundraiser at Oak Wing and the presentation of two scholarships generally at our last lunch-n-learn meeting in May. Information about these events will be forthcoming in either the newsletter or email notice as we near each event.

Look forward to seeing you at the 27th Annual JESC in Lafayette on February 23-24.

Everyone is encouraged to attend or participate where possible to improve the success of our Alexandria Chapter and LES.

Please contact me (Jeremy.Hebron@mmlh.com) if you would like to become an event sponsor or have any questions.

Baton Rouge Chapter  By: Kimberly McDaniel, PE

Participation in the Baton Rouge Chapter has been outstanding this year! The Board wishes to thank all our members for their commitment to our organization and for their patience as we navigate the challenge of record sell-outs of our luncheons.

We hosted our Christmas Luncheon at Oak Lodge with Louisiana’s Commissioner of Administration, Mr. Jay Dardenne, as our guest speaker and nearly 100 attendees. In January we welcomed Mr. Fred Raiford for a sell-out luncheon and received an update on the MovEBR program and other city-parish initiatives. We also enjoyed an Engineering Networking Happy Hour in partnership with The City Club of Baton Rouge.

This year Engineer’s Week falls the same week as Mardi Gras, so our annual E-Week events will be held the following week. Our joint cocktail party with ASCE and WTS will be on the evening of Thursday, March 2, at The City Club of Baton Rouge. We are excited to celebrate our 2023 Wintz Memorial Scholarship recipients and our annual Chapter awardees at our Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, February 28, at Ruffino’s Restaurant. Our Chapter awards will be presented to:

- F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award – Heather Layrisson (Jacobs)
- Andrew M Lockett Medal for Civic Activities – Alan Krouse (Digital Engineering)
- James M Todd Technological Accomplishment Medal – Jonathan Fox (Intelligent Transportation Systems)
- Leo M. Odom Award for Services to Profession – Greg Trahan (AECOM)
- A. B. Patterson Medal for an Engineer in Management – Joey Coco (Forte & Tablada)
- Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award – Andy Shread (Shread Kuyrkendall)

Our Chapter is also hosting over 120 students for our annual MathCounts local competition on Friday, February 4 at the LTRC/TTEC Auditorium. We are looking forward to having this competition back in person for the first time since 2020! Plans are also underway for the 33rd Annual Wintz Memorial Golf Tournament on April 14, 2023, at Coppermill Golf Course. Details will soon be available. Other upcoming Chapter events include:

- March 30, 2023 – Happy Hour at Red Stick Social
- April 27, 2023 – Chapter Luncheon – Scott Kirkpatrick with CRISIS – Mississippi River Bridge Update
- May 12, 2023 – Crawfish and Ethics with Chris Knots
Bayou Chapter  By: Laura L. Barnes, PE

Hello Bayou Chapter! Thanks to all who joined us for the Christmas social luncheon at Spigot’s. As we go into 2023, I look forward to continuing to build upon last year’s momentum with the chapter meetings, membership growth, and including more social events.

On the horizon, we’re looking forward to Engineer’s Week and JESC in February. At our January chapter meeting, we plan to brainstorm for a few local events we can put together for Engineer’s Week. Please reach out if you have any ideas. We will also start circulating sign-up sheets for various committees to help members get involved in areas they are interested in, and at the same time not be overwhelmed with commitments.

I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming chapter events, JESC, or the LA Transportation Golf Tournament.

Lafayette Chapter  By: Glenn McCall, PE

As we ring in the New Year, the Lafayette Chapter continues to build on the momentum that started during the summer. Through collaboration with ASCE and ACEC, several successful luncheons have occurred, and member participation is continuing to increase. With those early wins, we hope to continue the engagement of our members and promote interaction and collaboration among professionals within the Chapter.

The next few months will be extremely busy with the local MATHCOUNTS competition, participating in the JESC in our hometown, and hosting additional luncheons with technical presentations to assist in members obtaining continuing education credits.

In closing, I would like to once again ask members of our organization to consider two areas of professional service that I believe are important in fostering the continued improvement of our Chapter and our Profession. The Lafayette Chapter continues to need individuals who are willing to serve the Chapter in one of the many committee or officer positions at the local level. Secondly, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has developed a very impressive senior design curriculum that welcomes professionals of all experience levels to participate and mentor future engineers. Please consider stopping in every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-6:00 in the Madison Hall Auditorium and provide mentorship to these students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this or any other LES activity.

Lake Charles Chapter  By: Kalyn Partin, PE

The Lake Charles Chapter will host upcoming lunch and learn meetings on the following dates: February 14, March 21, April 11, and May 9. Registration links for each meeting will be sent out in advance to chapter members, but non-members and students are also invited to attend.

Our regional Mathcounts competition has returned in person and the event will be held on the McNeese campus in the Burton Business Center on Saturday, February 25. We are grateful to McNeese for their continued support of the Lake Charles Mathcounts event!

Please feel free to reach out to our officers at leslakecharles@gmail.com if you ever have any concerns or questions.

