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NCEES honors West Virginia professional engineer Garth Thomas for service

Garth Thomas Jr., P.E., of South Charleston, West Virginia, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Thomas was recognized during the organization's 101st annual meeting in Carlsbad, California, on August 25, 2022.

His service to NCEES began in 2004 when he joined the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam Development Committee. Thomas served as chair of the FE Exam Chemical Module Committee in 2008–10. In 2014 and 2020 he participated in a professional activities and knowledge study, or PAKS, for the FE Chemical exam specifications, specifically participating on the cut score panel. He has served for four years on the NCEES Committee on Education and is currently serving as chair.

Throughout over 20 years of service, Thomas has helped guide the FE exam through significant changes. He was involved in the Preliminary Item Analysis (PIA) for the FE exam and has been at the forefront of transitioning the exam to the current computer-based testing (CBT) format. Thomas assisted with the development of the FE Reference Handbook and practice exams that were published during the transition.

Currently, Thomas is serving his second term, now as president, on the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. He had a long career as a faculty member, department chair, and associate campus provost at the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

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.