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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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WHY ARE THE MAJORITY OF ENGINEERS UNLICENSED?

It is fair to say that, among all professional occupations, engineering is the only profession that does not require licensure credential as a prerequisite for employment in many engineering fields. Indeed, this is reflected by the number of engineering graduates pursuing the licensure path. Nationally, less than 25% of the engineering students become certified as an Engineer Intern (EI). Once certified, only 30% eventually become professional engineers.

It becomes very apparent that a vast majority of graduating engineering students do not become licensed engineers, even though they are employed in various sectors of engineering. Recruiting this large population of unlicensed engineers to bring them under the umbrella of the licensure process is a major undertaking that is currently being debated nationally.

To better understand this phenomenon, we must reflect upon the history of licensure laws in the United States. The first profession to enact laws requiring licensure was dentistry in 1883. This was followed by medicine, law, pharmacy, accounting, and other professions. To protect public health, safety, and welfare, in 1908,

Louisiana became the second state to enact licensure laws for engineering and surveying. A year earlier, Wyoming was the first state to enact licensure laws for engineering and surveying. By 1950, nearly all states had adopted some form of engineering licensure law.

It is the engineering licensure laws relationship with the changes in engineering education and technology that becomes most important. Over the years, the engineering profession has gone through drastic changes as the result of evolving technology. In order to respond to these technological advancements and to prepare students to meet the new challenges created thereby, our engineering institutions have had to expand, modify, and even combine many existing programs. On the practice side, changes have been made in the licensure laws to exempt engineers who do not offer or provide services to the public. The industrial exemption is an example of this. Unfortunately, changes to licensure laws have occurred more slowly than technological changes.

Inevitably, the question becomes, "How do we attract into the licensure arena that 70% plus of graduating

engineering students who choose not to become licensed engineers?"

I personally believe the answer lies in a new "out-of-the box" method of thinking. Such thinking would require the first question to be, "Should all engineers be licensed?"

If the answer to this question is "Yes," then a second question must be resolved. That question is "Should all engineers follow the same uniform licensure process or, should a different path be required depending on the engineering services provided?"

Clearly, the establishment of any new criteria involves the participation of professional societies, practitioners, academia, industry, and the public. Until we address the root cause of this issue, we will continue to debate the reasons why the majority of engineers are unlicensed?

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW BOA MEMBER

Governor Blanco has appointed Mr. Rhaoul A. Guillaume, P.E., replacing William H. Miller, P.E., P.L.S. to the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board effective October 7, 2004. He will serve the Board for a term of six years.

Rhaoul A. Guillaume, Sr. is a 1971 graduate of Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Also, in 1971, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Xavier University. He was a member of Chi Epsilon (National Civil Engineering Honor Society), Phi Mu Epsilon (National Mathematics Honor Society) and Sigma Phi Delta (National Professional Engineering Service Fraternity). He received "The Marquette Engineer" award in his senior year. Mr. Guillaume is a licensed professional engineer in Louisiana and Mississippi.

His work background includes internship in Idaho and California for the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; in Wyoming for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soils Conservation Service; in Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Highway Commission; and for several years after college as a project engineer for a construction company. Highlighting his pre-GOTECH experience was his being selected as one of four engineers to represent the Owner on the construction site of the Louisiana Superdome. In this capacity, he was responsible for monitoring all civil and structural aspects of the project, including piling, concrete, and structural steel. He also reviewed and made recommendations of all proposed change orders.

In 1981, Rhaoul Guillaume founded GOTECH, Inc., a consulting civil engineering firm located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For over 24 years, he has been serving as President of the firm. He supervises all activities of the corporation, which includes the responsibility of corporate management of all contract

requirements. His experience includes client liaison, contract negotiations and administration, project budget, manpower assignments and overall project quality control. He is directly involved with day-to-day as well as long-range operations of the firm.

His firm most recently received the 2003 EPA's Administrator's National Award for Outstanding Accomplishments by an SBA Enterprise, the Louisiana Airport Managers Corporate Award for 2003, the 2001 Good Growth Award from the Baton Rouge Growth Coalition and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Special Achievement Award in 1996.

Mr. Guillaume holds membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, Louisiana Engineering Society, Society of American Military Engineers, Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers, Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors and the American Consulting Engineers Council of Louisiana.

In the past he has worked and served on various professional committees for the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louisiana Engineering Society: Director, Chairman of Professional Engineer in Private Practice, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Inter-Society Committee, and Vice Chairman of Legislative Committee. He was a past Director of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Baton Rouge Chapter, Co-Chairman of the Mathcounts Competition, and served on Committees for Engineering Week and LES Banquet. In addition, he served on the Advisory Board for LSU Civil Engineering Department and was part of the Engineering Advisory Committee for Scotlandville High School.

Formerly as well as currently, Rhaoul has also been involved in the following community activities; Serra Club, Advisory Board for St. Vincent de Paul Society, Arts and Humanities



Rhaoul A. Guillaume, P.E.

Council, Baton Rouge Good Growth Committee and The United Way Agency Committee. He also served as President of the Woodgate Subdivision Civic Association, President of the Kennilworth Subdivision Civic Association, and as a member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge City Club, and the University Club.

Rhaoul has served in many capacities for St. Jude Catholic Church, which include the following: Trustee of the Parish, Chairman of the Finance Committee, President of the St. Jude Parish Council, Chairman of the Building Committee, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, Member of Ad-Hoc School Board and Eucharistic Minister. He is a member of St. Jude Council - Knights of Columbus, as well. In addition, Rhaoul served as Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for St. Aloysius School, and was an Officer for St. Joseph's Academy Dad's Club as well as a member of their Facility Planning Committee.

Rhaoul is a native of New Orleans and is married to the former Geretta Honore'. They live in Baton Rouge and have four children: Rhaoul Jr., Randall, Jenee' and Jaime.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

H. Glen Kent

Executive Secretary



H. Glen Kent

One of the most important legislative mandates placed upon the LAPELS Board is the administration of disciplinary matters involving licensees. This mandate has instilled in each Board member the responsibility to ensure that disciplinary matters are administered with integrity, fairness, and compassion.

It is the concurrent responsibility of each licensee to assist the Board with this mandate. Accordingly, each licensee must become familiar with the Rules of Professional Conduct. The need for this is twofold. First, such knowledge will help the licensee ensure compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct in all of his/her professional endeavors. Secondly, this knowledge will help the licensee identify violations by other licensees and to report such violations to the Board.

Ultimately, the licensee must always remember that his/her primary responsibility is the safeguarding of life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare. The Rules of Professional Conduct reiterate these responsibilities in the opening sections.

Board Rule §2501.A specifies that the Rules of Professional Conduct are binding on every licensee:

In order to safeguard life, health and property to promote the public welfare, and to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and practice, the following rules of professional conduct shall be binding on every licensee.

Rule §2501.B. continues by providing that ignorance is not an excuse for violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

All licensees under L.R.S. 37:681-37:703 as amended by Act 568 of 1980 are charged with having knowledge of the existence of these rules of professional conduct, and shall be deemed to be familiar with their provisions and to understand them.

In fact, Rule §2501.D. requires each licensee to report known violations to the Board:

A licensee possessing personal knowledge of a violation of L.R.S. 37:681-37:703 or the board rules found in LAC 46:LXI shall report such knowledge to the board in writing and shall cooperate with the board in furnishing such further information or assistance as it may require.

In light of the foregoing, it is important for each licensee to become familiar with L.R.S. 37:698.A. This statute enumerates the acts or offenses for which the board may take disciplinary action against a licensee:

(1) Any fraud, deceit, material misstatement, or perjury or the giving of any false or forged evidence in applying for a license or certificate, or in taking any examination, or in applying for any renewal license or certificate provided for in this Chapter.

(2) Any fraud, deceit, gross negligence, material misrepresentation, gross incompetence, or gross misconduct in the practice of engineering or land surveying.

(3) Conviction of a felony or of any crime of moral turpitude or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge or to a crime of moral turpitude under the laws of the United States or any state, territory, or district of the United States.

(4) Conviction of any crime or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal charge an element of which is fraud or which arises out of such person's practice of engineering or land surveying.

(5) Conviction of any civil or criminal violation of, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal charge under the Louisiana Campaign Finance Disclosure Act or any other campaign finance and/or practices laws of the state of Louisiana, the United States, or any state, territory, or district of

the United States.

(6) Violation of any provision of this Chapter or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated by the board.

(7) The refusal of the licensing authority of another state, territory, or district of the United States to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice engineering or land surveying, or the revocation or suspension or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority, on grounds other than nonpayment of a licensure fee, or a finding by such licensing authority that a person has engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering or land surveying, provided that the reason for the action taken by the other licensing authority was recognized by the Louisiana board as a ground for disciplinary action at the time the action was taken.

(8) Providing false testimony before the board.

(9) Using a seal or stamp or engaging in any other act constituting the practice of engineering or land surveying, or violating any order or terms of probation imposed by the board, at a time when his license or certificate is suspended or revoked, or at a time when his license or certificate has been expired for more than ninety days or at a time when he is in retired, or inactive status as a board licensee.

(10) Failure to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information requested by the board relating to charges preferred by the board alleging a violation of this Chapter.

(11) The use of any advertising or solicitation which is false or misleading.

(12) Aiding or assisting another person in violating any provision of this Chapter or any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the board.

(13) Knowingly making or signing false statements, certificates, or affidavits in connection with the practice of engineering or land surveying.

(14) Declaration of insanity or incompetence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(15) Presenting or attempting to use as one's own the license, certificate, seal, or stamp of another person.

(16) Using or attempting to use an expired, inactive, retired, or revoked license or certificate.

(17) Falsely impersonating any other licensee or certificate holder of like or different name.

(18) Practicing or offering to practice engineering or land surveying when not qualified.

(19) Violation of or noncompliance with any order, ruling, or decision of the board.

In summary, it is important for each licensee to become knowledgeable with these acts or offenses. Such knowledge will help the licensee avoid committing such acts or offenses. In addition, it will help each licensee to assist in regulating his/her profession to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare.

Next issue I hope to discuss the procedures involved in the disciplinary process.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUDIT

Robert E. Eddleman

Director of Enforcement



Robert E. Eddleman

For the renewal cycle of October 1, 2004 the Enforcement Section audited 109 licensees for compliance with the Continuing Professional Development requirements of the board.

Of the 109 licensees audited by the Board 95 responses were received by the Board. Letters were sent January 10, 2004 to the fourteen licensees who did not respond. These licenses were given 120 days to submit to the Board proof documentation of compliance with the Boards Continuing Professional Development requirements, an administrative fee of \$200.00, and an affidavit attesting that they have complied with the Boards Continuing Professional Development requirements.

Below are summaries of actions taken by the Board on closed cases, which resulted in either formal or informal disciplinary action.

PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/OR LAND SURVEYING ON AN EXPIRED LICENSE

Mr. Kenneth M. McKay, Jr. P.L.S. a Louisiana P.L.S. admitted to the Board that he had unintentionally offered and/or practice land surveying during the period that his license was in an expired status. McKay's license was immediately renewed and he agreed to a Consent Order in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing wherein he was assessed a fine of \$100.00, an administrative cost of \$150.00, and a summary of the matter to be published in this journal by name.

THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/OR LAND SURVEYING THROUGH A FIRM

The owner of a Louisiana Firm acknowledged the violation of the

Board's statutes and rules pertaining to the offering and/ providing of engineering and Land surveying services without proper licensure. The owner agreed to a Consent Order in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing wherein he was assessed a fine of \$2000.00, administrative costs of \$777.16, to cease and desist the offer and/or practice of engineering and land surveying until such time as the firm can fully comply with the Board's requirements for firm licensure.

THE UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/ OR LAND SURVEYING

Mr. Brent Couvillion agreed to a Consent Order with the Board in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing to resolve potential charges of the unlicensed practice of engineering and/or land surveying regarding FEMA Height Elevation Certificates. Couvillion admitted to the unintentional violation of practicing engineering and/or land surveying without a license. He agreed to a fine of \$5000.00, administrative costs of \$250.00, to cease and desist the offer and/or practice of engineering and land surveying services until such time as he can fully comply with the Board's requirements for licensure, and to the publication of this matter in this journal by name.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) RANDOM AUDIT

Mr. Leon Skvirsky a Louisiana licensee who resides in another state was sent a letter advising him that he had been randomly selected for a CPD Audit. Skvirsky's response to the

audit did not meet the Board's CPD requirements. Skvirsky was advised that his response did not meet the Board's CPD requirements and he was given 120 days to comply. Skvirsky agreed to a Consent Order with the Board in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing to resolve potential charges of failure to comply with the Board's CPD requirements. He agreed to a fine of 250.00, administrative costs of \$200.00, a suspension of his Louisiana engineering license until such time as he can meet the Board's CPD requirements for the October 1, 2001 through October 1, 2003 renewal cycle and provide satisfactorily evidence thereof to the Board, and to the publication of this matter in this journal by name.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN ANOTHER STATE AGAINST A LOUISIANA LICENSEE

Six Louisiana P.E.'s who were disciplined in other states were sent letters of concern/warning for matters that did not warrant consideration of additional informal or formal action by the Board.

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Sorry, no refunds will be given after March 9, 2005
Seating is limited to the first 120 so register now!!

PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

By Philip K. Meyers, P.E.

WHY DID YOU JOIN LES?

When this question is asked of our membership, the most common response by far is "My boss asked me to join" or, "Someone very influential in my profession suggested that I join LES." Unfortunately, this mentality among employers is not as prevalent today as it was in the past.

Today's professional engineer asks "What's in it for me?" This is a fair question but there are no measurable black and white answers.

To answer this question, I offer the following synopsis:

If you are reading this article, chances are that you are a licensed professional engineer or engineer intern. You have voluntarily undertaken the path to professional licensure, and by doing so, you have publicly committed to hold your practice of engineering to the highest technical and ethical levels. LES is dedicated to preserving the value of your investment and public commitment. LES is an organization committed to the preservation and advocacy of professional licensure of

the individual engineer on the local, state and national levels. LES and NSPE actively defend the annual attacks to dilute the significance of professional engineering licensure at the state and national level. Your membership in the Society will support these efforts. The phrase the more you put into something, the more you get out of it is especially true with your membership in LES and NSPE. The level of active participation in the Society is your choice. The NSPE website contains many more eloquent reasons for joining our Societies which you can view at the following link <http://www.nspe.org/me1-desc.asp>.

While my answer has focused specifically on professional licensure, it should be noted that your Society membership will personally enhance your career advancement, networking, education, growth and public recognition.

At NSPE's recent Winter Meeting, more than 200 members overwhelmingly supported a move to bring the organization into the 21st century. The image that NSPE is run by a few "grumpy old men" must be eliminated. A diverse

to give input on that Task Force's work. After welcomes and introductions of the Task Force (including John Plaisance of Louisiana), the work began. First up was the Mission and Vision Statements, which outline the purpose and aspiration of the National Society of Professional Engineers. The following statements were voted on favorably by those attending, but they may still be reworded by the Task Force.

MISSION STATEMENT

NSPE, in partnership with State Societies, is an organization of licensed Professional Engineers (PEs) and Engineering Interns (EIs). Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary



Philip K. Meyers, P.E.
Louisiana Engineering Society President

group of sixteen individuals on the Future Direction Task Force presented a new form of representation and governance for NSPE. Nearly 90% of the attending membership voted in favor of the change. These changes will focus NSPE's energies, products and services on the licensed professional engineers and interns. Louisiana's NSPE representative, John Plaisance, P.E., is a member of the Task Force. You can read about the details of the proposed changes to NSPE in his article in this issue of The Journal.

Our Societies are continually looking to the future needs of professional engineers and now is the time for you, the individual engineers, to consider joining the organizations that support your future professional goals.

networking, and outreach, NSPE enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically practice engineering.

VISION STATEMENT

NSPE is the recognized voice and advocate of licensed Professional Engineers.

Next, the proposed Goals of the Society were presented. Simply put, there will be three major goals of the Society. They are to have a real partnership between NSPE and the State Societies, to provide value to our members, and to promote membership growth. In the afternoon, the assembly was divided into several groups of

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**JANUARY 15-16, 2005
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

NSPE Director John Plaisance, President Phil Meyers, Vice-President Chris Richard, and Executive Director Brenda Gajan represented the Louisiana Engineering Society at the Winter Meeting of the National Society of Professional Engineers. The meeting was held January 15-16, 2005, in San Diego, California.

The heart of the meeting was the NSPE Summit. The Summit was a gathering of the leadership of the state societies and any other NSPE member to get an update on the workings of the NSPE Future Directions Task Force and

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Calendar of Events

March, 2005

- 10-11 MATHCOUNTS State Competition – Alexandria
- 11 LES ExCom Meeting - Alexandria
- 16 Life Safety Code Seminar – Baton Rouge
- 21-22 LAPELS Board Meeting – State Office

April, 2005

- 1 Election of Chapter & Practice Division Officers begins
- 8 LES Board of Direction Meeting – Lafayette
- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, May issue

May, 2005

- 5-8 MATHCOUNTS National Competition – Detroit
- 13 Chapter Officers & Committee appointments due to State Office
- 13 Committee budget requests due to State Office
- 17-17 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office
- 20 LES ExCom Meeting – LES State Office

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Baton Rouge Chapter

By: Miles Williams, P.E.

Happy New Year and Good luck in 2005 from the Baton Rouge Chapter. We completed an active 2004 with our annual LSU/Southern Student Function held on November 4th. We provided a great jambalaya dinner and hopefully helped the students better understand what LES is all about. Special thanks to Robbie Lear for planning the function and to Richard Savoie and Kirk Clement for preparing the meal. The jambalaya was excellent. Our December general meeting was held at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant on Thursday, December 9th with Dr. Brian Wolsham, P.E. of LSU presenting on reversible lanes and contraflow traffic management. The talk was interesting since the Baton Rouge area has special concerns and recent experience regarding hurricane evacuation and contraflow issues.

The Baton Rouge Chapter nominated a great slate of candidates for LES Statewide Honors and Awards. Our Chapter was fortunate enough to win three statewide awards. State winners from the Baton Rouge Chapter include Boyd Holmes for the F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award, Dr. Richard Avent for the James M. Todd Technological Accomplishment Award, and Dr. Louis Cappazolli for the Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities. The awards will be presented at the Statewide banquet on Thursday, February 3rd during the Joint Engineering Societies Conference in New Orleans.

The Baton Rouge Chapter has big plans for 2005. Upcoming events include our regional Mathcounts competition on Friday, February 18th and our annual Eweek Banquet on Thursday, February 24th at the Baton Rouge Country Club not to mention several interesting monthly luncheon meetings.

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about fifteen members to provide suggestions as to how to accomplish these goals.

The Task Force presented their proposed governance structure for NSPE. They felt that the state societies needed to present more input into the workings of the society. A House of Delegates, which will meet once a year, will provide the general direction of NSPE. This House of Delegates will be composed of one representative of each state society, plus ten at-large members to be chosen by the delegates. Also, the officers of NSPE, who will be chosen by the House of Delegates, will also serve as part of that body. In order to put the direction of the Society into motion, a Board of Directors, made up of the officers and the at-large delegates, will meet quarterly.

As part of the Summit, a presentation on a proposed "Academy" was given. It is felt by certain members of the Task Force and others that there are many people in the engineering profession who are not entirely served by the technical organizations and are not eligible for membership in NSPE. An "Academy" could be formed to serve these people. Although NSPE may not be involved in such an "Academy," it may be worth having an affiliation between the groups. It may even be worth having this "Academy" as part of NSPE. This is being discussed on very general terms and may or not be done by NSPE and/or others.

The Summit was not the only meeting attended by the Louisiana contingent. The Southwest Region held a meeting on the morning of January 16, 2005. As is typical for a regional meeting, each state gave a report on its activities. It seems that everyone has legislative issues, continuing education, engineers' week, and MathCounts in their state. The Texas Department of Transportation is attacking qualifications based selection. New Mexico and Oklahoma are going through major staff changes. A couple of states are also scheduling joint meetings with technical and other engineering societies. The Wyoming Engineering Society joint meeting gathers about seven hundred engineers and a like number of surveyors every year.

Also during the Regional Meeting, we discussed the next two opportunities for us to meet. This summer (July 7-12, 2005), the NSPE Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago. Members of that meeting's planning committee addressed the region. In addition to attending the meeting, they are requesting help in fundraising for their legacy project, which is an exhibit in the Chicago Children's Museum. In the fall (October 6-8, 2005), the Southwest Region will gather in Austin, Texas, for our annual meeting.

If you have questions about any of these activities, please contact John Plaisance at JPlaisance@JWaynePlaisance.com.

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F. Hugh Coughlin Award For Young Engineer

The Louisiana Engineering Society F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award Key and Certificate will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, to an engineer not over thirty-five (35) years of age who has demonstrated to a high degree capabilities in his chosen field of engineering, thereby indicating 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 and support of young engineers was instrumental in the establishment of this award.

BOYD HOLMES, P.E.

The youngest son of Buddy and Rosie Holmes, Boyd Holmes was born in Mamou, Louisiana on March 26, 1969. He was raised in Ville Platte, attended Sacred Heart School, and graduated in 1987. He then moved to Baton Rouge to attend Louisiana State University (LSU), where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, in December 1992.

While at LSU, he met Sandra Sutton (Holmes). They will celebrate their 12 year anniversary this year, and have three

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Leo M. Odom Services To The Profession Award

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 and 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 service 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.

CHRIS DEMOPULOS, P.E.

Chris Demopulos earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A&M in 1947 after serving in WWII with the 8th Army Air Corps as a B-17 Navigator. During five and one-half years with E.M. Freeman Associates, he designed many concrete and steel framed building structures located in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma and bridge structures. Chris formed a partnership with Bill Ferguson, P.E., to begin private practice as Demopulos

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The A. B. Paterson Medal For An Engineer In Management

The Louisiana Engineering Society Engineer-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 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 to encourage and inspire other engineers to greater effort in the field of Business Management.

The award is named in honor of A. B. Paterson, P.E., and active member of the Society from 1923 until his death in 1952. Mr. Paterson was an engineer, administrator, executive, banker, civic leader and humanitarian.

ERNEST P. BREAU, JR., P.E.

Ernest "Topper" Breaux is the retired Chairman of Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, Inc., headquartered in New Iberia, Louisiana. Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, originally a family-owned company, merged with Integrated Electrical Services, the largest provider of electrical contracting solutions in the United States, in 1999 where he served as a Regional Operating Officer.

For the past 45 years, Mr. Breaux has played an integral role in the development of the company. Starting as an apprentice early on, he gained vital experience as Project Engineer before moving into a management role in 1974 as Vice President, Operations Manager. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Ernest P. Breaux Electrical from 1983 until 2001. Sales during that period increased from

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**The Andrew M. Lockett Medal
For Civic Activities**

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 those 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.

**DR. LOUIS J. CAPOZZOLI, P.E.,
RETIRED**

Dr. Louis J. Capozzoli is receiving his third LES Award. Previous awards were the Technological Accomplishment Medal in 1978 and the Services to the Profession Award in 1999.

Dr. Capozzoli earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (cum laude) from New York University; a Master of Science from Harvard; and a Doctor of Science from MIT, all when he was 21 years old. After working for a consulting engineer and a foundation contractor in New York, he came to Baton Rouge

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**James M. Todd Award
For Technological
Accomplishment Medal**

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 or 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.

R. RICHARD AVENT, Ph.D., P.E.

Since receiving his Ph.D. from North Carolina State in 1970, Dr. Avent has pursued a career as an educator. He has taught at Georgia Tech, Mississippi State, and for the last 22 years, at Louisiana State University. During this time he served as Department Chairman for nine years at LSU.

Dr. Avent has pursued research on repair and rehabilitation of structures since the 1970's. Recognizing that structural repairs have often lacked a rational analysis and design basis, he began to provide this basis through analytical and experimental research. His innovative development and quantification of epoxy repair methods for timber structures has received national recognition and is included in ASCE's manual on Repair

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**Waldemar S. Nelson President's
Award**

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 since 1936.

SCOTTY J. BAUDOIN, P.E.

Scotty J. Baudoin, P.E., is currently serving as State Director of LES. He has previously served as the Lafayette Chapter President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President, and Chairman of the 2003 Joint Engineers Society Conference. Having been a LES member since 1987, he also chaired the Lafayette Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition for several years and the State Mathcounts in 1997 and 2003, and Future Cities Chapter Coordinator.

Scotty is presently on the board of the Lafayette Rotary Club, he was Election Day Food Drive Chairperson, Scotty is a member of American Consulting Engineers Council, National Society of Professional Engineers.

Scotty is a Project Manager and

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Dudley Hixson - Bobby Price National Professional Achievement Award

The Louisiana Engineering Society "National Professional Achievement" Award is named in honor of Thomas Dudley Hixson, P.E., P.L.S. (NSPE President 1993-1994), and Dr. Bobby Price, P.E., 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.

THOMAS DUDLEY HIXSON, P.E., F. NSPE

This year's recipient, Mr. Dudley Hixson, P. E., is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Arizona. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1961 with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering. He was a U.S. Air Force Officer, and served in Europe in 1961-1962.

Dudley was a principal owner of the Alexandria-based firm of Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. for thirty (30) years. He retired from the firm in 2002, and is presently self-employed as a consulting engineer.

Dudley is currently a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, the National Society of Professional Engineers, a life Fellow member of ASCE, and a life member of the American Academy of Environment Engineers.

He also has served as a member of the Louisiana Engineering Foundation Board and chaired the LEF Building Fund drive.

He has served as a member and chairman of numerous LES and NSPE committees. He served on the LES Board of Direction for nine (9) consecutive years, and served as President of LES, 1983-1984. He also served as Chairman of LES/PEPP and President of the Alexandria Chapter.

He is a previous recipient of the following LES Awards:

- LES Lifetime Achievement Award - 1999
- Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award - 1998
- Leo M. Odom Award for Service to the Profession - 1995
- Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Distinguished Civic Service - 1984.

Dudley was very active in NSPE, serving as Chairman, NSPE/PEPP, and a member of nine different committees and task forces. He served on the NSPE Executive Committee for six (6) years, and as President, NSPE, 1993-1994.

He was NSPE's designated representative to the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for two years; chairman of the 1995 NSPE Nominating Committee and chairman of the NSPE Registration and Qualifications for Practice Committee.

Throughout his active participation in NSPE, Dudley met, and became friends with many engineers in all fifty (50) states. His lovely wife of 29 years, Reba, traveled with him to many State and National Meetings, serving as an outstanding ambassador for NSPE, and for the State of Louisiana.

As President of NSPE, Dudley led the then successful, albeit controversial, NSPE Action to curb NCARB and AIA efforts to preclude all engineers, regardless of their specialty training and experience, from serving as prime professionals on projects involving design and construction of buildings.

He had friends who were practicing architects at the time, and who are still his friends. He said, "It is all in how you tell them that they are wrong!"

Dudley has said many times, "The engineering profession has always given more to him than he could possibly repay."

He continues to be committed to serving his chosen profession, and

currently is in his second year on the NSPE Membership Committee.

When asked by anyone as to why they should join LES/NSPE, his standard reply is, "Where else can you turn for professional and ethical nurture, and be a member of an organization of your fellow engineers that also provides personal growth and training opportunities?" ■

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Rodi-Soderberg (CSRS). In 1996, he moved to Glenn Shaheen and Associates (GSA) and passed the PE exam in 1997. From 1999 to 2000, Boyd was employed by Pan American Engineers-Baton Rouge. Boyd was responsible for various residential subdivisions, commercial developments, road/bridge projects, and municipal projects, and his level of responsibility increased with each professional move. He served as Design Engineer, Project Manager, and Chief Engineer.