2023 Tulane University Nine Technical Tracks plus Engineering Forum Ethics Topics including Infrastructure, Energy, Oil & Gas, Aerospace, Water, Innovation 16 PDHs Available

Friday, March 31, 2023 Morial Convention Center New Orleans, LA

Register at: tef.tulane.edu
Monroe Chapter  By: Dakota Hill, PE

The Monroe Chapter has started the new year with good attendance! Not only are we having good attendance, but our monthly speakers are doing a great job as well! One of the goals of each meeting is to communicate with our chapter members on continuing education opportunities and other scheduled events hosted by or available through LES. In addition, each meeting includes a technical presentation by a featured guest speaker and one (1) PDH is awarded for attendance. Fellowship among our chapter members is also something to look forward to each month. So, if you’ve missed our recent meetings consider attending in the coming months. Your attendance is important to the success of our chapter. Also, if you know someone who is not currently a member, invite them to join us at the next monthly membership meeting.

The Monroe Chapter had Mrs. Cyndi Glascock with Gainey’s Concrete speak to us in December to finish off 2022 with a great presentation. She presented the "Amazing uses of Pre-Cast Concrete". For our first meeting of 2023, we had Mr. Rob Adamson with Tensar Corporation and he spoke to us about their new InterAx Geogrid and how to use their design software for our own benefit. We really appreciate Mrs. Glascock and Mr. Adamson for presenting to our group. We are also very excited to hear from our future presenters throughout the new year. Our Chapter meets the second Thursday of every month up to the month of May.

Recent membership reports show the Monroe Chapter has had a jump in Student members, we highly recommend student engineers to join LES and our meetings, it is a great way to build your network with the engineering community around Monroe. Consider extending an invitation to your colleagues who are not members of LES to join us and get involved. Together we can continue our success by increasing our chapter membership!

New Orleans Chapter  By: David Gereighty, PE

Our November meeting was a presentation given by Mr. David King, the CTO of Gulf Wind Technology. Mr. King discussed the challenges of wind turbines in the low wind speed turbulent environments of the Gulf of Mexico. Our December meeting was a presentation given by Ms. Dayne Ise, Deputy Manager of the Science and Technology Office at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. Ms. Ise discussed the challenges of nuclear rocket propulsion. Our January meeting was our Engineering Education Panel featuring deans of engineering from Tulane, Dr. Kimberly Foster, UNO, Dr. Lizette Chevalier, LSU, Dr. Craig Harvey, and Southern, Dr. Patrick Mensah.

Our tentative schedule of remaining meetings for the 2022-2023 term are:
- Tues, February 28, 2023  General Membership Meeting/Joint Meeting with the Society of Tulane Engineers
- Wed, March 22, 2023  General Membership Meeting
- Wed, April 19, 2023  General Membership Meeting
- Wed, May 17, 2023  General Meeting-Joint LES/IEEE Meeting

Please check our website: https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org for updates on meeting dates, times, locations, speakers/topics, and if your company is interested in being in NO-LES Chapter Sponsorship Program. We continue our work with the local Mathcounts coordinator, Ms. Leah Read, and FIRST senior mentor, Mr. Louis Jackson. I would like to take this time to thank our members and sponsors, and I hope you and your families had and are having a great winter.
The Tulane Engineering Forum is a one-day event being held on Friday, March 31, 2023, and provides an opportunity for professionals to attend seminars from industry and academic experts and receive PDH credits. Over 500 professionals attend the annual forum representing over 200 companies. Additionally, the Forum provides an opportunity for participants to network while discussing technical issues. Attendance at the forum can be in person or online. Registered Professional Engineers can earn up to sixteen (16) PDH credits, including one (1) Ethics credit. Information including registration plus the complete program for the Forum can be found at tef.tulane.edu.

The 2023 Forum opening welcome session will feature Mr. Wayne Pertuit, who is the 2023 Forum chairman, Dr. Kimberly Foster, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, and Dr. Michael Fitts, President of Tulane University.

The opening welcome session is followed by a morning plenary session for all registrants. This year’s morning plenary session, discussing the engineering of the Artemis campaign is titled “Moon to Mars” and is chaired by Ms. Cynthia “Tia” Ferguson, Director of the Space Systems Department, Engineering Directorate, Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). The panel will consist of Ms. Ferguson plus Lionel “Lonnie” Dutreix, Director, Michoud Assembly Facility, Lakeshia Hawkins, Deputy Program Manager; Human Lander Systems (HLS) at MSFC and Niki Werkheiser, Director of Technology Maturation in the Space Technology Mission Directorate, NASA HQ.

Between the morning plenary session and morning concurrent technical sessions, attendees can browse booths from our sponsoring companies and interact with Tulane students discussing their student design posters. Dr. Michelle Hewlett Sanchez, Professor of Practice, Director for K-12 STEM Outreach, and Tulane’s Levy Professor for Integrated Discover and Community Engagement has also organized robotic demonstrations given by student robotic groups from the New Orleans region.

The nine concurrent technical sessions include the following four in the morning: Infrastructure, chairs Mr. David Kanger and Dr. VJ Gopu; Energy: Significant Changes in Energy Markets and their Impact, chairs Dr. Doug Chrisey, Ms. Melanie Spring, Mr. John McGaha and Mr. Don Vinci; Oil & Gas, chairs Dr. John Kelly III, Dr. Chuck Mart, and Mr. Tommy Meehan; and Aerospace, chairs Mr. Eric Enright and Dr. Matt Barrios.

