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Headquarters Update

Looking back on an unforgettable journey

DAVID COX | NCEES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AFTER MORE THAN TWO DECADES AT NCEES—18 years as the Kentucky board’s member board administrator and six years as CEO—the time has finally come for my retirement.

As my last annual meeting approaches, I cannot help but look back on the many memories I have made at NCEES and the many milestones the organization has reached over the years. Doing so has reinforced what I already knew to be true about NCEES—we are not just a workplace. We are a community, a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication, and shared values.

During my tenure as CEO, I have had the privilege of working alongside the best in the industry. This team of staff and volunteers has allowed us to accomplish some amazing things.

Completing the CBT transition

Seeing the completed transition of all exams to computer-based testing (CBT) was certainly a high point. This massive project began in 2010 when the Council voted to move the FE and FS exams to CBT, followed by the PE and PS exams in 2012. The first CBT FE and FS exams began in 2014, followed by our PE and PS exams in subsequent years. The last

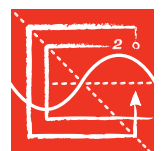


Left, NCEES CEO David Cox speaks at the 2019 NCEES annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Right, Cox (then Kentucky board executive director) and his wife, Tonya Prats, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center as part of the 2006 NCEES annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

pencil-and-paper exam—the PE Structural exam—was administered in October 2023 and began CBT in April of this year. What an achievement!

CBT is much more secure than traditional pencil-and-paper testing, for both examinees and administrators. For example, CBT makes cheating by copying virtually impossible. CBT has also increased exam availability; more exams are offered year-round at more Pearson VUE locations, making testing more convenient. Congratulations to the staff and subject-matter experts who made the CBT transition possible through many years of tireless effort.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



LAURA SIEVERS, P.E.
NCEES PRESIDENT

NCEES discusses international licensure issues at IEA meeting

THIS JUNE, I ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL Engineering Alliance (IEA) meeting held in Delhi, India, along with NCEES Chief Operating Officer Davy McDowell, P.E.; International Engagement Strategist Marie Nebesky; President-Elect Andrew Zoutewelle, P.L.S.; Past President Patty Mamola, P.E., and Past President Brian Robertson, P.E.

Just like our state boards, each country licenses a bit differently. The members of IEA are numerous countries with like-minded thoughts on the requirements of their professional engineers to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The signatories have dedicated their licensing processes to helping their professionals meet the requirements of the International Registry. At the meeting, we discussed international licensure mobility with other countries in the IEA and considered issues relating to accreditation, policies and procedures, and competency requirements. We worked through our differences and concentrated on finding ways to help our professionals work where their desires and employers take them.

As is required, the IEA reviewed NCEES over this past year. This review happens every six years. The review team's report stated, "It is recommended that NCEES be accepted by the other Authorized Members, for a period of six years, recognizing its standards and systems as leading to outcomes substantially equivalent to the those recognized by the Agreement." In other words, NCEES was able to show that our International Registry engineers meet the IEA requirements. The IEA has pathways for technologists and technicians as well. As I was attending the meeting, I wondered about the barriers our U.S.-based companies and engineering technicians face in working internationally.

NCEES Foundation

The NCEES Foundation board of directors had its orientation at the end of June. Our representatives are working out the last of the details for the inaugural funding cycle. To learn more about the Foundation, visit ncees.org/foundation (or see the About tab on the NCEES website). By October, the first application process will be available for other organizations and schools to apply for funding from the NCEES Foundation. I am excited to see how more partnerships and outreach will advance engineering and surveying licensure.

2023-24 highlights

Finally, I would like to reflect on this past year. The NCEES Foundation has been in discussions for a decade, and we now have a Foundation board of directors. The DiscoverE Future City high school competition, the ASCE film *Cities of the Future*, and the ACEC/NCEES inaugural scholarship year have all been highlights. The U.K. mutual recognition agreement puts our International Registry to work and reminds our politicians that our licensed professional engineers are needed here and abroad. We are not alone in our efforts to safeguard the public's health, safety, and welfare. There are countries, societies, and individuals who have our current and future engineers and surveyors in their best interest. When times are tough on our individual state boards, we needed to be reminded of all the good things and people here.

