# Licensure **EXCHANGE**

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## Arizona introduces universal recognition for out-of-state licenses

AS NCEES CLOSES A CENTURY OF EFFORTS TO improve mobility, Arizona recently took a giant leap forward for license portability. The state is the first in the United States to universally recognize residents' out-of-state licenses.

The law, HB2569, took effect August 27, 2019. It allows individuals from a range of licensed occupations to apply for universal licensure. The aim is to allow people moving to Arizona to start working more quickly and with less difficulty.

In a February 2019 news release, Gov. Doug Ducey championed the change: "If you've been licensed to work in another state and want to move here, let it be known: Arizona will not stand in your way. Our state is growing, and we now have more jobs than people to fill them. As people move here, we want them to be able to work from day one. This bill helps ensure that, and I look forward to working with members of the legislature to pass it as soon as possible."

In addition to covering the professions of engineering and surveying, the new law applies to dozens of occupations, ranging from athletic training, cosmetology, and home inspecting to accounting, architecture, and dentistry. The law also benefits military spouses who are transferred to the state.

#### Eligibility requirements

The new law does not allow automatic approval of out-ofstate licenses. Individuals must apply to the appropriate licensing board for universal licensure.

To qualify, an individual must be a resident of Arizona who is currently licensed by another U.S. jurisdiction. The applicant must have been licensed in the state or territory for at least one year. He or she must have met the minimum education, employment, and exam requirements for this original jurisdiction. The applicant must be in good standing with the jurisdiction and cannot have had a license revoked in any other state or country. The applicant cannot be under investigation or have a pending complaint against them and cannot have any disqualifying criminal history.

In considering applications for universal licensure, substantial equivalency is key. "If another state's requirements are substantially equivalent to Arizona's, the state accepts them, even if we would typically require more," Arizona Board of Technical Registration Executive Director Melissa Cornelius explained. "However, with engineering, for example, Arizona laws are less restrictive than in many states, which means that professionals coming from other states may have actually met additional licensing requirements."

While the law focuses on streamlining the application process for new Arizona residents, professionals who live in other states and want to practice in Arizona must still apply under the existing licensing applications. The law applies only to Arizona residents.

Cornelius expects few professional surveyors to use the new application. "Professional surveyors are still required to take

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Arizona's state-specific exam, so it is easier for them to submit an initial license application."

#### Challenges for board

Cornelius noted that time constraints and public education are two challenges that the Arizona board faces with the new law.

"Staff members must research whether a jurisdiction's requirements are substantially equivalent, which takes time," she explained. "Likewise, the board must approve each universal licensure application, unlike traditional applications for initial licensure, which I review. This review process requires more preparation for board meetings as well as additional time on meeting agendas."

The board is currently writing rules to explain the new law and educate the public on the requirements.

#### **Public protection**

The board remains committed to ensuring that the public is protected from incompetent or unethical practice. "While this law focuses on get people working faster in Arizona, we also have to consider public protection," Cornelius said. "We have to trust that our sister states have properly vetted candidates before issuing a license. We also have a responsibility to the public to carefully review each application to ensure that individuals are qualified to practice."

#### Reception of new law

Cornelius reported that as of December 31, 2019, the Arizona Board of Technical Registration had received 11 applications for universal licensure across a range of professions. Seven have been granted, and four are pending.

She noted that while she expects new Arizona residents to use the universal licensure application, the program has also been popular with professional engineers and architects who have retired to Arizona. "They are not new to the state, but they want to get their Arizona license. The new application process allows them to avoid additional fees for transferring records and to get their license more easily," she explained.

For more information on Arizona's universal licensure law, visit the board's website at btr.az.gov.

#### Applications for universal licensure in brief

The Arizona Board of Technical Registration is now accepting applications for universal licensure. To be eligible, an applicant must provide evidence to substantiate the following:

- Applicant has established residency in Arizona and can provide the board with at least two of the following;
  - ☐ A valid Arizona driver's license/ID card or a current Arizona motor vehicle registration
  - ☐ Documentation demonstrating a permanent address in Arizona on pertinent records such as a utility bill, mortgage payment, or lease payment
  - ☐ Military Form 2058
  - ☐ Arizona voter registration
- Applicant is currently licensed or certified by a U.S. state
- Applicant has been licensed or certified in the U.S. state for at least one year
- Applicant met the minimum education, work experience, clinical supervision, and exam requirements, if any, to be licensed or certified in the U.S. state
- Applicant has not had a license or certificate revoked or voluntarily surrendered in any other state or country
- Applicant is not currently under investigation, allegation or has a pending complaint against them in any other state or country
- Applicant is currently in good standing in the U.S. state
- Applicant does not have disqualifying criminal history pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1093.04
- Applicant will pay all applicable fees to the board

