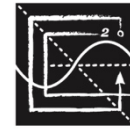


MINUTES OF THE 2025 NORTHEAST ZONE INTERIM MEETING
Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E., Northeast Vice President, Presiding
Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 11–12, 2025



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FRIDAY, APRIL 11
BUSINESS SESSION 1

Call to order

Northeast Zone Vice President Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E. (DC) called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Zone Vice President Michael Brinkash, P.L.S. (PA) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome

Paul Tyrell, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) welcomed attendees and provided opening announcements.

Roll call

Assistant Zone Vice President Brinkash performed the roll call of member boards. Vice President Wilson noted that a quorum of member boards was present, with all Northeast Zone boards represented.

Introduction of guests and attendees

Vice President Wilson introduced the meeting guests:

- President Andrew Zoutewelle, P.L.S. (NC)
- President-Elect Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, P.E. (AK)
- Immediate Past President Laura Sievers, P.E. (IA)
- Treasurer Karl Tonander, P.E. (NM)
- Central Zone Vice President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE)
- Western Zone Vice President Aaron Blaisdell, P.L.S (WA)
- Chief Executive Officer Davy McDowell, P.E.
- Chief Technology and Strategy Officer Steven Matthews
- Andrew Ritter (NC)

Vice President Wilson acknowledged other attending NCEES past presidents, and he recognized individuals attending the Northeast Zone interim meeting for the first time.

Review of schedule

Vice President Wilson reviewed the meeting agenda.

Call for additional agenda items

Vice President Wilson asked for additional agenda items. None were noted. A motion was made to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded. The motion was adopted. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Ceremonial presentation

Vice President Wilson presented Assistant Vice President Brinkash a plaque for his contributions to the Northeast Zone. Assistant Vice President Brinkash made acceptance remarks.

Appointment of Resolutions Committee

Vice President Wilson asked the attendees if there were any objections to appointing a Resolutions Committee. No objections or other concerns were raised.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed as follows:

- James Purcell, P.E. (NJ), chair
- Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogle, P.E. (NY)
- Dhruvajyoti (Dhruba) Biswas, P.E. (MD-PE)

Zone business

Approval of minutes from 2024 Northeast Zone annual meeting: Vice President Wilson called for the review and approval of the minutes from the 2024 Northeast Zone annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. A motion was made to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded. The motion was adopted. The minutes were

unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee report and elections: Nominating Committee Chair Lesley Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE) presented the candidates for zone offices.

The following candidate for the office of Northeast Zone secretary was introduced for nomination:

- Jeanne Nebre, P.L.S., L.S.(MD-PS)

Nominations from the floor were requested, and none were made. A motion was made to approve the nomination; the motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was adopted. The nomination was unanimously approved.

The results of the elections, by acclamation, for the uncontested races were as follows:

- Nominee for NCEES president-elect: Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E. (DC)
- Northeast Zone vice president: Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA)
- Northeast Zone assistant vice president: Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogle, P.E. (NY)
- Northeast Zone secretary: Jeanne Nebre, P.L.S., L.S. (MD-PS)

Leadership Development Committee report: Assistant Zone Vice President Brinkash presented the Leadership Development Committee Report.

Awards Committee report: Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) made the Awards Committee report. He noted that two candidates have been recommended and that awards would be announced during the following day's business session.

NCEES officer and CEO reports

President: President Zoutewelle provided a report, which included mention of the various committees, the proposed artificial intelligence statement, the significant structures working group, and the importance of volunteerism. He acknowledged COO Jason Gamble, P.E., and CEO McDowell.

Treasurer: Treasurer Tonander discussed exam fees and the exam administration contract. He discussed various budgetary considerations and the NCEES Foundation. He discussed intentions to maintain exam affordability and diversifying revenue generation. He noted a focus on the NCEES mission, current and future registrants, and mobility. A general overview of investments was also provided.