As you know, I am forever grateful for this opportunity to have served you. I will continue to support all who are professional engineers and surveyors in any way I can. Thank you all.

MEMBER BOARD BRIEF



JOHN GREENHALGE

OHIO STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
SURVEYORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What is a member board administrator?

FOR EACH NCEES MEMBER BOARD, THE MEMBER board administrator (MBA) is responsible for achieving the board's mission and vision while maintaining relationships with external groups, such as NCEES, schools, technical and professional associations, legislators and government agencies, the public, and licensees. The role of the MBA may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction for numerous reasons, including the structure of the board, the authority or autonomy of the MBA within their board, staff size, and state or territorial regulations that determine how the board functions and operates.

The MBA is crucial to ensuring public protection by making sure the board, its staff, and its legal representation are abreast of everything licensure related. To be effective, the MBA must be knowledgeable in many areas related to management and licensure regulation and must have some level of expertise in each of these areas. NCEES and other member boards can help by providing best practices and advice. I contacted current MBAs and board members to identify what they viewed as the most important roles of an MBA and to provide advice for new MBAs.

Important roles of the MBA

- "Make sure the Board focuses on its primary mission of protecting the public – not the profession."
- "While it's the Board's role to establish policy, the MBA should provide information and guidance based on past practice and legal requirements."
- "Keeping the Board on track during meetings and reviews of regulatory issues."
- "Providing advice to Board members is the most important part of my job. That means I need to try to stay current on most things licensing."
- "Make the job of the Board members easier. Board members are volunteers, MBAs are paid staff."

Advice for new MBAs

- "It is the Board's duty to set policy and the MBA's role is to implement the Board's policy within the budget and the law."
- "Build good relationships with technical and professional associations. While we may not always agree, open lines of communication are important."
- "Learn to be both flexible and rigid. Finding the median is the trick, and only time and experience will help you find the balance."
- "Develop a process that will help you find and address issues that may only come up once a year (or longer). Examples include risk management, sunset audits, contracts, budget development, etc."
- "Be prepared, provide the information that Board members need to make informed decisions and have good rationale for the decisions you make as an MBA. Also, remember that you and staff are the face of the Board, you are the ambassadors of the Board, you interact with the public and make that important first/lasting impression."
- "After you get your feet on the ground and understand your role and duties, consider how you can continuously improve operational processes."

As a last piece of advice, I would encourage MBAs and member boards to reach out to NCEES and other member boards for help and support. It is very likely that any issues that occur in one jurisdiction have been encountered in numerous other jurisdictions.

Greenhalge is executive director of the Ohio board and chair of the 2023–24 NCEES Committee on Member Board Administrators.



BOB HERBERT

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

Alabama addresses qualifications-based selection

THROUGHOUT A NORMAL WORK WEEK, THE LAW enforcement section of the Alabama board receives numerous calls from both licensees and the general public about a variety of issues. Lately, we have been getting several calls concerning the procurement process of qualifications-based selection (QBS) and whether an engineer or surveyor can submit a cost proposal required for a particular project.

The requirements are as stated in the Alabama law and code:

Code of Alabama Section 34-11-35.1 (d)

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2), the board shall adopt rules pursuant to this section that allow engineers and land surveyors to solicit professional services in accordance with competitive, qualification-based selection policies and procedures. The rules shall prohibit competitive bidding based solely upon price or fee.

(2) The rules adopted under subdivision (1) shall not apply to a boundary survey on private land where the survey is not intended for use as a basis for engineering design at the time of preparation, unless the survey is prepared in accordance with the standards specified by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS).

Administrative Code of the Board 330-X-14-.05 Practice. (Canon IV.)

(f) The engineer or land surveyor shall not participate in or implement procurement practices based solely on fees, except as allowed by State Law).