## HEADQUARTERS **UPDATE**



**DAVID COX** NCEES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Celebrating 100 years of advancing licensure

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION NOW known as NCEES was a productive one. Seven of the 10 engineering boards then in existence gathered in Chicago in November 1920 for a two-day meeting. During this time, they passed motions that allowed for the development of reciprocity between states, they framed a Constitution and Bylaws, and they introduced the subject of developing a model law. That's a lot of work for two days.

Since that time, NCEES has accomplished an impressive amount, including writing the Model Law and Model Rules, developing uniform national licensing exams, and providing the Records and Credentials Evaluations services.

While the work to fulfill our mission continues, NCEES will take time in 2020 to celebrate to our founding as well as our various efforts throughout the last 100 years to advance licensure for engineers and surveyors.

#### Centennial exhibit contributions needed

As part of these efforts, NCEES is planning a centennial exhibit. A portion of the exhibit will be shown at the combined zone interim meeting in Houston this April. The full display will be featured at the 2020 annual meeting in Chicago this August.

NCEES needs help from member boards to create the exhibit. We are asking to borrow items that depict significant accomplishments in the organization's history. Some examples include first state licenses for professional engineers or surveyors, proclamations marking key events in Council history, and photographs from exam development or standing committee meetings. Please send any questions to Katie Kelley, NCEES marketing and outreach coordinator, at outreach@ncees.org.

As we celebrate our accomplishments and move into the next century of licensure, 2020 is set to be an exciting and



The NCEES centennial exhibit will include items depicting significant moments in the organization's history, such as the proclamation issued by the Canal Zone Board of Registration for Architects and Professional Engineers when the Panama Canal Zone ceased to exist and the Canal Zone board dissolved. The Canal Zone board was a member of the organization from 1956 to 1979.

important year in our history. I look forward to celebrating how far we have come and where we are headed with all our member licensing boards throughout the year.

## FROM THE **PRESIDENT**



**DEAN RINGLE, P.E., P.S.** NCEES PRESIDENT

## NCEES looks forward to a productive new year

I HOPE THE NEW YEAR IS OFF TO A GOOD START for all of you. Excitement is in the air as President-Elect Christopher Knotts, P.E., begins the process of creating the committees that will begin their work after the annual meeting in August. We are also getting closer to our April all-zone interim meeting in Houston, and NCEES staff is working on the final preparations to make it a worthwhile time for all. The current standing committees and task forces are busy addressing their charges and preparing reports for the zone and annual meetings. Additional exam development committees are always busy making sure our licensing exams are the best possible. Also, moving our national headquarters office from Clemson to Greenville? Sure, let's throw that into the already busy mix. The year 2020 is looking to be a very fulfilling one.

Always in the midst of change, we realize that technological improvements and inventions need to be contemplated in the exam and licensing processes of our engineering and surveying professions. Autonomous vehicles and space-age technology incorporate multiple disciplines of engineering. In some cases, new forms of engineering disciplines are being created, not fitting cleanly into any one existing area. New forms of software engineering, computer science, control systems, and guidance systems are becoming fairly commonplace. We have had industrial exemptions for many types of engineering throughout our past, but those blanket exemptions are sometimes pushing the limits of being truly industrial only. In areas where the general public is not directly affected, the practice may still qualify for an industrial exemption. But when those areas move to having direct contact with the public end user, the protection of the public may necessitate that engineers and surveyors be licensed.

A question we should be asking is whether any of these emerging disciplines require the engineer or surveyor to be licensed. Both professions need to be involved in identifying these new or modified disciplines, and NCEES needs to be able to figure out uniform testing for licensure as required. This becomes more complex once we start looking at the details—such as whether an existing exam can incorporate these new areas or if a new exam needs to be created. President-Elect Knotts and I agree that this is a multiyear discussion topic and may be among charges given to several committees in the upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing you at the zone meeting in April.

## NCEES funding for first-time annual meeting attendees

THE NCEES ANNUAL MEETING IS THE CONCLUSION of the Council's work for the year and the start of next year's efforts, and NCEES is eager for its newest members to take part. The organization provides funding for member board members to attend their first NCEES annual meeting. The funding covers the meeting registration, lodging, and travel expenses for new members attending the annual meeting

for the first time (within 24 months of initial appointment). NCEES will fund three additional delegates and the member board administrator from each board as well.