In October of 2000, at the age of 31, Boyd established Boyd Holmes Engineering, Inc. From that time to the present, Boyd has been responsible for designing, permitting, and construction administration of various residential subdivisions, commercial developments, golf community developments, road/bridge projects, and municipal projects.

Boyd has been active in LES since 1995. He has held all positions on the Baton Rouge Chapter Executive Committee. He has held positions as state LES Young Engineers Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman as well as the same positions for the Baton Rouge Chapter. Boyd has also been active with the Future Cities Competition and the Mathcounts Competition. He recently chaired the committee that organized the 2004 Joint Engineering Societies Conference. Boyd has also served as Practitioner Advisor for the LSU ASCE Student Chapter.

Boyd has also been active in other civic organizations. He served as the Greenbriar Hollow Homeowners' Association Treasurer from 1996 to 2003. He has been a member of the Knight of Columbus - Council 4030 since 1999. He has been involved with the St. George Catholic School Fair Committee, and has recently been involved with the Krewe of Orion.

Boyd is also partner in Deer Creek, L.L.C., a development company that is presently developing a 157 lot residential subdivision in Zachary, Louisiana. ■

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in 1956. In 2 years, he married Laura Broussard from Vermilion Parish. In 1965, he started Louis J. Capozzoli & Associates, a Geotechnical Engineering Company. His employees bought the company in 1991, he still works as a consultant for them.

This Civic Activities Award recognizes Dr. Capozzoli's many activities outside the engineering world. He was President of the 500 member Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, then Governor of the 2500 member Rotary District 6200 in southcentral Louisiana.

He was a Director of the Educational Foundation of his college fraternity, Zeta Psi and assisted in starting the chapter at Tulane.

As a member of the United States Power Squadrons, a boating education organization, he's had a boat for over

51 years. He still teaches three courses a year on seamanship and navigation. Many of our members have been hosted on board his boat when we had LES Conferences at the Broadwater Beach Hotel.

As a Director of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Baton Rouge, he provided technical information for a court brief that lengthened the schedule for constructing secondary sewage treatment facilities saving East Baton Rouge Parish \$65,000,000 interest.

Other's of Dr. Capozzoli's activities have been a Director on the Board of the Battered Women's Shelter, and on the Columbus 500th Anniversary Statue Committee. He brought his dogs to visit nursing homes for the Capitol Area Animal Welfare Society. He provides support and technical information for the Prostate Cancer Support Group and is the only non-government person on

the technical committee of the Amite River Basin Commission.

Students have been remembered by Dr. and Mrs. Capozzoli endowing graduate engineering scholarships: one for a woman from the Baton Rouge LESA Chapter area; the other for Master's study at a school outside the state. Other endowments include two senior year scholarships in Catholic high schools, two graduate student scholarships in France and Italy, a library at the Catholic Student Center at LSU, and a Leadership Training Institute for his college fraternity.

Dr. Capozzoli believes engineers with their logical thinking and can-do approaches to problems can accomplish more for local boards and commissions than people without such technical training and has shown this through the years. ■

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and Upgrading of Timber Structures and the Wood Engineering and Construction Handbook published by McGraw Hill. ASCE recognized Dr. Avent's development of the epoxy repair method for timber structures by presenting him the 1995 Innovation in Civil Engineering Award. This work with epoxies was also extended to the repair of concrete structures.

As the national awareness of American's aging infrastructure grew, so did Dr. Avent's research. Major research projects on the repair of bridges

have been conducted. Of particular significance is his work on the use of heat straightening to repair damaged steel structures. His research in this area led to him being the recipient of the 1991 Arthur Wellington Prize awarded by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the 2001 special Achievement Award by the American Institute of Steel Construction. These awards recognized his work leading to the incorporation of heat straightening as a standard repair procedure.

Dr. Avent has received training as a commercial diver and has supervised

and conducted over 2000 underwater bridge inspections. As a result of such inspections, he has designed innovative repairs for critically damaged substructures. He also wrote the chapter on Underwater Bridge Inspections for FHWA's Bridge Inspectors Training Manual 90.

Dr. Avent has published over 100 technical papers in the major journals related to structural engineering. In addition, he has made presentations at over 75 conferences and published a book on heat-straightening repair of steel bridges. ■

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President for M & E Consulting, Inc., in Lafayette, where he has worked for eight years. Previous employers include the Associated Design Group, Central Louisiana Electrical Company and Entergy. Scotty is registered as

a professional engineer in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina and South Carolina.

He is a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and is Past-

President of Parish Council and team member of RCIA and chairman of Habitat for Humanity and co-chair of "Christmas in April". He is married to Maggie Soileau and is the father of three children, Benjamin, Alex and Katie. ■

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW!!

APRIL 1ST

Election of Chapter Officers, Practice Division Chairs and Committee appointments begin

MAY 13TH

Appointments due to the State Office for Chapter Officers, Practice Division Chairs, and Committee assignments

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and Ferguson, Consulting Engineers, in 1953. Chris is a registered Civil and Environmental Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor in Louisiana, Professional Engineer in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma and received Certificate of Qualification from the National Council of Engineering Examiners (NCEE) in 1965.

He has been active in professional and technical organizations serving in Louisiana Engineering Society as State Director, American Society of Civil Engineers as President of the Shreveport Chapter and State Director; and as President of the Shreveport Post, Society of American Military Engineers. He has been active in American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) since initiating organization of the Shreveport Chapter and served as its first President and as President and National Director of the Louisiana Section of ACEC.

He is a Fellow and Life Member of ASCE and an ACEC Fellow. He received the Engineer of the Year Award in 1979 and 1985 from the Shreveport Engineering and Scientific Council, an association of area engineering societies representing several engineering disciplines and the A.E. Wilder Award from the Consulting Engineering Council of Louisiana in 1980.

Mr. Demopulos was the first engineer from Northwest Louisiana

appointed to the Louisiana Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. During the nine-year term (1977-1986), he served as Chairman of the Civil Engineering and Curriculum Committee, member of the Land Surveying Committee, and as an Observer on the ABET inspection teams evaluating the accreditation of engineering departments at Tulane, Southern and Southwest Louisiana Universities. During the year as Chairman of the Louisiana Board, the current law for registration of Professional Engineers was developed and passed by the State Legislature.

Mr. Demopulos was active in NCEE, served as member of and consultant on the Principles and Practices of Engineering Committee and Uniform Examination and Qualification (UEQ) Committee (1980-1985) and as Chairman (1982-1985) of the Sub-Committee assigned the responsibility for incorporating the findings of the 1980 Task Analysis Survey to combine the separate Civil, Structural and Sanitary examinations into one combined C/S/S examination and to develop the method of scoring. Scoring was changed from norm-referenced to criteria-referenced, thereby, requiring an Item Specific Scoring Plan (ISSP) for each item in the exam. He conducted the UEQ Workshop of C/S/S Item Writers in 1983, 1984, and 1985 and was a member of the NCEE Advisory Committee on

Council Activities, 1986-1987. Chris was awarded the NCEE's Southern Zone Distinguished Service Certificate in 1986 and the National Distinguished Service Certificate in 1987.

Other activities include: served as Panel Member for the NCEE Examination Development Workshop at the 1985 ASCE Annual Meeting in Detroit; Moderator for the Construction Industry panel discussions during the Tulane Education Conference held in Shreveport under the sponsorship of the Tulane University Alumni Association; and participated in the Byrd High School Career Day programs.

He served with civic and business organizations, representing the engineering profession as a contributing member of the Shreveport-Bossier community, including past Board Member of the Louisiana State Fair Association and the Shreveport Metropolitan YMCA, past Director of the Shreveport and Bossier City Chambers of Commerce; United Way Professional Unit Coordination and Division Chairman; member of both the Shreveport and Bossier Economic Development Foundations, member of the Committee of 100, Shreveport Downtown Rotary Club, and member and past President of Northwest Louisiana Texas A&M Alumni Club. ■

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\$8 million to an impressive \$40 million. Under his leadership, his concentration on workforce development of skilled craftsmen raised the company to the next level. After merging with IES, his experience and talent expanded beyond the southwest Louisiana area as Regional Operating Officer for Region 1, Region 4 and the Gulf Plains Region. Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, with 2004 Revenues of over \$52 million, is recognized as one of the leading electrical contracting firms in Louisiana.

Born and raised in New Iberia, Mr. Breaux graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

He has continued to commit time and resources to a number of industry related organizations. Mr. Breaux has been a member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers since 1968. He is a registered Engineer and member of the Louisiana Engineering Society (since 1974). He has also been

the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee Member, a National Electrical Contractors Associations Company Representative and Chairman of the Southwest Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He is a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors and formally served as Pelican Chapter President as well as Louisiana State Chapter President.

Other civic and professional affiliations include his membership of the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation, where he served as Chairman in 1984. He also served as Co-Chairman of the Education Industry and Business Council as well as on the State of Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors (District 3). Under former Governor Mike Foster, he was a selected member of the State of Louisiana Work Force Development team. He also played a role in the strategic development of the city of New Iberia on the Vision 2000 Commission. He has been a Director of IBERIABANK Corporation, the third largest Louisiana headquartered bank

holding company, since 1999, where he also served as Chairman of the Loan Committee. He continues to serve on the Loan and Audit Committees.

Mr. Breaux has also received a number of other awards, including the NJATC Patterson Award for Outstanding Electrical Apprentice and the Merit Shop Man of the Year 1993 from Associated Builders and Contractor. He was honored with the 1997 Integrity Award by the Lafayette Better Business Bureau and was recognized for his outstanding service as Chairman of Education, Industry and Business by the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation. In 2002 he received the Beam Club Award - ABC.

Mr. Breaux is married to Lillian S. Lancon and they have three children: E.P. Breaux III of Dallas, Texas; Timothy Breaux of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Both have Electrical Engineering (Telecom Option) Degrees from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and Amy Vidrine of Washington, DC who has Chemical Engineering Degrees from UL & LSU. ■

2005 FUTURE CITY COMPETITION UPDATE

Eric Erikson P.E.

Future City State Coordinator

The 2005 Louisiana Future City competition was held on January 14th in Lafayette. The competition was a great success thanks to all who volunteered



their time to help out. St. Thomas More of Baton Rouge was the overall winner. They will be representing Louisiana at the National Competition in Washington D.C. during National Engineers Week, February 20 through 26 and will compete to win a trip to the U.S. Space Camp. Fontainebleau Junior High School, of Mandeville finished second and Carencro Catholic School, of Carencro finished third overall. Six other awards, sponsored by other professional societies were also presented. Those societies sponsoring a special award were the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), The Institute

of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).



The Louisiana Future City Competition received its first corporate sponsorship this year. Shell Oil Company has agreed to partner with the program to foster interest in math, science and engineering through hands-on, real world applications.

For more information about the Future City Program or to volunteer, please contact Eric Erikson at (225) 926-1620 or at eerikson@evans-graves.com or visit the Future City website at www.futurecity.org.



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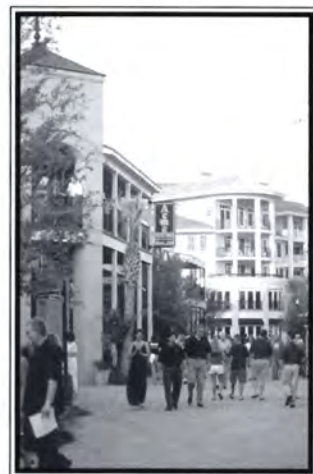
Engineers Week provides an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of America's engineers and the positive impact they have on our quality of life. In addition, this week encourages the study of math and science, inspires young people to pursue a future in engineering, and promotes the pursuit of excellence.

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What Is To Be Done?

NSPE's Board of Ethical Review (BER) is furnishing you with a real FACT situation that involves a professional engineer who establishes a Web site and indicates that his company will seal engineering drawings for a standard prescribed fee per page. Given the FACTS, you are asked a QUESTION about the ethics of the engineer. Contestants are encouraged to read and discuss the FACTS of the case and answer to the QUESTION. Then you are to develop DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS using the format of the NSPE Board of Ethical Review. You are

also to give REFERENCES citing only specific sections of the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers. Other materials should not be cited. (Click here for a copy of the NSPE Code and a sample BER case (demonstrating the format) for your reference). You may also want to check these Web sites for additional cases decided by the BER: www.nspe.org and www.niee.org).

Contest Rules

All entries must be 750 words or less (DISCUSSION and CONCLUSION sections only) and received by Friday, April 15, 2005. (List NSPE Code REFERENCES also. However, NSPE Code REFERENCES are not counted in total number of words). Mail, fax, or e-mail entries to:

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THE SPEC SHEET

Warren J. Wilder

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ACEC/L TO HOST STATE LEGISLATOR MEETINGS

Pursuing an exciting idea and with a green light from the Board of Governors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L) to implement that idea, the ACEC/L Legislative Committee, with assistance from the ACEC/L Public Relations Committee, has enthusiastically developed a series of breakfast meetings around the state to which the area state legislators and ACEC/L member engineers will be invited. Entitled "Meet Your Engineers" breakfasts, the meetings, designed to be exclusively for ACEC/L members only, will be held around the state during the latter part of February, tracking the areas encompassed in the eight state Metropolitan Planning Areas. They will afford the guest legislators the opportunity to meet their engineer constituents, be treated to a first-class breakfast, and learn about the ACEC/L organization and the issues that confront the engineering profession and the consultant professionals. ACEC/L members will be responsible for assuring that their legislators will be at the breakfasts. Display board with the names of the area consulting engineering companies will be prominently placed and highlighted in each meeting room with several other boards containing the names of the rest of the membership nearby. Each legislator will receive informational brochures, membership rosters, and a memento of the occasion.

The short program at each meeting will be conducted by a Master of Ceremonies, who will make all introductions and keep the program moving. ACEC/L's Executive Director, Warren Wilder, will explain to the group what ACEC/L is and what the organization stands for. He will then present several issues that require, for the most part, legislative remedy. These include Qualifications-Based Selection of professional engineers at all public entity levels (a mini-Brooks bill), Design/Build, Tort Reform, Certificate of Merit, and Indemnification. There will be time set aside at the conclusion of the meeting for legislators to make comments, if they desire to do so.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, February 22 – Alexandria – Best Western Motel

Wednesday, February 23 – Shreveport – University Club

Thursday, February 24 – New Orleans – Holiday Inn West Bank, Gretna

Friday, February 25 – Northeast Louisiana – Canard's Restaurant, West Monroe

Monday, February 28 – Baton Rouge – Camelot Club

Tuesday, March 1 – Lafayette – Holiday Inn Central

Wednesday, March 2 – Lake Charles – Best Suites Hotel

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Warren J. Wilder
Executive Director

Expectations around the ACEC/L camp for successful meetings are very optimistic that they will be a positive step toward organization recognition by the legislators. Since these meetings are for "ACEC/L MEMBERS ONLY", non-member consulting engineers who may be reading this article are encouraged to contact the ACEC/L office at (225) 927-7704 and request a packet of information and seriously consider ACEC/L membership. The ACEC/L Legislative Committee is chaired by Anthony J. Mumphrey, Jr., P.E., New Orleans.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERS TV AD

The ACEC/L Public Relations Committee has been deliberating on an awareness program which includes the airing of a 30-second TV spot once a night for five evenings and radio spots on Public Radio. Knowing that ACEC/L is in need of recognition by the general public, the committee has contacted ACEC/Colorado and secured a copy of a set of three TV ads which that organization has produced. Colorado would also make the spot "Louisiana" friendly.

The PR Committee, under the leadership of Shreveport engineer, Lee Underwood, Jr., P.E., has also investigated the pros and cons of newspaper ads. The committee has been involved in the "Meet Your Engineer" breakfast program along with the ACEC/L Legislative Committee.

2005 ACEC/L ANNUAL MEETING: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2005 ACEC/L Annual Meeting has been scheduled to occur on June 2-5, 2005 at the Marriott in Point Clear, Alabama. The format will track previous meetings. There will be an Opening Reception, Seminar, Golf, President's Banquet, and Board Meeting on Sunday, the 5th. Also a lot of free time to relax! Mark Your Calendars Now! As soon as details are cast in concrete, we'll produce a brochure and registration form noting the complete program with times, places, etc. Hey! Check this out...You can reduce your registration fee by referring and signing up an Affiliate Member. A successful referral gets an ACEC/L member a reduction in the registration fee equal to 10% of the Affiliate's annual dues, or \$50. Sign up your CPA, your attorney, your banker, your vendors! It's no joke when I tell you that you could attend the annual meeting free of a registration fee! It would mean signing up about EIGHT Affiliate Members. The ACEC/L office has an Affiliate Member brochure and application form. Call at (225) 927-7704 for some. Come to the Annual Meeting... FEE FREE!!

THE SPEC SHEET

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ACEC/L & LES TEAM UP FOR LIFE SAFETY

ACEC/L and the Louisiana Engineering Society have teamed up and are jointly hosting an 8-hour Life Safety Code Seminar on March 16, 2005, 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. at the State Fire Marshal's Office, 8181 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA. Civil Engineers who render "architectural-type" work must get these hours to comply with the Continuing Education Law. This seminar will explore the life safety considerations in the design of a private boarding school campus and will include investigation of the occupancy chapters of the Code to include Assembly, Education, Day-Care, Dormitories, Apartment Buildings, Mercantile, Business, Industrial and Storage Occupancies. ACEC/L has e-mailed the announcement/registration form to its members. On the form, be sure and circle that you are a member of ACEC/L. If your firm is a member of ACEC/L, then YOU are a member of ACEC/L! It is important that your membership is acknowledged. We also note that seating is limited to 120 places. When we say "limited", we mean "LIMITED!" We will accept ONLY the first 120 registrations. After that, registrations will be returned. So it would behoove you to send it in early or, as the acronym goes, "ASAP"!

GOT MEMBERS??

ACEC/L's got members, but we are always looking for a few more good firms! We now have a very attractive pocket folder containing membership information including an application and dues schedule. If you have a hot prospect and need the facts, call the ACEC/L office, (225) 927-7704, and we'll get one to you. Memberships in ACEC and ACEC/L provide opportunities to get involved in areas of activity like Transportation, Public Relations, and Legislative Development. It also provides an avenue to meet your peers at chapter meetings and other gatherings. ACEC/L Membership...It's Good!

COMING EVENTS 2005

February 18 – ACEC/L Board Meeting, Alexandria

March 16 – Life Safety Code Seminar, Baton Rouge

March 17 – ACEC/L Board Meeting, Thibodaux

April 9-13 – ACEC Annual Meeting/CCD, Wash. DC

April 22 – ACEC/L Board Meeting, Monroe

April 25 – 2005 Legislative Session begins

May 20 – ACEC/L Board Meeting, Baton Rouge

June 2-5 – ACEC/L Annual Meeting,
Marriott at Point Clear, AL

September 20-24 – ACEC Fall Conference – Orlando

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ACEC/L SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR ENGINEER SELECTION BOARD

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Term II – Begins January 1, 2006 and ends December 31, 2006.

The Louisiana Engineers Selection Board reviews applications from interested engineering firms vying for state agency design services contracts in which capital outlay is involved. The Selection Board is a function of Facility Planning and Control.

Depending on the availability of funding during a year, the Selection Board meets in Baton Rouge two to four times a year for about two hours per meeting.

If you would be willing to serve on the Selection Board, if elected, please complete the form below and send it to ACEC/L, P.O. Box 82859, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2859.

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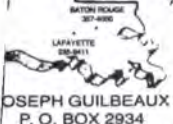
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Now that we are beginning a new year how many of us have business related ideas that may make this year more successful than the last. In this article I would like to mention two items that concern most of us in private practice.

During a recent LSPS board meeting the LAPELS representative mentioned that the majority of the complaints against land surveyors were from our clients. After investigation most are dismissed as being without merit. These complaints, however, are usually a result of poor communication between us and our clients. Many times our clients do not know what to expect as a final product, or of the cost. We, as a profession, need to minimize these misunderstandings before they occur. One of the best ways I have found to do this is with the use of contracts or contracts/work orders. By using contracts, we can insure that our clients have a good understanding of the agreed upon services, method and amount of payment, and even limitation of liability. Yes, I said limitation of liability.

Many of the sample contracts I have seen have a statement that is initialized by the client that limits liability to the fee received for the project. Having this statement on your contracts may have an additional benefit-by reducing professional liability insurance premiums.

In our communities throughout the state, professional land surveyors are held with the highest regard. We just need to work at becoming even better businessmen.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

With today's technology our survey crews are providing data with accuracy far beyond our predecessors dreams. This can be a very good thing, depending upon the project. Are we as a professional, however, becoming experts at geodetic or positional surveying and losing the science-art of land surveying.

In the late 70's when I was working as a party chief for Tooke Surveying we surveyed some petroleum drill sites in the vicinity of a gap or hiatus between T9N-R5E and T9N-R6E, Catahoula Parish. We retraced some of the section corners along the gap with the use of field notes from GLO resurvey that showed this error. I often wondered why the government surveyor had not corrected this blunder. Later the words, "following in the footsteps," helped me to better understand the purpose of documenting the error and not correcting it.

If, as a professional land surveyor, you are called upon to be an expert witness in a boundary dispute, do you think the judge will be more interested in the terminology GPS, GIS, RTK or Adverse Possession, historic previous surveyors and/or chain of title relating to the case.



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Legal decisions for boundary disputes are normally based upon the merits of the case and previous case law. So as a profession we must learn to blend new technology and methods with "following in the footsteps", to meet these needs.

Enough of my concerns. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and wish a happy and successful new year to all.

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It is my pleasure to introduce Ronda Courville, our new LSPS Executive Administrator. The search for a new executive administrator was a lengthy and challenging process. We ran an ad in the Morning Advocate and received over 120 responses; most of these by e-mail. This list was narrowed to approximately forty by e-mailing a few short questions to each of the respondents to gauge their "fit" for the position. Phone interviews were conducted with each of the remaining respondents, which further narrowed the list to fourteen. Face to face interviews were conducted with each of the fourteen candidates and from these interviews the list of candidates was narrowed to four. Then on October 7, 2004, six LSPS Board Members met to conduct the interviews with the four remaining candidates. Each interview lasted approximately forty minutes. After the interviews, the six board members met privately to discuss the candidates and after forty-five minutes, the group voted unanimously to offer Ronda's name to the full Board as our next Executive Administrator. The full Board met on October 22, 2004, and unanimously voted to offer the position to Ronda. Ronda accepted the offer from LSPS and her first day, as LSPS Executive Administrator, was October 27, 2004.

Ronda comes to LSPS having spent six years as State Administrator with the Louisiana Soccer Association, where she was responsible for the daily management of the office. Ronda lives in Prairieville, Louisiana, which is a small community ten miles south of Baton Rouge, and is an avid runner and angler. Ronda has been married for 23 years to Dana Courville and has two grown children and one grandchild.

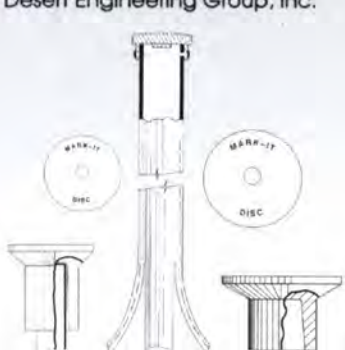
The position of Executive Administrator had been vacant for two months, so Ronda had the daunting task of not only learning a new position, but also organizing an office that had been neglected for two months. Without any real training or orientation, Ronda tackled this challenge with a vengeance and in a very short time has proven she is a quick learner, self-motivated and an excellent organizer.

I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to introduce yourself to Ronda. You are sure to see her at a Seminar or at the State Convention, but if not, please feel free to call her at the LSPS Office.

Ronda is a great addition to LSPS and we look forward to many years with her as our Executive Administrator.

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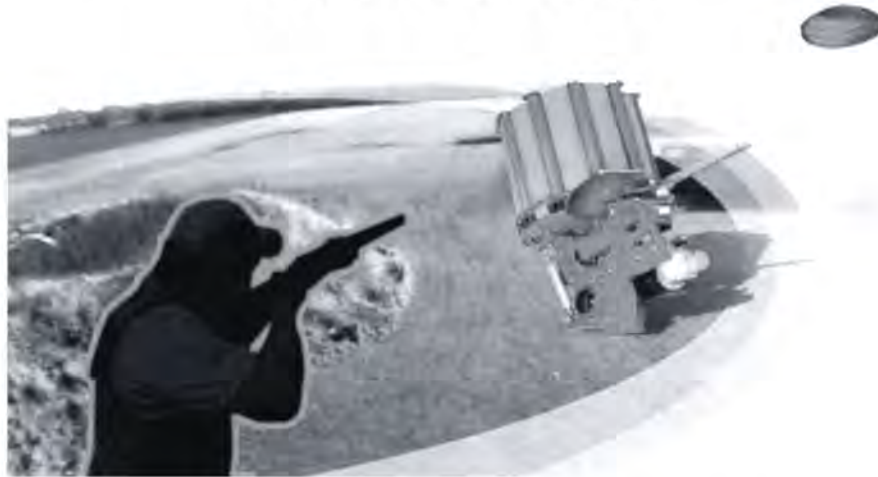
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Thursday - April 21, 2005 - 8 PDH credits

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The Annual Business meeting will be conducted during the luncheon.

In the evening, the host district - LSPS District 2 - invites you to a Crawfish Boil - 6:00pm - 'til.

Friday - April 22, 2005 - 8 PDH credits

Dr. Jim Elithorp will do an updated presentation on State plane coordinates.

Join us for the luncheon and a 1-hour presentation on "*Professional Ethics*".

In the evening, the Annual LSPS Banquet will be held at the host hotel, the "Holiday Inn", from 6:00pm - 'til.

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- ♦ **ATTENTION GOLFERS!** The *LSPS GOLF TOURNAMENT* will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, from 11:00 AM – 'til at the *Ellendale Country Club*. Fee for the golf tournament is \$60.00 per person, and includes lunch at *Ellendale Country Club*.
- ♦ **ATTENTION HUNTERS!** New this year we will have a Sporting Clay Shoot, which will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, from 11:00A.M. 'til at the *Tri-Parish Sporting Clays*. Fee for the Sporting Clay Shoot is \$40.00 per person.
- ♦ A reception in the Exhibitors' honor will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the exhibit area at the Civic Center from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. *Sponsored by N.E.I.*
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- ♦ The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the hotel on Friday, April 22nd, from 6:00 PM – 'til. Fee for the banquet is \$35.00 per person.

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- ♦ Exhibitors may begin setting up at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.
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- ♦ Additional exhibit viewing time will be scheduled on Thursday, April 21, 2005, throughout the day between 7:30 AM & 5:30 PM (prior to morning seminar, extended morning & afternoon breaks and luncheon, etc).
- ♦ Exhibitors will be recognized at the luncheon on Thursday, April 21st.
- ♦ Exhibit viewing on Friday, April 22, 2005, throughout the day between 7:30 AM & 1:30 PM (prior to morning seminar, extended morning break & luncheon).
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FOR GOOD MEASURE

Ronda Courville

LSPS Executive Administrator

Let me begin by saying "thanks" to all I have spoken with. You have made me feel very welcomed here at LSPS. Everyone has been extremely helpful during this learning period. It has been a busy initiation as we jumped right into the Fall Technical Session (FTS) in Baton Rouge in November. The FTS was well attended, and allowed me to meet many LSPS members. Plan now to contact your District chairman about hosting a seminar, and let's work to get continuing education requirements fulfilled.