Ms. Melanie Spring is chairing the seated luncheon keynote presentation by Mr. Jacob Sotsky who will discuss the Louis Armstrong Airport Master Plan. Following the Luncheon, the concurrent afternoon sessions include the following five: Infrastructure2, chairs Mr. David Kanger and Dr. VJ Gopu; Energy2: Energy Technologies, chairs Dr. Doug Chrisey, Ms. Melanie Spring, Mr. John McGaha and Mr. Don Vinci; Water: Coastal and Riverine Hazards in a Changing Climate, chairs Dr. Annalisa Molini and Dr. Soenke Dangendorf; Engineering Innovation, chairs Dr. Trivia Frazier, Dr. Katherine Raymond and Mr. Chan Wong; and LNG: Growing Importance of LNG from the US Gulf Coast in Global Energy Landscape, chairs Dr. Chuck Mart, Dr. John Kelly III and Mr. Tommy Meehan.

There is a short break after the afternoon sessions and the Forum concludes with an ethics presentation for the entire group of registrants. The 2023 ethics presentation will be given by Dr. Martin Peterson, Professor of Philosophy and Bovay Professor of the History and Ethics of Professional Engineering, Texas A & M. His topic will be “The Water Crisis in Flint, Michigan: Did Anyone Violate the NSPE Code of Ethics?” Chair is Mr. Tommy Meehan.
Louisiana Capitol View: from Haynie and Associates

January 2023

The 2023 Louisiana Legislative session is quickly approaching and will run from April 10 through June 8. Each lawmaker will be allowed unlimited fiscal bills (taxes, credits, exemptions) but will be limited to only 5 general subject bills. LES should once again anticipate legislation proposed by outside interest groups to target professional and occupational licenses, efforts which we were able to successfully defend against in 2022. Please be prepared to contact your legislators if called upon, as lawmakers should be responsive to your voice as 2023 is also an election year, with all lawmakers on the ballot on October 14th with runoffs on November 18.

Typically, an election year session makes it difficult to gather the needed votes on controversial legislation, as lawmakers tend to become risk-averse when their re-election is only months away. LES’ Legislative committee stands prepared for the 2023 session and will be reviewing all legislation introduced of interest to the profession.

The year 2023 is shaping up to be an important and pivotal year in Louisiana Politics. On October 14th, 2023, all 144 state legislators (105 members of the House and 39 members of the Senate) and all 7 Statewide officials will be on the ballot for re-election. Governor John Bel Edwards has reached the end of his 8-year term and the open race to replace him will bring about heavy spending and many twists and turns if history is to be any indicator. The field of candidates running for Governor is not yet set and will not be final until qualifying for all October 14th elections concludes on August 10th.

To date heavyweights such as Attorney General Jeff Landry, Senator Sharron Hewitt, and Treasurer John Schroder have announced their official intentions to run for Governor, while others have officially declared themselves out of the race such as Lt. Governor Nungesser and US Senators Cassidy and Kennedy. Other potential Gubernatorial candidates well-known to the engineering world are still said to be undecided including DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson and Congressman Garrett Graves.

Term limits and political ambition for other positions will both contribute to relatively high turnover in the legislature. Haynie and Associates will participate in multiple polling groups helping to inform our decisions for both statewide and legislative elections.

Now is a great time for LES members to reach out to their local lawmakers and form a relationship and offer support in their upcoming re-election, or to meet and educate candidates on the profession and the benefits of the current standards of licensing.

Haynie and Associates will be active in planning and hosting fundraisers throughout the year and encourages and facilitates our client’s participation. Please reach out to discuss local races and invite our participation or introduce us to local candidates. Haynie & Associates looks forward to continuing to serve the lobbying and governmental affairs needs of LES and its members delivering valuable results for the engineering profession in 2023.

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an increasingly important tool in the field of engineering, with applications spanning a wide range of industries, from aerospace and automotive to energy and construction. In this article, we will explore some of the ways in which AI is being used in engineering, and discuss the potential benefits and challenges associated with these applications.

One of the most significant applications of AI in engineering is in the field of computer-aided design (CAD). Engineers are using AI-powered algorithms to generate complex designs, optimize parts and products, and even create virtual prototypes of new products. This is allowing engineers to quickly and efficiently create new designs and test them in virtual environments before they are built in the real world.

Another important application of AI in engineering is in the field of simulation and analysis. Engineers are using AI-powered simulations to predict the behavior of complex systems, such as aircraft and automobiles. This is allowing engineers to test and optimize designs in virtual environments, and to identify potential problems before they occur in the real world.

AI is also being used in the field of manufacturing, where engineers are using AI-powered robots and automation systems to improve the efficiency and precision of production lines. This is helping to reduce costs and improve the quality of manufactured products.

AI is also being used in the field of maintenance and repair, where engineers are using AI-powered systems to predict when equipment is likely to fail and to schedule maintenance and repairs accordingly. This is helping to reduce downtime and improve the reliability of equipment.

However, there are also some potential challenges associated with the use of AI in engineering. One of the main concerns is that AI-powered systems may require significant amounts of data to be trained and that this data may not always be available. Additionally, there is a risk that AI-powered systems may make mistakes or produce unexpected results, which could have serious consequences for safety and performance.

In conclusion, AI is becoming an increasingly important tool in the field of engineering, with applications that span a wide range of industries. Engineers are using AI-powered algorithms to generate complex designs, optimize parts and products, and even create virtual prototypes of new products. AI is also being used in the field of simulation and analysis, manufacturing, maintenance, and repair. However, there are also some potential challenges associated with the use of AI in engineering, such as data availability and the risk of mistakes. Overall, the use of AI in engineering has the potential to bring significant benefits, but it is important to be aware of the potential challenges and to develop strategies to mitigate them.

