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## NEWS RELEASE

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## NCEES honors W.Va. professional engineer Kenneth Means for service

Kenneth Means, Ph.D., P.E., of Morgantown, West Virginia, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Means received this award at the organization's 95th annual meeting, held August 24–27, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Means began volunteering with NCEES exam development in 1982, working primarily on the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. Two years later, he began working with the Principles and Practice of Engineering Mechanical exam. Over the past 34 years, Means has continued to work in a variety of ways to support engineering licensure exams and the mission of NCEES. He has written many PE Mechanical exam items, taken part in preliminary item analyses to assess the quality of exam items, and participated in studies to update the exam specifications. He has served as chair of the PE Mechanical committee and as chair and vice chair of the Mechanical Systems and Materials module. He has also trained and supported other exam development volunteers.

Means has been a part of many changes to the PE Mechanical exam, helping with the exam's conversion from an essay format to multiple choice and now working toward the transition to computer-based testing. Means was a member of the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers from 1981 to 1997, serving terms as president and vice president during this time. He was a member or consultant to the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers for eight terms and also served as vice chair. He served on several other NCEES committees during his board tenure, including the Committee on ABET and the ad hoc Committee on Office Automation, aimed in part at streamlining the exam process to improve efficiency.

A licensed professional engineer since 1971, Means is a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at West Virginia University. He received his bachelor of science and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University. He received his master's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel 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.*

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