An LSPS Board meeting in Alexandria in early December followed the FTS. The Board covered many topics critical to the land surveying profession, including discussion on the Surveyor's Exam and the Trespass Law. Call or email your District chairman for details of the discussions. The next scheduled LSPS Board meeting is in February, so look for an update in the May newsletter.

The 2005 membership notices were mailed in December, which you should have received by now. Your prompt payment and ongoing support help keep LSPS strong. Thanks for continuing your membership.

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To keep things really busy, District 2 is hard at work organizing the 44th Annual LSPS Convention, scheduled for April 20th -23rd. This event will take place in Houma, a colorful Cajun metropolis in the famed French Acadianas. As travel brochures say, it is a place "surrounded by immense meandering coffee-colored bayous, ancient cypress trees, alligators, and snapping turtles- mysterious and rich in history." Houma is home to great fishing, plantation homes, and not to forget – the food! During our stay in the area, LSPS will host the traditional Golf Tournament, and a new event this year – a Sporting Clay shoot! Look for the registration form and information in this newsletter.

We are expecting a great turnout for the upcoming Convention. Along with the exhibitor viewing, there will be 21 PDH credits offered for a variety of sessions. Check the LSPS website for a complete list, as well as the events planned for the ladies to enjoy.

I am very excited about this opportunity to work at LSPS. I look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming Convention! Please call the LSPS office at 225.925.5800 if I can be of assistance to you.



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Bijan Sharafkhani, P.E.



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CHALLENGES OF APPLICATION REVIEW

Since this is my last article, I thought I would devote my comments to a few of the difficulties that the Board encounters while evaluating applications for licensure or certification. Many times each month, the Board receives applications for FE, LSI, PE, or PLS, that are very unique and complicated. These applications always seem to initiate rigorous debate and discussions among Board members. The following are examples of several of these cases.

- Experience and education requirements are the most difficult areas of an application evaluation. The licensure rules and laws for EI certification require graduates of non-EAC/ABET accredited institutions to obtain four years of verifiable and progressive experience subsequent to graduation. The question becomes whether or not the degree of complexity required for this experience should be the same as that required for the PE exam. The Board recognizes that the graduates of non-EAC/ABET curricula often lack the necessary capstone design courses or laboratory work available to EAC/ABET graduates. Therefore, it has become the policy of the Board that the mandated experience must cure any

academic deficiencies created by the non-EAC/ABET curricula. On the other hand, the experience that is needed for PE exam eligibility is more complex in nature and requires independent problem solving skills. It is interesting to note that several licensing boards require EAC/ABET degrees for licensure.

- Licensed Civil Engineers who apply for PLS licensure may be allowed dual experience credit for engineering surveys. The Board realizes that, with the exception of boundary surveying, a Professional Civil Engineer often performs engineering surveys and should be allowed to apply some of that experience toward licensure as a PLS. As a result, the Board passed a policy allowing a maximum of two years of engineering surveying experience toward licensure as a PLS.

- In some instances, character references may have a negative impact for the applicant. Even though the number is small, the Board has received adverse comments from a reference. This is particularly true when a previous employer is also providing a character reference. Regardless, the Board meticulously evaluates all comments

that are submitted with an application. Sometimes, the Board will determine that negative comments result from a personality conflict between the previous employer and the applicant. If this occurs, the Board makes every effort to contact the employer or other employees with the company before making a final decision. In fact, the Board has denied applications for PE and PLS licensure due to negative comments by a character reference.

As I stated above, my term with the Board will expire in late August of 2005. This is also true for Mr. Bob Green. I have truly enjoyed meeting and working with the great people and various professional organizations that work so diligently to serve the Professional Engineering community. I am also very grateful for having the opportunity to have been of service to the Professional Engineers of this state.

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Last issue we discussed the importance for each licensee to become familiar with the acts or offenses that could result in disciplinary action by the Board. As discussed in that issue, L.R.S. 37:698. A. is the statute that enumerates these acts or offenses. This issue, I would like to discuss the procedure by which disciplinary action may be taken against a licensee who is alleged to have violated one or more of the offenses stated in L.R. S. 37:698.A.

Complaint and Charges

First and foremost, all disciplinary action must begin with a "charge." A "charge" is an accusation that a licensee has committed one or more of the offenses enumerated in L.R. S. 37:698.A. In most cases, several "charges," each involving a separate and distinct offense, will be made against the licensee. Regardless, of whether there are one or several charges, it is very important for each licensee to understand the procedure whereby a "charge" is made against a licensee.

The Board may prefer charges against a licensee or certificate holder by either of two methods: (L.R.S. 37:698.D.)

(1) The board, on its own initiative and by a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in a proceeding, may prefer charges against any licensee or certificate holder who commits or engages in any of the acts or offenses listed in L.R. S. 37:698.A., or

(2) The board, on receipt of a complaint from any person and by majority vote of the board's entire membership authorized to participate in a proceeding, may prefer charges against any licensee or certificate holder who commits or engages in any of the acts or offenses listed in Subsection A of this Section. Such complaint must be in writing, must be sworn to by the person or persons making the complaint and must be filed with the board.

It is important to note that the submission of a complaint to the Board requires that the complaint be in writing and sworn to by the person making the complaint. This helps ensure that the offenses are clearly described for the benefit of both the Board and the licensee. In addition, it helps to deter frivolous complaints.

It is also important to note that both methods require the Board to "prefer" charges against the licensee. The term "prefer" may simply be defined as the power to prosecute the charges. Thus, the Board must determine if sufficient evidence exists to indicate that the licensee has committed one or more offenses listed in 37:698 A. This is not a finding of guilt, but serves to protect the licensee from frivolous complaints while ensuring that an apparent offense will be investigated.

Even though it would appear that firms would not be subject to "charges," this is far from the fact. L.R.S. 37:698.C. provides that the Board may take disciplinary action against a firm if one or more of its officers, directors, managers, employees, agents, or representatives are found to be guilty of any of the acts or offenses listed in 37:698 A.

Finally, L.R.S. 37:698.E. requires the Board to mail a copy of the charges to the licensee or certificate holder within 20 days of the prefferal of charges. This ensures that notice is quickly given to the licensee so that he can respond and begin his defense.

Investigation

Once charges have been preferred, the Board may choose to establish a complaint review committee to investigate, mediate, or initiate disciplinary or legal proceedings on behalf of the board. The complaint review committee is responsible for review of charges preferred or information received by the board alleging that a non-licensee or non-certificate holder committed or engaged in any of the acts or offenses listed in L.R.S. 37:698. A. The complaint review committee must consist of at least one member of the board. [L.R.S. 37:700.M.]

To assist with the investigation, the board may employ such investigators, clerical, or other assistants as are necessary for the proper performance of its work, and may make expenditures from its funds for any purpose which, in the opinion of the board, is reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this Chapter. In addition, the board may, if it deems necessary, or upon advice of the attorney general, hire counsel and investigators and pay traveling expenses thereof for the investigation and prosecution of any disciplinary or enforcement proceeding under this Chapter. L.R.S. 37:690.B.

To ensure truthful testimony, each member of the board is empowered to administer oaths. In addition, any employee of the board engaged in any investigation, hearing, or disciplinary or enforcement proceeding has the power to administer oaths to and take the depositions of persons pertaining to any investigation, hearing, or disciplinary or enforcement proceeding. L.R.S. 37:688.B.(1)

Subpoena Power

The board is empowered to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books and papers pertinent to any investigation, hearing, or disciplinary or enforcement proceeding. L.R.S. 37:688.B.(1)

Furthermore, the board may, at its discretion, pay any witness subpoenaed to appear before the board an amount set by the board, but not to exceed one hundred dollars per diem, when actually in attendance, including time spent in traveling, not to exceed one day to and one day from the location of the board meeting, and in addition, the board may reimburse any witness for actual traveling expenses when furnished with proof of such expenses, including hotel, when a witness resides in a parish other than the one in which the board is meeting. L.R.S. 37:690.C.

The board may require any law enforcement officer or any state agency, the sheriffs of the various parishes, or constables, marshals, or other law enforcement officers of any parish or municipality to serve such subpoenas and other process of the board. Whenever parish, municipal, or other local officers are required to serve such subpoenas or other process of the board, the Board must pay them the same fees as provided by laws for similar services under processes issued by district courts. L.R.S. 37:688.B.(2).

Disciplinary Proceedings

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Any person who fails to appear in response to a subpoena or to answer any question or produce any books or papers pertinent to any such investigations, hearings, or disciplinary or enforcement proceedings or who knowingly gives false testimony therein may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the actions, sanctions, and penalties provided by R.S. 37:698 and 700. L.R.S. 37:688.B.(3)(a)

In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, any district court of the state of Louisiana within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on, or within the jurisdiction of which said person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found, or resides, or transacts business upon application by the board, shall have jurisdiction to issue to such person an order requiring such person to appear before the board, its member, or agent, and to produce evidence, if so ordered, or there to give testimony touching on the matter under consideration or in question; and any failure to obey such order of court may be punished by said court as a contempt thereof.

The Board may request assistance from a local district court in case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued by the Board to any person. Any district court of the state of Louisiana within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on, or within the jurisdiction of which a person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena is found, or resides, or transacts business upon application by the board, has jurisdiction to order such person to appear before the Board, its member, or agent; to produce evidence or to give testimony touching on the matter under consideration or in question. Failure to obey such order of court may be punished by the court as contempt thereof. L.R.S. 37:688.B.(3)(b)

Hearing or Alternative Disciplinary Proceedings

In the event the board determines after investigation that charges so preferred are completely unfounded, more appropriately resolved outside the formal disciplinary proceedings, or not within the jurisdiction of the board, the board must advise the charged party, in writing, of its determination. Otherwise, all charges must be heard by the board or a hearing committee designated by the board within twelve months after the date on which they shall have been

preferred. This twelve-month period may be extended with the consent of both the board and the charged party. (L.R.S. 37:698.F.)

The date, time, and place for a disciplinary hearing shall be fixed by the board or the hearing committee and a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing, must be personally served on or mailed to the last known address of the charged party, at least thirty days before the date fixed for hearing. At any hearing, the charged party has the right to appear in person, or by counsel, or both, to cross-examine witnesses in his defense, and to produce evidence, and witnesses in his defense. If the charged party fails or refuses to appear at the hearing, the board or the hearing committee may proceed to hear and determine the validity of the charges. (L.R.S. 37:700.G.)

In light of the fact that disciplinary hearings are expensive and very unpopular, the Board may choose to utilize alternative disciplinary proceedings. Such alternative proceedings include informal disposition by consent order; agreement; settlement; or default of any disciplinary proceeding pending before it. Each such informal disposition shall have no force or effect unless ratified by the board at its next regular meeting. Consent orders may be considered disciplinary actions. (L.R.S. 37:698.L.)

Findings

If, after such hearing, a majority of the entire board membership authorized to participate in the proceeding vote in favor of sustaining the charges, the board may take disciplinary action against the charged party. Any charges found by the board after a hearing to be unfounded shall be published in the official journal of the board, if requested in writing by the charged party. (L.R.S. 37:698.H.)

Punishment

The Board is empowered to punish violators in several ways, including, but not limited to, reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation of license or certificate, refusal to renew license or certificate, or fine in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation. (L.R.S. 37:698.B.)

In addition to any other action, the board may assess all reasonable costs incurred in connection with an enforcement proceeding, including investigators', stenographers', and attorneys' fees incurred as a result of any other enforcement action taken. The assessment of costs may be considered

enforcement action. (L.R.S. 37:698.J.)

Violation of or noncompliance with any order or ruling of the board issued under this Section shall subject the person violating or failing to comply with the order or ruling to a civil penalty not in excess of \$5000.00 dollars per violation. Any civil penalty imposed by the board under this Subsection may, at its discretion, be suspended or rescinded in whole or part. (L.R.S. 37:698.O.)

Publication

All disciplinary actions taken by the Board must be published in the official journal of the Board and may be released to other professional organizations relating to professional engineering and land surveying or to the news media. (L.R.S. 37:700.K.)

Appeal

A charged party aggrieved by any disciplinary action taken by the Board may appeal such action pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. (L.R.S. 37:698.I.) This allows the aggrieved party to appeal to the district court of East Baton Rouge Parish. (L.R.S. 49:964)

Record of Disciplinary Action

All records maintained by the board in connection with disciplinary and enforcement proceedings and actions or its administration of examinations, including examinations, answer sheets, solutions, and grade sheets, together with all the background information involving personnel and employer references are deemed confidential and as such, exempt from the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; however, any applicant has the right to examine other documents relating and pertaining to any action taken by the board with regard to such applicant, but only to the extent that those documents are in the actual possession of the board. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board, at its discretion, may publish and disclose any documents and information relating and pertaining to disciplinary and enforcement proceedings and actions once the board has rendered a final decision or order. (L.R.S. 37:691.B.)

In summary, it is important for each licensee and certificate holder to understand the disciplinary process. Such knowledge will help ensure that the licensee or certificate holder is afforded every opportunity to defend himself or herself in the event charges are preferred by the Board.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Robert E. Eddleman, Director of Enforcement



Robert E. Eddleman

Below are summaries of actions taken by the Board on closed cases, which resulted in either formal or informal disciplinary action.

Practice Of Engineering And/or Land Surveying On An Expired License

A P.E. licensee of the Board admitted to the Board that he had unintentionally offered and/or practice of engineering during the period that his license was in an expired status. Licensees' license was renewed and he agreed to a Consent Order in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing wherein he was assessed administrative costs of \$150.00, to take the Board's on line Laws and Rules and Professional Ethics examinations and to the publication of a summary of this matter in this journal without name.

Fraud Deceit, Material Misstatement Or Perjury, Or Giving False Or Forged Evidence, In Applying For A License

A L.S.I. certificate holder of the Board was charged with alleged fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of false or forged evidence, in applying for a P.L.S. license. He agreed to a settlement wherein he agreed to pay the Board \$1,500.00 in costs, to surrender his L.S.I. certificate and to the publishing of a summary of the matter in this journal.

The Practice Of Engineering In An Area In Which The Licensee Is Not Qualified By Education Or Experience

Mr. William A. Springer, P.E., was found guilty by the Board, following a formal hearing, of practicing engineering in an area in which he was not licensed or qualified by

education or experience. The Board found that Mr. Springer, who was licensed as a mechanical engineer, was not competent by licensure, education or experience to offer or perform services in the field of civil engineering in the area of structures. Mr. Springer was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, was to be given this public reprimand by name, and was ordered to cease and desist from representing himself as a structural engineer, or as having knowledge of structural engineering principles, and from practicing or offering to practice structural engineering.

The Offering Of And Providing Engineering Services Without Being Licensed

Building Inspection Services, Inc. was found guilty by the Board, following a formal hearing, of offering and providing engineering services prior to becoming licensed with the Board as an engineering firm. Building Inspection Services, Inc. was fined \$197.00 and was to be given this public reprimand by name.

Failure To Comply With A Continuing Professional Development (Cpd) Random Audit

There have been numerous inquiries as to how a licensee is selected for a Continuing Professional Development Audit. The Board utilizes a Computer Random Selector Program to choose up to 30% of all licensees who renew. Once selected the licensee is sent a letter advising that they have been selected for the audit and that they have thirty (30) days to submit to the Board a copy of their Professional Development Hour (PDH) Activity Log and proof documentation of the Continuing Professional Development

(CPD) hours listed on the Log. If the licensee does not respond to the first letter a second letter is sent giving the licensee 120 days to comply with the audit by submitting the PDH Activity Log, proof documentation of the CPD listed on the log and an administrative fee of \$200.00. If there is no response to the second letter the Board will prefer charges against the licensee for failure to comply with a CPD audit.

Three (3) Louisiana licensees' failed to respond to the first notice of a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Audit for the October 1, 2001 through October 1, 2003 renewal cycle. Licensees' were assessed administrative fees of \$200.00 each and required to submit documentation of their CPD and to submit an affidavit attesting to their compliance.

A Louisiana P.E. voluntarily relinquished his license in lieu of complying with a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Audit for the renewal cycle of April 1, 2002 through April 1, 2004.

Disciplinary Actions In Another State Against A Louisiana Licensee

Seven (7) Louisiana P.E.'s who were disciplined in other states were sent letters of concern/warning for matters that did not warrant consideration of additional informal or formal action by the Board.

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Eckhardt, Jon E.
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Glynn, David J.
Gremillion, Glenn M.
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Johnson, Frank M., II
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Lacina, Kyle G.
Lowe, Cynthia A.
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Mane, Sharad V.
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Seidle, Peter N.
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Teal, Russell K.
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Kalikivaya, Sarada V.
Mercier, Lance G., Jr.
Nair, Sachin A.
Nichols, David W., Jr.
Nwabuzor, Henry E.
Oche, Odeh C.
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Sherrow, Jesse S.
Silva, Eudomar A.
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EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Examinations in land surveying and in the Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical, Structural I, and Structural II engineering disciplines are offered in the **spring and fall** of each year.

Manufacturing examinations are no longer offered.

Examinations in the discipline of Architectural engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine engineering are offered **ONLY in the spring** of each year.

Examinations in all other engineering disciplines are offered **ONLY in the fall** of each year.

The professional examinations are offered on Fridays, and the fundamentals examinations are offered on Saturdays. Upcoming examination weekends include:

October 28-29, 2005 April 21-22, 2006

For the October, 2005 examination:

(1) First-time applications must be received by the Board Office not later than June 1, 2005. The **COMPLETE** application must be received by this date -- incomplete applications may not be processed.

(2) Applications other than first-time applications must be received by the Board Office not later than July 28, 2005.

(3) Student Intern applicants must submit the completed application to their Dean of Engineering. They must also register with ELSEs to reserve a seat for the examination and pay the examination fee required by ELSEs.

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By Philip K. Meyers, P.E.

It seems that lately there are never enough hours in a day, much less days in a year. My year of service will come to an end at our annual meeting in SanDestin in June. This experience has been enjoyable to me, both personally and professionally. Be assured that the leadership of LES will be in very capable hands with your new President, Chris Richard.

We need a huge turnout at the annual meeting in SanDestin. Please see the information in this Journal and register today.

Our Society cannot function without the volunteer support of so many dedicated individual members. Many times these members contribute their valuable time without any desire for reward or recognition. I will take this opportunity to recognize several members who have given their time to make this past year a success for LES.

My thanks go out to our current LES Board members for their support during the past year.

Our Board meetings were well attended with meaningful and spirited participation by all. The LES Board consists of Officers, Directors, the Past President, the NSPE Representative, Chapter Presidents and the Practice Division Chairmen. These 20 individuals voluntarily contributed their time and resources to provide direction for your Society and are deserving of our appreciation.

Your Chapter Presidents provide the vital link between the State Board and the general membership. In addition to all of the demands at the Chapter levels, your Chapter presidents sit on the State Board and contribute to the direction of the Society. This past year the following served as your Chapter Presidents; Mike Marchand-Alexandria, Miles Williams-Baton Rouge, Kevin Rizzo-Bayou, Bill Melancon-Lafayette, John Lowery-Lake Charles, Chris Patrick-Monroe, John Green-New Orleans and Ben Rauschenbach-Shreveport.

Special recognition goes to John Plaisance for his work as LES's NSPE

Representative and especially with the time he has invested as a member of NSPE's Future Direction Task Force. John is an integral part in shaping the new direction of NSPE for the years to come.

Special thanks to Ali Mustapha for Chairing the Membership Committee this past year. Acquiring new members while retaining existing members is a tremendous challenge during this time of national declining membership in professional associations, and LES has held its own this past year largely due to Ali's efforts. I will repeat my appeal to each and every member that you should consider yourself responsible for obtaining new members. Our Society's mission can only be accomplished with a strong membership.

MATHCOUNTS enjoyed another successful year thanks to our State Coordinator, Mike Bares, and all of the Chapter coordinators. The State competition in Alexandria went smoothly and many compliments were received from the teachers. It was great to see Mr. MATHCOUNTS, Kerry Lebauve, moderating the State competition again.

Alan Krouse coordinated several successful seminars this year while chairing the CPD Committee. Personal thanks to Alan for coordinating the annual meetings last year and this year. Alan has always risen to the occasion when challenged.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Moore Future Cities Team for winning not only our STATE competition but also the NATIONAL competition! Eric Erickson chaired the Future Cities Competition. He and his volunteers deserve a big round of applause.

Ron Rodi contributed greatly of his time during the last Legislative Session looking after our interests as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

We welcome Ken Perret back into the fold of active members and thank him for his contributions as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Jim Bowie served as Chairman of



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our Education Committee, and he, along with Ara Arman has been working with LAPELS and the Council of Deans on licensure issues with our college professors.

Our Inter-society database was updated by Rebecca Johnson in her role as chairman of the Inter-Society Relations Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee has recommended Point Clear, Alabama as the location for our 2006 Annual Meeting. Thank you, Kevin Crosby and your committee members for your time in planning our future events.

Our Honors and Awards Committee selected another distinguished list of recipients this year. Thanks to J.M. Drake and his committee members which include all of the Chapter Presidents.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is usually a seldom-used committee, but this past year Chris Richard was called upon numerous times to deal with issues that required revisions to our bylaws. So much for an easy assignment Chris!

The Practice Divisions experienced a more active year with the energetic group of Chairmen that represented their respective groups at the Board meetings and NSPE functions. The Practice Division Chairmen are: Roger Melancon- Construction, George Comeaux- Industry, Jim Bowie-Education, Ali Mustapha- Government, and Darrell Hicks- Private Practice.

Our LES staff provides a vital function with their administration of our Society. Thank you, Brenda, Cathy and Gloria for always being there throughout the year.

And, once again, thank you Sherry for understanding what it means to be married to an engineer.

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- 5-8 MATHCOUNTS National Competition – Detroit
- 13 Chapter Officers & Committee appointments due to State Office
- 13 Committee budget requests due to State Office
- 13 LES ExCom Meeting – LES State Office
- 16-17 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office
- 20 Early Registration deadline for LES Annual Meeting

June, 2005

- 26-29 LES Statewide Annual Meeting and Multi-State Conference – Destin, Florida

July, 2005

- 7-9 NSPE Annual Meeting
- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, August issue
- 18-19 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office
- 19 Licensee Award Ceremony – Baton Rouge

SPECIAL EVENTS in San Destin

Sunday

Registration 11:00 – 5:30
Sunday, June 26, 2005
Magnolia Room

Opening Reception, 6 – 8 pm
Sunday, June 26, 2005
Magnolia Room

NSPE Future Task Force
Sunday, June 26, 2005, 5 – 6:30 pm

Monday

Spouse Outing at Carillo's
Monday, June 27, 2005
9 – 4:30 pm
Enjoy lunch, cooking demo,
a tour of the kitchen and
wine cellar at Carillo's
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and network at the same time.
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and the fee includes green fees
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away as gifts. For golf questions
please contact John Plaisance at
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Monday, June 27, 2005, 1 – 6:30 pm, the Links

Tuesday

Membership Luncheon & Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2005, 12 – 1:30 pm

Azalea 1 Room - Mississippi
Azalea 2&3 Rm - Arkansas
- Louisiana



Kid's Night Out On The Beach
Tuesday, June 28, 2005



Installation of Officers Banquet
Tuesday, June 28, 2005
6 – 9 pm

Arkansas, Louisiana,
& Mississippi in the Azalea 1&2
Room. Each state will install
their new officers during dinner.



NEW MEMBERS

BATON ROUGE

Ronald Madden, P.E.
Harry Costner, P.E.
Randall Collier, P.E.
Russell Ritchie, P.E.
Scott Slaughter, P.E.
Kimberly Martin, P.E.
Russell Rome, P.E.
Etim Udoetok, P.E.
Courtney Inabnet, E.I.
Brett Blanchard, E.I.

BAYOU

Boyce Butler, E.I.
Megan Morris, E.I.

LAFAYETTE

Crystal Richard, E.I.

Angie Montagnet, E.I.
Jennifer Tamporello, E.I.
Stephanie Fatheree, E.I.
John George, E.I.

LAKE CHARLES

Jonathan Pennington,
Student
Joel Pennington,
Student
Ayobamidel Bello,
Student

MONROE

Thomas Mills, E.I.

NEW ORLEANS

Willie Johnson, P.E.

Dudley Dupont, E.I.
Byron Towles, P.E.
Shaun Simon, P.E.
Jason Phillips, P.E.
Adrian Vial, P.E.
Charles Hecker, E.I.
James Heaslip, P.E.

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Heather Breitenbach, E.I.
John Maiden, P.E.
Amber Wooten, E.I.
James Goodwin, E.I.

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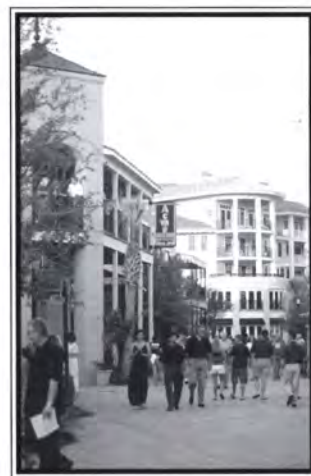
Amelia Dye, P.E.
Jose Vizoso, E.I.

RECEPTION TO RECOGNIZE NEW LICENSEES

The Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) is currently working with the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors (LSPS) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L) to formally recognize recent licensees of the LAPELS Board. The Societies have agreed to host a semi-annual reception to recognize the achievement of each new licensee at the Capitol Building with Representative Bryant Hammett. The date of the 1st reception is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2005.



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TRI-STATE ENGINEERING SOCIETY MEETING 2005**Saturday, June 25 - Friday, July 1, 2005****GROUP CODE: 20T5Q5**

Name _____ Number in Party: Adults _____ Children _____
 Company Name _____ Business Phone _____
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Your cut-off date for reservations is **May 18, 2005**, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis.

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Please circle your choice of accommodations.

A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms.

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Email: _____

Badge Name: _____

Spouse/Guest if attending _____

Check the state society you are a member of: AR _____ LA _____ MS _____

Spouses are invited to attend the conference with no registration fee, but are required to register and pay for ticketed events. Students must show I.D. at registration. Please check every event that you plan to attend.

On-time registration deadline is May 18, 2005

Please check every event that you plan to attend.

Event	How many attending	Amt.	Late Fee After 5/18	Total
ARSPE, LES, & MES Member Registration	_____	\$200	+\$75	_____
Spouse Registration: <i>Spouses do not have to pay a registration fee, however, they must pay for ticketed events listed below.</i>	_____	N/C	N/C	_____
Non Member Registration: <i>Fees include one year membership in ARSPE, LES, or MES</i>	_____	\$350	+\$75	_____
Student Member Registration: <i>Must show I.D. at check-in</i>	_____	\$35	+\$25	_____
Sunday Opening Reception: 6:00 - 7:30pm	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Monday Continental Breakfast:	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Monday Box Lunch:	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Monday Guest Program: <i>Lunch, Cooking demonstration, Kitchen tour, Wine Cellar tour at Criolla's Restaurant in Seaside</i>	_____	\$55	+\$10	_____
Monday Golf Tournament	_____	\$130	+\$20	_____

Handicap: _____ Length of drive: _____
 Golf Tournament Information: 4-man scramble, fee includes green fees and cart fees. Feel free to bring promotional items to be given away as gifts. For golf questions please contact John Plaisance at jplaisance@jwayneplaisance.com

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Tuesday General Membership Luncheon	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Tuesday Continental Breakfast:	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Tuesday Installation Banquet				
<i>Sauteed Lemon Pepper Chicken (Heart Healthy)</i>	_____	\$50	+\$10	_____
<i>Sauteed Snapper</i>	_____	\$50	+\$10	_____
Wednesday Continental Breakfast	_____	\$5	+\$10	_____
Total Payment Enclosed				\$ _____

PLEASE CHECK: VISA _____ Mastercard _____ (WE DO NOT ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS)

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Registration fees must accompany this form. No refunds after 5/18/05.