Procurement practices shall first determine the qualifications of the engineer or land surveyor prior to entering into fee negotiations for services being sought. An engineer or land surveyor having submitted

a statement of qualification and performance data, and having first been judged as the qualified individual or firm to provide the services required for the proposed project, may proceed to negotiate a contract with a client and establish compensation or fees for the required services.

330-X-14-.06 Ethics. (Canon V).

(a) The engineer or land surveyor shall not:

14. Participate in procurement procedures for engineering or land surveying services either by providing the bids or in requesting bids from other professional engineers or land surveyors where bidding is the primary consideration except as allowed by State law.

We at the board typically try to provide an example, such as if more than one engineering or surveying firm has been entertained for a project, then QBS is required. The client should be provided with information that shows how the engineering or surveying individual or firm is qualified for the project, absent of any information on a proposal of cost.

Once the individuals or firms have been ranked, the client may communicate with the first ranked on the list and negotiate the project and fees at that time. If that firm is not picked for the project, it is released from negotiations and removed from the process. The client moves on to the next individual or firm on the list to go through the negotiation process. If the second individual or firm is also not picked during negotiations to include cost proposals, it is also released from negotiations and removed from the process.

The client is not allowed to go back to one of the prior individuals or firms after they have been released from negotiations and try to renegotiate with them. The individual or firm is not allowed to have these additional discussions for

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the project as they have had the opportunity to present their case and were not originally accepted by the client.

The client moves on to the next individual or firm on the list to go through the negotiation process. If the next individual or firm gets picked after negotiations, then the process is complete. However, if the client goes through the entire process and does not pick any of the individual or firms, that process must be closed, and a new bidding process must start a new proposal all over again. The original individuals or firms can apply for the new bid proposal minus any information concerning cost. [Note the exemption as stated in 34-11-35.1 (d), which applies to surveyors for boundary surveying.]

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Tackling COVID-19 challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic presented unprecedented challenges to the organization. Exam dates were cancelled and postponed; major in-person meetings, including the annual meeting, were made virtual; headquarters closed and staff were asked to work and collaborate remotely; financial measures were taken to weather the pandemic's economic impact—the list goes on.

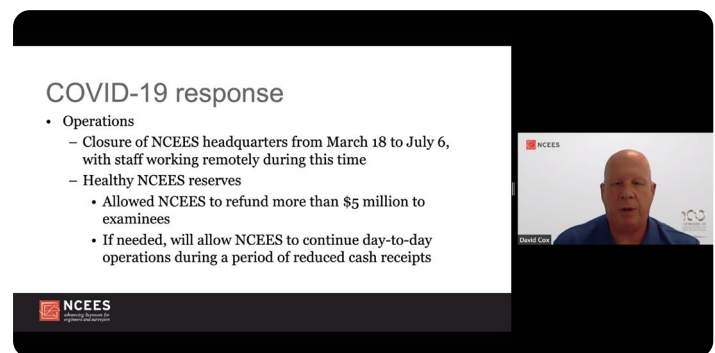
On top of the pandemic, NCEES went through another major change when we moved our headquarters from Clemson to nearby Greenville, South Carolina, in 2020. Necessary health and safety restrictions made it difficult to say goodbye to our longstanding Clemson location and celebrate the opening of our new building properly.

Through it all, our staff rose to the occasion and tackled every pandemic-related challenge head-on. I watched as they worked remotely without missing a beat and, later, as they returned in-person to a new building and unfamiliar safety regulations. I am grateful we have been able to use and enjoy the Greenville headquarters more fully in the years since, and I am confident the facility will serve NCEES well for many years to come.

A reminder to all licensees: If there is knowledge that possible/probable violations have occurred, it is the responsibility of the licensee to report it to the board.

If other member boards have questions concerning QBS and the way the Alabama board approaches this process, please contact our office and we can discuss further.

Herbert is chief special investigator for the Alabama board and chair of the 2023–24 NCEES Committee on Law Enforcement.



CEO David Cox speaks during a State of the Council meeting, a series of virtual webinars that started during the COVID-19 pandemic to update member boards.

