



NCEES

*advancing licensure for
engineers and surveyors*

105TH NCEES ANNUAL MEETING

Henderson

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AUGUST 18-21, 2026



FROM THE

President



From August 18–21, NCEES will convene for its 105th annual meeting in Henderson, Nevada. The annual meeting is the culmination of the year’s committee and task force work, which determines Council policy and the direction of licensure in engineering and surveying. The NCEES member boards will hear and vote on motions put forward by the committees and task forces and discuss important issues facing our professions.

The annual meeting also provides professional development opportunities through workshops and forums. I encourage you to attend the programs that pique your interest or would fill any knowledge gaps you may have concerning the professions or the organization’s operations. I would also like to invite you to attend the plenary session that is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and is open to all attendees. This session will cover important topics coming before the Council, including reports, motions, and NCEES initiatives, ahead of the formal business sessions.

With Henderson only minutes from historical and cultural landmarks, like the Las Vegas Strip and the Hoover Dam, this year’s annual meeting offers plenty of sightseeing possibilities and chances to gather more

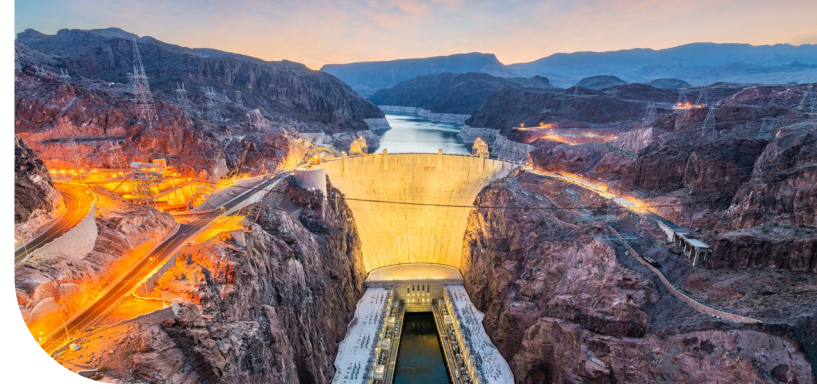
informally. The kickoff party, hosted at Atomic Motors, will be a wonderful introduction into the area and our time together. Showrooms filled with classic cars, motorcycles, and vintage memorabilia will usher us back in time and provide the perfect backdrop for an evening of celebrating our 105th annual meeting.

The meeting will close on Thursday night with a special event, the Awards and Installation Banquet, where we will install the new board of directors and honor the contributions of individuals who have served this organization with distinction.

It has been an honor to serve you this year in the capacity of president, and I want to thank each of you for your commitment to the NCEES mission—to advance licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. I look forward to seeing you in Henderson!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth B Johnston".

Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, P.E.
2025–26 NCEES President



Schedule of Events

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
2025–26 Board of Directors Meeting

3:30–5:00 p.m.
**Colonial States Boards of Surveyor
Registration Meeting**

This Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration meeting is open to all member board representatives and guests from professional societies. Agenda items include the election of officers, treasurer's report, annual meeting agenda, state reports, and other matters of interest to the member boards. A meeting agenda and treasurer report will circulate to member boards prior to the meeting.

3:30–5:00 p.m.
Structural Engineering Caucus

Join this forum to examine issues related to structural engineering licensure, including an update on the computer-based PE Structural exam.

The group will also discuss topics such as

- * Using artificial intelligence in structural engineering practice
- * Architects practicing structural engineering, particularly in jurisdictions that require S.E.s to design significant structures
- * The importance of developing consistent S.E. licensure across jurisdictions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:25–11:35 a.m.
**Behind-the-Scenes Technical Tour at
Hoover Dam (1 PDH)**

Experience Hoover Dam from an insider's perspective on this private, engineer-led technical tour. The route includes original rock tunnels, penstock and transformer viewing areas, and the powerhouse floor. This is not a public tour; it offers in-depth discussion of design, construction, and hydroelectric operations not typically seen by visitors.

This is only open to delegates and requires a \$50 fee. Participation is limited to 50 people. The guided tour lasts approximately one hour; the remaining time may be spent exploring the visitor center and observation deck. Closed-toe shoes are required to participate. Additional information is required for non-U.S. citizens (see registration system for more details).



8:00–9:30 a.m.

Advocating for the Regulatory Boards

Josh Twitty, NCEES advocacy and external engagement strategist, will provide an update on recent legislative session trends and noteworthy licensing reform efforts, including relevant legislation impacting licensing departments, proposals to ease workforce challenges, and the best way to advocate for your board in a deregulation-inclined environment.

8:00–9:30 a.m.