Register online, mail w/check, or fax w/credit card information to:

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Monday, June 27, 2005

Pipe Bursting: Presenter:	7:30 am – 8:30 am Central Time Randy McElroy
Computer Modeling: Presenter:	9:00 am – 10:00 am Central Time Dr. Don Wood
Session Title to be Announced Presenter:	10:30 am – 11:30 am Central Time TBD

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Valve Automation Presenter:	7:30 am – 8:30 am Central Time Frank Smith
Cementations Rehab: Presenter:	9:00 am – 10:00 am Central Time Van Young
Filter Membranes Presenter:	10:30 am – 11:30 am Central Ronald Steir

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Kohler Engines Presenter:	7:30 – 9:45 am Central Time TBD
Session Title to be Announced Presenter:	10:30 – 11:30 am Central Time TBD

Live web cast registration begins May 2, 2004 at WWW.C2ED.COM. Complete course descriptions and enrollment information will be available at that time.

BALLOT TO ELECT LES MEMBERS

Act 721 passed in the 1975 Legislature amended Chapter 10 to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 by adding thereto a new Part VII, Selection of Professional Services for Public Contract. Three Boards – Architect, Engineer and Landscape Architect Selection – are authorized under this Act. Each board selects persons or firms to perform certain professional services for public contract.

The Act refers to the Louisiana Engineering Society, specifying the following: The Louisiana Engineers Selection Board shall be composed of six members. Two members shall be named in an election conducted by the Louisiana Engineering Society at which all properly licensed engineers residing in the State of Louisiana may vote for positions to be filled. LES has two positions to fill this year, one term ending June 30, 2005, and one ending December 31, 2005.

The LES Nominating Committee nominates Ervin L. Ritter, P.E. for the July 1st position and Anthony "Tony" Matherne, P.E. for the January 1st position.

Each Louisiana Registered Professional Engineer working and living in the State is eligible and urged to vote.

Space on the ballot is provided for write-in candidates. A write-in candidate must be a LA registered Professional Engineer and must have agreed to serve if elected. No employee or stockholder shall be eligible to receive agency contracts during the term of his service, and for a period of six months thereafter.

LES ENGINEERS SELECTION BOARD BALLOT

1. Mark and return to LES, 9643 Brookline Ave., Ste. 116, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, by June 21, 2005. Late ballots will not be accepted.

2. Make sure your name and address are on the envelope that forwards the ballot to LES. Ballot signature is not required.

Vote for One Candidate in Each Position

POSITION ONE (Term July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)

☐ Ervin L. Ritter, P.E.

☐ _____
For Write-in Candidate

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The American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L) hosted for the first time a series of breakfasts in several parts of the state to which the local ACEC/L members and state legislators were invited. Entitled "Meet Your Engineers, 2005", the events were held in Alexandria, Shreveport, New Orleans, West Monroe, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles.

Legislators and member engineers were treated to sumptuous breakfasts, then listen to a short program presented by ACEC/L's Executive Director, Warren Wilder, who gave a short explanation of the organization, its mission, its goals, and important issues that challenge the engineering community. Large boards containing the names of all ACEC/L member firms in the various Metropolitan Planning Areas were prominently displayed on easels.

Attendances at the breakfasts were very good for a first-time effort. A total of about 25 legislators joined the engineers. Senators included Robert Barham, Oak Ridge; Sherri Cheek, Keithville; Jay Dardenne, Baton Rouge; Bob Kostelka; Monroe;

Willie Mount, Lake Charles; and Gerald Theunissen, Jennings. House members included Ernie Alexander, Lafayette; Roy Burrell, Shreveport; William Daniel, Baton Rouge; Sydnie Mae Durand, Parks; Chuck Kleckley; Lake Charles; Brett Geymann, Lake Charles; Cedric Glover, Shreveport; Elcie Guillory; Lake Charles; "Hoppy" Hopkins, Oil City; Ronnie Johns, Sulphur; Kay Katz, Monroe; Billy Montgomery, Haughton; Dan "Blade" Morrish, Jennings; Derrick Shepherd, Marrero; Jane Smith, Bossier City; Jim Tucker, Terrytown; and Mike Walsworth, West Monroe. A number of legislators could not attend because of committee meetings at the capitol. At the conclusion of each event, legislators were presented literature on the Council and a very nice and hefty glass dome paperweight with the ACEC/L logo inscribed on the bottom as a memento of the occasion.

ACEC/L wishes to thank several members without whose efforts these events would have been "uneventful!" Thanks to Anthony J. Mumphrey, Jr., New Orleans, chairman of the ACEC/L Legislative Committee. Tony coordinated the

whole project and personally attended most of the meetings. Thanks to ACEC/L president, Charles Taylor, Jr., Monroe, who traveled the state making all of the events. We would like to thank the coordinators in each area who was responsible for all local arrangements and getting their members to attend. They are Lance LaPlace, Baton Rouge; Tony DeMarco, Alexandria; Gary Fenner, Shreveport; Larry Blanchette and Richard Primeaux, Lafayette; Vernon Meyer, Lake Charles; Jerry Lazenby, West Monroe; and Constantine and Michael Nicoladis, New Orleans.

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ACEC/L members talk with Rep. Ernie Alexander, Lafayette



ACEC/L Lafayette Chapter event coordinator, Larry Blanchette, P.E.



New Orleans members discuss the issues with Rep. Jim Tucker, Terrytown

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Lake Charles event coordinator, Vernon F. Meyer, P.E., checks out the crowd



ACEC/L member, Jerry G. Lazenby, P.E., enjoys conversation with Rep. Hollis Downs, Ruston



Fresh House member, "Chuck" Kleckley, Lake Charles, attends the breakfast



ACEC/L members mingle with legislators at the NE Louisiana breakfast



Some of the attendees at the NE Louisiana event in West Monroe



Breakfast and "politicizing"!



Rep. Kay Katz and Sen. Bob Kostelka cornered by ACEC/L constituents



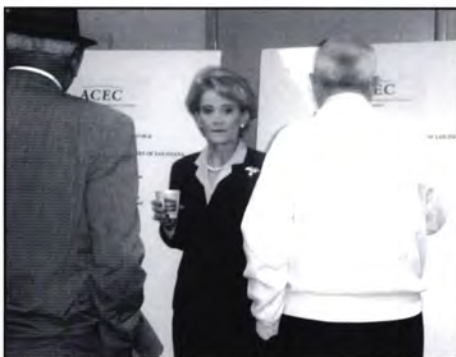
Rep. Dan "Blade" Morrish talks after breakfast with fellow solons Elcie Guillory (with hat) and Gerald Theunissen, all from the Lake Charles-Jennings area



ACEC/L members also had a chance to visit with each other



New Orleans meeting coordinator, Michael Nicoladis, opens the meeting and welcomes everyone



Senator Willie Mount, Lake Charles, strategizes about the upcoming legislative session with Rep. Elcie Guillory, wearing hat, and Senator Gerald Theunissen



ACEC/L president, Charles Taylor, Jr., P.E., talks with Rep. Hollis Downs, Ruston

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We need to recognize and thank all of the members of District 2 who worked so hard to put on the Houma Convention and who were gracious hosts: Tim Allen, David Cloud, Rudy Aucoin, John Hebert, April Giovanni, Chad Robichaux, Johnny Robichaux, John Mattingly and Francis Fields.

And I would like to single out the two guys that lead this group and kept everyone herded in the same direction and they are Craig Duet and James Pellegrin.

As tradition and the natural progression of holding office in LSPS would have it, you are stuck with me as your President for the next twelve months. I, like many of you, have mindlessly checked the box on the ballots and returned them to LSPS with hardly a glance at the names associated with the office. This may not be the best system of electing officers, but it is ours and seems to work for our organization.

Quite contrary to the casualness that we fill out our ballots, I have come to realize how dedicated and committed the individuals are that serve this organization. The District Chairmen, LSPS Officers, Committee Volunteers and our past Presidents all leave a shining legacy that will be a challenge for me to follow. There are no power struggles, no favoritism, no political jockeying and no back room deals. There are no tangible rewards, just honest, hard working guys like you and me wanting to give back to a profession that has provided them a living. This week, I pulled out my LSPS roster which has a list of past

presidents, and one thing stood out to me as I read over the names, was that so many of these guys are still active in LSPS. Some are retired, but we even see the retired past presidents at LSPS events, and I believe that reflects well on this group.

As surveyors, isn't it gratifying to be part of a group of professionals that includes the likes of: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Mason & Dixon, and Henry David Thoreau.

Well, what is more of a privilege to me is to be a part of the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors. Now to be an officer and having progressed to this place and time where you will entrust me to guide this organization is humbling and indeed an honor and a privilege. I view this as being a unique opportunity for me to serve this organization and assure you that I take this task very seriously.

As usual there is much to do: There is the on going work of various committees which include: promotion of our profession, membership, legislative, Trig Star, seminar planning and others.

There is the tireless work of our NSPS Governor and Web Master, Wayne Hebert.

There is the work of Tim Allen and Jack Stelly on the Lapels Board.

And our 45th Convention for which we have already started planning.

There are however several issues that merit being singled:

- First is the Rules & Laws Clarification. A concern that has been brought to our attention by



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our representatives on the Lapels Board.

- The matter of our support for Nichols State and the survey program. The avenues through which you and your firms can contribute will be varied and clearly defined. We will also find ways to communicate back to you how these contributions are making a difference.
- The trespass issue has unfinished business and I encourage all of you to write to LSPS about any problems the new law has caused as this information will be critical to our efforts to elevate our authority to enter property to conduct surveys.
- And there are many more.

I plan on visiting all of the Districts during the year and look forward to meeting those of you that I don't know. My contact information is on the LSPS website and welcome any suggestions or ideas you may want to share.

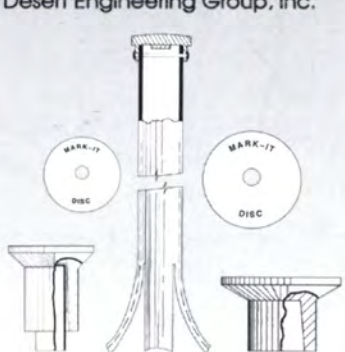
I close by again thanking you for the opportunity to serve this organization and you the members.

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LSPS 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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The 44th Annual LSPS Convention was held in Houma, La. on April 20-23, 2005 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. Hotel accommodations were provided by the Houma Holidome Holiday Inn. The Civic Center provided a great venue for this event which hosted about 230 registered seminar attendees. As District 2 Chairman, I would like to thank all those in attendance and hope that this event was enjoyed by everyone.

The convention began Wednesday with the annual LSPS golf tournament held at Ellendale Country Club. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed this beautiful golf course. The first place team was Steven Estopinal, Mike Blanchard, Jay Dufrene, and Garner Morales. Our first ever Sporting Clay Shoot was also held on Wednesday at Tri-Parish Sporting Clays in Bayou Blue. Jeff DeBlieux was the best shot with first place, followed by Ernie Gammon, Sr. in second place and John Mattingly in third place.



The day ended with the Exhibitor Reception at the Civic Center where everyone was able to view the many booths and visit with old friends. LSPS would like to give special thanks to Navigation Electronics, Inc. for sponsoring the Exhibitor Reception. Many thanks also to Alexander & Sanders Insurance Co. for sponsoring the refreshments during the seminar breaks. The convention was attended by the following Exhibitors:

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Our conventions could not be a success without the continued support of our Exhibitors.

On Thursday, Father Mark Toups (Father Toups' brother Prosper is an LSI and LSPS member) gave the opening prayer for our convention and Terrebonne Parish President Don Schwab gave the opening welcome. The seminar sessions began with "Subsidence and Benchmark Stability Problems in Louisiana", which were presented by NGS and Dr. Roy Dokka. The Annual Business Meeting was held in conjunction with the luncheon at the Civic Center. LSPS presented an award of appreciation to State Senator, Mary Landrieu, in thanks for her assistance with legislative issues facing Louisiana surveyors. The new LSPS state board was sworn in by NSPS Area 4 Representative W. Lamar Evers at the Annual Business Meeting. Our new state officers are: David L. Patterson, PLS, President; Ryan J. Fuselier, PE, PLS, Vice President; Charles G. Coyle, III, PLS, Secretary; L. Lyles Budden, PLS, Treasurer; and Wayne Hebert, PLS, NSPS Governor. Our new administrator, Ronda Courville, was also introduced to the membership at this meeting.

Thursday evening brought out smiles with the huge amount of hot, boiled crawfish at the Holiday Inn prepared by Heads and Tails Catering. We ate the Louisiana delicacy until we could not eat any more. It was a fun time for all. Special thanks to Chad Robichaux and John Mattingly of District 2 for helping me with the "garbage detail" and to Francis Wyble.

Friday's seminar was on the "State Plane Coordinate Systems" presented by Dr. Jim Elithorp. LSPS Past President J. Anthony Cavell presented a one hour seminar on professional ethics during the luncheon. The Annual Awards Banquet was held Friday evening, at the Holiday Inn. With over 80 members and guests in attendance, the meeting began with an opening prayer by LSPS President John Bradford. The food was delicious, and the awards presentation began promptly.

Awards were given for:

Trig – Star State Champion Peter Thayer. Peter was presented his award by new LSPS president David Patterson. Peter is a student at Lafayette High School, and scored 94 out of 100 in 30 minutes to win this

competition. He was accompanied by his mother, and his aunt. His advanced math teacher is Eddie Rising, who was unable to attend the Convention.



Congratulations Peter!

Certificates were issued to winners in the Map & Plat Contest. The Contest is held for surveyors to submit their drawings for judging on 8 criteria. Winners are presented with a certificate, and drawings displayed at the Convention. Winners are listed in the LSPS section of this newsletter.

Tim Allen presented awards to the winners of the golf tournament and sporting clay shoot. Some additional unscheduled entertainment was provided at the banquet by Tim Allen and Ernie Gammon, Sr.

The Life Member Award was presented by Paul J. Kocke, Sr. to Steven P. Estopinal for his long-standing service and contributions to LSPS and the surveying profession.



The Surveyor Excellence award was presented by Morris Hebert to

David Cloud. David is an LSPS past president has been an active on numerous committees.



His dedication and commitment to LSPS makes him very deserving of this award.

Outgoing President John Bradford was presented the Presidential Appreciation award by newly elected President David Patterson. John has been instrumental in the progress of LSPS and issues facing surveyors today.



THANKS JOHN!

David Patterson then addressed the audience as the new LSPS State President. Cajun Humorist Johnny Hoffman presented a funny conclusion to the banquet. Everyone enjoyed his Cajun humor and their time of fellowship with other guests.

Saturday's seminar concluded the convention with a session on Minimum Standards. Tony Cavell presented his usual, knowledgeable presentation.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the members of District 2 for their help in putting together this great event. I would like to especially thank Craig Duet for all of the work he put in to coordinate the convention over the past year. Thanks to District 2 committee members Tim Allen, David Cloud, Rudy Aucoin, Johnny Robichaux, John Mattingly, April Giovanni, John Hebert, Chad Robichaux, Francis Fields, Francis Wyble, David Martinez, Prosper Touns and the rest of District 2 membership. I would also like to thank Sherry Robichaux for her help with the Ladies' Events. Thanks to the following companies for donations of cash and prizes for the seminars: Acadia Land Surveying, LLC, Allen Precision Equipment, Apache Corporation, Burlington Resources, Charles L. McDonald land Surveyor, Inc., Gulf South Engineers Inc., J. Wayne Plaisance Engineers & Surveyors, Inc., Morris P. Hebert, Inc., State Farm Insurance Co. – Jerry Matherne, Sternfells Insurance Agency, Inc., Synergy Bank, and T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. I would like to thank past president John Bradford and new president David Patterson for their help and support during the convention. And finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks to our new Administrator, Ronda Courville, who worked tirelessly before and during the convention to make this a great success. If I have failed to thank someone, it is only because I have so many people to thank.

THE "NEW" NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

Article first published in ACSM Bulletin

For twenty five years, the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) has been the national voice and advocate for the surveying profession in the United States, as a member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). In 2004, changes in the ACSM structure transformed NSPS into a truly independent organization with national stature and responsibilities.

The most significant change has been that surveyors who join the newly independent NSPS exercise direct control over the activities and programs of our society and its resources. Self-governance, underpinned by financial autonomy, has positioned NSPS to better represent the surveying profession at a myriad of professional and political forums and to enhance decisively the quality of the profession and its public image.

NSPS is the largest member of the re-organized ACSM, and will continue our traditionally strong participation in the Joint Government Affairs Committee and in planning and contributing to the national conferences of ACSM. In these as in all other matters deemed important by and to surveyors, the new NSPS is accountable first and foremost to our membership.

Dedicated membership inspires dedicated organizations. In the past, generations of surveyors have strived to build a national society for surveyors with a presence where it matters most—on Capitol Hill, where policies are made, and in schools and colleges, where the promise of the future resides. Thanks to these visionaries, we have such a society.

We now need to double our efforts to insure that NSPS continues to evolve as one of the most respected professional societies in the U.S. We the NSPS Board of Directors and the NSPS Board of Governors invite each and every member of the surveying community to join us in this pursuit.

Largely through the efforts of our members, NSPS is engaged in all aspects of surveying practice and education. With your involvement more can and will be done! The association has crafted its role as the national organization of surveyors around issues most in need of national focus. Some of them directly affect every surveyor in the country.

So much of the surveyors' work is done away from the corridors of power that it is easy to forget how legislation can impact what we do and how we do it. NSPS promotes

and protects the interests of the profession in federal legislative and regulatory arenas.

Surveying is a multi-faceted community. Beyond private practice, today's profession includes many practitioners working in various federal, state, and local government agencies with geospatial information and planning mandates. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), the Federal Geodetic Data Committee (FGDC), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) all have a strong surveying and mapping component in their programs which have a bearing on the national land cadastre, on floodplain management, on homeownership, on natural hazards mitigation, and homeland security. NSPS now represents the entire surveying community in these government programs.

In the international arena too, NSPS is the profession's national voice, chairing and participating in the working commissions of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG).

Education is another priority area for the new NSPS. Members of the society assist the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) in evaluating curriculum accreditations, and NSPS will continue to work with the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) on issues of mutual interest. Apart from promoting higher education standards through better accreditation processes, NSPS supports surveying and mapping education with scholarships, fellowships, and awards funded and administered by the NSPS Foundation. With a soon-to-be released recruitment speakers' kit intended to present surveying as an exciting career choice, the association will build on two of our highly acclaimed programs for middle and high schools, the Trig-Star program and the Boys Scouts Surveying Merit Badge program. We will continue to lead in the development and promotion of ALTA standards, in continuing education, and in certification programs for surveyors, such as the national Certified Surveying Technician (CST) program, the Hydrographer Certification program, and certification of surveyors to expedite letters of map amendment related to floodplain mapping.

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Professionals join professional societies for a variety of reasons. One of them is a need for peer-to-peer interaction at conferences and through the association's publications. Given that technology and competition have taken many small, private, scientific publishers out of business, professional societies in many fields, including surveying and mapping, are increasingly being viewed as the guardians of academic freedom. In 2004, NSPS became the official publisher of Surveying and Land Information Science (SaLIS), along with the American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) and the Geographic and Land Information Science (GLIS). We are dedicated to the advancement of the profession both technical and intellectual.

For a society with 50 state affiliates, communication is of paramount importance. NSPS has three tools for communicating with our membership, the industry, and the surveying community at large. One of them is the ACSM Bulletin (<http://www.acsm.net/publist.html>), which comes out six times a year and carries news and features informing about the

latest developments in the geospatial sciences. The Government Affairs Update is a monthly e-newsletter which keeps members abreast of latest developments in the legislative arena and about activities either planned or already being undertaken. The Map Exhibit planned for April 2005 in the Library of Congress is one such activity that was previewed in the Update. The NSPS call to surveyors to support fellow surveyors in Florida during the disastrous hurricane season of 2004 is another type of "update" news delivered to members. The third communication vehicle that NSPS intends to use to its fullest is our new website, www.nspsmo.org. Currently under construction, the Board of Directors recently initiated a reconstruction designed to serve the membership in every way possible, while presenting surveying in a detailed and stylish fashion.

NSPS utilizes two other, valuable means of communicating with the surveying community nationwide—the Area Directors and the state representatives to the NSPS Board of Governors. The Directors and Governors afford the membership a direct one-on-one conduit for information and ideas. Take advantage of these representatives, they will make your voice be heard and you will

better prepare them to speak to the issues affecting all of us in surveying.

NSPS is dedicated to the advancement of the surveying and mapping profession. If you have chosen surveying as your career, you can help NSPS continue to improve the quality, image, and future of your profession. An educated and diverse community, acting in concert, is the single strongest voice we can raise.

Come join us! If you want to learn more about NSPS and how you can join the association, e-mail:

- Your Area Directors
- (<http://www.acsm.net/nspsdir.html>)
- Your state's Representative
- to the NSPS Board of Governors (<http://www.acsm.net/nsps/nspsgov.html>)
- or staff

Reception to Recognize New Licensees

LSPS, along with LES and ACEC/L are working together to formally recognize recent licenses of the LAPELS Board. The Societies have agreed to host a semi-annual reception to recognize the achievement of each new licensee at the Capitol Building with Representative Bryant Hammett. The date of the 1st reception is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

TRESPASS LAW AFFECTS RIGHTS OF THE MAJORITY OF LANDOWNERS

Recent changes in the Trespass Law have affected the costs for land owners associated with obtaining the boundaries of their property. LSPS has developed a portion of its web site to inform Professional Land Surveyors and the public of the effects this legislation is having on the bottom line for obtaining the extents of their land holdings. Not only have land owners been affected by the structure of the new law, but Professional Land Surveyors have been impacted, for "You can NOT place your eye on the boundary line without being on another's property". The impact has been that Surveyors and land owners may need court orders and lawyers in order to survey the boundaries of property. The web page for the Trespass portion is at <http://www.lsp.net/trespass/trespass.htm>

This increases the cost of obtaining a survey for one's land. The Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors is requesting that all practicing Professional Land Surveyors and Land owners whom have their ability to obtain their boundaries impacted by the Trespass law to complete an online reporting form. This will assist LSPS in making sure the needs of the majority of landowners are met by appealing for a trespass law which is NOT onerous to the majority of land owners. Use the following link to access the on line form: http://www.lsp.net/trespass/trespass_form.htm

LSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting
February 4, 2005
Baton Rouge, LA.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

Christmas dinner for members held. District meeting held in January. Discussed holding sessions for PDH credit. Also -why is State collecting District dues? District meetings planned for upcoming year. Background on dues issue by Chad Morris: this was brought to Board from Dist. 1 to have their dues collected by State because a lot of districts had a hard time collecting dues. State collections were enacted about one year ago. All districts do not have dues. 2006 Convention discussed. Rotation falls to District 1 – in New Orleans. Suggestion made to combine District 1 and 9?

District 3:

Christmas social in December. Next meeting Feb. 16th. Presentation from Regional Application Center on Aerial photography, imagery, services. Motion made for 1 PDH credit for that presentation. Previous request for members for Test Writing committee. One name submitted.

District 6:

Mr. Budden reported that the secretary-treasurer resigned from District 6.

District 8:

Meeting held in December- topics of discussion – Trespass law and dues issue. Mr. Bradford to supply copy of Trespass Law to District 7. Confusion as to what the actual law is. Suggestion to publish info about Trespass Law in newsletter. Motion made to accept report, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONVENTION REPORTS:

Education Endowment: Request direction from board. Scholarship to be renewed? Discussed last meeting request from Nichols for \$14,000. After evaluation, they realized that there would be limited impact from request – revisiting proposal to reach more students around the state. Chad Morris volunteered to talk to instrument companies for donations. Ongoing issue. Using LEICA as a test case to get Nichols on their list. Needs are GPS and total stations. Motion to accept report made, seconded and passed.

LIAISON:

Liaison Position relationship with LAPELS explained. Currently, their committee is looking at teaching/practicing engineering. Teacher should be a registrant of the Board. Some professors are registered, but not normally. Board is grappling with rules that registered Engineers should be teaching classes. Schools are saying this is not realistic. If pressured, colleges will lose good faculty. This is an old topic. LAPELS is trying to come to closure on this. LES believes they should be registered. Could evolve into an issue for surveyors. Chad relayed that LSPS and LES have traditionally supported each other. In general, we will support. Motion to accept report made, seconded and passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

Joint report made. The accounting firm has presented a report of their review of the LSPS records. Report indicates LSPS in good shape, suggestion made to review report and discuss at June meeting.

NSPS GOVERNOR:

-NSPS Political Action Committee is addressing issues at a National level. They are raising funds through an auction, to be held in Las Vegas in April. NSPS Governor is seeking items for the auction.

-Membership: new brochure created, along with a "kit" to be used at local high schools to show what the society does, and how it functions at the National level. Governors asked to visit districts and present Power Point presentation. Requesting dates from District chairman to schedule visit.

Replacing LSPS banner not feasible, but having vinyl banner made to submit would be cost effective. Motion to preapprove funds to purchase banner. Motion seconded, and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Discussion of PDH credits given for District level presentations. LAPELS recognize this board as an authorized provider. LSPS wants to be careful in issuing approval to maintain integrity. Discussion of what constitutes professional development hours.

-Discussion of mailing list names request from outside organizations. Discussion of privacy issues. LAPELS will sell surveyor mailing list, so question is – do we want to sell mailing list? This issue is sensitive and must be handled carefully. Discussion followed. No action at this time.

2005 Map & Plat Contest Results

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CATEGORIES

SUBDIVISION PLATS

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| 1 st Place | David L. Patterson
LandSource, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Final Plat of White Oak Place" |
| 2 nd Place | Ronald K. Ferris
Ferris Engineering & Surveying
Baton Rouge, LA
"Final Plat of the Lakes at Oak Grove" |
| 3 rd Place | Mickey Robertson
SJB Group, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Southdown/LSU Library Subdivision" |

BOUNDARY/CADASTRAL MAPS

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| 1 st Place | Darvin W. Ferguson
Ferris Engineering & Surveying
Baton Rouge, LA
"As-built Survey of the Reserve at Cedar Lodge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana" |
| 2 nd Place | Mickey Robertson
SJB Group, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA.
"Central Middle School Boundary Survey" |
| 3 rd Place | Malcolm Henry
Randall W. Brown & Associates
Mandeville, LA
"Boundary Survey of Tulane Nat'l Primate Research Center" |

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

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| 1 st Place | David L. Patterson
LandSource, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Topographic Survey of the Tiger Stadium Football Field" |
| 2 nd Place | Mickey Robertson
SJB Group, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Central Middle School Topographic Survey" |
| 3 rd Place | Taylor Gravois
CSRS, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA.
"Topographic Survey of Old Forestry Building" |

ALTA/NSPS SURVEY MAPS

- 1st Place David L. Patterson
LandSource, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"ALTA Survey of Lot A-1, Tract B-B-1 & Tract CC-1"
- 2nd Place Christopher J. Ewing
Ferris Engineering & Surveying
Baton Rouge, LA
"ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey for Carmouche Construction"
- 3rd Place Paul L. Miers
Paul L. Miers Engineering, LLC
Lafayette, LA.
"Plat showing Lot 3 of Lafayette Hotel Group LLC"

MISCELLANEOUS MAPS

- 1st Place David L. Patterson
LandSource, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Map Showing Topographic Survey of LA 75 & Railroad Avenue"
- 2nd Place Mickey Robertson
SJB Group, Inc.
Baton Rouge, LA
"Southdowns/LSU Library Misc. Survey"

COLOR PRESENTATION PLANS/MAPS

- 1st Place Jeffrey Messinger
Messinger & Associates, Inc.
Bastrop, LA.
"Plantation Map"
- 2nd Place Greg Ferris
Ferris Engineering & Surveying
Baton Rouge, LA.
"Preliminary Plan of Keystone of Galvez, Ascension Parish, Louisiana"
- 3rd Place Greg Ferris
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Baton Rouge, LA. 70816
"Preliminary Plan of the Settlement at Willow Grove, Baton Rouge, La."

