

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**BUSINESS SESSION 1**

**Call to order**

The Northeast Zone meeting was called to order by Northeast Zone Vice President Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E. (DC) on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 10:46 a.m. at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel during the 2024 NCEES annual meeting.

**Welcome**

Vice President Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees from the various boards that constitute the Northeast Zone, as well as other guests.

**Roll call**

Vice President Wilson asked Secretary Azu Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) to conduct a roll call of the boards. All boards were represented, except the Maine surveying board and the Vermont engineering board. Vice President Wilson then declared that a meeting quorum was attained.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Northeast Zone Assistant Vice President Michael Brinkash, P.L.S. (PA) led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of minutes from 2024 Northeast Zone interim meeting**

The minutes of the May 2–4, 2024, interim zone meeting in Washington, D.C., were presented. The Massachusetts board motioned to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by the Delaware engineering board. The meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

**Committee overview**

Vice President Wilson provided an overview of the various committees that are part of the Northeast Zone, including the Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, and Leadership Committee. He emphasized the importance of participation in NCEES and serving on committees and discussed how motions are developed for consideration by the Council. He also discussed his various trips visiting member boards.

**Discussion of motions**

Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogel, P.E. (NY) provided discussion on a motion about the engineering technology degree and on how to advance the degree as a qualifying academic program that satisfies the requirements for licensure. This issue has been reviewed and discussed for over five years by a 10-member committee, and yet additional consideration is being given for further review. The consensus of the Northeast Zone was to perhaps require an additional two years of experience for candidates with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology beyond what is required for candidates with an accredited bachelor of science degree in engineering. The vast majority of the member boards in the Northeast Zone agreed to support the additional two-year experience requirement for engineering technology degree candidates beyond the four-year experience required of candidates with B.S. degrees in accredited engineering programs. There was a consensus to move a motion at the Council meeting to revisit and amend the *Model Law* regarding engineering technology as qualifying education.

David Jackson, Esq. (ME-PE) provided clarification on the term “progressive” and a brief discussion regarding the mutual recognition agreement between NCEES and its counterpart in United Kingdom.

A representative of the American Society for Engineering Education, Marty Gordon, P.E., spoke about some of the engineering technology degree programs that include a mandatory one-year co-op of practical experience as part of the academic program. James Purcell, P.E. (NJ) noted that it is about facilitating licensure mobility.

## **Adjournment**

Vice President Wilson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by the New Hampshire engineering board, seconded by the Maryland engineering board. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Azu Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S.  
NCEES Northeast Zone Secretary