Designing the Future: AI and the Licensed Professional (1.5 PDHs)

Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping engineering and surveying services. This session provides practical guidance on how licensed professionals can use AI in daily workflows while protecting their license, managing liability, and maintaining the standard of care. Attendees will explore real-world applications, ethical considerations, and the likely 2–3-year evolution of AI in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry, equipping professional engineers and surveyors to lead confidently in an AI-enabled future.

8:00–9:30 a.m.

Wild West on the Strip: Design and Construction of the Stratosphere Tower (1.5 PDHs)

In boom-time Las Vegas, the Stratosphere Tower was conceived and built under extraordinary constraints—ambitious vision, evolving codes, intense public scrutiny, and the unpredictable realities of Strip construction. The original structural engineer, Brent Wright, P.E., S.E., will share behind-the-scenes challenges, pivotal design decisions, jobsite surprises, and hard-earned lessons about risk, coordination, and engineering judgment that remain highly relevant to today's practitioners and regulators.

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Modernizing Survey Control: Preparing for the Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (1.5 PDHs)

The National Geodetic Survey is ushering in a new era of positioning with the release of the modernized National Spatial Reference System, replacing legacy frameworks built on the North American Datum of 1983 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. This workshop will explain the major changes—including the transition to new geometric reference frames, the replacement of physical leveling-based heights with gravimetric geoid-based heights, and an increased reliance on global navigation satellite systems technology for precise positioning—as well as the impact on board rules and state laws.

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Speech or Conduct? The First Amendment and Professional Licensure (1.5 PDHs)

Numerous cases are challenging professional licensure laws on First Amendment grounds, focusing on the legal distinctions between regulating professional conduct and restricting protected speech. This presentation analyzes cases involving both the California and North Carolina boards as well as other occupational licensing boards and explores the rationale behind these challenges, how federal courts have approached the issue, and the implications of key U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Understanding Exam Development (1.5 PDHs)

NCEES Chief Officer of Examinations Lehmon Dekle, P.E., will explain the life cycle of an NCEES exam—from identifying the need for a new exam to developing, administering, and scoring the exam. This workshop is recommended for anyone wanting a better understanding of the exam development process, including first-time attendees and those interested in serving on an exam development committee.



MBA_s

ONLY

11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

MBA Professional Development: NCEES Advocacy Resources 101

Engineering and surveying regulatory boards play a critical role in protecting public health, safety, and welfare. As infrastructure demands grow, technology evolves, and legislative scrutiny increases, boards must be prepared to communicate their mission, regulatory impact, and professional standards clearly and effectively. This workshop provides member board administrators with practical advocacy tools, legislative trackers, and resources to strengthen their board's voice while maintaining compliance with ethical boundaries.

This session is only open to funded member board administrators. Lunch will be provided.

2:00–5:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

Open to all attendees, this session will include a broad range of content, including a welcome by NCEES President Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, P.E., and Chief Executive Officer Davy McDowell, P.E., and discussions on important topics coming before the Council at the annual meeting. This session is being held for attendees to informally discuss reports, motions, and NCEES initiatives ahead of the business sessions.

6:30–9:30 p.m.

Kickoff Party: Classic Cars and Nostalgia at Atomic Motors

Join us for an unforgettable kickoff event at Atomic Motors. Step back in time surrounded by classic cars, motorcycles, dragsters, and nostalgic memorabilia. Get an up-close look at vintage vehicles currently under restoration and wander through the various showrooms and bays. Docents will be available to answer questions.

Casual and comfortable attire is appropriate. Transportation will be provided, so indicate any special transportation needs when you register. Food and a hosted bar will be available.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30–8:30 a.m.
2025–26 Committee Chair Breakfast
(by invitation)

FIRST-TIME

Breakfast

ATTENDEE

7:30–8:45 a.m.

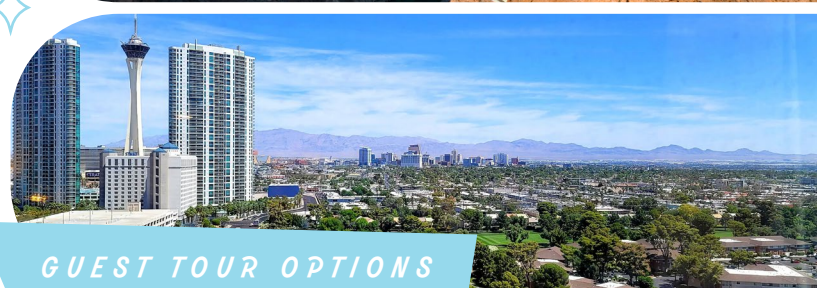
Get to know NCEES and its leaders and learn about the annual meeting's role in advancing licensure. NCEES Chief Officer of Member Services Stef Goodenow

will explain the annual meeting's purpose and provide tips for successfully navigating the business sessions and forums.

Funded first-time attendees are required to attend.

