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NCEES honors Florida professional surveyor Robin Petzold for service

Robin Petzold, P.S.M., of Citra, Florida, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the surveying profession. Petzold was recognized during the organization's 100th annual meeting held virtually on September 15, 2021.

Petzold served on the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers in 2010–18. He led the board through two extensive rule revisions and was instrumental in bringing about the changes needed for the standards of practice for Florida surveying. Upon concluding his service as a board member in October 2018, Petzold continued to serve as an emeritus member of the board on the Probable Cause Panel. This involved a significant amount of work and expertise. The panel met four times a year and recently increased its meetings to eight times a year in 2021. As a board member, Petzold was elected and served as board chair in 2012–14 and 2017.

He has provided extensive service to NCEES in areas ranging from education and exam development to recognition of outstanding achievements in the surveying profession. He served as a member of the Committee on Member Board Administrators in 2013–14 and the Future of Surveying Task Force in 2014–15. He was a member of the Committee on Education in 2015–18 and chair in 2018–19. He currently serves as a consultant to the Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors.

In addition to his service to NCEES, Petzold has served the Southern Zone, specifically as board chair in 2012–14 and 2017 and as chair of the Committee on Southern Zone Awards in 2017–19. He served on the 2016–17 Professional Activities and Knowledge Studies Committee and on the NCEES Surveying Education Award jury in 2017 and as chair in 2018 and 2019.

Petzold is an active member of his chapter in the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society and authors papers on affairs of licensure for publication in regional and national magazines. Most critical to Petzold's work to advance the surveying profession is his adjunct professor position in the geomatics program at the University of Florida. In this role, he educates surveying students on the importance of ethical conduct, professional licensure, and involvement in professional societies and board meetings, along with instructing them on the fundamentals of surveying and the laws and rules within the state of Florida. He retired as executive vice president of Wantman Group, Inc., a multidisciplinary consulting firm specializing in engineering, planning, and surveying, in March 2020.

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, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 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.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.