Welcoming the NCEES Foundation

In 2023, in response to increased mission initiative efforts, the NCEES board of directors approved the establishment of an NCEES foundation. We saw this development come to fruition in 2024 when the NCEES Foundation officially launched in the spring and the board selected the inaugural Foundation board of directors.

By formalizing our financial support and giving process, the Foundation will allow NCEES to reach the next generation of professional engineers and surveyors and advance our mission of promoting licensure to protect the public like never before. The Foundation's first funding cycle will begin in October.

Furthering international relations

Furthering international relations has been important to me during my time as CEO. Thanks to our participation in the International Engineering Alliance and our collaboration with the Engineering Council of the United Kingdom, we have

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2024 NCEES annual meeting guide



THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON August 14–17 in Chicago, Illinois, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. At the meeting, member board delegates will gather to discuss licensure issues and set Council policy during business sessions.

To help prepare attendees, the following guide offers significant meeting information, including an overview of the consent agenda as well as incoming officer Q&As and important dates and details.

Getting to know the consent agenda

As delegates sit down with the *Action Items and Conference Reports* to prepare for the annual meeting, they will see that one of the first items on the agenda is the approval of the consent agenda. But what is the consent agenda, and how is it developed?

The consent agenda is a list of motions that the Council will vote on in one motion, without debate. Any motion included in the *Action Items and Conference Reports* is eligible to be included on the agenda, but typically, only standing committee and task force motions are included on the agenda.

Per NCEES Administrative Policy 9, the board of directors prepares the consent agenda. At its May meeting, the board of directors considered each motion that will come before the Council at the 2024 annual meeting and developed its position—whether the motion should be on the consent agenda and whether the board endorses the motion. Occasionally, the board takes no position on a motion, typically when it wants the Council to fully debate the motion without being influenced by the board's opinion or when it does not agree on a position.

Before the Council votes on the consent agenda, the president asks if anyone would like to remove items from

Zone business at the annual meeting



The four zones will meet separately on Thursday, August 15, during the annual meeting. Each zone will vote to approve the minutes of its spring interim meeting. The draft zone meeting minutes will be posted in the Board Resources section of MyNCEES (see “Zones”).

the agenda. Any member board can request that an item be removed; a delegate simply needs to announce the name of the board and the motion that the board wants to remove from the consent agenda. While boards sometimes remove motions from the consent agenda because they want to debate them or offer amendments, they also remove them if they have questions. Additionally, committees will occasionally remove their own motions from the consent agenda to make changes.

“We encourage members to ask us questions about motions and alert us if they are planning to remove a motion from the consent agenda before the business sessions begin,” NCEES CEO David Cox said. “This gives staff time to prepare and helps business sessions run smoothly. They can contact me or Chief Operating Officer Davy McDowell.”

Motions removed from the consent agenda will be considered with the non-consent agenda. For these motions, each standing committee and task force will present its motion to the Council for discussion. If the board of directors opposes a motion, one of its members will present the rationale for this opposition.

The president, who presides over the meeting, will then open the floor for debate of the motion. When debate ends, the president will call for a vote. Each member board has one vote, and its vote cannot be split. For most motions, a majority vote wins. However, motions to amend the *Bylaws* require a two-thirds majority.

Getting to know the president-elect nominee and incoming zone vice presidents

NCEES will elect a new president-elect at the 2024 annual meeting. Nominees for president-elect rotate among the four NCEES geographical zones. At the Western Zone's spring interim meeting, the zone selected Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, P.E., as its 2025–26 president-elect nominee.

At the annual meeting, two new zone vice presidents will join the 2024–25 board of directors and serve two-year terms: Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E., representing the Central Zone, and Aaron Blaisdell, P.L.S., representing the Western Zone. These incoming officers shared their goals and visions for their upcoming terms.



**President-Elect Nominee
Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, P.E.**
Alaska State Board of Registration
for Architects, Engineers, and Land
Surveyors

How has your past experience prepared you for this office?

I am a registered professional electrical engineer and principal of an architecture and engineering firm in Fairbanks, Alaska. My 20 years of service to my professional society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, have given me a unique and global depth of experience with a focus on student and humanitarian activities and nonprofit governance.