9:00–10:45 a.m.
Business Session 1

11:00 a.m.–Noon
Zone Meetings



GUEST TOUR OPTIONS

* **9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**
Seven Magic Mountains and Hoover Dam Excursion

Venture outside the city to experience a mix of colorful desert art and monumental engineering. This tour will stop for a photo opportunity at the famous “Welcome to Las Vegas” sign before enjoying the towering boulder installations of Seven Magic Mountains. Next is a guided walk across the Hoover Dam, as well as the chance to cross the Mike O’Callaghan–Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge for unmatched, elevated views of the dam and Lake Mead. The tour includes a box lunch and time to browse Hoover Dam’s visitor center and gift shop.

* **11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**
Las Vegas Tasting Tour

Join us for a casual afternoon adventure of eating and exploring that will provide the perfect introduction to the Las Vegas Strip. This tour will visit several restaurants, enjoying three or four signature dishes per stop. Between stops, the guide will share insider knowledge and highlight local sights.

Basic special dietary needs can be accommodated if provided during registration.

The 2026 *Action Items and Conference Reports* contains committee reports and motions that will be presented at the annual meeting. An electronic version of this publication will be sent to everyone who registers to attend, and a PDF will be posted on MyNCEES by July 1.

Printed copies will be available for delegates at the annual meeting.

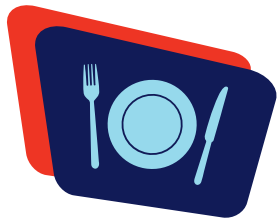


12:15–1:30 p.m.
Welcome Lunch Buffet

Enjoy a buffet lunch at the hotel while you catch up with old friends and meet with new member board members and staff.

2:00–5:00 p.m.
Professional Forums

Sessions will be held for engineers, surveyors, and member board administrators. Topics will focus on areas of interest for each of the communities.



**Need help with
dinner plans?**

Visit the hospitality desk on-site for restaurant suggestions.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30–8:15 a.m.
**Past President Breakfast
(by invitation)**

9:00–10:00 a.m.
Business Session 2

10:15–11:15 a.m.
Zone Meetings

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Business Session 3

12:30–1:45 p.m.
Lunch Buffet

Enjoy a buffet lunch at the hotel.

2:00–4:00 p.m.
Business Session 4

2:00–4:30 p.m.
Law Enforcement Forum

An interactive program is planned for board investigators, attorneys, members, and member board administrators. The forum will begin with a discussion of current law enforcement issues affecting member boards, including updates on standing topics and Enforcement Exchange. Participants will then take part in roundtable discussions of law enforcement topics provided during registration.

6:30–7:00 p.m.
Reception

Before the banquet, relax and enjoy hosted wine and beer and an optional cash bar.

7:00 p.m.–Until
Awards and Installation Banquet

Enjoy a special evening in honor of the 2026 NCEES service award recipients and the NCEES board of directors. The 2026–27 board of directors will be installed, and President-Elect Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E., will present his vision for the year ahead. Following the program, delegates and guests are invited to conclude the evening at a dessert reception.

Business attire is appropriate for this event. Complimentary drink tickets for wine and beer will be provided for the banquet and receptions. Bar service will be available throughout the event.

PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

OPPORTUNITIES

The 2026 NCEES annual meeting provides opportunities to earn professional development hours (PDHs). Contact the relevant licensing board with questions about continuing education requirements.

Go to ncees.org/annual_meeting to download a form to self-report attendance at sessions offering PDH credit. Individual certificates will not be provided.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:45–8:45 a.m.
2026–27 Committee Chair Breakfast
(by invitation)

9:00–11:00 a.m.
2026–27 Board of Directors
Informational Meeting

The 2026–27 board of directors will meet for an informational meeting. Visitors are welcome to observe.

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Law Enforcement Workshop:
Investigation 101 (6 PDHs)

This workshop will consist of modules on the basics of professional engineering and surveying presented by licensees, helpful investigative tools and resources presented by investigative staff, and legal considerations presented by an attorney.

Breakfast will be available for program participants before the session. Lunch will be provided at noon.

PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Virtual EVENTS



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It is not necessary to attend the annual meeting to participate in these virtual events, and separate registration is required. Recordings will be available a few days after each event. Find a link on the annual meeting website (ncees.org/annual_meeting).

State of the Council webinars

These virtual events provide timely announcements and updates on Council activities. The webinars in June and July will provide important information to help member boards prepare for the annual meeting.

June 17, 2:00–3:30 p.m. EDT

Join NCEES CEO Davy McDowell, P.E., and Chief Operating Officer Jason Gamble, P.E., to review the motions that will be presented at the annual meeting and the position that the board of directors has taken on each one.

July 22, 2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT

NCEES staff will be available to answer questions about the *Action Items and Conference Reports*, which will be posted by July 1. Chief Financial Officer Joe Scheving, CPA, will provide a review

of the NCEES 2025–26 financial performance ahead of the Council’s consideration of the 2026–27 operating budget at the annual meeting.