To make the point of how much progress has been made in the field of Artificial Intelligence, the entire article above was written by an online AI chatbot that is primarily being used for research. My prompt was: “write an article about the use of artificial intelligence in engineering.” The bot can be found at chat.openai.com. I for one am very interested in the future application of AI to the engineering field.
F. HUGH COUGHLIN YOUNG ENGINEER AWARD
LINSEY BROOKE OLIVIER, P.E.

Linsey Olivier, P.E., is a Project Engineer with Forte & Tablada, Inc. where she has been employed since 2021. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Louisiana. Linsey’s professional experience includes the design of public drainage, utilities, and lift stations as well as private developments, water resource projects, and structural design.

Linsey has been an active member of the Shreveport Chapter of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) since 2017, and she is currently serving on the Shreveport Chapter Board of Directors as Secretary. In addition to LES, Linsey is also an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), has served as President of the Shreveport Branch for two consecutive years, and is currently serving as the Shreveport Director for the ASCE Louisiana Section. She also received the ASCE Louisiana Section Young Outstanding Civil Engineer in 2022.

Linsey is from Eunice, LA, and has resided in Shreveport for 7 years. She is an active Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and enjoys working with children. She also enjoys CrossFit, running, biking, and being outdoors.

Linsey is honored to receive the F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award and represent the engineering profession, LES, and Forte & Tablada. She will continue to serve and advocate for professional development, service, and leadership in the young Professional Engineering Community. She is thankful for the opportunity and the endless support, inspiration, and encouragement from her friends, family, mentors, and coworkers at Forte & Tablada.

The Louisiana Engineering Society F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, to an engineer not over thirty-five (35) of age who has demonstrated a high degree capability in his chosen field of engineering, thereby indicating a potential for further advancement and leadership as a professional engineer. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire young engineers with a desire to reach greater heights of professional achievement and service. This award is named in honor of F. Hugh Coughlin, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1944 until his death in 1980. His interest in and support of young engineers was instrumental in the establishment of this award.

THE ANDREW M. LOCKETT AWARD FOR CIVIC ACTIVITIES
KEITH HILLMAN, P.E.

Keith Hillman, a resident of Pineville, graduated from Louisiana State University in 1980 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and in 1982 with an M.S. in Civil Engineering. He has been a registered engineer since 1985. He was mentored by Kerry LaBauve at LaBauve and Company for 20 years, primarily focused on structural projects. In 2002, LaBauve and Company merged with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. (MML&H) of Alexandria, with Keith currently serving as MML&H’s Vice President / CFO.

In addition to a lifetime of service to the engineering profession, Mr. Hillman has dedicated his life to civic service. Keith joined Circle K in 1976 at LSU-A and upon graduating from LSU, joined the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria. Keith has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria for 40 years, serving as the 2005-2006 Club President. He also served as the Kiwanis LaMissTenn Region 11 Lt. Governor from 2007-2008. Keith has actively managed the Club’s 145-acre campground in Tioga for 20 years, which is used to host the Club’s Terrific Kids Program. Over the years, Keith has served the Central Louisiana community as a volunteer through Kiwanis being a Salvation Army bell ringer, initiated and continues to help with the Club’s Terrific Kids Program and the Club’s Coats for Kids program, and as a volunteer at the Club’s Boys’ Camp in the 1980s.

In addition to service through Kiwanis, Keith has served the Central Louisiana community through his involvement at Kingsville Baptist Church. Keith is a Deacon and Trustee in the church and has taught 7th and 8th grade boys Sunday School for 24 years. Over the years, Keith has served as a Youth Division Director, Royal Ambassador Director, on the Long-Range Planning Committee, Personnel Committee, and Bylaws Committee. Keith provided engineering services during the church’s remodeling project, volunteered in the church’s local mission at Tioga Elementary, and volunteers with the Kingsville Upwards Soccer program. As Keith’s kids were growing up, Keith served on the board at the Ward 10 Recreational District, as a youth baseball coach, travel baseball coach, basketball coach, and Tioga Jr. High School baseball coach. He served as President of Ward 10 Dixie Youth for 3 years, and Dixie Boys for 2 years. He is an active member of the Cenla Chamber of Commerce.

Keith and his wife, Anita, have two children, daughter Kristy (husband David), son Jake (wife Holly), and four grandchildren, Lucy, Sully, Teddy, and Branigan.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Civic Activities Award the Andrew M. Lockett Medal will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Civic Service by an Engineer, in the interest of the Public, without compensation for these services. The character and scope of the services rendered are the predominant criteria, rather than strictly engineering or scientific attainments. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater part in the civic well-being of their communities, parishes, and the State of Louisiana. The award is named in honor of Andrew M. Lockett, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1900 until his death in 1945. Mr. Lockett was a strong advocate for engineers to get involved in civic activities.
THE A. B. PATERSON MEDAL FOR AN ENGINEER IN MANAGEMENT

THOMAS C. DAVID Jr., P.E., P.L.S.

A 1976 graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in Civil Engineering, Mr. David currently serves as Manager/President of Pan American Engineers, LLC, an engineering, project management, and surveying firm located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

David is a native of Alexandria and started his technical career working as a survey field hand with Pan American, which was started by his father, Tom David, in 1945. Upon graduation in 1976, he joined Pan American as a Project Engineer. He was licensed as a Civil Engineer in Louisiana in 1980; and as a Land Surveyor in 1985. In 1986, David acquired Pan American from his father and has served as President since that time; being involved in the planning, design, construction engineering, and administration of a wide variety of projects for state, municipal, and private clients involving all aspects of public works.

