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NCEES honors Mississippi professional engineer Dennis Truax for service

Dennis Truax, Ph.D., P.E., of Starkville, Mississippi, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering and surveying professions. Truax received this award at the organization's 97th annual meeting, held August 15–18, 2018, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Truax initially served as a member of the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors from 2005 to 2006 and has been serving an additional appointment since 2010. During this time, he has served as president, vice president, and secretary. Between board appointments, he was an emeritus member and continued to support the board as a consultant.

He made an especially important impact in 2005, when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. He coordinated activities of the board and the Mississippi State University student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers to help address the needs of the state's professional engineers. In addition to serving the Mississippi board, Truax has been committed to the work of NCEES. He has been a member of the Committee on Education since 2015. He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Council Activities from 2011 to 2015, serving as chair in 2014–15.

Truax is a professor and head of the Mississippi State University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and holds the James T. White Endowed Chair.

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, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, 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.