The 99th NCEES annual meeting will be held August 26-29, 2020, in Chicago. Full details on the meeting will be available in May.

## Zones prepare for 2020 interim meeting

AS SPRING NEARS, NCEES IS MAKING FINAL preparations for its upcoming combined zone interim meeting. This meeting will be held April 23-25 in Houston.

The NCEES member licensing boards are divided into four geographic zones. Each zone meets twice a year at an interim meeting in the spring and the NCEES annual meeting in August. These spring meetings are a significant point on the NCEES calendar.

"Zone meetings are an opportunity to provide feedback to NCEES leadership and our committees before they decide on their recommendations and motions for Council action" explained NCEES President Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S. "Zones usually meet separately, but as part of our centennial celebration, we will have a combined meeting, which will allow us to meet as a larger group and as individual zones."

#### Zone, national issues on agenda

Representatives of the 2019-20 NCEES standing committees and task forces will give preliminary reports on their work, and zone members will have an opportunity to provide feedback ahead of the annual meeting. The NCEES president, president-elect, treasurer, and CEO will report on recent activities. Zones will hold forums for engineers, surveyors, board administrators, and law enforcement staff to discuss topical professional issues. Member boards will have the opportunity to update their zone on their activities.

Also on the agenda is zone business, including selecting officers. The Central and Western zones will elect vice presidents and assistant vice presidents, while the Northeast and Southern zones will elect zone secretarytreasurers. Additionally, the Western Zone will choose its nominee for 2020-21 president-elect.

NCEES has also set aside time for networking at social events for each zone as well as for sharing ideas outside the business sessions and forums.



The four NCEES zones will meet for a combined zone interim meeting April 23-25 in Houston.

#### Meeting registration

Online registration for the combined zone interim meeting is now open. All NCEES-funded attendees received an email with an individualized registration link. A link to online registration for all other attendees, as well as more details on the meetings, is in the MyNCEES/Member Resources section of ncees.org (see Zones under Board Resources).

"NCEES encourages board members and staff to attend because our organization benefits from varied viewpoints and, likewise, so do individual boards as they learn from one another," Ringle said.

#### Committee and task force reports

Representatives of NCEES committees and task forces will present preliminary reports at the 2020 combined zone interim meeting. Delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback before the committees and task forces finalize their reports. These reports will include motions that the Council will vote on at the 2020 annual meeting.

## **ENFORCEMENT BEAT**

## Boards face many of the same enforcement challenges

Members of the Committee on Law Enforcement recently discussed their biggest enforcement challenges and how they plan to address them.

#### Aaron Armstrong, P.E.

West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers Investigator

Our board has seen an uptick in the questions and cases involving the incidental practice of engineering/architecture. Similar to other boards, we lack receiving what we call thirdparty complaints, which are complaints received by the public as opposed to board-initiated complaints. In the past five years, only 14 percent of the formal complaints were filed by a third party. Another issue is firms and individuals failing to report disciplinary actions from other jurisdictions.

Addressing these challenges is a continuous process, combining a number of tactics. First, we use outreach and presentations to the engineering community, including professional societies, student organizations, and government officials. We also publish a seals brochure to assist licensees with incidental practice issues. The brochure generates good discussion and a number of phone calls to the board office for clarification. Our board continues to be proactive with regard to filing complaints since the number of third-party complaints remains low. We constantly monitor virtual plan rooms and remain in close contact with code officials, municipalities, and other government officials to stay abreast of what is happening in the field. We also use the NCEES Enforcement Exchange database to monitor disciplinary actions in other jurisdictions.

#### Dave Blume, P.E.

Minnesota State Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design Member

A long-running challenge for Minnesota has been the low number of complaints filed with the board. The public may not be aware of the board, licensees may not file complaints because of an aversion to conflict, and most permitting officials do not bring unlicensed practice that they come across to the board's attention. This last issue is due in large part to a lawsuit from 2002 in which an administrative law judge ruled that the code officials are responsible for enforcing building codes and not responsible for enforcing licensing laws.

The Minnesota board plans to increase outreach related to reporting violations of the licensing laws. We will send the board investigator to meet with code officials on a regular basis to review submitted building plans. We will also mail information to individual licensees to educate them on the importance of reporting violations that they observe.