Taped to David’s phone for the past 30 years is his motto for running and managing Pan American – “Respect the Individual”; “The Client Comes First”; and “Strive for Excellence”. David is a “working principal”, in that he not only manages daily the operations of the company; he also reviews, designs, advises, and meets with clients and staff to solve civil works and building design problems.

His father told him that every design starts with a 24” by 36” white sheet of paper. It is up to the designer and his Almighty to put the design concept on paper, using his technical education, his design experiences, some tenacity, much persistence, and a spark of creative imagination. For the past 40 years, David starts his workdays with that same philosophy.

In David’s 35 years of management at Pan American, the firm has seen growth every year with an expanding client base and an associated growth in the number of Engineers and technicians that hold a similar design and work ethic.

David and his wife Carrie have one daughter, who is attending LSU in Interior Design. He has three children from a prior marriage, two being graduates of LSU and one a graduate of Auburn University.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Engineering-in-Management Award, the A.B. Paterson Medal, will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Service in Management by an Engineer. The character and scope of the engineering’s achievements in management rather than engineering or scientific attainments shall be the primary criteria for the selection of the recipient. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but also to encourage and inspire other engineers to greater efforts in the field of Business Management. The award is named in honor of A.B. Paterson, PE an active member of the society from 1923 until his death in 1952. Mr. Paterson was an engineer, administrator, executive, banker, civic leader, and humanitarian.

THE LEO M. ODOM AWARD FOR SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

SERGIO J. GIRAU, P.E.

Sergio J. Girau, P.E., FACEC is president of Girau and Associates, LLC (G&A) a small business civil engineering firm based in New Orleans. G&A has been in business since 2014 and is certified by the City of New Orleans as a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) firm.

Mr. Girau graduated from Louisiana State University in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. He believes that engineers are given the talent to build communities, not just structures. He has built his career on this belief serving both the profession and the communities of Louisiana since graduating from LSU. He has been a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES), the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L), and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) for over 20 years serving as LES New Orleans chapter president for the 1997-98 term and state president of the ACEC/L Board of Directors for the 2013-14 term. He received a fellowship from the American Council of Engineering Companies (National) in 2017.

Mr. Girau began his career at the Department of Streets of the City of New Orleans in 1984 and rose from Intern to Project Manager within a short period of time receiving a commendation from the Mayor of New Orleans for services commendable of a City Employee. In 1989 he joined the civil engineering firm of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. where he quickly became a vice president of the firm. Throughout his time at LH&J, he oversaw all civil transportation work for the firm and was tasked with the hiring and development of new talent. He was heavily involved in the rebuilding of New Orleans and the vicinity after Hurricane Katrina with projects such as the rebuilding of 11 New Orleans Schools destroyed by Katrina and the rebuilding of the 17th Street Canal breach. He served as Chairman of the Board of New Orleans-based battery material company, ADVANO, from January 2021 through March 2022 and was instrumental in building relations with local and state officials as well as fundraising for the company nationally.

Mr. Girau is currently serving a second two-year term as a Director for the Lambeth House Senior Community Center. He is also actively serving the greater New Orleans Hispanic community through the Louisiana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Urban League of Louisiana. He was born in Havana, Cuba, and is one of six siblings that immigrated to the US in 1968 with their parents. Mr. Girau has been happily married to his sweetheart, Grisel, since 1983. The couple has two daughters and have both been members of the Cornerstone Christian Center for over 40 years where he serves as a church Elder.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Services to the Profession Award will be given as conditions warrant, but not more than annually, for Distinguished Service to the Engineering Profession in Louisiana by a registered Professional Engineer member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, over a period of long duration in an unselfish manner and in keeping with the highest professional standards of conduct, including active participation and leadership in the technical societies as well as in this other professional engineering groups. The character, scope, and duration of the services rendered are the predominant criteria, rather than strictly engineering or scientific attainments. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater part in the advancement of the profession in its services to mankind. The award is named in honor of Leo M. Odom, P.E., President of the Society in 1968, active member since 1942, and the award’s first recipient.
Over the last twenty years, Jonathan Fox has strived to be a leader in the planning, design, operations, and maintenance of technology in the transportation arena. Jonathan’s career began in traffic engineering after graduating from LSU in 2003. He achieved his Professional Engineer license and certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer in 2007 and Project Management Professional certification in 2015. His keen sense for technologies led him to specialize in the fields of signalization and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) where the worlds of traffic engineering and systems technology collide. Eventually, Jonathan joined Intelligent Transportation Systems LLC (ITS LLC), a firm that specializes in this area. Jonathan has continued to remain at the leading edge of innovative technologies in the transportation field and constantly seeks ways to innovate the use of existing technologies for applications to make transportation in Louisiana safer and more efficient.

Jonathan serves as a Principal and Supervising Engineer for ITS LLC. He manages all engineering and technical professionals at the firm providing services to a variety of public and private clients in the areas of ITS, networking, complex surveillance, and access control and security.