I was appointed to the Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors in 2018, and I have served NCEES as Western Zone assistant vice president and chair of the EPP Committee. I enjoy working with professional and technical leaders from all over the world to advance the mission of NCEES.

What are the key issues you want to focus on as NCEES president in 2025–26?

As president-elect, I want to create stronger connections with each of the sponsoring societies of our exams, ensuring that they are all professional licensure advocates as well as technical contributors to the exams. I also want students in all our fields of interest to see professional licensure as part of their identity as an engineer or surveyor and to pursue the FE/FS exam as part of their educational path.

And finally, I want to emphasize the vital roles engineers and surveyors play in ensuring public safety and support member boards experiencing threats to licensure.

What about NCEES are you most passionate?

Member boards are full of leaders dedicated to ensuring professional competency and quality of practice. Professional societies have a role in promoting exams and bringing more candidates into the profession starting when they are students. Our volunteer leadership within the Council are dedicated to advancing excellence. I am passionate about bringing these groups together to make NCEES a professional home for engineers and surveyors that is relevant to them throughout their careers.



**Incoming Central Zone Vice
President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E.**
Nebraska Board of Engineers and
Architects

Why do you want to serve as vice president?

I want to give back to NCEES for all the experience and knowledge that it has provided me. A large part of my professional growth has been directly related to my participation on exam writing committees and the EPE and EPP Committees as well as my involvement with board members throughout the country. I have made lifelong friends whom I can communicate with about engineering solutions that I would not have had otherwise. To be able to serve and mentor as zone vice president would be a way to say thank you to NCEES and those I have worked with throughout my time there.

What is a current goal you have for your tenure as vice president?

My goal is to visit each of the Central Zone state boards during their meetings. I am looking forward to meeting those involved and gaining insight on the current issues and future concepts that board members feel are relevant. This information will provide a basis for my discussions and representation of the Central Zone during NCEES meetings. I feel strongly that gathering and internalizing the input of those you represent is at the core of being a leader.

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Incoming Western Zone Vice President Aaron Blaisdell, P.L.S.

Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Why do you want to serve as vice president?

The Western Zone has the opportunity to facilitate and implement real change within NCEES and its respective member boards. I want to serve as the next Western Zone vice president to develop and enhance tools for collaboration between our zone member boards, ensure that our zone voice is heard at board of directors meetings, and grow zone participation in NCEES committees. I seek to

spark interest in our exam development process among new participants and to continue to identify threats to licensure and respond to them among our zone member boards.

What is a current goal you have for your tenure as vice president?

As Western Zone vice president, I want to ensure that defensible and robust processes that facilitate licensure mobility and protect against licensure threats are discussed by member boards openly. To do this, I want to create and utilize a virtual forum for the zone member boards where we can share our successes and challenges—an online tool similar to the collaborative Basecamp program used by NCEES. I will work with several Western Zone members to scope the functionality of this tool, pilot it within the zone, and share lessons learned with other zones.

2024 annual meeting essentials

- The *Action Items and Conference Reports* is posted in the Board Resources section of MyNCEES. This publication includes full information on the annual meeting motions, NCEES officer and committee reports, and a list of the convention rules. Printed copies will be available for delegates at the annual meeting.
- There has been a change in convention rules regarding new business (see page 7 of the *Action Items and Conference Reports*). Delegates wishing to submit new business must now email CEO David Cox at dcox@ncees.org or COO Davy McDowell at dmcdowell@ncees.org no later than 8:00 a.m. (CDT) on Friday, August 16. NCEES staff will place copies of the motion/resolution at each board placard and email a copy to all registered meeting attendees prior to the start of Business Session 2.

Visit the annual meeting webpage



To access the listed information and more on the annual meeting, members can visit the Board Resources section of MyNCEES at ncees.org/resources (see “Annual meeting”).