**THANKS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2005
MAP and PLAT CONTEST!**

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FAREWELL MESSAGE



John Bradford, P.L.S.

I would like to thank the membership of Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors for the opportunity to serve this past year as president of the society. It has been a privilege and an honor that is humbling to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors. I would also like to thank the executive board and all the board members from the districts. These professionals work together as a group to make our society function through any adversity. I would especially like to thank Ronda Courville for stepping in as our executive secretary and doing a superb job in our state office. She has made it a more accessible office to serve all our membership.

This past week over two hundred members of LSPS attended our 44th annual convention in Houma. The LSPS District 2 membership did an outstanding job of hosting the convention. Thanks, gentlemen for going above and beyond in this endeavor to make it such a success. Our profession is so close-knit that this event is reminiscent of a family reunion.

We were especially glad to have in attendance Dr. Terry Dantin, Dr. Balaji Ramachandren, and many of the students in the geomatics program. I would like to thank these students for stepping in and assisting with registration and hand-outs.

In closing, I just ask that the members of LSPS continue to give their support to the district and state officers. Please feel free to contact Ronda at the state office so that we can provide the representation that you deserve. Again, I would just like to say "THANK YOU"!

John Bradford, 2004/05 LSPS President

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Richard I. Durrett, P.E., P.L.S.



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I am honored that my fellow board members have given me the opportunity to serve as your Chair for the next year. On behalf of the entire board I would like to thank outgoing chairman, Bijan Sharafkhani, for his outstanding job for the past two years, and Bob Green for his dedicated service on the board for the last six years, as well as Vice Chairman for the last year.

As we begin the 2005-2006 administrative year, a few challenges the board will be facing include:

- The replacement of Glen Kent, Executive Secretary, is retiring on the first of January after 10 years of service;
- Continue implementation of new computer software, CAVU, which will make possible on-line applications and renewals; and
- Promotion of licensure of Engineers and Surveyors.

As we approach the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) annual meeting in August, we will hear a report from the Licensure Qualification Oversight Group (LQOG) committee, which Kerry Hawkins of Louisiana Board is a member. They will make the following recommendations:

• Additional engineering education - LQOG will recommend that the Uniforms Procedures and Legislative Guidelines Committee (UPLG) be charged with incorporating changes requiring additional engineering education requirements into the model law and model rules. These new requirements should include a BS degree from an engineering program of four years or more accredited by EAC/ABET, or equivalent, plus 30 additional credits from upper level undergraduate or graduate-level coursework, in professional practice and/or technical topic areas. Timing for the effective date of this requirement is at this point uncertain; however current thinking is that additional educational requirement would become effective in 2020.

• Professional practice examination - LQOG will recommend a study and task force analysis to determine the need for and timing for a professional practice examination covering engineering practice issues for engineers seeking licensure. The proposed study would also make recommendations as to whether such exam would become

part of the existing PE examination or whether it would be "stand alone".

• Proposed licensure model - LQOG will recommend that NCEES develop a new model to attract more of the 80% of engineering graduates who do not currently pursue licensure. Developing this model would require a wide range of stakeholders and could take a considerable amount of time to develop. This new model would be especially designed to be more inclusive for engineers not offering services directly to the public.

I'm sure there will be considerable discussion at the NCEES national meeting. These initiatives are the future of engineering licensure. The proposed changes represent four years of work by the entire engineering profession, not just NCEES. I will report on the NCEES national meeting in our next journal.

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ON LINE RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS — SOON TO BE A REALITY!

H. Glen Kent, Executive Secretary



H. Glen Kent
Executive Secretary

On May 14, 2003, the Board decided to pursue development of new automation software. The software chosen, commonly called CAVU, had been previously approved by the State of Louisiana for use by various state agencies and boards. CAVU which is an acronym for "Clear and Visibility Unrestricted," a commonly used aviation term, was developed by Richard Scott. This software is presently being used by several states including Connecticut, South Carolina, Illinois, North Carolina, Nevada, Tennessee, Alabama, Ohio and Louisiana.

Even though the software was developed primarily for use by licensure boards, it is necessary for the software to be tailored to the particular needs of each board. Thus, on August 21, 2003, LAPELS contracted with CAVU to modify the software for the specific needs and requirements of the Louisiana Board.

Actual work began on August 15, 2004. Several months later on May 20, 2005, the final data conversion from the software formerly used by the Board to the CAVU software began. On May 23, 2005, the Board completed Phase 1 of the project and began utilizing the new software. However, it was still necessary that the LAPELS staff manually input all new data.

Immediately upon completion of Phase 1, the Board initiated Phase 2. This phase included initiation of online renewals and applications. A very important part of this phase was coordination with the Division of Administration to establish an on line payment account. The Board is now approved to receive payment by credit card, debit card, or check. If credit card or debit card is used, an online renewal will be almost instantaneous. This will be a relief for many licensees. Electronic check writing is currently not available, but is expected to be available in the very near future.

Even though on-line applications are still a few weeks

away, it is anticipated that on-line renewals will be available for the August/September 2005 renewal cycle. A renewal notice will still be mailed to every license whose renewal occurs in this cycle. This renewal may be completed and returned by mail to the board along with payment. However, the renewal notice has been modified to allow the licensee to renew electronically if he chooses.

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Another important fact to consider is that if you renew online, you do not have to complete, detach and return the lower part of the invoice to the Board.

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ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Robert E. Eddleman, Director of Enforcement



Robert E. Eddleman

During the 2005 fiscal year, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 the enforcement section opened 150 cases and closed 150 cases. During this same time period, the enforcement section also audited 627 licensees' for CPD compliance.

Below are summaries of actions taken by the Board on closed cases, which resulted in either formal or informal disciplinary action.

PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/OR LAND SURVEYING ON AN EXPIRED LICENSE

Mr. Charles Adams, P.E. a Louisiana P.E. admitted to the Board that he had unintentionally offered and/or provided engineering services during the period that his license was in an expired status. Licensees' license was renewed and he agreed to a Consent Order in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing wherein he paid a fine of \$100.00, administrative costs of \$150.00, and to a printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication.

A Louisiana P.E. was disciplined by the Board for the offer and/or providing of engineering services during the period that his license was in an expired status. The licensees' license was renewed and he entered into an Consent Order with the Board wherein he agreed to pay administrative costs of \$150.00, to successfully complete the Board's laws and rules examination, the Board's ethics presentation and examination within sixty days of the effective date of the Consent Order, and to printing a summary of this matter without name in this publication.

Mr. Michael Gibson, P.E. a Florida resident who is also licensed in Louisiana was disciplined by the Board for the offer and/or providing of engineering services during the period that his license was in an expired status. Mr. Gibson entered into a Consent order agreement with the Board wherein he agreed to a fine of \$100.00, administrative costs of \$150.00, and to the publication of a summary of this matter with name in this publication.

THE UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/ OR LAND SURVEYING

BGA, Inc. entered into a Consent Order agreement with the Board wherein BGA, Inc. agreed to a fine of \$100.00, administrative costs of \$150.00, to cease and desist the offer and/or providing of engineering services until BGA, Inc. can fully comply with the Board's requirements for firm licensure, and to the publication of a summary of this matter by name in this publication.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) RANDOM AUDIT

Mr. William Cunningham, P.E. a New York resident who is also licensed in Louisiana was disciplined for failure to comply with a CPD audit. Mr. Cunningham responded to the Board's notification of his selection for a CPD audit by advising that he was unable to comply. Mr. Cunningham agreed to a Consent Order whereby he agreed to a fine of \$250.00, administrative costs of \$200.00, the suspension of his license until such time as he meets the Board's CPD requirements, and to the printing of a summary of this matter in this publication by name.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN ANOTHER STATE AGAINST A LOUISIANA LICENSEE

Mr. Sanat K. Parikh, P.E. a Texas resident who is also licensed in Louisiana was disciplined in the state of Florida for signing and sealing of plans which had not been prepared under his responsible charge and the offer and/or providing of engineering services to the public through a business organization that was not licensed in the state of Florida. In lieu of a Consent Order Mr. Parikh voluntary relinquished his Louisiana professional license.

Mr. Samuel Greenberg, P.E. a Florida resident who is also licensed in Louisiana was disciplined by the state of Tennessee Board for the signing and sealing of plans that had not been prepared by Mr. Greenberg or under his responsible charge, failing to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public in the performance of professional duties, and gross negligence, incompetence and/or misconduct. The Louisiana Board entered into a Consent Order agreement with Mr. Greenberg wherein Mr. Greenberg agreed to pay administrative costs of \$200.00, a suspension of his engineering license for a period of forty five days, to successfully complete the Auburn University Ethics Course, the Board's laws and rules examination, to submit to the Board appropriate documentation of all projects performed in Louisiana by Greenberg for a period of one year prior to and one year after the Board's acceptance of the Consent order, and to the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication.

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Examinations in land surveying and in the Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical, Structural I, and Structural II engineering disciplines are offered in the **spring and fall** of each year.

Manufacturing examinations are no longer offered.

Examinations in the discipline of Architectural engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine engineering are offered **ONLY in the spring** of each year.

Examinations in all other engineering disciplines are offered **ONLY in the fall** of each year.

The professional examinations are offered on Fridays, and the fundamentals examinations are offered on Saturdays. Upcoming examination weekends include:

October 28-29, 2005

April 21-22, 2006

For the April, 2006 examination:

(1) First-time applications must be received by the Board Office not later than December 1, 2005. The COMPLETE application must be received by this date -- incomplete applications may not be processed.

(2) Applications other than first-time applications must be received by the Board Office not later than January 24, 2006.

(3) Student Intern applicants must submit the completed application to their Dean of Engineering. They must also register with ELSEs to reserve a seat for the examination and pay the examination fee required by ELSEs.

Professional Engineering examinations are administered in Baton Rouge. The Fundamentals of Engineering examinations are administered in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Ruston. All surveying examinations are administered in Baton Rouge.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

By Chris Richard, P.E.



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Louisiana Engineering Society President

The Louisiana Engineering Society will be recognized as providing professional leadership to the individual engineer and related engineering contemporaries.

LES Mission Statement

The Louisiana Engineering Society is dedicated to the advancement of the engineering profession by pursuing an active leadership role through:

1. Providing avenues for members to elevate their skills, competencies, and ethics.
2. Communicating that engineering work must be performed or supervised by a professional engineer.
3. Public awareness activities.
4. Services to the public and profession.
5. Advocating registration of all engineers.
6. Recognition of engineering achievements.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, and would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers and supporters of LES who have worked very hard over the years to make the Louisiana Engineering Society the strong organization that it is today. Many people have worked countless hours towards fulfilling the goals of our vision and mission statements. Being a volunteer organization requires not only many volunteers and a dedicated staff, but it also requires a large and sustainable membership. After all, what is a Society without members? The fact is that the Louisiana Engineering Society is in good shape, but is a far cry from what we could become. With only 10% of the registered Professional Engineers and Engineers Interns being members of LES, we have a lot of room for improvement and growth.

LES is the engineer's voice in the Legislature. This was a quiet year for us at the Legislature; unfortunately, that is not always the case. Just last year, with the help of Rep. Bryant Hammett, PE, PLS, we were successful in getting House Bill 453 passed, which provides for a 5-year preemptive period on professional liability. Over the years, LES has been successful in lowering the preemptive period from 10 years to 5 years. This reduces the term of engineers' liability for design work. We also successfully worked to help defeat bills that were harmful to the Engineering Profession. This was possible because of the work of both the Board and staff of LES and the numerous LES members that got involved. These efforts benefited ALL engineers, not just LES members.

In keeping with the objectives of promoting registration and honoring the achievements of engineers, LES, in association with LSPS, ACEC/L and LAPELS, hosted our first reception to honor new registered professional engineers. The reception was held on July 19, 2005, at the State Capitol Building.

The Tri-State Engineering Conference was held at the Sandestin Resort on June 26-29. This was one of most successful annual meetings, and that is due in large part to the hard work of the conference chairman Alan Krouse and LES Executive Director Brenda Gajan. I would like to thank Alan and Brenda as well as the State Societies of Arkansas and Mississippi for making this such a successful event. I would also like to thank our many exhibitors and sponsors who supported the Conference. Attendees at this conference were able to obtain 12 hours of continuing education.

The Louisiana Engineering Society has been very successful in keeping with its mission statement. The fact is that ALL engineers benefit from the work of LES while only 10% actually contribute through their membership.

Are You a Member of LES, and if not, WHY?

This may seem like a stupid question to ask, but the fact that you are reading this does not mean you are a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society. You must be a member of LES if you receive the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor magazine, right? WRONG. The Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor is mailed out quarterly to over 20,000 engineers, surveyors and firms that are registered in Louisiana. If you are registered with LAPELS, you will receive a copy of the magazine. The reason I bring this up is that I have heard from several engineers that were not members, or had let their membership lapse, who told me they thought they were members because they receive the Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor magazine. A list of all of the current LES members is included in this issue. Take a moment to look this list over and see if your name is on the list. If it is, THANK YOU. Your support of the engineering profession through your membership in LES is invaluable.

If your name is not on the list, WHY? Is your absence from this list intentional or merely an oversight? Some feel that there is no benefit in being a member of LES, yet many of the benefits that they enjoy were provided through the hard work of many volunteers, supported by the membership of the 1,700 dedicated engineers that believe that LES will represent them and protect the future of the Engineering profession. So take a look at the list. If you are a member, review the list to see who is not, and give them a call. The membership form is on our website at www.les-state.org. Do your part to make LES a more powerful voice for ALL engineers.

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Calendar of Events

August, 2005

- 12 LES Executive Committee Meeting – Lafayette
- 12 10th JESC Planning Meeting – Lafayette

September, 2005

- 1 Honors & Awards Nominations begin
- 7 LEF Board Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 13-14 LOBO's Industrial Trade Show & CPD Seminars – Baton Rouge
- 19-20 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 22 Life Safety Code Seminar – Lake Charles
- 23 LES Board of Direction Meeting – Lake Charles

October, 2005

- 5 10th JESC Planning Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 5 LES Executive Committee Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 6-8 NSPE Southwestern Regional Meeting – Austin, TX
- 14 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, November issue
- 14 JESC Agenda and Registration published in Louisiana Journal

November, 2005

- 4 Honors & Awards Nomination deadline
- 18 LES Board of Direction Meeting and Honors & Awards selection committee – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 21-22 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge

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- Membership forms and benefits.
- And much more!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Kenneth A. Perret, P.E., Committee Chairman

This spring, LES provided five \$500.00 scholarships to engineering students from four Louisiana engineering colleges. The scholarship winners were selected based on their financial need, their academic achievements and their participation in student engineering, civic and community service organizations. Funds for these scholarships come from you, the LES membership, through your annual donations to the LES scholarship fund.

Fifteen applications were received from students at six of Louisiana's seven colleges of engineering. The scholarship winners were: Jasmine Galjour and Joshua Paul Fontenot of UL Lafayette; LaKeshia L. Thomas of Southern University; Jacqueline Babin of UNO; and David W. Chesser, Jr. of Louisiana Tech University.

Also this year, a new graduate level scholarship program was initiated through the generosity of Dr Louis J. Capozzoli, P.E. Dr Capozzoli is sponsoring, through a joint agreement between LES and the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, two \$5,000.00 scholarships each year. One is to be awarded to

a male and one to a female Louisiana engineering college graduate who will be pursuing graduate level studies in engineering. This years recipients are Mr. Adam M. Lewis from Baton Rouge and Ms. Kelli N. Huckaby from Bossier



City (pictured above). Our sincere thanks to Dr Capozzoli and his wife Laura for this meaningful contribution to engineering scholarship funding in Louisiana!

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8 HOUR LIFE SAFETY CODE SEMINAR

LES will be hosting an 8 hour life safety code seminar at the beautiful new L'Auberge du Lac in Lake Charles, Louisiana on Thursday, September 22nd. Please check out the LES website at www.les-state.org or call (225) 924-2021 for registration information.

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MATHCOUNTS 22ND ANNUAL COMPETITION

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MATHCOUNTS® is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. Now in its 22nd year, MATHCOUNTS is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, and students. The program strives to heighten student interest in mathematics by making math achievement as challenging, exciting and prestigious as a school sport. More than 6 million students have participated in the program since its inception in 1983.

During the month of February, regional MATHCOUNTS contests were held all across Louisiana. The Louisiana Engineering Society administers the local and state competitions. The top 3 teams from each regional contest proceed to the state competition, where the top 4 Mathletes and top coach compete for the right to represent our state at the national level.

The 2005 Louisiana State MATHCOUNTS competition was held on March 10-11 at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Alexandria. There were 106 Mathletes representing 31 schools. The Alexandria LES chapter also hosted a fish fry on Thursday night for the students, coaches, parents and volunteers. It was held at the Levee Park Amphitheater overlooking the beautiful Red River. Thanks to Kevin Switzer, P.E. for organizing the outing. Both the food and the weather were great! Thanks also to Brenda Gajan and the staff at the LES State Office for their help in coordinating the State event.

We were honored to have Kerry LaBauve, P.E. as the moderator for the Alexandria chapter and the State competitions. Kerry has been involved in MATHCOUNTS since its inception and his tireless dedication and enthusiasm for the program is still evident. LES State President Phil Meyers, P.E. and Gary Lacombe of Shell Chemicals presented the State awards. Alexandria Chapter President Mike Marchand, P.E. and State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator Mike Bares, P.E. also assisted in the awards presentation.

Individual awards were presented based on the results of two rounds of written tests, the Target and Sprint Rounds. The top 6 Mathletes and their coaches were recognized and presented with trophies. The top 4 individuals were also

presented with \$500 freshmen scholarships from LSU. In addition, the first place individual received a \$1500 freshman scholarship from La Tech.

TOP 6 INDIVIDUALS

Rank	Student	School	Chapter	Coach
1	Neal Wu	Glasgow Middle	Baton Rouge	Claudia Allums
2	Delong Meng	Glasgow Middle	Baton Rouge	Claudia Allums
3	Mikey Garrett	Caddo Middle Magnet School	Shreveport	T. Willie Moore
4	Nicholas Taylor	Caddo Middle Magnet School	Shreveport	T. Willie Moore
5	Donovan Myers	Episcopal School of Acadiana	Lafayette	Pat Myers
6	John West	Lake Castle North	New Orleans	Jeff Oteri

Teams awards were based on a combination of the team members' individual scores and a Team Round test. Mathletes and coaches from the top 6 teams were presented trophies and plaques.

TOP 6 SCHOOLS

Rank	School	Chapter	Coach
1st	Glasgow Middle	Baton Rouge	Claudia Allums
2nd	Lake Castle Madisonville	New Orleans	Leslie Gould
3rd	Caddo Middle Magnet	Shreveport	T. Willie Moore
4th	Paul Breaux Middle	Lafayette	Mona Izzo
5th	Alexandria Country Day	Alexandria	Diane Tracy
6th	Ouachita Junior High	Monroe	Marilyn Kincannon

All teams also competed in a fast and fun oral competition called the Mathbee Round. The Mathbee is like a game show, where problems are projected on the wall and teams must rush to be the first to buzz in with the correct answer. The winner of the Mathbee was Glasgow Middle School from Baton Rouge.

The final competitive round was the Countdown Round. The top twelve individuals from the morning tests faced off in one-on-one matches, with the winner advancing to the next round, just like in a sports tournament bracket format. Both speed and accuracy are important in the Countdown Round, because if a player buzzes in first but answers incorrectly, then their opponent has the remainder of the 45 second time limit to answer. It's a test of brains and nerves in this version of MATHCOUNTS March Madness. The Countdown Round winners are listed on the next page.

COUNTDOWN - TOP 2 INDIVIDUALS

Rank	Student	School	Chapter	Coach
1st	Neal Wu	Glasgow Middle	Baton Rouge	Claudia Allums
2nd	John West	Lake Castle North	New Orleans	Jeff Oteri

The top 4 Individuals and the coach of the top school make up the Louisiana National Team, and they traveled to Detroit, Michigan on May 5-7 for the National contest. The 2005 National MATHCOUNTS competition was hosted by General Motors. Two hundred twenty-eight (228) Mathletes from all 50 states converged on the Motor City to compete and to have some fun. The Mathletes were addressed by NBA Hall of Famer Bill Russell and later attended a fun night at Joe Dumar's Fieldhouse. They also toured the General Motors Technical Center, which included a visit to the Virtual Reality Lab and a walk through the Wind Tunnel.

The Louisiana team placed 13th overall, tying the state's highest ever ranking. Congratulations to the Team for their great accomplishment! Congratulations are also in order for Mrs. Claudia Allums, who has coached the Louisiana team for 19 out of the 22 years the MATHCOUNTS program has existed.

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LOUISIANA NATIONAL TEAM

Role	Student	School	Chapter
Coach	Claudia Allums	Glasgow Middle School	Baton Rouge
Mathlete	Neal Wu	Glasgow Middle School	Baton Rouge
Mathlete	Delong Meng	Glasgow Middle School	Baton Rouge
Mathlete	Mikey Garrett	Caddo Middle Magnet School	Shreveport
Mathlete	Nicholas Taylor	Caddo Middle Magnet School	Shreveport

Neal Wu, of Glasgow Middle School, placed in the top 12 individuals. He then battled his way through four rounds of intense, head-to-head matches to win 1st Place in the Countdown Round, and was named National Champion. For his outstanding performance, Neal was awarded an \$8000 scholarship, a notebook computer and a trip to Space Camp. Congratulations to Neal for this exceptional achievement! And he is only a seventh grader, so watch out for him again next year.

Thanks to the many dedicated coaches and volunteers who have helped make this program a tremendous success for over two decades. I strongly encourage you all to get involved in MATHCOUNTS. It's a great way to promote our profession and it is a truly rewarding experience, as well. You can visit the official MATHCOUNTS website at www.mathcounts.org to find out more about this wonderful program.

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Dear Ms. Gajan,

On behalf of Our Lady Queen of Heaven School, I would like to express our sincere appreciation of your support of the MATHCOUNTS program. At OLQH, MATHCOUNTS is offered as an enrichment course for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in expanding their mathematical horizons. This program emphasizes problem solving skills that will benefit these students throughout their academic careers. Throughout the 18 weeks in which these students grow tremendously, watched the confidence level of these students go on to the regional and even those students who were unable to go on to the regional and state competitions benefited greatly from the design and problems presented in the program. It is so rewarding to watch a student's confidence progress from "There is no way I can do this problem" to "I got it!" or "I know what I need to do, I just haven't gotten the answer yet. But I will!" The design of the program encourages the students to think, to reason and to excel. It is the continued support of companies such as yours that has made this program available to so many students across the country. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Sincerely,

Dobbie Warshaw, MATHCOUNTS Coach
Our Lady Queen of Heaven School

May 9, 2005

Dear Ms. Gajan,

Thank you very much for sponsoring the State MathCounts competition. At the chapter level, my team placed first, with five in the top ten! Individually, I was fifth, and I won the Countdown round. At the state level in Alexandria, my team placed second, and I came in eighth place. Without you, these achievements wouldn't have been possible. It is amazing what MathCounts can help you accomplish. I have gone to MathCounts practice for years, and it really helped me, especially during regular math class. Therefore, I am also more advanced than many other students my age. MathCounts helped me to build a foundation for a future with an exciting career I will enjoy. Thank you again for giving me such a wonderful head start at a young age.

Sincerely,

Elise Prete

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March 19, 2005

Dear Ms. Gajan,

Thank you for sponsoring the Louisiana State MathCounts competition. It was a lot of fun, especially since my team placed second. All of my teammates placed in the top seventeen. I enjoyed being able to visit Alexandria because I had never been there before the competition.

MathCounts has helped me in many ways, not only in math. It has taught me to work hard to reach my goals and my dreams. One of my goals was to place first in the Chapter competition, and my team did. MathCounts has advanced my math skills so that I have been able to explain Algebra I problems to my classmates. I am thankful that you have assisted in making it possible for so many students to learn math skills that they might not learn otherwise.

Thank you,

Natalie Cooper
Lake Castle Madisonville

Dear Brenda,

Thank you for once again hosting a first class MathCounts competition. Our students had a fabulous time, enhanced by their outstanding performance. It was very exciting for me to have them all do so well, and to have three in the top ten. We all enjoyed the cotton picnic and the scenic Red River.

Please know how important this competition is to our program. I teach Math Counts every morning before school to prepare for this competition. But more than preparation takes place. We often explore mathematical concepts beyond this level. This year I introduced my advanced students to have fun learning little calculus. Math Counts allows students to learn at their own pace. There is no pressure of tests as in regular math classes and since I have warning to me as a math lover to see them get truly excited about learning and competing in math. Thank you for making this possible.

Please also pass on our deepest gratitude to your staff. I enjoyed the presentation of the history of the Math Counts program, and I know there were countless others working diligently and quickly behind the scenes to make everything run so smoothly.

Thanks again for all that you do for these young people.

Sincerely yours,
Leslie Gould
Lake Castle Madisonville

LES TELLER'S REPORT



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Dear Phil:

We, the Tellers Committee, duly appointed, met at the LES State Office, 9643 Brookline Ave., Ste. 116, Baton Rouge, LA, at 1:00 p.m., May 4, 2005, and counted the ballots for the election of the 2005-06 LES State Officers. The following are the results.

President-Elect		2 nd Vice-President	
Kevin E. Crosby, P.E.	452	Scotty J. Baudoin, P.E.	236
Keith Gonzales, P.E.	1	Angela D. Duncan, P.E.	225
Scotty Baudoin, P.E.	1		
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Rebecca Johnson, P.E.	1	James A. Hagan, Jr., P.E.	391
Scotty Baudoin, P.E.	2	Lee Lancos, P.E.	1
William Melancon, P.E.	1	Rex King, P.E.	1
		James C. Webb, P.E.	1
NSPE Representative			
John J. Plaisance, II, P.E.	451		
Ann F. Trappey, P.E.	1		
Ali Mustapha, P.E.	1		
Lance LaPlace, P.E.	1		
John Lawrence, P.E.	1		
Total Ballots Mailed	1495		
Total Ballots Counted	467		
Ballots Received Late	4		

Signed:

Greg D. Melancon
Greg D. Melancon, P.E.

Ben Hawn
Ben Hawn, P.E.

Robbie Lear
Robbie Lear, P.E.

Brenda Gajan
Brenda Gajan - Executive Director

Recommendations of the Tellers Committee: Add to ballot instructions, "Correction should be initialed or clearly stated to avoid confusion."

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

by Matthew Wallace, P.E.