Jonathan is, and has been for some time, an active and participating member of the Louisiana Engineering Society (Baton Rouge Chapter), the American Society of Civil Engineers (Baton Rouge Branch), the American Council of Engineering Companies (Louisiana), the Institute for Transportation Engineers (Deep South Section and Southern District), and the Gulf Region Intelligent Transportation Society. Jonathan has held a variety of leadership positions in many of these organizations over the years, including President of GRITS in 2012 & 2017.

Jonathan is humbled to be the 2022 James M. Todd Technological Accomplishment recipient. He is extremely thankful and proud to be part of the ITS LLC team with all its passion for finding and implementing innovative solutions. This award is really an attribute to the ITS LLC team. Also, Jonathan is thankful for all the support from his wife, Kallie Fox, family, and friends as well as for trusting clients for allowing the ITS LLC team to implement new and innovative solutions.

The Louisiana Engineering Society medal will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually for Distinguished Service by an Engineer for Technological Advancement of discoveries as contributions to the advancement of Engineering. The purpose of honoring Engineers with this award is to encourage and inspire other engineers to reach even greater heights of professional achievement. The award is named in honor of James M. Todd, P.E., President in 1930 and an active member of the Society until his death in 1971. Mr. Todd suggested the formation of an award for engineering ingenuity in 1950.

Mr. Shread has been a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, graduated from Catholic High school, and received his bachelor’s in science degree at Louisiana State University. He began his engineering and land surveying career in high school with Shread-Kuyrkendall and Assoc.

Mr. Shread is extremely passionate about the future of the engineering and land surveying professions and the people it will attract. Andy believes that promoting the engineering and land surveying professions for future generations and the public is of the utmost importance to maintain the quality of work and personal character that is demanded of these professions. It is important for future generations to understand the profession and the importance it plays in the world around us. Ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the public is a very demanding but rewarding responsibility.

Mr. Shread has enjoyed volunteering for several Engineering and Land Surveying societies, participating in special functions, scholarship programs, school chapter organizations, and networking events. Some of the public outreach activities that Mr. Shread has been associated with include the LSU Student Chapter of LES, The Wintz Memorial Scholarship golf tournament, the LES Clay Shoot event which raises money for middle and high school STEM programs, MathCounts and LES Baton Rouge Chapter and the LES State boards, along with being active in the LSPS Baton Rouge chapter events. Mr. Shread looks forward to continuing his duty promoting the Engineering and Land Surveying professions to the public to insure positive future outcomes for the professions.

The Charles M. Kerr Award will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Service by an Engineer in the Promotion of the Public Relations Program for the Engineering Profession in Louisiana. The character and scope of the contributions to the Society’s overall public relations program internally and/or externally are the predominant criteria, rather than strictly engineering accomplishments. Officers of the society and members of the LES Public Relations Committee are not eligible for the award. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater part in the Society’s public relations program in their communities, parishes, and the State of Louisiana. The award is named in honor of Charles M. Kerr, P.E., President in 1954 and a member of the Society from 1912 until his death in 1964. Mr. Kerr was very active in the business world in promoting his chosen profession, engineering.
WALDEMAR S. NELSON PRESIDENT’S AWARD
MILES B. WILLIAMS, P.E.

For the past 32 years, Miles has served in various capacities for Sigma Consulting Group, a full-service regional consulting engineering firm. Currently, he serves as President and Louisiana manager with day-to-day responsibilities for all company operations. Over the years he has performed a wide range of technical and project management tasks for a variety of public and private clients.

Miles served a six-year term as a member of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. He served as Chairman of the Board from March through August of his final year. Miles also makes presentations on behalf of LAPELS to various professional and technical groups.

Miles has served in several positions of leadership for the Louisiana Engineering Society. This service includes all Baton Rouge Chapter Board positions and has served as Chair of the Legislative Committee for the LES State Board since 2018.

He has committed substantial time and energy toward promoting the education of young engineers by assisting LSU’s Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) Department. He currently serves as an adjunct faculty member; teaching CE4750 – “Professional Issues and Concept Design in Civil Engineering”. This is a senior-level course that introduces students to real-world practical experiences. He has just finished teaching his twenty-eighth semester of this course.

Miles serves on and currently chairs the LSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering External Advisory Board. As Chair, he leads a Board of prominent Civil Engineers and Alumni in an advisory capacity to the Chair of the Department.

Miles has been a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the American Consulting Engineers Council, and the Society of American Military Engineers. In 2017, he was named to the LSU Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering Hall of Distinction. He received the 2013 Outstanding Civil Engineer Award from the Baton Rouge branch of ASCE. He was also recognized in 2011 and 2012 as the nominee for the Leo M. Odom Award for Services to the Profession by the Baton Rouge chapter of LES.

Miles has been married to his wife Martha for 38 years, and they have 3 grown children.

The Waldemar S. Nelson President’s Award will be given as conditions warrant, but not more than annually, for distinguished service to the Louisiana Engineering Society by an engineer member of the Society, who has provided outstanding service to the Society, in an unselfish manner and in keeping with the highest professional standards. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient, but to encourage and inspire others to take a greater part in the advancement of the Society and its service to mankind. This award is named in honor of Waldemar S. Nelson, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1936 until his death in 2005. Unlike the other LES awards, the recipient of this award is not nominated and voted upon by the Honors and Awards Committee, but is chosen at the discretion of the immediate Past-President of LES.

DUDLEY HIXSON – BOBBY PRICE AWARD
CLARENCE BARTON “BART” KEMPER III, P.E.