- A ceremonial signing of the mutual recognition agreement between NCEES and the U.K. Engineering Council will take place at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, 5:00–5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 13.
- The annual meeting will provide opportunities to earn professional development hours (PDHs). A downloadable form to self-report attendance at sessions offering PDH credit is available in the Board Resources section of MyNCEES. Individual certificates will not be provided.
- State of the Council meeting recordings are available in the Board Resources section of MyNCEES for additional annual meeting prep.

Grand prizes awarded in NCEES Engineering and Surveying Education Award competitions

NCEES HAS AWARDED ITS 2024 ENGINEERING Education Award grand prize to the University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. For the school’s project, Lakefront Park Improvements, a team of senior engineering design students created three design alternatives to revitalize the park. The team designs explored the range, cost, and applicability of the project goals. The jury praised the project for providing students with hands-on, real-world project experience that supports the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

This annual award recognizes engineering programs that encourage collaboration between students and professional engineers. EAC/ABET-accredited programs from all engineering disciplines were invited to submit projects that integrate professional practice and education.

The jury selected seven additional winners to receive awards of \$10,000 each:

- **Arizona State University**
Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Well-Pump System at the Bondo Teachers Training College in Bondo, Kenya
- **Dartmouth College**
Thayer School of Engineering
Bike Walk Census Tool Designed for More Inclusive Transportation Planning in College Downtown
- **George Mason University**
Sid and Reva Dewberry Department of Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering
Water Disinfection Facility, San Pablo De Amali, Ecuador
- **Lawrence Technological University**
Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering
State Fair Transit Center
- **Seattle University**
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Seismic Retrofit and Structural Improvement of a Camp Facility for Children with Life-Altering Medical Conditions
- **University of Nebraska–Lincoln**
Charles W. Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Care Center
- **University of Wisconsin–Madison**
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Community Manure Treatment Facility

Profiles of the winning Engineering and Surveying Education Award programs will be posted as available at ncees.org/award.



Florida Atlantic University students practice surveying and mapping skills in the Department of Civil Environmental, and Geomatics Engineering, which received a \$15,000 Surveying Education Award.

The jury selected one project to receive an honorable mention:

- **Olivet Nazarene University**
Martin D. Walker School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Efficient, Affordable, and Accessible House Design

Surveying Education Award winners

The Idaho State University College of Technology is the \$25,000 grand prize winner of the 2024 NCEES Surveying Education Award.

NCEES Surveying Education Award juror Coleen Johnson, R.P.L.S., stated, “We had an incredible group of entries for this year’s competition. After thorough discussion and consideration, it was evident that Idaho State University’s program had earned the grand prize. Idaho State has a strong online program, and the faculty push for student involvement within the profession is commendable.”

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The following are recent and upcoming NCEES outreach activities to promote engineering and surveying licensure. For the latest outreach news, follow NCEES on Facebook, LinkedIn, and X, formerly known as Twitter. Visit ncees.org for links to its social media pages.

ACEC scholarships

NCEES, in conjunction with the American Council of Engineering Companies Research Institute, recently began a new scholarship initiative that awards \$5,000 to a college student on the path to licensure in each U.S. state. Recipients were chosen and notified in June, and a list of winners was sent to member board administrators.

FE and FS honor cords

Students who pass the FE or FS exam prior to their graduation from an EAC/ANSAC/ABET-accredited program are eligible to receive a free NCEES honor

cord to wear at their graduation ceremony. NCEES will distribute FE graduation honor cords to 20 institutions and FS graduation honor cords to four institutions with August graduation ceremonies. For more information, visit ncees.org/outreach/ncees-graduation-honor-cords.

NSPE conference

NCEES will participate in the National Society of Professional Engineers annual conference, NSPECon24, in Raleigh, North Carolina, on August 7–9, 2024.

P.E. and P.S. profiles

Nolan Mark, P.S., discusses his work as owner of On The Mark Land Surveying, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is licensed in Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan and is the current president of the National Society of Professional Surveyors Young Surveyors Network. To read this profile and others, visit ncees.org/licensure/success-stories.

