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NCEES honors Penn. professional engineer Richard Schwarz for service

Richard Schwarz, P.E., of Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Schwarz was honored at the organization's 95th annual meeting, held August 24–27, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana. NCEES Past President John Steadman, Ph.D., P.E., accepted the award on Schwarz's behalf.

Schwarz began volunteering with the PE Electrical and Computer Exam Development Committee in 1983. During his 31 years as an exam development volunteer, he served as committee chair for seven years and as chair of the subcommittee for the Power module for three years. He also co-chaired the subcommittees for the breadth module and the Electrical and Electronics module.

In addition to writing exam items, Schwarz scored essay exams, participated in studies to update exam specifications, and took part in standard-setting studies to establish cut scores for the PE and FE Electrical and Computer exams. He also remained committed to recruiting and training new exam development volunteers. Schwarz worked to ensure exam consistency and quality during several major changes to the PE Electrical and Computer exam. These included the transition from an essay exam to a multiple-choice exam with a common breadth section and discipline-specific module options to three individual exams for power, electrical and electronics, and computer engineering.

Schwarz was committed to maintaining a strong relationship between IEEE-USA and NCEES. He was a member of the IEEE-USA Licensure and Registration Committee from 1983 to 2014 and served as chair for seven terms. He represented IEEE-USA in the NCEES Participating Organizations Liaison Council for 10 years. During this time, he also served as IEEE-USA representative at the NCEES annual meeting and at meetings of the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers.

A licensed professional engineer since 1982, Schwarz received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and attended graduate school at Lehigh University.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states and territories and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.