Clarence Barton ‘Bart’ Kemper III, P.E. began his professional career by enlisting in the United States Army in July 1983. He served over six years on active duty, his last duty station being the 82nd Airborne Division as a Sergeant. He enrolled in ROTC at Louisiana State University in 1990. He was the Army Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserves in the Corps of Engineers in May 1992 while earning his BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Since graduation, Bart has worked for KnightHawk Engineering and CDI Engineering as well as starting his first firm, Kemper Imageering, Inc. in 1997. Kemper Imageering was reorganized in the wake of Hurricane Katrina as Kemper Engineering Services, LLC in late 2006 after his return from Iraq. Areas of expertise include mechanical design, pressure vessels, piping, machine design, heat transfer, fluid flow, hydraulic, fracture mechanics, failure analysis, and 3D modeling. His expertise in numerical modeling such as Finite Element Analysis, Computational Fluid Dynamics, kineamic modeling, blast modeling, and other applications has been a significant part of his success. He earned his Louisiana Professional Engineer license in 1998 and is currently licensed in 10 states and Queensland, Australia as well as being board certified in forensic engineering.

His military career as an Army Reserves engineer officer has mirrored his civilian one. After the attacks on 9/11, his military service expanded, including four mobilizations. In addition to working as a combat engineer and military construction engineer, he has served as a technical engineer and project engineer in North America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Central America, and South America, including combat operations and positions up to general staff and battalion command. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2020.

Bart was very active in the LES during the 1990s, including serving in a progression of offices up through President of the Baton Rouge Section in 2001-2002. He has continued to support the LES, particularly through the Joint Engineering Societies Conference which he helped start. Bart is a member of multiple ASME Codes and Standards Committees, including Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy, in which he co-authors the engineering safety code for diving systems, pressurized medical treatment chambers, and submersibles. He also serves on the NSPE Committee on Policy and Advocacy (COPA) and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the...
DUDLEY HIXSON – BOBBY PRICE AWARD, cont’d

National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He has over a dozen patents and has authored over 25 journal and conference papers. He regularly gives classes at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Southern University regarding computer simulations & modeling, ethics, and engineering codes.

His professional recognitions include being a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (2022), NSPE Top Ten Federal Engineers (2007), Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louisiana Engineering Society’s Young Engineer Award (2000), The Order of the Engineer (1995), and LSU’s Chrome Shaft Award (1992). His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He is married to Krista Krcmarik Kemper, and they have four adult children. He splits his time between Baton Rouge and Franklin, Louisiana. He owes his success to his wife Krista, his parents Clarence and Bette, and his mentors Professor A.J. McPhate, P.E.; Cliff Knight, P.E.; Lt. Col. Richard Jones, P.E.; and Colonel Daniel Prine, P.E.

The Louisiana Engineering Society “National Professional Achievement” Award is named in honor of Thomas Dudley Hixon, P.E., PLS (NSPE President 1993-1994) and Dr. Bobby Price, PE, PH.D. (NSPE President 2004-2005), two distinguished members of the society who served as presidents of LES and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). The purpose of this award is not only to recognize the recipient’s accomplishments and service to the engineering profession, but to encourage and inspire others to volunteer to service the Society and the Profession at the Chapter, State, Regional and National levels.

HONORARY MEMBER
BRENDA W. GAJAN

Brenda Gajan lives in Plaquemine, Louisiana with her husband. After graduating from Istrouma High School and attending Louisiana State University, in 1975 Brenda accepted the position of Purchasing Agent for the Division of Administration with the State of Louisiana. She left that position after 13 years and accepted a part-time position as an Administrative Assistant for the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors. In 1994 Brenda was led to and accepted the position of Executive Director for the Louisiana Engineering Society where she remained for 28 years and retired in June 2022.

In her 28 years as Executive Director, many changes took place. The membership of the organization grew, and new programs were added to improve the membership experience including live and on-demand seminars, a professional developmental library, an updated website, and online billing to name a few. LES began holding its annual meeting in destinations outside of the state, which led not only to an increase in participation and revenue but gave members new opportunities to bring their families and fellowship together. During this time LES also started its highly successful Joint Engineering Societies Conference where members can earn professional development hours, get the latest products and services from vendors, network, and honor their peers at the annual award luncheon. Under Brenda’s direction, LES quickly outgrew the small office building on Nicholson Drive. That property was sold, new property was purchased on Brookline Ave. and the Engineering Center was completed in 1998. The Louisiana Engineering Foundation was reorganized in 2006 to better meet its goals and objectives. The LEF Scholarship Program was then birthed which allowed for the mortgage on the building to be paid off in 4 short years. LEF presently has 33 scholarships with an endowment of more than $580,000 annually.

In her three decades with LES, Brenda had the honor and pleasure of serving alongside Louisiana’s best and brightest engineers. She made a point to visit each of the eight chapters each year, traveling to statewide meetings and the various LES-sponsored seminars. She loved her time at LES and made many lifelong friends along the way.

Brenda is thankful for the support and encouragement she receives from her husband, Chipper, and their three children, Heather Blanchard, Hollie Durgapersad, and Heath Gajan. They are blessed and very busy with their eight grandchildren. Brenda is thoroughly enjoying retirement, volunteering her time at the Iberville Animal Shelter, traveling the country with her husband and family in their motorhome, and spending time at their lake house on Toledo Bend.