I am writing this report shortly after my return from the NSPE National Convention in Chicago. The major topic of discussion at the meeting was the Future Directions Task Force Report. The task force committee was instructed to start with a blank sheet of paper and rethink the mission and structure of NSPE. Of major importance to PEPP is the Task Force's recommendation that practice divisions be done away with per se.

Presently there are five practice divisions serving the interests of NSPE members. Arguably, PEPP is the strongest of the five practice divisions and many of the National Presidents have come from the PEPP leadership. In its present format the Task Force recommends that the practice divisions become known as "interest groups" and each practice division would no longer have a seat on the Board of Direction.

During the PEPP Board of Governors meeting, I voted along with the other governors (the vote was unanimous) to support a resolution by the State of Washington NSPE chapter that calls for the practice divisions to remain unchanged and that each practice division have representation on the Board of Direction. There was some discussion prior to the vote that

a vote to support representation and self-preservation was self-serving. In the end the group decided that if PEPP did not stand up for itself, then there was no reason to exist.

The Board of Governors also discussed various attempts around the country to circumvent QBS selection criteria for award of engineering contracts. Most of these attempts are not direct assaults, but rather flanking attacks using project specific language in funding bills by state or local governing bodies. PEPP and ACEC have done a respectable job in Louisiana of killing these types of attacks with the notable exception of a trio of Design/Build projects passed by the State Legislature. In the coming year PEPP and ACEC will attempt to work better together in order to more effectively defend private practitioners and QBS selection criteria.

One of PEPP's major missions is to support those in the engineering profession who are principals in their firm or desire to be a principal at some time in their career. This focus on the individual sets PEPP apart from organizations such as ACEC which focus on the welfare and protection of the interests of private practice firms rather than individuals. I encourage all PEPP members to visit the Council of Principals portal on the NSPE.org website. The portal has a variety of tools, resources, and discussion groups to help you and your business thrive.

Lastly I would like to encourage all engineers in private practice to purchase and use the contract documents published by EJCDC. These documents have some great legal language to help protect your interests as a business person and can save you from getting ensnared in unnecessary legal action.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By: Andrew Zagars, P.E.

The Shreveport Chapter is again committed to another successful year with LES and the community. With the efforts of the officers and members of the chapter we look forward to the challenges for the upcoming year. This year the chapter intends to focus our efforts on the following programs with each corresponding representative.

1. Membership Development, Recruitment and Retention – Ali Mustapha, P.E. Chairperson
2. MATHCOUNTS – David Kunz, P.E. Coordinator
3. Future City Competition – Ben Rauschenbach, P.E. Coordinator
4. Honors and Awards Program – Andrew Zagars, P.E.
5. Young Engineers Council – Joey Krefft, E.I. Chairperson
6. Legislative Committee – James A Hagen, Jr. Chapter Representative
7. Ethics and Professional Conduct – Don Durr Jr., Chapter Representative

We hope that our involvement in these programs aid our membership and in the case of MATHCOUNTS and the Future City Competition, directly benefit the local community.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

By: George Comeaux, P.E.



The Lafayette Chapter is excited about the upcoming year as we have many events which will be taking place. Our new board will be meeting in a couple of weeks to plan events for the upcoming year. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact one of our board members. We are also proud and committed to helping our Lafayette chapter member, Chris Richard, who begins his term as LES State President.

Board members for the Lafayette Chapter include:

President – George Comeaux, Jr., P.E.
 1st VP – Todd G. Boudreaux, P.E.
 2nd VP – Nina S. Ludington, E.I.
 Secretary/Treasurer – Benjamin Hawn, P.E.
 Past President – William Melancon, P.E.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Alan Krouse, P.E.

Mr. Chris Richard, P.E. from Lafayette was installed as President of the Louisiana Engineering Society at this years annual conference in SanDestin. This years Executive Board was also installed by NSPE's outgoing President Dr. Bobby Price of Ruston. The conference set a record for attendance and was held jointly with the States of Mississippi and Arkansas and also provided an opportunity for engineers to earn up to 12 hours of continuing education.

The resort provides all the amenities a family could ask for including fishing, golf, tennis, jet skis, beach activities and even a parade and fireworks for our inauguration party. Make plans to attend next years conference at the Grand Hotel in Pointe Clear, Alabama.



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2005 LOUISIANA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION'S VINCENT A. FORTE GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

Each year the Louisiana Engineering Foundation (LEF) awards \$2,000 Vincent A. Forte Graduate School Fellowships to students who are either presently enrolled full-time or who will be enrolling in a graduate program in engineering at one of the universities within the State of Louisiana which has one or more ABET accredited undergraduate engineering programs. The students must also have expressed a sincere desire to enter the teaching profession at the university level upon completion of their graduate education.

This graduate school fellowship program is only one of several major efforts by LEF to reach one of its goals of promotion and support of educational endeavors. These fellowships are given with the intended purpose of encouraging engineering students to pursue graduate studies and to enter the teaching profession. The recipients for the year 2005 are Jerome G. Saltarrelli, Jr. and Clayton M. Marbry. These students were presented a plaque at the LA Joint Engineering Societies Conference banquet on February 3, 2005 in New Orleans by Ann Forte Trappey, President of LEF. These students are worthy recipients of the Vincent A. Forte Graduate School Fellowships and the Louisiana Engineering Foundation wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.

Funds to cover these fellowships are gifts from such firms as Shell Oil Foundation, Texaco and Taylor Energy, in addition to many individual and company donations. Additional fellowships and other educational related activities could be initiated if more funds were available. Anyone interested in assisting the LEF in these endeavors should contact the LEF office at 225-928-0229.

Jerome G. Saltarrelli, Jr.

For the past several years Jerome has been a student at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA. His goal has been to become a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. His ultimate goal has always been to teach at a university where he could educate others and alter their lives in a positive way. Jerome's doctoral studies deal with the engineering aspects of chitin and its derivatives as one-graft materials. Jerome's research is expected to provide important progress in the development of chitin-related substances as bone-graft materials and for other orthopedic applications.

LES 2005 HONORS & AWARDS

LES will honor seven engineers who have achieved high levels of professionalism, technical ability or civic support. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the distinguished service of these individuals, but to also encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater interest in their specific field. Please give serious thought to nominating someone in your professional area of expertise for one of the awards listed below. Nominations should be made through your local chapter and are due to the State Office by November 4, 2005. The seven categories are:

1. A. B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer in Management
2. Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities
3. James L. Todd Technical Accomplishment Medal
4. Leo M. Odom Award for Service to the Profession
5. Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award
6. F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award
7. Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award

Jerome's wife Michelle is also a student at Louisiana Tech University where she is working on a doctorate in Audiology. He enjoys building and working on computers, collecting and smoking tobacco pipes, reading, and working around the house.

Clayton M. Marbry

Clayton graduated from Louisiana Tech University in the spring of 2000 where he began his career as a process engineer in the south Louisiana chemical industry. He gained valuable knowledge while being employed for two different chemical plants in the Baton Rouge area. While completing his Bachelors degree at Tulane University, organic chemistry was his favorite class. Clayton's interests are primarily in biotechnology and, more specifically in the field of tissue engineering. His desire to teach at the collegiate level is two-fold. He believes he has been gifted with the ability to comprehend and explain complex subjects. Secondly, he relishes the opportunity to interact with others, particularly in a teacher-student relationship.

Clayton has been married for three years. He loves playing any type of sports. He also thoroughly enjoys reading novels and playing video games. He and his wife are members of a Southern Baptist Church.

MEMBERSHIP

by Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.,
Membership Chairman



If you are a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) or an Engineer Intern (E.I.) and you are not a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, you can join now without having to pay anything for six (6) months. Just complete the **Membership Application Form** found on the LES website at www.les-state.org and mail it to Louisiana Engineering Society. After six months, we will send you a statement and if you are pleased with your membership in the society you can mail the membership dues and continue your membership. If you decide not to join, you can discard the invoice and we thank you for your interest in LES.

Louisiana Engineering Society was established in 1898 and has been serving, protecting and promoting our profession in the State of Louisiana for more than a century. Please visit our website at www.les-state.org to learn more about the mission and vision of the only **Professional State Organization** that is dedicated to serving all engineering disciplines and in every area of practice.

Last year six (6) LES members participated in the NSPE's **"Give Back: Get Back"** incentive Program and recruited a total of twenty two (22) members. These members are **Theodore "Ted" H. Thompson, P.E.**, Lake Charles Chapter (7 members), **Benjamin Rauschenbach, P.E.**, Shreveport Chapter (5 members), **Ali Mustapha, P.E.**, Shreveport Chapter (4 members), **Phillip Meyers, P.E.**, Baton Rouge Chapter (2 members), **Michael Marchand, P.E.**, Alexandria Chapter (2 members) and **John Green, P.E.**, New Orleans Chapter (2 members). Many thanks to these members for their recruitment efforts and contributions to the success of the **2004-2005 Membership Recruitment Program**. Also congratulations to these members for earning their 2005-2006 NSPE membership dues **FREE**.

LICENSING CEREMONY

The first Professional License Ceremony was held on July 19, 2005, at the State Capitol Building in Baton Rouge. The Louisiana Engineering Society (LES), Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board, and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L) sponsor this collaborative event. Eighteen newly licensed engineers and their families from across the state participated in the Ceremony.

The newly licensed Professional Engineers were commended for the dedication they have shown and the hard work they have put in to reach this very important milestone in their engineering careers. The Chairman and Vice

Chairman of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board



presented licensure certificates to each new registrant, congratulating them on their achievement. LAPELS, LES, and ACEC/L representatives encouraged participants to join and become active in their professional organizations.

After the ceremony, the new licensees and their families were treated to refreshments.

Participants in the ceremony included Chris Richard, PE, President of LES, Brenda Gajan, Executive Director of LES, John Holtgreve, PE, President of ACEC/L, Warren Wilder, Executive Director of ACEC/L, Richard Durrett, PE, PLS, Chairman of LAPELS and Kenneth L. McManis, PE, PLS, Vice Chairman of LAPELS.

The Licensing Ceremony will be held semi-annually. All newly licensed engineers and surveyors are encouraged to participate in future events.

Pictured left to right are Kenneth L. McManis, Richard Durrett, John Holtgreve, and Chris Richard.

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Members of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L) journeyed to The Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort and Spa on Mobile Bay, in early June to conduct its 2005 Annual Meeting. The small but energetic group of members, their spouses and guests braved the oppressive heat and enjoyed three wonderful days relaxing, golfing, visiting the spa, and shopping in the outlying areas.

John W. Holtgreve, P.E., Design Engineering, Inc., Metairie, LA, and 2005-2006 ACEC/L president, planned and coordinated all the events, chose the menus, and generally, put the whole conference together! Richard D. Follette, W.R. Grace & Co., Kenner, LA, and one of ACEC/L's Affiliate Members, offered the engineers an opportunity to learn a bit by presenting a Friday morning seminar on "Concrete Admixtures, Colored Concrete and Fiber Reinforcement".

A golf tournament was held on Saturday, and from what this writer heard, the competition was fierce! Once on the green, the members discarded the engineers in themselves and donned the golfer attitude and determination...*Ernie Els and V.J. Singh...Watch out!* Everyone reported having a great time on the links.

Of interest and coincidence was the fact that the Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association was also having its Annual Meeting at the Grand. LAPA is one of ACEC/L's Affiliate Members, and its Executive Director, Don Weathers, invited the ACEC/L people to come to their opening reception. ACEC/L was recognized as an LAPA Associate Member and was presented a plaque at the social.

Following a Saturday evening reception, the group attended the President's Banquet. After a sumptuous meal, plaques of appreciation were presented to the 2004-2005 Board of Governors by outgoing president, Charles Taylor, Jr., P.E., Monroe, LA, including a National Director's plaque to Ann Forte Trappey for her service on the board for several consecutive years. Incoming president, John Holtgreve, P.E., presented the Past President's Plaque to outgoing president Taylor, and the gavel was transferred. ACEC/L's Executive Director, Warren Wilder, made some presentations to Taylor and National Director Trappey.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious A.E. Wilder, Jr. Award to Joe H. Harman, P.E., Baton Rouge, for extraordinary service to ACEC/L and ACEC over the years.

Harman is a principal in the Baton Rouge firm of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC). Harman's wife, Elaine, and daughter, Alice, were present to join the rest of the group in congratulating him. An abbreviated board meeting was held on Sunday morning, concluding a very successful and memorable Annual Meeting. *Special thanks must go to John Holtgreve for all of his efforts to plan and realize a very fine event.*

The 2006 ACEC/L Annual Meeting will be held at Cypress Bend Golf Resort & Conference Center on Toledo Bend Lake in Many, LA on Thursday, June 1 – Sunday, June 4, 2006. Plans are already underway to provide the membership with yet another unforgettable experience!

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*Engineers attending the seminar... "I'd rather
be golfing!"*



*l to r, Jason Thornhill, John Holtgreve, & Bob
Basinger sitting in the back of the class*



Gathering at the President's reception



*A very special guest, Mr. Anthony J.
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*Charles Taylor, left, chats with Larry
Blanchette*



*Ann Trappey, left, enjoys a laugh with
Marcia Basinger*



*Mike and Jane McGaugh enjoy the
reception*



*Shreveport Chapter president, Mark W.
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The outgoing ACEC/L board



President Holtgreve address the group



*Outgoing president, Charles Taylor, accepts a
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I trust that by the time that you receive this letter you will be winding up a busy summer. I would not describe this as a "long lazy summer". The Tropics have been very active and Louisiana has dodged a couple of "bullets" named Cindy and Dennis. While we hope we continue with this good fortune we certainly offer our heartfelt prayers and well wishes for those in the panhandle of Florida who have not been as fortunate. As always, we remember our service men and women who are far from home and in harms way in support of causes that protect the freedoms and way of life that we enjoy in this great country of ours.

Your LSPS Board has been hard at work and I would like to highlight a few of the actions that are most likely to affect you. In addition to what I am highlighting, you will also find a copy of the minutes of the last state board meeting printed in this publication.

Legislative – Mike Mayeux and Jane Burgin have done a great job of monitoring the 2005 legislative Session and making sure that LSPS is aware of any legislation that might affect the practice of Land Surveying. This year was rather quiet and the only bills that LSPS took action on were to bills related to "Electronic Filing". S.B. 153 and H.B. 214 both were designed to allow for electronic filing, which, if passed in their original form, would have allowed for the destruction of original documents including maps. Along with Tony Cavell's assistance LSPS was successful at amending both bills to protect and preserve original surveys. Finally, LSPS worked with Representative Gallot and Senator Michot to introduce House Concurrent Resolution 178 which requests that the Louisiana Law Institute (LLI) study the issue of electronic filing. The LLI will establish a task force to look at this issue and LSPS will have representation on this task force.

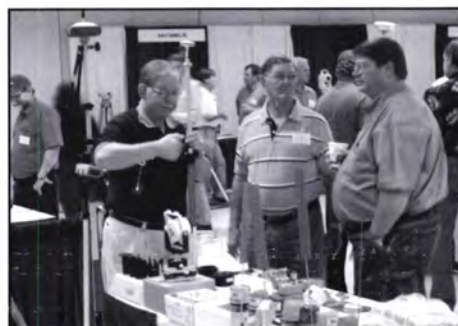
Nicholls State Geomatics Program "Every Member Campaign"

– We have come a long way to get to where we are today with the 4 year degree program. We have come so far that the journey has taken us through many generations of LSPS leadership. We have come so far that many of us can not remember exactly where we started. Let me refresh your memory. I don't know exact dates but, the idea of a 4 year degree program dates back over 10 years and the first official action to begin the establishment of the program dates back almost 6 years. We can be proud of what has been accomplished, but we can not afford to rest on our laurels. The Nicholls Geomatics Program is at a critical point in its development. The first graduate will be presented at the end of the Spring of 2006 semester. This will start the wheels turning on the critical process of getting the program accredited. The program has much that needs to be done before they can expect to receive favorable reviews necessary for accreditation. First and foremost, there are equipment needs, however, there are other very important needs, such as: a computer lab, software, recruitment support and much more. To date there has not been clear communication about the needs of the program and what LSPS members can do to contribute to its success. The board has approved the initiation of a campaign to provide information and avenues through which you, the members of LSPS, can contribute to the success of the Geomatics Program. This information will be mailed to the membership in late August in the form of a brochure. The campaign is entitled "Every Member Campaign". The idea that every member will contribute is ambitious but an achievable goal. We will be seeking personal as well as corporate contributions. The Geomatics Program has already been the beneficiary

of very generous donations from Morris and Sandra Hebert and from Kenny, Clifford and Jo-Anne Smith and Family. Although critical to the success of the program, these donations are dedicated to Endowed Professorships and do not address the immediate needs previously mentioned. The giving levels start with as little as \$25.00 which was set with the idea that this amount is reachable for everyone. I urge you to give serious consideration to your contribution to the partnership that LSPS and Nicholls share. My hope is that every one of our members will decide to make a contribution to the future of surveying in Louisiana and help the Geomatics Program reach new heights.

2006 Convention – As was announced at the Houma Convention, the New Orleans District will host the 2006 Convention. At the June LSPS State Board Meeting, the New Orleans District made an exciting proposal to have the 2006 Convention aboard a cruise ship. After much deliberation the board took the bold step of approving this plan. So far this idea has been received with great enthusiasm. The board recognized the excitement that a convention at sea would create but also realized the challenges that would result. This type of Convention will make it difficult, if not impossible, for some of our members to attend. As a result, the board will work diligently to assure that Continuing Education Credits are offered throughout the year and at various locations. Please see Ronda Courville's article, "For Good Measure", for additional information on the Convention.

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1	At Sea		
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LSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 3, 2005

Alexandria Consolidated Compound
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all to Order:

President David Patterson clarified order of meeting. He gave background for upcoming discussion with Dr. Dantin from Nicholls, and discussion of program's creation and funding available now. He met with LSPS Advisory Board and Nicholls a few weeks ago. We have reached several milestones – selection of Nicholls University, and approval by Board of Regents, resulting in start of healthy program. We are at a crossroads – in order to continue to progress, there are many needs – beginning with accreditation. Nicholls must have first raduate before accreditation. After their meeting, Lee Drennan from NEI came by to present proposal that he and Nicholls had been working on. Asked for board to consider. David had requested priority list of things needed for program. Discussion followed.

Convention 2006:

District 1 is to host convention. LSPS would like District 1 and 9 to co-host convention. -Carnival presented their package offer for the cruise, dates April 27- May 1, 2006. Cruise info: once on board, all amenities included. All planning that takes place: venue, food, entertainment preparing for Convention, is all included in cruise. Handed out flyer with details, along with prices. Discussed continuing education credits, spouses attending, and exhibitors. Once cabins sell, more cabins equal \$20 more per person. Discussed deposit, and refund process. Final pmt. date is 2/15/05. Discussed prices, cost per person. Discussed deposits, district participation. David dismissed group for Board discussion. Discussed structure of convention, PDH sessions, fellowship, etc. Discussed hours to be scheduled during days at sea. D. Patterson presented to board the need for a decision. He is to contact D. Cloud to discuss with Charlie, the other sessions needed. *Motion made to accept proposal for cruise for 2006, April 27-May 1, 2006.* Motion seconded and passed. Discussion followed.

Convention 2005:

James Pellegrin presented current 2005 details. Congratulations offered for convention host.

District Reports:

-District 1 – Monthly meetings being held. Meeting held regarding Construction Benchmarks, seeking 1 pdh credit. Motion for approval made, seconded, passed. Discussed 2006 convention. History of District 1 was presented. At April meeting, FEMA gave presentation and seeking 2 PDH credits. Board discussed policy regarding pdh credit to be issued at meetings. Motion made to approve 1 pdh credit made, seconded and passed. Trig-Star turn out was good with 20 schools participating. June 14 next meeting date.

-District 2- Feb. meeting about convention. Did participate in Trig-Star. Postponed May meeting to give break after Convention.

-District 3- David attended this meeting, had 20 people present. Kevin stated the district discussed legislative position. Will also change back to paper mail-out, seeking more attendance. District Trig-Star winner was State winner. Will prepare a plaque for winner and his school after National results in. They would like to host a seminar this fall, maybe October. Topic for discussion is going to be Trespass Law and liability issues. 8 hours total.

-District 4- District 4 needs Minimum Standards and will pursue holding this toward end of summer.

-District 5- Not attending.

-District 6- Mickey Robertson has agreed to serve as Chairman. Will continue to pursue Risk Management topic for next meeting.

-District 7- Not attending

-District 8- Will hold meeting in a few weeks. Participation low, need to host seminar.

-District 9- Not attending.

Seminar Planning:

Committee to discuss upcoming year's needs.

Secretary Report:

Names submitted for approval for membership. Bylaws need to be updated, committee formed.

Treasurers Report:

Lyles Budden discussed line item budget. Note - roster amount to cover printing for next convention. Convention budget amount will be updated.

NSPS Governor:

D. Patterson read Wayne Hebert report. Wayne is requesting website updates.

New/Old Business:

-LAPELS Contract- Seeking names of District members willing to serve on the *Exam Item Writing Committee*, and the *Exam Preparation and Grading Committee* (meet 4-6 times per year). Committee would like Board to review, ratify and sign contract if possible. D. Patterson refers to recommendation of committee. Lyles Budden made *motion to move forward with contract*. Motion seconded and passed.

resident's Report:

Patterson brought up items from past board meetings regarding supporting Nicholls University Geomatics program. Has created brochure for soliciting donations to the LSPS Education Foundation, to present upon completion. Discussion followed. Meeting adjourned.

FOR GOOD MEASURE

by Ronda Courville, LSPS Administrator

We had a wonderful time in Houma at the 44th LSPS Annual Convention. It was a pleasure to meet surveyors from Louisiana and surrounding areas. Included in this newsletter are more photos of the event. Were you there? Next year's Convention is already in the planning, and it will be different from any other. The members of District 1 researched the idea of a cruise for members of LSPS, and have worked out arrangements for it to take place! It will be an exciting time for all aboard the Carnival Sensation, sailing out of New Orleans April 27-May 1, 2006. This 4 day cruise offers two days at sea (for some seminar sessions, of course) and a stop in Cozumel, Mexico. Included in the cruise

are room accommodations, all the food you could possibly eat, entertainment, LSPS Sessions, and fun! Sign-up early for the cruise, and help make the 2006 LSPS Annual Convention a success. Information has been mailed, and updates will be posted to the website upon finalizing. Hope to see you there!

LSPS dues notices were mailed in early July for the 2005-06 Fiscal year. Please send in payment with any updates to member information. Your continued support of LSPS is appreciated.

Check the website (www.lspss.net) for information regarding upcoming seminars around the state. Contact your District Chairman for scheduling a seminar in your area.

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Special thanks to NCEES for funding the development of the kit, and Topcon for funding the initial production. Thanks also to POB magazine (especially Leica Brown) for their assistance in coordination with Topcon.

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Since our last journal publication our state has been hit by two major hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. Our thoughts and prayers are with each person who has been affected by this major disaster. We know the people of Louisiana will recover and the state will become much stronger.

The governor has recently appointed Dr. James Garber, who represents education, to the board. We welcome Dr. Garber and look forward to Dr. Garber's contributions to the board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Paul Hale for his contribution while on the board.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter our new software, Cavu, which has been installed in the board office is coming on line. I am pleased to announce that you can now do your renewals on line, and on line applications will be available soon. I encourage each of you to visit our website and look at information that is available, along with the procedure for doing renewals. We hope you find this convenient for renewing your registration.

During the August NCEES meeting in Memphis, the following action was taken:

- A motion was introduced to allow candidates for engineering licensure to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam anytime after graduation from an approved program and after passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. The motion to include this in the model law was defeated.
- The ASCE proposal for additional engineering education was referred to the Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines committee (UPLG) with report due in 2006.
- Funding for a study to determine if "practice related" questions should be or are covered adequately in the current set of PE exams was approved. The committee responsible must determine what type of practiced related knowledge should be related and to what extent.

- The licensure model was also discussed at length, regarding additional education requirements, the possible addition of a practice exam, and the potential for providing some sort of non public practice title for engineers in industry. As always changes are a difficult topic for NCEES.

In light of the fact that the Journal's next publication will be in 2006 and we approach the Holiday Season, I would like to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season.



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LAPELS Board Meeting Dates

January 23-24, 2006
March 20-21, 2006
May 15-16, 2006



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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

H. Glen Kent, Executive Secretary



H. Glen Kent
Executive Secretary

This will be my final article as the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. I will be retiring on 2 January, 2006, and anticipate returning to a career that I set aside many years ago. However, I can assure everyone that my years with the Board will never be forgotten.

I became the Executive Secretary of the Board on 1 April, 1996, and quickly experienced the daily intricacies of the Board. Within a few months I had been introduced to numerous issues that were of great interest to the Board and to the many licensees of the Board. It soon became apparent that the greatness of the Board was a direct reflection of the members who compose it. It is their professionalism, ethical standards, and unselfish dedication that provide a gauge by which the staff of the Board, as well as the licensees of the Board must measure themselves.

I would like to thank the Louisiana Engineering Foundation; Louisiana Engineering Society; Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors; American Council of Engineering Companies; and numerous other professional societies for their support over the last few years. The relationship of the

Board to these societies is very important to our licensees and to our profession. We should all work diligently to strengthen this relationship during forthcoming years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members, the Board staff, and the licensees that have provided support to me during my years with the Board. I would like to offer a special thanks to several persons whom I believe epitomize the professionalism and insight required of contemporary professional engineers and land surveyors. This list would include Mr. Waldemar Nelson, Mr. Jorge Ferrer; Mr. Allison "Sonny" Launey, Mr. Bijan Sharafkhani, Dr. Kenneth McManis, and Mr. C.L. Jack Stelly.

In conclusion, I want to thank my wife, Debbie, and my daughter, Aprille, who have experienced the demands that working for a licensure board can bring. Their unwavering love and support has been a blessing to me throughout my years with the Board.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Examinations in land surveying and in the Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical, Structural I, and Structural II engineering disciplines are offered in the spring and fall of each year.

Manufacturing examinations are no longer offered.

Examinations in the discipline of Architectural engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine engineering are offered ONLY in the spring of each year.

Examinations in all other engineering disciplines are offered ONLY in the fall of each year.

The professional examinations are offered on Fridays, and the fundamentals examinations are offered on Saturdays. Upcoming examination weekends include:

April 21-22, 2006 October 27-28, 2006

For the April, 2006 examination:

(1) First-time applications must be received by the Board Office no later than December 1, 2005. The COMPLETE application must be received by this date -- incomplete applications may not be processed.

(2) Applications other than first-time applications must be received by the Board Office not later than January 24, 2006.

(3) Student Intern applicants must submit the completed application to their Dean of Engineering. They must also register with ELSSES to reserve a seat for the examination and pay the examination fee required by ELSSES.

Professional Engineering examinations are administered in Baton Rouge. The Fundamentals of Engineering examinations are administered in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Ruston. All surveying examinations are administered in Baton Rouge.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Robert E. Eddleman, Director of Enforcement



Robert E. Eddleman

AUDITS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On January 1, 1999 the Board Rule for Continuing Professional Development (CPD), LAC Title 46: LXI, Chapter 3100 was implemented. The rule requires all Professional Engineers' licensees who are not exempt from CPD, to complete thirty (30) Professional Development Hours (PDH) biennially, non exempt professional land surveyors must complete fifteen (15) hours biennially.