EDUCATION AWARDS

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This annual award recognizes surveying programs that best reflect NCEES' mission to advance licensure for surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Jurors considered criteria such as student outcomes and involvement, outreach and recruitment, and the promotion of licensure.

In addition to selecting the \$25,000 grand prize winner, the jury chose six programs to receive the following awards:

\$15,000 winners

- **Ferris State University**
School of Engineering and Computing Technology
Surveying Engineering program

■ Florida Atlantic University

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geomatics
Engineering

■ New Mexico State University

Department of Engineering Technology and Surveying
Engineering
Geomatics/Surveying Engineering program

\$10,000 winners

■ New Jersey Institute of Technology

School of Applied Engineering and Technology
Surveying Engineering Technology program

■ Troy University

College of Arts and Sciences
Surveying and Geomatics Sciences program

■ University of Maine

College of Engineering
Surveying Engineering Technology program

MEMBER BOARD NEWS

GEORGIA

Trent Turk and Regina Young are new appointees. Elmo Richardson and Neil Wyche are no longer members.

IOWA

Rose Gillen is a new appointee. Rita Perea is no longer a member.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PE

Traci Weber is the new board administrator.

PENNSYLVANIA

John Luciani, Scott Reeser, Jason Snyder, and Windsor Tracy are new appointees. Michael Brinkash and Jonathan Tabas are no longer members.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Cory Biegler is a new appointee. Steven Thinglestad is no longer a member.

ASSOCIATE

The NCEES board of directors approved the following associate members at its May 2024 meeting. **Georgia:** Eric Lacefield; **Louisiana:** Chris Aaron

EMERITUS

The NCEES board of directors approved the following emeritus members at its May 2024 meeting. **Iowa:** Rita Perea; **Maryland PS:** Thomas Orisich; **New Jersey:** James Valenti; **Tennessee PS:** Timothy Lingerfelt

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been able to create and finalize a U.K. mutual recognition agreement (MRA) that will provide a more direct path for professional engineers in both countries to gain licensure across the pond. We will celebrate this accomplishment with participating member boards with a ceremonial signing of the MRA at the 2024 annual meeting in Chicago.

Recently, Canada has expressed interest in a similar agreement with us—an encouraging sign that licensure mobility will continue to expand across national lines. I look forward to seeing how NCEES will continue to grow and strengthen the international licensure community.

Wishing well

Although I will soon be retiring, my belief in this organization, its mission, and its people remains steadfast.

To all of you, I extend my deepest thanks for your support, your commitment, and, most of all, your friendship. You have made my time at NCEES an unforgettable journey, and for that, I am forever grateful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2-3 | FE Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

August 6-7 | PE Fire Protection Committee Meeting | Greenville, South Carolina

August 12-13 | PE Agricultural and Biological Engineering Committee Meeting | Virtual

August 13 | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

August 14-17 | NCEES Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

August 16-17 | PE Architectural Engineering Committee Meeting | Greenville, South Carolina

PE Control Systems Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

PE Nuclear Committee Meeting | Virtual

August 21-22 | PE Petroleum Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

August 27 | PE Fire Protection Specification Development Meeting | Virtual

September 6-7 | PE Structural Committee Meeting | Greenville, South Carolina

September 12-13 | NCEES Board of Directors Orientation | Greenville, South Carolina

September 13-14 | PE Chemical Committee Meeting | Greenville, South Carolina

PE Metallurgical and Materials Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

PE Mining and Mineral Processing Committee Meeting | Greenville, South Carolina

September 19-20 | PE Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

September 20-21 | PE Electrical and Computer Power Committee Meeting | Virtual

PE Environmental Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina

September 24 | PE Fire Protection Specification Development Meeting | Virtual

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NCEES has launched a new initiative featuring the all new Square
bandana. NCEES members are encouraged to take pictures with their
Square on personal or business trips to help spread licensure awareness
around the world.

Most recently, several NCEES staff members and volunteers took their
Square to the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) meeting in June
in Delhi, India, where they discussed international licensure mobility.

Member boards and all annual meeting attendees will receive a Square
at the 2024 annual meeting on August 14–17 in Chicago.