She is honored to receive an Honorary Membership in LES, which is a fitting recognition of those years of service to an organization that she loves.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A Lifetime Achievement Award may be made to a nominee having made significant contributions to the advancement of engineering and the objectives of the Society throughout his or her career. The nominee shall have acknowledged eminence in engineering or related sciences. Nominees shall be chosen only from members of the Society and NSPE.

CHRISTOPHER K. RICHARD, P.E.

Chris obtained his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (then USL) in 1987. Chris is the President of Domingue, Szabo & Associates, Inc. (DSA) in Lafayette. Chris has over 35 years of experience in environmental and utility projects, primarily in water and wastewater treatment plant design.

Chris has been a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society for over 30 years and served on the LES Board of Direction from 1998-2020, holding various positions on the Board including President, NSPE Representative and State PEPP Chair. Chris has served continuously on the Louisiana Engineering Foundation Board since 2001, including serving as President of the Foundation from 2008-2014. During his Presidency, Chris created and led the fund-raising program that paid off the mortgage of the Louisiana Engineering and Surveying Center and created the LEF Endowed Scholarship program which resulted in the Foundation’s first 24 endowed scholarships during his tenure. The LEF endowment fund currently has over half a million dollars in endowed funds. Chris also created the Foundation’s Finance Committee and wrote the Investment Policy document to help guide funds’ investments in the future.

Chris also served as NSPE National PEPP Chair. Chris has served on and chaired numerous LES State Committees over the years. In addition to his service to LES, he served as the Lafayette Chapter President of ACEC, and is currently serving as Chairman of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) and is the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Alumni Association.

Through his years of service, Chris has been awarded the Louisiana ASCE Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Award, the LES F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award, The Waldemar Nelson Presidents Award in 2004 and 2011, Named an NSPE Fellow, awarded the Dudley Hixson – Bobby Price National Professional Achievement Award, the LEF A.J. Szabo Award of Merit and the Louisiana Section of ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineer in 2021. Chris is married to Susan Richard, also a civil engineer, and has three daughters – Sarah (civil engineer with DSA), Brooke and Andrea, and one grandson, Graham.

SUSAN H. RICHARD, P.E.

Susan Richard, PE received her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formerly University of Southwestern Louisiana) in 1987. Since 1992, Susan has worked as a Project Engineer and Manager for the firm of Domingue, Szabo & Associates, Inc. in Lafayette. Susan is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana in both Civil and Environmental Engineering. Prior to that, Susan worked at LA DOTD road design in Baton Rouge, Bishop & Associates consulting engineers in Sarasota, Florida, and the City of Lafayette Public Works. Susan has practiced in most fields of civil engineering but has become an authority on sanitary sewer collection systems and infiltration/inflow abatement. She has led her clients through enforcement actions and successfully assisted one client in satisfying and closing a consent decree mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She assisted her clients in obtaining over $45 million in American Rescue Plan Water Sector Program grant funding.

Susan has been active in LES for most of her professional career. Susan has served the Society in various capacities including becoming the first female state president in the 112-year history of LES. Susan has also been active in various LES committees over the years including Chair of the Scholarship Committee from 2005 to 2021. Susan also served as President of the Louisiana Engineering Foundation 2018-2020. Ms. Richard received the 1998 Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Award from the ASCE Louisiana Section, the Louisiana Engineering Society’s 1996 F. Hugh Coughlin Award of Merit for Young Engineers, the LES Waldemar Nelson Presidents Award in 2010 and 2017, and the Hixon – Price National Professional Achievement Award in 2016. Susan was also named an NSPE Fellow in 2015.

Susan has been active in the community, serving through Our Lady of Fatima Church and School, Holy Cross Church and UL Lafayette. Susan is married to Chris Richard, PE, President of Domingue, Szabo & Associates. They have three daughters and one grandson. Their daughter Sarah is a Project Engineer who they are blessed works with them at Domingue, Szabo & Associates, Inc.
Lauren Fogg earned her Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 2021 and her Master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering in November 2022 from Louisiana Tech University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Engineering with a concentration in Engineering Education at Louisiana Tech University.

She is currently doing research on project-based learning, students’ self-efficacy, and retention of underrepresented students in engineering. She has also served as the project coordinator for the Fast-Forward Program, an NSF-funded SSTEM grant that is a summer bridge program for rising Sophomore engineering students. She served as project coordinator for the Fast-Forward program from Summer 2021 and Fall 2022. She gained teaching experience while serving as project coordinator of the Fast-Forward program by teaching components of the ENGR 189B – Professional Development class during Summer 2021 and Summer 2022. Through this program, Lauren has become a mentor and role model for the Fast-Forward students and continues to provide support as well as encouragement as they complete their engineering degrees. She has a 2022 American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) conference publication on research from the Fast-Forward program and is currently working on another publication for the 2023 ASEE conference. She is also currently working on a journal paper on modeling student decision-making for improving project-based learning with her advisor, Dr. Mary Fendley.

Lauren has always had a passion for education since K-12 and was even able to obtain a minor in Secondary Education through the UTeachTech program while completing her undergraduate degree. During undergrad, she knew she wanted to go to graduate school to help make the engineering curriculum more beneficial for students from all backgrounds and help increase the number of engineering graduates, especially the number of underrepresented engineering students. She hopes to be a future leader in STEM education and a role model for young, aspiring women in engineering. Lauren also hopes to develop an engineering curriculum that benefits students as a long-term career objective and helps future female engineering students feel a sense of belonging in their career choice.

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