#### William (Rick) Huett

Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional **Engineers and Surveyors Executive Director** 

Our first challenge is the reluctance of professionals and approving authorities to file complaints when they become aware of violations. Hardly a day goes by that our office doesn't receive a phone call from someone who wishes to talk about a hypothetical situation but is unwilling to file a written complaint.

We continue to use outreach as a primary method to inform approving authorities and licensees. We are fortunate to have a public information specialist, along with investigators who can make presentations and provide information.

Our second challenge is legislature requirements placed on the investigative process. The board is subject to a sunset review every four years, and the enforcement process is included in this review. The 2018 Sunset Committee felt that the board was taking too long to resolve investigations. Although the majority of investigations are completed within six months, occasionally one will be scheduled for hearing and be continued a couple of times. When the

hearing is eventually held, a substantial amount of time has been added before the board closes the case.

Our office policy is that ethical complaint investigations should be completed and forwarded to the investigative committee within four months of receipt. Competency investigations should be completed within six months. We are also tracking the number of days each investigation requires and will provide the complainants and respondents with points of contact for when they have questions during the investigative process.

#### Jill Short

Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Investigations and Compliance Manager

Our most challenging enforcement issue is with surveyors. Licensees are failing to include the information required under the Survey Recording Act on their surveys. Another issue is unlicensed engineering/surveying corporations, although we usually do not sanction those corporations if they get licensed.

The biggest nonenforcement challenge is the use of the title "engineer." The licensees in Washington feel that we should not allow individuals to call themselves engineers unless they are licensed. Our board feels that we regulate the practice of engineering and not the title, unless they say they are a professional engineer, structural engineer, or professional surveyor. We look at each complaint to ensure that the person is not offering engineering services to the public.

#### James Szatkowski, P.E.

Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Deputy Director

The following are our biggest challenges:

- Licensees practicing outside their scope of competence
- Licensees' work failing to meet statutes, rules, and applicable codes and standards
- Licensees and regulators being reluctant to file complaints regarding the work of others
- The cost of enforcement once the matter is raised to a contested hearing level.

■ Enforcement of unlicensed practice. In Idaho, it is a criminal misdemeanor, and the state attorney general has jurisdiction. Usually, several months have elapsed before it is reported; then the attorney general's office takes many months to investigate and even more to decide if it will prosecute. In Idaho, the statute of limitations on a criminal misdemeanor is one year.

We plan to address the first three issues through public and jurisdiction outreach and continued efforts to support and assist those who submit complaints and requests for inquiry. We plan to address the cost of enforcement through continued efforts to streamline and expedite the process. To address the last issue, we plan to have the staff attorney be delegated authority from the attorney general to prosecute locally on a case-by-case basis.

#### Karl Tonander, P.E.

New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors Member

The New Mexico board has had some issues with the state's attorney general declining to prosecute. Although this is not necessarily the norm, the attorney general's office is looking for an airtight case that is unlikely to be overturned. Much of what is presented as evidence on professional practice is opinion. Further, when the focus is on an ethical violation, the likelihood of prosecution seems even smaller. The board has tried to improve by increasing participation of its staff and contract investigators in training opportunities, such as at the NCEES annual meeting.

Another issue relates to the recent court rulings creating confusion around use of the term "engineer"; specifically, under what circumstances someone can call themselves an engineer and what constitutes services to the public? With the construction industry proliferating "project engineers" who do not have a license or, in many cases, any specific education, the term is being coopted to a degree that is creating genuine confusion in the public. At this point, we have tried only minimal outreach efforts to the industry.

Lastly is the issue of the industrial exemption. New Mexico has several large private industries (predominantly mining,

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## MEMBER BOARD BRIEF



MOLLY MAYHEW

STATE OF NEBRASKA BOARD

OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

## Outreach efforts strengthen our mission

WITH FEW STAFFERS AND BUSY SCHEDULES, BOARDS may not always make time for outreach. In fact, most states do not have a communication or public information officer to dedicate the time to connect with licensees, the public, students, and organizations. But not having a dedicated staffer to connect with audiences does not mean that you should forgo outreach altogether.

Outreach does not have to be time consuming or costly. Member boards have resources through NCEES; they can also access resources through other state boards.

#### Promoting licensure

For example, if your board wants to educate students about exams and becoming licensed, you should first reach out to NCEES. The best way to learn about licensure is to hear about it from someone who has done it. NCEES has developed Speaker's Link, a network of licensed engineers who can talk to students about the licensure process, and a Speaker's Kit, a versatile multimedia presentation tool that makes it easy to help answer questions about the licensure process.

