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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

JANICE POPLIN WILLIAMS, PE CHAIRMAN, LAPELS

I had some time to kill recently while waiting for a prescription to be ready at a local grocery store. So as I wandered around, I passed through the remnants of the summer fun supplies which were quickly being replaced by back-to-school items. It was just barely past the 4th of July and it seems that the store has declared summer is over. My grandson will be starting school this August, and that had me thinking about the long years of education he has ahead of him. And I got to thinking about the newly minted graduates of engineering schools just starting out in their professions. Sometimes it seems like it was just yesterday when I was that new graduate starting out. It didn't take me long to figure out that what I had gotten from college was an education and that I now needed training. I needed training to understand the practical nature of solving real life challenges instead of the less tangible problems presented in classrooms and textbooks. And I got that training by absorbing everything I could from the senior staff and engineers around me. Now at the opposite end of my career, I have the privilege to pass on what I know to the newer engineers and those with less experience. That transfer of wisdom and experience is vital to meeting our obligation for safeguarding the public welfare, life, health and property. Sharing our triumphs of challenges overcome as well as our cautionary tales of mistakes made and the associated costs is priceless. In these days of 24/7 flow of information with dubious veracity, I think telling our personal stories to the next generation is more important than ever. Giving our up-and-coming colleagues real life examples of what works and what doesn't will help them make better mistakes than we did. So, I encourage all the senior engineers to take some time to share your war stories with the new ones. And if you are on the front end of your career, look for some of the old guard and ask them to tell you about the things they have learned along the way. Might be just what you need to know.



Janice Poplin Williams, PE
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AI - THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

BYRON E. TRUST, PE

As it is well documented, I've fully embraced the use of AI or Artificial Intelligence. I've found that most engineers fall into two categories...

1. Those that think AI is a useful tool in the engineering community
2. Those that think AI is going to be the end of education and engineering as we know it

Like most things, the truth is somewhere in the middle.

I've made it a point to test AI across multiple platforms and use it in real-world situations to figure out what works and what doesn't.

Here's what I've found...the good, the bad, and the ugly. (Shameless Clint Eastwood reference)

The Good...

AI can be a very useful tool if you use it the right way.

- **Pre-Project Prep:** AI is a good sounding board. You can walk it through how you plan to approach a project and see if it points out something you didn't think about. It doesn't replace your experience, but it can help fill in gaps.
- **Thinking Through Calculations (Not Doing Them):** AI can help you identify what variables you need, what assumptions you're making, and whether your overall approach makes sense. That's where it has value.
- **Reviewing Your Work:** AI can act like a second set of eyes. It's good at catching inconsistencies or areas that don't quite add up. Think of it like spell-check for engineering logic.
- **Writing and Communication:** This is where AI really shines. It can help clean up emails, reports, and summaries so your message comes across clearly, technical when needed, simple when it doesn't.

Bottom line...AI works best before and after the engineering work. Not in the middle of it.

That's exactly how I've used it here. AI helped review and refine the communication in this article, not generate the content. There's a big difference.

If AI is generating content, technical analysis, calculations, or conclusions that you're relying on, that's where you need to take a hard look at what you're doing. The same goes if you're working under a publication or company policy that requires disclosure.

The Bad...

AI is not engineering software. It doesn't follow physics-based models. It predicts answers based on patterns. That's a big difference, and where the bad comes in if it is used irresponsibly.

Here are a few simple examples:

Say you ask AI to calculate hydrostatic pressure for a 10 ppg fluid at 8,000 ft.

The correct answer should be:

$$0.052 \times 10 \text{ ppg} \times 8,000 \text{ ft} = 4,160 \text{ psi}$$

I've seen AI give answers that were off by several hundred psi on problems this simple. Not every time, but enough to be an issue.

You can also run into the same issue on something like a fracture gradient calculation.

For example, if you're working off a typical gradient of 0.85 psi/ft at 8,000 ft, you're looking at:

$$0.85 \text{ psi/ft} \times 8,000 \text{ ft} = 6,800 \text{ psi}$$

That number matters when you're thinking about frac design, casing integrity, or even just staying within safe operating limits.

If AI is off by even 5 to 10 percent on something like that, you suddenly have an error of several hundred psi. That's the difference between staying within your design parameters and something failing downhole.

Those are simple calculations, and that's exactly the point.

Now take that same type of error and apply it to casing design, fracture gradients, or well control. That's where an inaccurate calculation can turn into a real-life safety issue.

A few rules everyone should follow:

- Never use AI to perform engineering calculations
- Never trust AI generated data without checking it
- Never let AI do the work for you

If you do, you're not saving time, you're creating risk.

The Ugly...

The biggest issue with AI isn't the technology, it's how people use it.

Using AI as a shortcut has a way of catching up with you.

If younger engineers start relying on AI instead of learning how to think through problems, we're going to lose something that's hard to replace...**critical thinking and judgment.**

That's where the more experienced engineers need to step up. Experienced engineers have a professional responsibility to help guide the younger group by showing them where AI can help and where it can hurt. Make sure they understand that AI is a tool, not a replacement for experience.

There are always going to be those who are opposed to new methods and change. I get that. For those that don't like AI, at least spend some time with it so you understand what you're pushing back against. The more informed you are, the more you can help shape this ever changing AI landscape.

Final Thoughts...