CEO: CEO McDowell discussed his previous experience with exam administration and how it informs his current role. He provided a general summary of funding requests and funding inflow associated with the NCEES Foundation. He reviewed general exam results data and noted that over 10,000 FE/FS honor cords have been distributed. He reviewed the role of FE Ambassadors and discussed the promotion of practice exams, expressing that exam volunteers are essential. He mentioned Josh Twitty's NCEES role in legislation tracking, the ARPL toolbox, annual meeting preparation, and the importance of committees.

President-Elect: President-Elect Beckett Johnston discussed the committee selection process and the value of member board input. She mentioned fostering professional association relationships, maintaining the relevance of the FE and PE exams, the NCEES continuing education tracker tool, the proposed artificial intelligence statement, and volunteers for committees.

NCEES committee and task force reports

The various committees presented their reports:

Advisory Committee on Council Activities (ACCA)—presented by Lesley Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE)
Committee on Education—presented by Sallye Perrin P.E. (MD-PE)

Full reports and committee motions will be available on the NCEES website by July 1.

Vice President Wilson recessed Business Session 1 at 11:53 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 BUSINESS SESSION 2

Call to order

The Northeast Zone meeting was reconvened on during the afternoon of April 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Northeast Zone Vice President Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E. (DC) at 2:00 p.m.

NCEES committee and task force reports

- Surveying and Mapping Sciences Licensure Task Force—presented by Jeanne Nebre, P.L.S., L.S. (MD-PS)
- Special Committee on Bylaws—presented by Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA)

Forum reports

Reports were provided for the forum breakout sessions held earlier.

Engineering: Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogle, P.E. (NY) provided a report on the Engineering Forum. The forum discussed the NCEES Nuclear PE exam, and the proposed artificial intelligence statement was reviewed and comments collected. The significant structure presentation was provided by Central Zone Vice President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE) and required P.E. competencies were discussed.

Surveying: Jeanne Nebre, P.L.S., L.S. (MD-PS) and Assistant Zone Vice President Brinkash provided a report on the Surveying Forum. The forum discussed the proposed artificial intelligence statement in the context of proposals, deed descriptions, and responsibility of the licensee to check all artificial intelligence output. The forum further reviewed the EPS Committee charges and outcomes as well as the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam and state board updates.

MBA: Jennifer Wootten (DE-PE) provided a report on the MBA Forum. She noted that the forum discussions included continuing professional competency, universal licensure, model law, MBA participation on NCEES board of directors, the importance of Enforcement Exchange, and Basecamp communication.

Site Selection Committee report

Vice President Wilson provided the Site Selection Committee report. He noted future Northeast Zone interim meeting dates and locations as follows:

- 2026—May 14–16, Columbus, OH (joint Central and Northeast Zone)
- 2027—Omaha, NE (all zones)
- 2028—MD
- 2029—PA

Update on state activities

Vice President Wilson noted the abandonment of this agenda item.

New business

No new business was presented.

Additional acknowledgements

Assistant Vice President Brinkash commended Vice President Wilson for his contributions to the Northeast Zone. Vice President Wilson provided certificates of appreciation to Jennifer Wootten (DE-PE); Rosaleen Nogle, P.E. (NY); Lesley Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE); Barry Lucas P.E. (DC); James Purcell, P.E. (NJ); Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA); Jane Hardy (CT); and Eric Greppo, P.E. (NY) for their contributions and service as committee chairs and officers over the past two years.

2024 Northeast Zone award recipient recognition

Awards Committee Chair Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) presented the 2024 Northeast Zone Distinguished Service Award to the following individuals:

- Anthony D'Andrea, P.E., L.S. (CT)
- Joseph Wichert, L.S. (NH-PS)

Each recipient provided acceptance remarks.

Invitation to 2026 zone interim meeting

Central Zone Vice President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE), extended an invitation to the Northeast Zone to attend the joint Central and Northeast Zone interim meeting, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on May 14–16, 2026.

Resolutions Committee report

Resolutions Committee Chair Purcell provided resolutions from the Resolutions Committee.

Host acknowledgement

Vice President Wilson presented a certificate of appreciation to Paul Tyrell, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) for his coordination efforts in hosting the 2025 Northeast Zone interim meeting.

Adjournment

Vice President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by Eric Greppo, P.E. (NY)
Northeast Zone Secretary *pro tempore*