Member boards can access free outreach materials through the NCEES Outreach Fulfillment Center. Boards can order brochures, giveaway items, and bundle kits like the Student Engineering Licensure Kit and Surveying Licensure Kit. Boards can even check out bannerstands and portable backdrop exhibit displays that promote the value of licensure or the importance of taking the Fundamentals of Engineering or Fundamentals of Surveying exams. Boards can easily check out these exhibit materials and return items with a prepaid shipping label after the event.

Outreach does not have to be time consuming or costly. Member boards have resources through NCEES; they also can access resources through other state boards.

With presentations, brochures, and exhibits, NCEES has a range of resources to help you when speaking with future engineers and surveyors.

#### Connecting with licensed professionals

Maybe your board is looking to strengthen the connection to licensed individuals. Fifteen years ago, our board decided to create a memorable event for licensees to not only get to know the board but also to be honored. For this annual Capitol Recognition Ceremony, our board invites recently licensed individuals to be presented with their certificates at the Nebraska Capitol. A ceremony might not be feasible for some jurisdictions, but you can consider unique ways to recognize those who have received their first license.

#### Educating the public

Then there's always the toughest audience to reach: the public. Let's face it, the public often doesn't know about engineering and surveying boards. When the public doesn't know about your board and what you do, they most likely do not understand the professions you govern. That's how 20,000-square-foot structures get built without licensed professionals involved. So, how do you combat the public's lack of knowledge about your board?

Our largest outreach initiative to educate the public starts with code and building officials. About every two years, our board reprints the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act handbook, which contains all of the statutes and rules that govern when a licensee needs to be involved on a building or renovation project. With every new printing, we send the handbook and other educational materials to almost 500 officials across the state of Nebraska. These officials can then help distribute our materials to the public and contact board staff with questions about local projects.

Another way the board reaches out to the public is through newspapers, with a letter to the editor. At a limit of 250 words, we have to grab the attention of the public, state our case, and encourage them to reach out to us. Most recently, our board's letter ran in several of the state's largest newspapers and was also shared through social media.

We estimate that our efforts reached upwards of 20,000 people. And the best part of this campaign? The price tag. Outside of time and effort, there was little to no cost to the board.

#### Getting started

There are more ways to reach out to your audiences with social media, newsletters, mail and email campaigns, conferences, and presentations. Getting started can be the hardest part. If your board is looking for ideas to communicate with audiences, reach out to surrounding state boards for new and inventive ideas. You can download an NCEES Speaker's Kit, request a speaker, or browse available outreach materials at ncees.org/outreach.

Outreach efforts strengthen your board's mission and message. Use the resources available to you through NCEES and your fellow boards to help your board do more to advance licensure.

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oil, and gas) that have extensions of their systems in private easements, crossing public rights-of-way, and so forth. The extent to which the design of these facilities should be considered subject to the industrial exemption is a matter of active debate. However, a legislative solution does not appear to be workable.

#### James Valenti, P.E.

New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Member

One of the recurring problems that New Jersey faces is a lack of clear definition of conduct that forms a basis for denial, suspension, surrender, or penalty for a license.

When applicants or licensees are charged with or convicted of a crime, the board does not have consistent guidance on how to act. If a person is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude (which, unfortunately, is not formally defined), he or she may get extra punishment over someone convicted of a crime.

The lack of standards for punishment can result in inconsistent decisions and, therefore, leave the board exposed to challenges for the decisions.

## Moments in NCEES history

As part of its ongoing centennial celebrations, NCEES will feature moments in the organization's history in each 2020 issue of Licensure Exchange.

We begin with the laying of the organization's foundation: the Iowa State Board of Engineering and Surveying's call to the 10 engineering boards then in existence to send representatives to a meeting and the secretary-treasurer's report on the activities of the organization's first year.

#### Invitation to the inaugural meeting—1920

It having developed, in the application of the laws for the registration of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Architects, that there should be an organized and systemized method of procedure to be followed in interstate registration, that there should be a uniform basis of examination and registration, that a convention for the purpose of arriving at a working plan and an understanding of the scope, plan, and procedure of the several Boards was desirable and practical. Further, that it appeared to be desirable to effect a form of permanent organization to arrive at the best understanding and to facilitate the business of state and interstate registration.

#### Secretary-treasurer's report—1921

Your secretary-treasurer respectfully submits the following report:

At our meeting in Chicago, on November 8-9, 1920, the following states—Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, and South Dakota—constituted the membership in our association. Other states having laws for the registration of engineers but which were not represented were Idaho, New York, Oregon, Virginia, and Wyoming. During the winter of 1920 and 1921, registration laws were enacted by the legislatives of Arizona, Indiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, Tennessee, and West Virginia, bringing the number of states having some sort of a law for the licensing and registration of engineers up to nineteen. The South Dakota law licenses land surveyors only.