Of the required PDH's for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors both must complete one (1) PDH of Professional Ethics. The professional engineer involved in the design of buildings or building systems must also complete eight of the PDH's in codes or ADA-AG while the professional land surveyor must complete two (2) PDH's in the Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys every biennial renewal period. All licensees who renew their license certify completion of their required PDH's.

THE AUDIT PROCESS

The audit process occurs at the end of each renewal cycle. All licensees who renew are eligible to be selected for a computer generated audit. Those chosen for an audit are sent a letter notifying them of their selection. The letter advises the licensee that they must verify they have in fact complied with the provisions of the CPD rule and have thirty (30) days to respond. If the Board does not receive a response, a second letter is sent warning them of non-compliance with the rule. When a licensee is not in compliance, they have to pay a two-hundred dollar (\$200.00) administrative fee and they are given 120 days to comply with the rule or face action against their active licensure status. If this is not done, the Board will issue a letter admonishing them of the preferal of charges against them for failure to comply with the CPD rule. However, the Board will offer them the opportunity to settle the matter informally through a Consent Order. In the event of continued lack of response, the Board will prefer charges and subsequently hold a formal hearing.

To comply with the Board's CPD rule licensees must submit an approved and completed PDH activity log accompanied by all of the supporting documentation of the activities

mentioned in the log. The activity log can be downloaded from our website, www.lapels.com.

Some examples of supporting documentation are completed certificates, signed attendance receipts, copies of lists of attendees signed by the person in responsible charge, and other documents providing evidence of attendance. If licensees carry over 15 hours from the previous renewal cycle, they also must provide the activity log of the pervious cycle as well as the supporting documentation.

Licensees are cautioned to keep copies of documentation for future reference. Licensees should submit copies and maintain the originals in their files. Those licensees who certify that they have the required CPD hours by renewing their license but cannot produce documentation of the same during the audit run the risk of having disciplinary action taken against them, not only for the failure to comply with the rule but also for making a false certification. To avoid problems with the CPD rule, it is recommended that all licensees familiarize themselves with the Board's CPD requirements found in Chapter 31 of the Boards' rules.

The LAPELS website offers informational resources for Continuing Professional Developmental Hours. The required Activity Log is available for download and can be saved on your personal computer for your convenience. The Professional Ethics and Minimum Standards are also available for accessible use. Also, shortcuts are offered to view CPD Sponsors as well as known current activities to assist in obtaining CPD hours. Hopefully, this information will benefit you in tracking and earning the CPD Hours needed. www.lapels.com/CPD.htm

New Registrants: for the Period of July 22, 2005 - October 25, 2005

Engineering Firms

AAC Designers Builders, Inc.
 Austin Engineering, Inc.
 BE Engineers, LLC
 Carollo Engineers, A Professional Corporation
 Comet Consultants, Inc.
 Days Engineering, L.L.C.
 Dowdell Engineering LLC
 DSi Engineering, LLC
 Engineering-Environmental Management, Inc.
 Franklin Industries, LLC
 Gateway Engineering Corporation
 General Electric Company
 Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc.
 H. F. Lenz Co.
 Henry Martin Consultant, LLC
 Honeywell International, Inc.
 HT/DcR Engineering, Inc.
 Integrated Testing and Engineering Company of DFW Metro, LLC
 James Johnston & Associates, Inc. of Texas
 Joe H. Harman & Associates, LLC
 Jones Environmental, Inc.
 KPFE, Inc.
 LJC-AACO Engineering, LLC
 Lloyd's Register Capstone, Inc.
 MAG Engineering, LLC
 Monceaux- Buller & Associates, L.L.C.
 Naismith Engineering, Inc.
 Primary Engineering, Inc.
 PSA-Dewberry Inc.
 Ramaker & Associates, Inc.
 River City Engineers, LLC
 Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C.
 Sangam Engineering, L.L.C.
 Schantz Engineering, LLC
 Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
 Sierrah Design LLC
 Stewart Mechanical Enterprises, Inc.
 The ProNet Group, Inc.
 TLC Engineering for Architecture, Inc.
 W.F. Baird & Associates Ltd.
 Water, Earth Solutions & Technologies, Inc.
 Willis and Company Engineering and Surveying, LLC

Engineer Interns

Anderson, Joshua Wells

Buckley, Matthew Churchill
 Bussard, Alan Gordon
 Cannata, Christopher Joseph
 Chambers, Shannon Latoya
 Chen, Bin
 Dykes, Amanda E.
 Farfan, Olmedo D.
 Gary, Ronald Wayne
 German, Christian Nasse
 Guneri, Berk
 Harris, Nicole Michelle
 Hill, Daniel Patrick
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 Muller, Carl C.

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Anderson, Charles E.
 Archila, Roberto
 Ashley, Glen Stuart
 Atwood, Jerry Neal
 Bain, Benjamin Paul
 Bajzek, Thomas Joseph
 Barnhill, Kevin Scott
 Bitner, Bruce Elton
 Blackmer, Matthew Thomas
 Bouffard, Thomas Andrew
 Bracken, William Charles
 Breu, Thomas J.
 Brinton, Milford Jackson
 Broad, Tad Clayton
 Bruce, Robert N.
 Burnett, David Thurlow
 Canup, David Edwin
 Challa, Rama K.
 Charletta, Daniel James
 Clemmons, Josh U.
 Cognevich, Michael L.
 Coker, Terry Winfield
 Coley, David M.
 Colvin, Charles C.
 Colwell, Arthur Bernard
 Compton, Ronald R.
 Cotton, Willard J.
 Cowell, Jean Louise
 Cramer, John Robert
 Curtis, Raymond E.
 Dasilva, Roberto Rychnecki
 DiDonato, Kenneth Michael
 Drebelbis, James Robert
 Dwyer, Eugene Michael
 Epps, William Nash
 Falbe, Michael John
 Fawley, Daniel Patrick

Fernandez, David
 Fiss, Edward Castle
 Freeling, Bryan E.
 Gabrell, Eugene Joseph
 Gilvary, Kenneth R.
 Gjertsen, Jon Eugene
 Greer, Gary J.
 Guenther, Dennis Alfred
 Hardy, Michael Wood
 Harris, Randall Sidney
 Hartmann, David L.
 Hasen, Michael
 Hebert, Jennifer Vosburg
 Hegler, Lloyd Marvin
 Henning, Tod Joseph
 Henry, Michael Kent
 Howard, Ryan Bradley
 Huff, Kelly Dawn
 Huie, Joseph Preston
 Hurst, Jason Brandon
 Irish, Jason D.
 Jepsen, Randell R.
 Johnson, Alfred Eugene
 Johnson, Joel Taylor
 Jones, Barbara Elizabeth
 Jones, William Kenneth
 Kazaniwsky, Petro W.
 Khan, Kifayat U.
 Kingsmore, Terry Arnold
 Krone, Durk Henry
 Krzyzewski, Joseph
 Kukkala, Madhusudhan
 LaFoy, Brian Jon
 Leiferman, Michael Raymond
 Letzring, Tracy John
 Loeffler, Mandy Upton
 Lubbehusen, Michael Edward
 Marino, James Nichols
 McKenzie, Scott Townsend
 Millea, Raymond Francis
 Miller, James R.
 Minsterketter, Thomas O.
 Moore, Todd Douglas
 Nix, Arthur Charles
 Nyanjom, Joseph
 Oestriecher, Clifton Anthony
 Oestriecher, Wendy Reynolds
 Ordogne, Mark Andrew
 Osteraas, John David
 Owens, Brent W.
 Pandorf, Bennie
 Parrish, James Michael
 Plourde, Patrick Michael
 Poot, Aaron Christian

New Registrants: for the Period of July 22, 2005 - October 25, 2005

Quinn, Denny Lee
Rambaran, Dave
Ray, Vicki L.
Rhodes, Johnny Lee
Roy, Richard Kevin
Ryan, Daniel Floyd
Samuels, Clive
Schatte, David Edward
Schluender, Mark Francis
Serrano, Paul Edward
Seymour, Daniel Paul
Shekerlian, Steven Phillip
Shows, Neil Hunter
Sims, Raquel Kathryn
Smith, Kyle Collin
Snowden, Mervin Leroy
Sock, Frederick Edward
Soenksen, Scott E.
Speer, Gregory Christian
Steckel, Robert Michael
Stephenson, Michael Harvey
Swain, Richard James

Tarver, Eric Clark
Terrell, Ricky Nolan
Thibodeaux, Tricia G.
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Tran, Hung Thoai
Trevin, Pedro Luis
Tripp, Jay Dean
Trumble, Manley Dale
Tudor, Scott Alan
Vasquez, Jairzinho O.
Wall, Chad Albert
Walshaw, Lynne Patricia
Werren, David John
White, Jesse Wade
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Williams, Paul Reed
Wilson, Kevin Brian
Womack, Michael Wade
Woods, Lisa S.
Wright, William Allen

Yoder, Bradford E.
Zdinak, Lawrence R.
Zhang, Wei

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Flynn, Harold J.
Raley, Frank Jeffrey

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ON-LINE RENEWALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

A renewal notice will still be mailed to every licensee. This renewal can be returned by mail to the board along with payment. However, the renewal notice has been modified to allow the licensee to renew electronically.

The modified renewal notice will include the following new language:

Internet Renewals Now Available For Instant Renewal Processing! See Details & Instructions Below.

"Renew Online – There's an easier way to renew your credential. Just visit our secure renewal site at <http://renewals.lapels.com> and enter the login and password provided below. It's fast, secure, and effortless."

Login:

Password:

(The login and password will be provided on your renewal invoice.)

Please allow 1-2 days for your online payment to process. To check the status of your credential, visit http://www.lapels.com/indiv_search.asp. Enter your class and number and click the **Submit** button. Click on your credential under the **License** column, and then click the **View Status Verification** button to open your status verification document. We urge you to print a copy of the verification for your own records. We no longer send renewal cards to licensees. If you have any problems viewing your status verification document, please contact LAPELS at 225-925-6291.

Another important fact to consider is that if you renew online, you do not have to complete, detach and return the lower part of the invoice to the Board.

WHO WE ARE

To help you identify who on our staff can best assist you should a question arise, we have listed a brief description of their duties and sections.

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Robert Eddleman - Director of Enforcement

Senior Investigator supervises enforcement section, consisting of one full time investigator, one part-time investigator, and one secretary and oversees the Board's Continuing Education requirements.

Brant Delhommer - Investigator

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Nina Louise Davis - Secretary

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Alice Martina - Administrative Manager

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Margaret Killingsworth - Examination & Application Coordinator

In receipt of applications, scheduling, examination reviews and recalls, basic requirement inquiries, temporary permits, committee applications and interpretations of Board rules and laws.

Barbara Cavalier - Renewal Coordinator

Renewal requests, change of address, firm applications and renewals, liaison with Secretary of State for firms.

Heidi Watts - Administrative Clerk

Interpretation of Board policies and rules, supplies all applicants with applications for land surveyors in training, engineers in training, professional engineers, and professional land surveyors, assisting employees in all sections of CAVU, assist with Secretarial staff as needed.

Tracy Compean - Administrative Clerk

Interpretation of Board policies and rules, supplies all applicants with applications for land surveyors in training, engineers in training, professional engineers, and professional land surveyors.

Leann Habin - Part-Time Clerk

Assist staff in renewals, applications, switchboard and assist input of information into the new CAVU system.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

By Chris Richard, P.E.

Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief Efforts:

Many of our families, friends and colleagues have suffered both personal and professional losses due to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Although many have returned to work, there are others that are without work or homes. The Louisiana Engineering Society sent out requests to all our members to come to the aid of those impacted by the storm.

Our members are being asked if they would be able to provide office space, computer workstations and other equipment, and supplies for our displaced colleagues to use for several weeks. We are also asking for information regarding any additional lease space in your current location that a firm could rent if need be.

The response so far from the engineers across the state and country has been overwhelming.

A Katrina Relief Board was quickly set up to post the various resources that were made available to those in need. The Relief Board contains links for both the needs of those affected by the storm and those offering help. The links included those in need of housing, available office space, available equipment and job opportunities for those needing to relocate. If you are in need of help or can offer assistance, please contact the LES state office at 1-225-924-2021 or www.les-state.org.

To help those affected by the storm, the Louisiana Engineering Society will defer all the membership renewals for our members from

the New Orleans and Lake Charles Chapters whose renewal was the fall of 2005, until February 2006.

The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) has set up a relief fund for the State Societies and members in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The LES Board will be working closely with NSPE on the administration of these funds in Louisiana.

Please visit the LES web site periodically for updates on the relief efforts.

The eight-hour Life Safety Code seminar originally scheduled for September 22 in Lake Charles had to be postponed due to Hurricane Rita. Many engineers were in need of these continuing education hours prior to renewing their registration. Not only were we in need of a place to hold the conference, we also needed to replace our presenter. LES would like to thank Vermilionville in Lafayette for giving us a place to hold our seminar. We would also like to thank Mr. Ray Battalora, P.E. for driving in from Richardson, Texas and giving an informative eight-hour presentation on the Life Safety Code. Without the help of Mr. Battalora, we would have not been able to so quickly reschedule the conference for those needing life safety code continuing education hours.

In addition to the seminar, we had to reschedule the LES Board of Direction meeting originally scheduled for September 23 in Lake Charles. The meeting was held Friday, October 7, in Lafayette. At the meeting, the Board approved sending proposed changes to the LES Constitution to the membership for approval. The proposed changes



Chris Richard, P.E.
Louisiana Engineering Society President

are to adjust the time frame for nominating candidates and holding the election. The proposed changes are intended to provide a more workable schedule for electing new officers before the end of the administrative year. The proposed changes also change the number of signatures required for submitting a candidate by petition from 25 members to 5% of the membership. The ballots will be mailed out shortly. Please cast your vote and return to the state office by the deadline noted on the ballot.

LES is once again sponsoring the Future Cities and MATHCOUNTS competitions and volunteers are needed. Future Cities is in need of Engineers to serve as mentors for the competing schools from across the state. If you are interested in helping, please contact your chapter president.

SOCIETY NEWS

By: Brenda Gajan
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Calendar of Events

November, 2005

- 2 Life Safety Code Seminar – Lake Charles
- 4 Honors & Awards Nomination deadline
- 18 LES Board of Direction Meeting and Honors & Awards selection committee – LES State Office, Baton Rouge
- 22-22 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office, Baton Rouge

January, 2006

- 28-28 Future City Regional Competition
- 11 Executive committee Meeting – Lafayette
- 11 JESC Planning Meeting – Lafayette
- 12 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, February issue
- 23-23 NSPE Winter Meeting – Washington, DC
- 24 Future City State Competition – Lake Charles
- 24-24 LAPELS Board Meeting – LES State Office
- 25 P.E. Ceremony – Baton Rouge
- 24-25 LOBO's Industrial Trade Show
- 26 LES Board of Direction Meeting – Lafayette
- 27-27 10th JESC Conference and LES Statewide Honors & Awards Spring Meeting – Lafayette

February, 2006

- 26-26 MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition
- 10 Nominations for LAPELS Board vacancies begins
- 15-15 DOTD Conference, Baton Rouge
- 25-25 National Engineers Week
- 20-22 Future City National Competition – Washington, DC

<http://www.les-state.org>

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- And much more!



BATON ROUGE CHAPTER

by: Gavin P. Gautreau, P.E.

As New Orleans and the Gulf Coast continue the rebuilding process in the wake of the recent hurricanes, I hope that life is returning to normal for our local and regional members. Though Baton Rouge is often packed with traffic, October has brought us some cooler temperatures to lift our spirits. Our continued relief efforts are posted on the State LES website (www.les-state.org/hurricane.htm).

The LES Golf Tournament was held at the LSU golf course on October 14th. Thanks to Alan Krouse for all his work in planning and coordinating the golf tournament. I believe everyone had a great time. The course and weather were great. Proceeds from the tournament help fund our annual scholarships to students of Southern and LSU.

Save the date! The local MATHCOUNTS competition is scheduled for February 10, 2006, at the New Transportation Training and Education Center (TTEC) on the LSU Campus. MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, coaching, and

competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. The event consists of local teams competing against each other in individual tests, group tests, and an individual speed round. The local event usually consists of about 100 students, and lasts one day. Local winners continue on to the State, and National Competitions. Please mark your calendars and volunteer to help.

The November 3rd student function and Ethics PDH should be a great event. Thanks to Robbie Lear and Ken Robichaux for their efforts in planning the event. The event will provide the students with a meal and an opportunity to network with professionals. LES members will have an opportunity to grab that elusive ethics PDH, and possibly meet their next employee.

I look forward to the upcoming meeting and hope to see you there.



MONROE CHAPTER

By: Don Arrington, P.E.

The Monroe chapter is now in full swing. We kicked off our 2005-2006 year in September at Catfish Cabin in Monroe. Mr. Nicholas Reck with Industrial Fabrics spoke to the group concerning asphalt crack prevention products. The October meeting was held at Genusa's restaurant, where Mr. Derrick Murphy with Contech educated the attendees on the Innovations in bridge design. Both meetings were well-attended, and the speakers were very informative. We are excited about our upcoming November meeting. Mr. Richard Durett, chairman of the Sparta Aquifer

Commission and a local chapter member himself, will speak to us on the current status of the Sparta aquifer.

In other chapter news, Josh Hays has agreed to handle Mathcounts for this year. We are still looking for someone to head up the Future Cities competition on the local level. Finally, our chapter has agreed to partner with the local AGC and AIA chapters in sponsoring a fish fry for northeast Louisiana officials. The date for this event is still up in the air.



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Adriane McRae, P.E.
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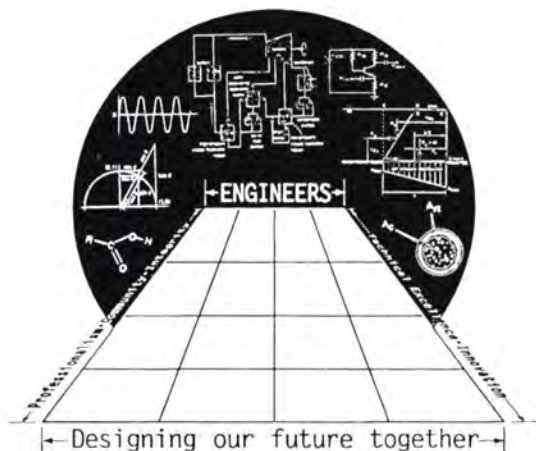
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In recent action by LES and NSPE, a decision was made to waive the dues for one year for our Lake Charles and New Orleans members.

Also, NSPE donated \$50,000 as seed money for a Hurricane Relief Fund. Through donations from members of NSPE, this fund has grown to over \$69,000. These funds have been earmarked to provide assistance to the state societies who were affected by the hurricanes.

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HAVE YOU BEEN SELECTED IN A RANDOM AUDIT?

by C. Curtis Mann, P.E.

One of these days, when you least expect it, you just might get a "certified letter" from the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. If you do, don't get frustrated or upset. Don't tell yourself, "They didn't believe me when I indicated I had enough PDH hours for my engineering license renewal." Resolve it like a true professional.

If you do get a letter, it will begin, "In accordance with the rules of the Board (LAC Title 46:LXI.3117) you have been randomly selected for an audit of your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) records." The probability is you have no comprehension of LAC Title 46:LXI.3117.

Don't get frustrated or upset, remember (put on your memory cap) all of the times in the Journal that Mr. Glen Kent published articles regarding the Continuing Professional Development. If you have any of your old Journals, particular CPD articles were Vol. 3, No. 3 of the fall 1997 issue and Vol. 4, No. 2 of the summer 1998 issue. Engineers in the New Orleans LES Chapter area also had seminars provided by Mr. "Sonny" Launey on the subject of CPD. It would be likely that LES Chapters in other areas of the State presented similar seminars.

If all of this is not in your immediate grasp, go to the LAPELS web site, www.lapels.com. This will be an immediate help in providing you with necessary forms and instructions to assist you in assembling and completing verification of your claimed PDH hours. The instructions are simply identified as "PDH ACTIVITY LOG INSTRUCTIONS"

There is no number on the log form, but it is titled "PROFESSIONAL Development Hours (PDH) Activity Log." Here is where your close attention starts and diligent recording of the facts of claimed credits begins. The beginning space on your log is to identify your biennial renewal period, (April 1 to March 31 or October 1 to September 30), that is being claimed by you. This is simply the inclusive date in which your license renewal actually occurs. Then enter the date (year) of your biennial period expiration. This is your license expiry date and it is the same time period you are claiming for your submitted PDH's. These PDH's are to be submitted for acceptance for your license renewal, which in most cases has already been issued to you. You are now justifying all of the PDH hours claimed when you submitted the application for your license renewal.

Study the Activity Log Instructions very carefully and know what "Codes" are applicable for each of your claimed PDH submittals. Know the limits of the PDH units for each CEU or PDH, (i.e.: 10 PDH's are given or allowed for each CEU given in a course and 45 PDH's are given or allowed for successfully completing a college or correspondence course.)

When you start the PDH activity log entry, be sure to clarify the exact date of the attendance, mm/dd/yy. The next entry is to include the Sponsor/Provider along with the location where the activity took place (city and state). Next blank is for the title or description of the activity itself. A title generally would be sufficient, but the more information provided, the better for verification purposes.

The next entry block is the "Activity Code" and this relates back to the instruction sheet. Many of your entries will probably be an activity code "C", which is allowed for attending acceptable seminars, tutorials, and short courses. There is one PDH allowed for each contact hour.

Some of you will want to "kill the bird in one shot" by successfully completing a college or correspondence course thereby giving you a 45 PDH credit, remembering you only need 30 for your license renewal. This would even allow you a 15 PDH carryover to the following credit period.

If you are a member of a professional association or society or hold an office therein, you are allowed a maximum of 3 PDH's, one for each of the memberships. This would be under the activity code "G". Many of you belong to the LES, NSPE, ASME, ASCE, AICHE, etc.

Some of you are instructors, or have given seminars or have made a technical presentation; this is activity code "F" and earns you 2 times the PDH's earned in each of the other activities relative to seminars, tutorials or classes. If you author or have published an acceptable item, the activity code is "H". Remember, the much-repeated word is "acceptable."

Be sure to read the Notes (7) listed at the bottom of the PDH Activity Log. They are all-important and applicable for your renewal and should be read with care. It notes each registrant must claim a minimum of 1 PDH during each biennial period in the subject of Ethics. Note too is made that Professional Engineers in building design and/or building systems must have a minimum 8 PDH's in the Life Safety Code, Building Code or ADA Accessibility Guidelines during each biennial period.

Notice is specifically made that documentation will be required if you are selected for audit. I suggest you send the original documentation and you keep the copies for your files. The instructions relate that no documentation is required at the time of renewal; however a strong suggestion is given that your records of attendance and completion should be maintained for at least three (3) consecutive renewal periods (6 years) for audit purposes. This is very good advice that you should heed as a PE. You should also note the PLS requirements are different.

On a personal note, I viewed the audit as having been given an opportunity to confirm that I had satisfied the claim I made on my application when I renewed my license during my given biennial period.

Presumption can be made that no audit will be made. Even though unethical, it would be easy for an engineer to state successful satisfaction of all the claims professed on his renewal application. Some engineers declare and maintain that many of the provided seminars have no value or worth toward their technical growth. These engineers are ostensibly losing the rationale and principles of the PDH significance. It is their Professional Development, which includes a large amount of material to satisfy ones professional structure and background.

As a final suggestion, keep good records and maintain them in a current status because you never know when or if you will get the "certified letter" from LAPELS.

LIFE SAFETY CODE SEMINAR

By: John Lowery, P.E., Lake Charles Chapter President



The Lake Charles Chapter hosted an eight-hour Life Safety Code seminar on November 2, 2005 at the L'auberge du Lac Hotel & Casino. Approximately 30 engineers and architects were in attendance. Mr. T. A. Jones of the Lake Charles Fire Department gave a great presentation and we really appreciate his effort. We'd also like to thank Brenda Gajan with the LES State Office and her staff for planning the event. At the end of the class Mr. Jones gave the group a "hands-on" tour of the resort pointing out several of the unique situations that were dealt with during the inspection process. The resort was completed this summer and is a good location for future meetings and seminars. Thanks again to Brenda and Mr. Jones.



RESTRUCTURING PLAN APPROVED

NSPE members have overwhelmingly approved constitutional amendments designed to allow the Society to carry out a strategic restructuring plan that was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors in July. To pass, the amendments needed approval from at least two-

thirds of voters, but the changes earned 87% approval. The amendments were then ratified by the Board at its October meeting in Chicago.

The vote is a clear endorsement of a strategic restructuring effort that began in 2004 with the formation of the Future

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Directions Task Force. The task force was charged with creating a plan for transforming NSPE through new ways of doing business and new avenues to attract and retain members.

Throughout the process, the task force's efforts have received a very favorable reaction. In January 2005, an outline of the task force's plan was overwhelmingly approved by an unprecedented number of state leaders representing NSPE state societies and others at a summit meeting. Then, in July, the task force's final action plan was unanimously endorsed by the State Society Executives Council and the Board of Directors.

The Board-approved action plan has four major thrusts: 1) a new, narrower focus on PEs and EIs only, with new memberships open only to such engineers (and students) and with services particularly tailored for that population; 2) a true partnership between the state societies and NSPE national headquarters, providing a state-centric, seamless delivery of services in which member value comes through cooperation and mutual assistance at all levels of the Society; 3) a shift toward additional and more tangible member services that will enhance member satisfaction; and 4) membership growth, which will result from the successful pursuit of the previous areas.

The new NSPE Vision states the Society's aspired-for role most succinctly: "NSPE is the recognized voice and advocate of licensed Professional Engineers." The new NSPE Mission spells out the areas in which NSPE will focus its resources-educational, licensure advocacy (protecting the PE license and the PE's rights and status under the law), leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking, and community/student outreach-with the goal of enhancing the image of NSPE members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering.

The action plan also calls for a nimble, proactive governance structure. Each state will have a seat on a newly created House of Delegates, which will elect national officers, the Board of Directors, and will provide strategic direction for NSPE. All future governance and bylaw changes will be the responsibility of this group. A sixteen member Board of Directors will implement strategic directions and allocate resources.

The amendments approved by NSPE members in late September, allow the Society to make a clean start with its governance documents. Over the years, NSPE's Constitution and Bylaws had been amended numerous times, but the amendments allow the Society to keep up with modern professional association practice by combining the two into a single "Bylaws" document. The Future Directions Task Force and the NSPE Board of Directors unanimously determined that this new document was necessary to achieve the directions set forth by the action plan. The amendments also give the House of Delegates the sole authority to amend the Bylaws.

A complete copy of the Future Directions Task Force Action Plan is available at www.nspe.org/fdtf. For information on the new process for nominating NSPE president-elect designee, go to www.nspe.org/leadership/ld-gen-home.asp.

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John W. Holtgreve, P.E., serves this year as President of the Board of Governors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L), having actively participated on the board in various positions for 10 years. He is Executive Vice President of Design Engineering, Inc., a prominent Metairie, LA consulting engineering company. After serving a two-year stint in the United States Navy, he began his engineering career in 1972. For the last 21 years, he has been employed by Design Engineering, Inc. Holtgreve is a 1970 graduate of Tulane University, earning a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering in 1975. He is a past president of the Society of Tulane Engineers and a past member of the Board of Advisors of the Tulane University School of Engineering. Last year, he planned the ACEC/L 2005 Annual Meeting, which was held at Point Clear, AL. Holtgreve's presidency took an unexpected turn when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged Louisiana. Many ACEC/L member firms in south Louisiana were forced to evacuate to higher ground, many of them losing their homes and businesses to the

whims of the storms. Of the catastrophes, Holtgreve commented, "Our company was one of those displaced firms; however, we were one of the lucky ones. Just recently we were able to re-establish our office in Metairie. There are still over 20 firms in the New Orleans area that have not reconnected with ACEC/L." He mentioned that ACEC/L must continue to focus on building the membership and initiating a legislative program in the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. ACEC/L's Executive Director, Warren Wilder, says, "John has been a very capable leader under the most trying of circumstances. He says that we will overcome all these disastrous obstacles, eventually locate all of our members, and continue to maintain our level of services and activities for our members. And I believe him! Because of John's leadership, we have pushed our national organization with suggestions to provide relief to our displaced members. This will be a year that John Holtgreve - and for that matter, the rest of the membership - will never forget." Holtgreve is married to the former Cheryl Cherise, and they have grown children.