Invitations were sent to all members, member board administrators, associate members, emeritus members, and past presidents of NCEES in January. Send a request to meetings@ncees.org if you did not receive an invitation and are interested in attending.

New Member Orientation

August 5, 2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT

NCEES Chief Officer of Member Services Stef Goodenow will give an overview of the Council, including how NCEES is organized, how NCEES staff works with member boards to promote licensure, the committee structure and its importance to the work of NCEES, and how members can get involved.

Registration opens in June. Funded first-time attendees will receive a special invitation to this event and are encouraged to participate. Anyone else is welcome to attend. Send an email to meetings@ncees.org if you would like an invitation.

Registration PACKAGES

Delegate registrations include registration materials, refreshment breaks, and sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Delegates may attend the Law Enforcement Program at no additional cost, or it can be purchased as a stand-alone registration.

Late registration fees apply after June 30.

	DELEGATE REGISTRATION	LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM	GUESTS WITHOUT BREAKFAST	GUESTS WITH BREAKFAST
<i>Fee</i> STANDARD / LATE	\$450 / \$500	\$150 / \$200	\$350 / \$400	\$450 / \$500
<i>Breakfast</i>	WED THUR	FRI		WED THUR
<i>Lunch or Guest Tour</i>	WED THUR	THUR FRI	WED THUR	WED THUR
<i>Evening Event</i>	TUES THUR	THUR ADD FOR \$200	TUES THUR	TUES THUR
<i>Meetings</i>	TUES WED THUR	THUR FRI FORUM (PM) WORKSHOP		

 = DELEGATES MAY ATTEND AT NO ADDITIONAL COST
 = CHOICE INCLUDED  = ADD FOR \$115

Funding OPPORTUNITIES

NCEES provides several funding opportunities to the member boards. For delegates to qualify for this funding, NCEES should have been notified of their identity by May 1. Funded attendees must register for the meeting and make travel arrangements by June 30 using instructions in the individual meeting invitation.

	CAPACITY PER BOARD	ELIGIBILITY	FUNDING
<i>Member Board Administrator (MBA)</i>	ONE	DESIGNATED MBA ONLY <i>Not transferable to assistant MBA or other board staff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delegate registration * Travel and stipend * Host hotel (August 17, 18, 19, 20) ♦
<i>First-Time Attendees</i>	ALL ELIGIBLE	NEW BOARD MEMBERS <i>Must have been appointed since August 19, 2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delegate registration * Travel and stipend * Host hotel (August 17, 18, 19, 20) ♦
<i>Funded Delegates</i>	THREE	CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delegate registration * Travel and stipend * Host hotel (August 17, 18, 19, 20) ♦
<i>Law Enforcement Program Attendee</i>	ONE	ANY BOARD MEMBER <i>or staff member associated with the board in the E3 database</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Law Enforcement Program registration * Travel and stipend * Host hotel (August 19, 20, 21)

MAY UPGRADE TO A FULL DELEGATE FOR \$350 DURING REGISTRATION

♦ Delegates who stay and attend the Law Enforcement Program will be funded to stay for a fifth night, August 21. Participation in the program is included for funded attendees. Delegates must stay for the entire program to be eligible for the additional funding.

REGISTRATION,

LODGING,

AND TRAVEL GUIDE

The method used to register, make hotel reservations, and book travel depends on whether you are funded by NCEES to attend the meeting.



FUNDED ATTENDEES

PAYING ATTENDEES

HOW TO REGISTER

Use the unique link in the individualized invitation to register by June 30.

Visit ncees.org/annual_meeting for the link to register. Fees increase after June 30.

HOTEL BOOKING

Automatic—NCEES makes a reservation based on the information provided during registration.

Book on your own using a link in your registration confirmation email. Reserve accommodations by June 30.

TRAVEL BOOKING

Follow the instructions provided in the invitation to book travel with Travel Inc. or indicate that you plan to drive to the meeting.

Book travel on your own.

VENUE DETAILS

* LOCATION

The Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa in Henderson, Nevada

* RATE

\$119 per night, single or double occupancy, plus required taxes and fees

* RESORT FEE

\$29 per night (mandatory), which includes self-parking; in-room Wi-Fi; spa admission; golf course shuttle; access to beach, pools, and sports courts; and two water bottles daily

* AIRPORT

Harry Reid International Airport (LAS)—approximately 35-minute drive

* PARKING

Self-parking is included in the daily resort fee for overnight guests. Valet parking is available, currently \$20 per day.

* GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Available online at ncees.org/annual_meeting



Policies

Registrants must accept all applicable policies, including the refund policy, NCEES Meetings Code of Conduct, and NCEES Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy. All policies are available at ncees.org/annual_meeting.



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