As soon as these states had passed their laws, your secretary wrote the various secretaries of states for the names of the members of their examining boards. The replies were slow in coming in, many of the boards not having been appointed until just recently. To date, he has not learned the personnel of the boards of West Virginia and New Jersey. He is advised by Mr. Robert Jones, commissioner of law enforcement for the state of Idaho, that that state has no permanent board of examiners but that temporary boards are appointed from time to time to conduct examinations.

After our meeting in Chicago, your secretary had 100 copies of minutes of our meeting made and sent them to the various state boards represented. During the past year, he has had requests for more copies. Copies have been sent to the states recently passing license laws, and he now has on hand 12 copies. During the month of January 1921, the Louisiana board passed a resolution providing for engineers licensed in that state to appear before its board and take an examination for the purpose of qualifying them for reciprocal licenses. Copies of these resolutions were sent to the various members of the Council. Following the action of the Louisiana board, the Iowa board passed a similar resolution.

#### Receipts

Cash on hand	\$0.00
Received cash	0.00
Total	\$0.00

#### Disbursements

100 copies of minutes of first	
annual meeting	\$34.20
Stationery	12.10
Cover and paper for record	
of minutes	3.95
Postage	2.50
	\$52.57

Respectfully submitted, Alvin LeVan, Secretary-Treasurer

#### UPCOMING

## **EVENTS**

#### February 1

Law Enforcement Committee meeting Tampa, Florida

#### February 6-8

PE Structural exam meeting Clemson, South Carolina

#### February 7-8

Education Committee meeting Dallas

#### February 10-11

PE Agricultural and Biological exam meeting Clemson

#### February 11-12

PE Petroleum exam PAKS meeting Houston

#### February 16-22

DiscoverE Engineers Week

#### February 21-22

PE Industrial and Systems exam meeting Clemson

#### February 26-27

PE Fire Protection exam meeting Clemson

#### February 27-29

PE Nuclear exam meeting Clemson

#### February 28-29

Board of Directors meeting Coronado, California

#### March 6

Finance Committee meeting Nashville, Tennessee

#### March 6-7

PE Control Systems exam meeting and PE Environmental exam meeting Clemson

#### March 13

Participating Organizations Liaison Council meeting Atlanta

#### March 13-14

PE Mechanical exam meeting and PE Mining and Mineral Processing exam meeting Clemson

#### March 15-21

National Surveyors Week

#### March 19-20

PE Naval Architecture and Marine exam meeting Clemson

#### March 27-28

FE exam meeting Clemson

#### **MEMBER BOARD NEWS**

#### FLORIDA PS

Patricia Compton is the new board administrator, replacing Jenna Harper.

#### **IDAHO**

Richard Jacobson is a new appointee. George Wagner is no longer a member.

#### WYOMING

Cevin Imus and Greg Lanning are new appointees. Paul Blough and Patrick Tyrrell are no longer members.

#### OUTREACH

#### FEBRUARY 16-18

DiscoverE Future City National Finals Washington, D.C.

#### MARCH 25-28

National Society of Black Engineers Conference San Antonio

#### MARCH 31-APRIL 1

ABET Symposium Nashville

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The 2020 annual meeting marks the centennial of the organization's first meeting, when seven state boards gathered in Chicago to create the organization now known as NCEES. At the August meeting, NCEES will honor its accomplishments and prepare to move into the next century of licensure.

## Save the date for the 2020 NCEES annual meeting

Registration will open in the spring for member board members, emeritus members, and staff attending the 2020 NCEES annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held August 26–29 in Chicago at the Marriot Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile. The annual meeting is the culmination of the Council's work for the year. Delegates will meet to decide key licensure issues and explore the Windy City. The agenda offers opportunities to

- Vote on the issues at the business sessions, including the election of a new president-elect and treasurer as well as motions presented by the 2019–20 NCEES committees and task forces
- Take part in the technical workshops for professional engineers and surveyors, member board administrators, and law enforcement staff
- Discuss professional issues at the forums for engineers, surveyors, MBAs, and enforcement staff
- Learn about NCEES and how to navigate the annual meeting at the first-time attendee luncheon
- Network and share ideas with delegates and guests at social events

Invitations to register online will be sent in May.