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Katrina and Rita

September of 2005 will forever be remembered in Louisiana because of the destruction caused by Katrina and Rita. I could write about the many negative results of these storms: the slow reaction by local, state and federal agencies, the personal tragedies of so many people along the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast and the disruption that will exist in the lives of so many for so long. However, what I choose to expand on is the recovery and rebuilding efforts that are underway. I was first struck by the rescue efforts coordinated immediately after Katrina. In addition to the Military, the Coast Guard and the State and Federal agencies there were thousands of individuals that joined the rescue effort with their flat-bottom boats and plucked thousands of people off of rooftops and out of areas impassable to any types of vehicles. Then in the weeks after the hurricane thousands fled to other states but for the majority that stayed in Louisiana, shelter was provided in virtually every corner of the State. Sports arenas, civic centers and buildings of every shape, size and type were made available for evacuees. Then the number of people that opened their homes to family, friends and yes, even strangers will never be known but it is certainly in the tens of thousands. Universities around the state opened their facilities and everything became secondary to the shelter and care of the victims of Katrina. Baton Rouge was certainly the focal point of this effort and, since it is also my home; my personal experience is limited to what occurred here. I do not exaggerate when I say that I have not talked to a single person who did not give of their time to some effort being coordinated to meet the many needs that existed immediately after the hurricane. With schools closed and so many businesses without power most

people chose to "get involved" rather than sit around and do nothing. I spent time at LSU and my church helping with deliveries of clothing, food and medical supplies. I witnessed things that I will probably never see again: the LSU outdoor track being used as a heliport, the Pete Maravich Assembly Center being used for triage and as a hospital, all of this with the constant sound of helicopters overhead.

The rebuilding is progressing at a faster than expected pace. The water has been pumped out of New Orleans in six weeks instead of six months like some predicted. Water, gas and electric service is being restored all over New Orleans while more and more residents are returning everyday to New Orleans and the surrounding parishes. The "Twin Spans" have been reopened which is particularly amazing given the fact that over a year after Ivan the I-10 Bridge over Escambia Bay still has not been repaired and has temporary structures in place to allow traffic flow. In spite of all the doom and gloom, that passion, spirit and determination (stubbornness?) that describes so many South Louisianans is taking over.

Katrina is the new benchmark from which all future hurricanes will be measured and I know that in our life time the State and certainly New Orleans and Baton Rouge will be defined as "before and after Katrina", but this does not mean that both Cities can not be better places. The quote by the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, "what does not destroy me makes me stronger", is certainly what I see springing from the resiliency of the people of this great state of ours.

NSPS/LSPS Assistance

While the business of LSPS must go on, we must individually and corporately do what we can to help our fellow professionals and their



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employees. While many Louisiana surveyors suffered no damage or, like myself, just lost power for a few days, there are those among us who have lost much if not everything. Many surveyors in Plaquemines, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Cameron, Calcasieu and Vermilion Parishes were at best put out of business for over a month and in some cases had their homes and businesses destroyed. NSPS along with LSPS have funds available to help those most impacted by the hurricanes. Information on how to apply for this assistance can be found in this publication or you can call the LSPS office. We have already helped some of those that were hardest hit and encourage you to contact us if you or one of your employees is in need.

2006 Convention

There is no immediate information concerning the 2006 convention which was to be a cruise leaving out of New Orleans. What we have concluded is that a land based convention in New Orleans for April would not be possible. Because of the crowded hotels in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Shreveport and Covington, moving the convention to one of these locations is questionable at best. The board decided to investigate the options that existed for LSPS to go forward with the plans to have the 2006 convention at sea. The consensus was that if there were ever a time when a convention cruise made sense then this was it. This is being investigated and we will report back to the membership as soon as possible.

LSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 5, 2005

Tony Cavell:

David Patterson introduced Tony Cavell to board. Tony spoke on his job position with LSRC, and introduced Denis Riordan. He spoke on surveying in Louisiana and upcoming report from NGS.

Presentation of Minutes:

Corrections to minutes will be sent to Administrator. *Motion made to accept minutes as written. Motion seconded and passed.*

Seminar Planning:

Charlie Coyle spoke on upcoming seminar planned in Shreveport. Minimum Standards & one hour Ethics seminar to be held in Natchitoches at NW State.

NICHOLLS State Update:

Lee Drennan has made several trips to Nicholls, and equipment has arrived. Some installation work has been done. Dr. Balaji and NEI are working on having this completed by school starting.

Legislative Monitoring:

Jane Burgin unable to attend. Discussion of LSPS appointment to LAPELS board followed.

District Reports:

District 1- Held June meeting. Took July off except for Convention committee. Next meeting later in August.

District 2- Not available

District 3- At last meeting discussed holding seminar in October. Sent email out for topic, next meeting scheduled to decide topic and pursue holding seminar. They may try to include District 7 in holding seminar. District Trig-Star winner was also the State Winner, and placed well in the National competition.

District 4- Charlie Coyle gave report on district. They are going to co-host the

Ethics and Minimum Standards seminar with District 8.

District 5- George Sillman dedication will be held in the fall. District meeting will be held this week. Mr. Sillman was a surveyor in the Monroe area and is being recognized by monumentation.

District 6- Last meeting in July. Next meeting in August, with a speaker talking on Wetlands.

District 7- not attending

District 8- Will hold seminar with District 4. Is seeking input from members for District meeting.

District 9- not attending

Committee Reports:

-Liaison – LSPS President presented report from Chad Morris regarding letter to LAPELS board. Discussion of appointment followed.

-Promotion of the Profession-. Map & Plat contest discussion. Coordinate with Nicholls state presentations? Need members to participate. Does LSPS want to postpone competition for year? Discussion followed. President is seeking direction from board and consideration for competition aboard the cruise.

-Visitation at Schools – Lyles Budden continuing to pursue avenue for presentations to schools. Lyles asked Chairman to help with setting this up with their area schools.

Secretary Report:

Applications for new members presented for approval. *Motion made to approve new members. Motion seconded and passed.* Charles Coyle reminded committee about ongoing review of past minutes for bylaw updates.

Treasurer's Report:

Board discussed proposed budget for

2005/2006. Mentioned travel expenses, legislative expenses, printing costs. Board discussed Education Foundation and expenses and promotion of profession. Suggestions for budget revisions made. Charlie Coyle made motion to approve budget, seconded by Mickey Robertson. *Motion passed.*

NSPS Governors Report:

Not available

Old Business:

Discussed LAPELS contract with LSPS being approved and signed. Legislative contract not available.

New Business:

-Discussed distribution of member information request made by non-member organizations.

LSPS at this time does not have policy regarding this information. LAPELS does have a distribution policy in place. Discussion followed. President stated that as a rule LSPS will not give out electronic information, and that requests should be presented to the Board for review on case-by-case evaluation. Board will bring this up at the next General Membership meeting for the members to decide. Further discussion followed. Unwritten policy is to not release electronic information from LSPS, but send requests to LAPELS. *Motion made by Charlie Coyle that LSPS does not release membership information to anyone who is not a member or Sustaining member whether hard-copy or electronic, until it is addressed at the next General Membership meeting. Motion seconded by John Jordan. Motion passed.*

-Recruiting new members- Discussion on new recruitment and brochure. Board discussed current LSPS benefits and possible opportunities for the future- such as group insurance, life insurance, etc. Board will research ideas for upcoming brochure.

Meeting was adjourned.

CLOSING THE DEAL - FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A HOMEBUYER/SURVEYOR

by Curt Sumner, LS
ACSM Executive Director

The scenario is a familiar one. Someone is purchasing a new home, or buying a parcel of property.

The multitude of hoops one must pass through seems to be never-ending. First of all, there is the trauma of finding the "right" property. Then, making contact with the realtor, possibly the seller, the lender, and ultimately the closing agent (usually an attorney or title insurance agent).

The simple act of filling out the loan application can be extremely intimidating. It seems that just getting an approved loan is tantamount to winning the lottery, but this is just where the "fun" begins. Throughout the entire ordeal, one is so eager to close the deal and get into the house that most of us never stop to think about who is protecting our interests. Or for that matter, whether our interests even need protecting.

There are so many professionals involved in this transaction we tend to believe that everyone is looking out for us. This may not be true, and most buyers do not even think about hiring someone to specifically protect their interests. They are just happy to close the deal.

The realtor is typically being paid by, and working on behalf of, the seller. The lender is interested in providing funding for the purchase in a way that protects the lender's investment. The title insurer is interested in providing protection against faults in matters of title to the property in a way that creates the least amount of risk of claims that may be brought to the title insurance provider. The closing agent (who may be one of the above) is interested in closing the deal and getting everyone paid for their services.

While all of the people mentioned above are typically conscientious and well-meaning, there is no real incentive to inform the purchaser of potential problems that are typically referred to as "matters of survey".

These "matters of survey" relate to anything that could negatively affect the use of the property being purchased, and can be disclosed by having a current field survey of the property performed. Some examples of such matters include encroachments across property lines or building restriction lines (onto or from the property) of buildings, fences/walls, landscaping features, wells, swimming pool decks, etc. Other matters may include the location of utilities, access ways, etc. relative to easements, property lines, or buildings.

While it is possible that "matters of survey" are covered items in title insurance policies, such coverage that protects purchaser/homebuyer interests is not likely to be included unless a survey is performed prior to issuance of the policy.

Policies known as "lender's policies" may cover "matters of survey" without the requirement for a current survey, but these policies do not protect the purchaser/homebuyer. The risk associated with this type of policy is often acceptable to the title insurer because claims from a lender are not likely to occur until the purchaser/homebuyer defaults on the loan.

In recent years, it has become popular to either have the seller sign an affidavit, effectively guaranteeing that no matters of survey negatively affect the property, or to utilize a survey document from a previously performed survey. In the former case, the seller may be unwittingly accepting some unwarranted risks or liability. In the latter case, the use of previous survey documents without the consent of the surveyor who provided them may be in violation of copyright laws. In either case, the purchaser/homebuyer still may not be protected from the expense of resolving matters that could have been uncovered by a current survey.

In today's environment of instant gratification and expedited closure of deals, it is becoming less and less commonplace for a purchaser/homebuyer to be informed about the benefits a current survey can provide. In fact, many times they are led away from having a survey performed by the "logic" that doing so would slow down the closing process. This does not have to be so.

The primary reason that having a current survey performed can slow down the closing process is that it is not ordered from the surveyor until closure of the deal is assured. At this point, the incentive is to close immediately, thus leaving the implication that having a survey performed is impractical. However, if the purchaser/homebuyer is in control of deciding whether or not a current survey is desired, it can be ordered early enough so as not to negatively affect the closing date.

The key is that purchasers/homebuyers must be informed of the benefits a current survey can provide, and of the fact that the purchase of title insurance may not fully protect them. This notification must take place when the potential purchaser/homebuyer first contacts the realtor, or applies for a loan. Using this scenario, the purchaser/homebuyer can decide whether having a current survey is good "insurance" against matters that otherwise are not likely to surface before closing.

There is a school of thought that current surveys are not necessary for the real estate closing process. That concept is based on the aforementioned perception that surveys slow down closings, and the argument that there is no evidence

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that the incidence of problems created due to the absence of a current survey is commonplace. This argument is supported by the statistics related to title claims payments. An article in the Wall Street Journal in 2003 revealed that only \$0.47 of every \$10.00 paid in title insurance premiums is paid out for claims. While this may be true, the raw statistics ignore the fact that many of the problems related to "matters of survey" are not covered by the title insurance policy, thus are not likely to be considered in developing the statistics. It is the purchaser/homebuyer that is left to pay the cost of resolving the problems.

The many letters to advise columnists, anecdotal accounts, and outright "horror stories" of incidents where the purchaser/homebuyer has been left to resolve and pay for discrepancies demonstrate the need for a better informed consumer of real estate with regard to "matters of survey".

Representatives of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) have discussed this issue with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during its recent hearings on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. Interestingly, several HUD representatives related anecdotal accounts of their own related to "matters of survey" for property they, or relatives and acquaintances, have purchased.

ACSM has provided to HUD a form explaining to the purchaser/homebuyer the benefits of a current survey in the

settlement process. The form is similar in size to the one currently provided to loan applicants with regard to termite inspection. ACSM has also provided to HUD language that can easily be included in the homebuyer's manual that is given to those who apply for loans regulated by HUD. HUD representatives have expressed a willingness to seriously consider the inclusion of this information in homebuyer packages. The ACSM documents also provide information about the difference between the benefits provided by what is commonly known as a "mortgage inspection survey" and those provided by a full survey of property.

ACSM representatives have expressed appreciation for the notion of expediting the settlement process; however, they have also stated that expediency should not come at the expense of protection of consumers and the public welfare. After all, protection of the public welfare is among the duties assigned to surveyors when they are granted a license to perform surveys for their fellow citizens.

For information regarding the position taken by ACSM on the issue of "closing the deal", contact Executive Director Curt Sumner, LS at Curtis.Sumner@ACSM.NET.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WAYNE HEBERT?

Louisiana NSPS Governor Wayne Hebert is an active member of LSPS, NSPS, and his community. His is pictured at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia, marking a test given as part of the Surveying Merit badge requirements. Wayne became involved with Scouting as a Youth, and became a leader with his son. He finds working as a Survey MB Counselor the best fit for his career and Scouting service. Wayne encourages other Counselors to bring boys into the Surveying Merit Badge, being one of the first badges instituted by Scouting. Requirements for the Surveying Merit badge have changed, and now have one requirement for interfacing with a Professional Surveyor. With the shortage of new and younger professionals not only in Surveying but many other traditional professions, it is imperative that Professional Surveyors become involved.

Wayne resides in the Slidell area, and has been temporarily relocated to Houston TX. In addition to his many commitments, he is also the LSPS webmaster, and works tirelessly to keep the site current. Thanks Wayne for your hard work and dedication!



The LSPS is currently planning seminars for the fiscal year 2005-2006. We appreciate your input and would like to provide topics that would enhance our land surveying practice.

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TWO NEW EXHIBITS AT THE MUSEUM OF SURVEYING

The Museum of Surveying, in Lansing, Michigan, is pleased to announce the opening of two new exhibits on October 7. This year we welcome Measuring a Nation: A Surveying Timeline and Surveying the States: Abe Lincoln, Deputy Surveyor of Sangamon County to our foyer gallery. These two exciting exhibits combine fascinating stories about famous surveyors with the innovative tools that they used to measure our nation.

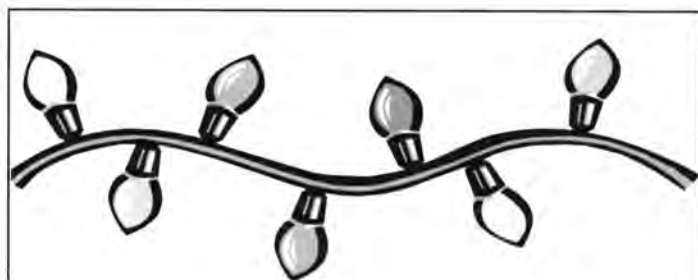
Land surveying depends upon the knowledge of history. Our profession looks to the documents and working methods of the past to understand our present geography. Visitors of all levels of experience will enjoy Measuring a Nation. When they enter the Museum of Surveying foyer, the exhibit instantly draws them into the heritage of surveying. Measuring a Nation focuses on the challenges of surveying in North America and the tools that helped surveyors measure and map it effectively. A compass, solar compass, transit, and total station stand with the maps that surveyors made using them. Nonprofessionals will understand the hardships and technical challenges that land surveyors have faced. Professionals will be amazed again at the detail, accuracy, and beauty of plats drawn by famous surveyors like William Austin Burt.

In Measuring a Nation, the Museum of Surveying has made a conscious effort to create an exhibit that will appeal to a wide range of skill levels and interests. Children will be able to handle a real Gunter's chain and turn the sight vanes of a model compass. Those with a deeper knowledge of the profession and its technology can use the exhibit catalogue to learn technical details about the instruments on display.

At the end of the timeline, visitors will approach the museum's new revolving exhibit: Surveying the States. Surveying the States has grown from an exciting partnership with state surveying societies across the country. State societies are invited to design and sponsor an exhibit about land measurement in their state. The current display is sponsored by the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association and tells the story of Abe Lincoln's time as Deputy Surveyor of Sangamon County through the drawings of Lloyd Ostendorf. Ostendorf was a noted Lincoln scholar and his delicate pen

and ink drawings bring Lincoln's surveying career to life. Combined with a copy of Lincoln's first plat and the replica of the model used to craft the full-sized commemorative Lincoln surveyor statue in Illinois, our first Surveying the States exhibit has something for everyone.

So stop in and visit the Museum of Surveying any time you are in Lansing. We look forward to sharing our surveying heritage with you.



WISHING YOU
A
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON
AND A WONDERFUL
NEW YEAR!

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FOR GOOD MEASURE

by Ronda Courville, LSPS Administrator

These past weeks have seemed like a lifetime for many. To those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we offer our prayers and assistance. If we can help in any way, please contact the LSPS office. In addition, we have received calls from New York to Oregon, offering assistance and kind, supportive words, employment and accommodations. You can view this information on the LSPS website www.lspss.net, go to "Katrina Bulletin Board". Thanks to all who have taken time to reach out to the Louisiana Surveying community. We know there is a daunting task before us, and that many need help. No one can do it all, but each one can help one.

On a personal note, my daughter and family evacuated to Atlanta before Katrina, and then returned to stay with us (without power). They have decided to relocate to Ohio – extended family, and employment opportunities there. We are thankful they have this chance to start over but they will be missed. Looking to the future – Thanksgiving, Christmas and a New Year! Happy Holidays from LSPS!



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NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - COPING WITH DISASTER

HURRICANE KATRINA: DEALING WITH STRESS

If your community was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina, you're probably trying to pick up the pieces and make sense of what happened. An event such as this creates a tremendous amount of stress and anxiety for those both directly and indirectly affected. In the days and weeks to come, you may begin having some of these common reactions:

- Disbelief and shock
- Fear and anxiety about the future
- Disorientation; difficulty making decisions or concentrating
- Apathy and emotional numbing
- Nightmares and reoccurring thoughts about the event
- Irritability and anger
- Sadness and depression
- Feeling powerless
- Changes in eating patterns; loss of appetite or overeating
- Excessive crying
- Headaches, back pains and stomach problems
- Difficulty sleeping or falling asleep
- Increased use of alcohol and drugs

Tips for Coping

It's normal to have difficulty managing your feelings after major tragedies. Because everyone experiences stress differently, don't compare yourself with others around you or judge other people's reactions and emotions. Here are some tips for coping with stress:

- Talk about it. By talking with others about the event, you can relieve stress and realize that others share your experience and feelings.
- Spend time with friends and family. They can help you through this tough time. If your family lives outside the area, stay in touch by phone if possible. If you have children, encourage them to share their feelings and concerns with you.
- Take care of yourself. Get as much rest and exercise as possible. Try to continue your religious practices, or centering activities.
- Take one thing at a time. Getting things back to normal can seem impossible. Break the job up into doable tasks. Complete that task first and then move on to the next one. Completing each task will give you a sense of accomplishment and make things seem less overwhelming.

- If you can, help. Give blood, help prepare meals for others including the elderly. Volunteer to help clean up or rebuild your community. Read to children in the shelter. Helping others can give you a sense of purpose in a situation that feels beyond control.

- Avoid drugs and excessive drinking. Drugs and alcohol may seem to help you feel better, but in the long run they generally create additional problems that compound the stress you're already feeling.

- Ask for help if you need it. If your stress is so strong it gets in the way of your daily life, talk with someone. Don't try to go it alone. You can start with a trusted friend, relative or minister. You may want to talk with a mental health professional to discuss how well you are coping with recent events. This could be especially important for people who had existing mental health problems or those who've survived past trauma. You could also join a support group. Don't try to go it alone. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness.

For more information, contact your local Mental Health Association or the National Mental Health Association at (800) 969-NMHA or visit www.nmha.org. Copyrighted and published by the National Mental Health Association, no part of this document may be reproduced without written consent.

Additional Resources

Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA)

Phone: 240/485-1001

Web site: www.adaa.org

FEMA

Phone: 800/621-FEMA

Web site: www.fema.gov/index2.htm

National Institute of Mental Health

Phone: 866-615/6464

Web site: www.nimh.nih.gov

Crisis Hotline

1-800-749-2673

To be a survivor:

Put closure on the situation and begin to move on.

Do not continue to let the loss take its physical, emotional or spiritual toll.

Have faith in better times to come!

LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

DISASTER RELIEF APPLICATION

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors is working with NSPS to aid the surveying community in helping to rebuild after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you need assistance please complete the form and fax to LSPS. We will assist as many in our profession as possible.

LSPS
9643 Brookline Ave., Ste. 108
Baton Rouge, LA. 70809

Phone: 225/925-5800
Fax: 225/925-5802

Name: _____ Amount of funds requested: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Employer Name and Address: _____

Statement of needs and planned use of proceeds: _____

Signature: The undersigned, by signature on this document, verifies that the above information is true and complete and that he/she has a valid need for funds.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant's District Chairman: _____

To be completed by Processing Committee

Date: _____ Approved by: _____ Amount: _____

2006 Map & Plat Contest Official Entry Form

Sponsored by the **Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors**

LSPS, 9643 Brookline Ave, Ste 108, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 ♦ (225)925-5800 ♦ Fax (225)925-5802 ♦ E-mail: lsps@bellsouthnet ♦ Website: lsps.net

This will be a judged contest. A maximum of three maps per category will be exhibited at the 41st Annual Convention in Alexandria, Louisiana. Entrants must be a member of LSPS. **The entry must have been completed after June 30, 2004**, and may not have previously been entered in any LSPS contest. The entry may be freehand or machine drafted.

Submit **ONE (1) folded** print for each entry with a maximum map size of 34" by 44". **All entries must be folded to fit in a 9" by 12" envelope.** Submissions must be a single drawing; it may originate as part of a set of drawings, however, it must be entered as a single sheet. Use one entry form per document submitted. An entry fee of \$15 must accompany each form. Winners will be contacted to send a print for display at the LSPS Annual Convention. The first prize winners will be entered in the ACSM/NSPS 2005 Map & Plat Contest.

All entries will be judged on adherence to the criteria as set forth by the LSPS committee. The judges will consider interpretability, content and layout of data shown, presentation, innovation, applicability to typical client or persons using this type of map, and correctness. Neatness and accuracy of scale shall also be considered.

CATEGORIES

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|----|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Subdivision Plats | ☐ |
| 2. | Boundary/Cadastral Maps | ☐ |
| 3. | Topographic Maps | ☐ |
| 4. | ALTA/NSPS Survey Maps | ☐ |
| 5. | Miscellaneous Maps
(Permit drawings, Hydrographic maps, etc.) | ☐ |
| 6. | Color Presentation-Plans & Maps
(All Categories) | ☐ |

(Only one Category may be checked)

An entry fee of \$15 must accompany this form
(Make checks payable to LSPS)

Submit this entry form and fees to:

Map & Plat Contest Chairman
Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors
9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 108
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Entrant's Name: _____

Company or Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: (W) _____ (H) _____

Title of Entry: _____

Description of Project: _____

Name and Address of Nominator if other than entrant.

Name/Address/Company: _____

(Use one entry form per document submitted)

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I give my permission for this entry to be placed on display at any LSPS, ACSM or NSPS sanctioned exhibit on cartography or map design. Also, I understand that entries may be reproduced in any LSPS, ACSM or NSPS sanctioned publications, that winning entries may be duplicated, reproduced, or copied and sold by LSPS, ACSM or NSPS, and that the winning contest entries may be placed in the map collection of NSPS at the Michigan Museum of Surveying. No entries will be returned. The decisions of the judges are final.

Signature : _____ Date: _____

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ENTRY DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2006!



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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SPACES

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E-MAIL: _____

Education: _____
SCHOOL DATE GRADUATED DEGREE

Registration Number: _____

P.L.S. ☐ P.E. ☐ Other _____

Home Phone: _____

Position or Title: _____

Business Phone: _____

Fax Phone: _____

Surveying Experience _____
YEARS

NOTE: A brief educational and professional record must be attached if applicant is not a P.L.S. or P.E.

Member of ACSM: ☐ Yes ☐ No

REFERENCE (LSPS Member, if possible)

Name: _____ Address: _____

GENTLEMEN:

I hereby apply for admission into the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors as a _____ Member, and agree to comply with the Charter, By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the Association. Please assign me to the following district:

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District 2 - Houma ☐

District 5 - Monroe ☐

District 8 - Alexandria ☐

District 3 - Lafayette ☐

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District 9 - Covington ☐

Out-of State ☐

Date: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

REGISTERED MEMBER

Any person holding a license from the State of Louisiana or any of its agencies authorizing such person to engage in the practice of Land Surveying. Registered Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters and hold any Office in the Corporation.

INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$65.00

MEMBER

Surveyors registered in a State or Country other than the State of Louisiana. Members shall be entitled to vote and hold any Office except that of President or Vice-President.

INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$45.00

STUDENT MEMBER

Any undergraduate student of an Engineering School recognized by the Board. Student Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation.

ANNUAL DUES \$10.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any person recognized and so admitted by the Board of Directors intending to become a Land Surveyor, but not licensed by the State of Louisiana or any of its agencies to engage in the practice of Land

Surveying in the State of Louisiana. An Associate Member must attain the Status of Registered Member within eight (8) years of cumulative membership or he shall thereupon be reclassified as an Affiliate Member. Associate Members shall be eligible to vote but not to hold office in the Corporation.

INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$35.00

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Any person not included within the definitions above provided in paragraphs 1,2,3 and 4 interested in advancing the cause and aims of the Corporation. Affiliate Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation.

INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$35.00

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Any firm or individual desiring to support the aims and objectives of the Association, who may or may not be entitled to one of the foregoing classes of Membership, may become a Sustaining Member upon application and approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Sustaining Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation, however, if a Sustaining Member also holds another class or other classes of membership, that Sustaining Member class shall not infringe upon such rights and privileges.

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A New Era in GPS Surveying is Coming: Are You Ready?

New GPS signals are coming. In a clear demonstration of its commitment to civilian users, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has timetabled a plan for modernizing its constellation of GPS satellites. The first step in the modernization process will take place in 2004 with the launch of satellites that, for the first time, will transmit civilian signals on the satellite L2 band. These new signals will be called L2C signals.



How will the new GPS signals benefit you?

Over the last decade GPS surveying technology has helped surveyors to increase productivity, improve efficiency, and lower costs. And now the new L2C signal promises to take these benefits a step beyond. Once the L2C signals are available, your L2 measurements will be more robust, making your GPS observations even more reliable. All you'll need to benefit from the stronger signals is a GPS receiver capable of tracking them.

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