AI is here to stay. It's not going to replace engineers, but it can make a good engineer more efficient if used correctly.

Use it as a tool. Question it. Check it.

At the end of the day, the responsibility still falls on the engineer.

Always has! Always will!



Byron E. Trust, PE
LAPELS Board Member

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

KERI CAINES
COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR



Keri Caines
Compliance Investigator

UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING:

G&W Engineering, an unlicensed firm was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B). The firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana in or around 2023, and provided engineering services on 1 project in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$3,000; to pay administrative costs of \$605.84; to obtain firm licensure within 30 days of Board acceptance of consent order; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this

matter identifying Respondent by name in the Board's official Journal, and the reporting of this matter to NCEES, identifying Respondent by name.

Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, P.C. Professional Corporation, a licensed professional engineering firm (EF-5713), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for not having a qualified supervising professional, in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2305. Between September 30, 2023 and May 30, 2025 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500; to pay administrative costs of 473.74; the supervising professional must successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher; and the supervising professional must successfully complete the Board's online Standards of Practice Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter identifying Respondent by name in the Board's official Journal, and the reporting of this matter to NCEES, identifying Respondent by name.

Southern Integrated Solutions and Consulting, LLC, an unlicensed firm, was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B). Between September 2023 and November 2025 the firm offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on 3 projects in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$9,000; to pay administrative costs of \$673.46; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter identifying Respondent by name in the Board's official Journal, and the reporting of this matter to NCEES, identifying Respondent by name.

EXPIRED LICENSE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING:

David Wayne Minton, PE., a professional engineer (PE-36790), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board practicing as an engineer in Louisiana with an expired license practice in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(9) and (16), for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), and failure to provide Board requested information within thirty (30) days in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(10). Between June 29, 2024 and July 1, 2025 the respondent admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least 4 projects in Louisiana. The expired licensee has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$9,000; to pay administrative costs of \$438.40; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter identifying Respondent by name in the Board's official Journal, and the reporting of this matter to NCEES, identifying Respondent by name.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

MORGAN D. GEORGETOWN
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As part of LAPELS' ongoing efforts to promote professional competency and ensure compliance with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Licensure Law, the Enforcement Department conducted the Spring 2026 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Audit.

On January 5, 2026, audit notices were issued to 100 randomly selected licensees. Those selected for audit were required to submit documentation verifying the CPD hours earned during the 2024 and 2025 calendar years by February 6, 2026. Since the audit began, Enforcement staff have worked closely with licensees to review submissions, answer questions, and assist those with deficiencies in bringing their records into compliance. The results as of July 29, 2026, renewal deadline are summarized below:

- 100 licensees selected for audit
- 92 total audit submissions received
- 79 submissions received on or before the February 6 deadline
- 59 licensees found to be in full compliance and approved for 2026 license renewal
- 29 licensees remedied CPD deficiencies and were ultimately brought into full compliance
- 4 licensees remained noncompliant or submitted incomplete materials and were placed in expired status on July 29, 2026, due to noncompliance with the audit
- 5 licensees requested to place their licenses in expired status rather than complete the audit and renew their licenses
- 2 licensees did not respond to formal notices or reminder communications and were placed in expired on July 29, 2026, due to noncompliance with the audit
- 1 licensee was reported deceased

The Spring 2026 audit reflects a high level of cooperation from Louisiana licensees. Nearly all individuals selected for audit responded, and many who initially had deficiencies worked with Board staff to resolve those issues before renewal.

Notices for the **Fall 2026 CPD Formal Audit** were issued on June 29, 2026. Licensees selected for audit are encouraged to review their records promptly and submit complete documentation by August 3, 2026. When submitting CPD records for review, licensees should ensure that they maintain adequate documentation for every professional development activity. Pursuant to **LAC 46:LXI §3115(B)**, all licensees are required to obtain and maintain certificates, transcripts, or other proof of attendance or completion substantiating any PDHs earned. At a minimum, the documentation should include:

- The date(s) of the course or activity
- The course title or description
- The sponsor or provider
- The licensee's name
- The number of PDHs earned

Maintaining complete and organized CPD records throughout the year, whether through the NCEES CPC Tracker or the LAPELS CPD Log, can greatly simplify the audit process and help avoid unnecessary delays. The Board appreciates the cooperation shown by those selected for audit and remains committed to assisting licensees in understanding and complying with Louisiana's continuing professional development requirements. Maintaining complete and accurate CPD records helps protect the integrity of the professions and supports continued competency in serving the citizens of Louisiana.

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If your firm recently completed a project that represents engineering excellence, we encourage you to share your success story by submitting it to this year's Engineering Excellence Awards program.

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One of the greatest lessons engineering has taught me is that this profession will outlive each of us. The projects we complete, the young engineers we mentor, and the standards that we uphold become something greater than ourselves. Long after drawings are archived and projects are completed, our influence lives on in the people we invest in and the example we leave behind.

This has been at the forefront of my mind as one of our senior engineers recently retired. The conversations with other engineers, clients and contractors were in unison: he made an impact, he helped anyway he could, he would find a way, he answered my calls. It was not “he was a perfect designer” or “he designed award winning projects.” No, it was the relationships that were built and the people that he affected.

I was fortunate that this engineer was also Dad. For 37 years, I had a front-row seat to the kind of legacy he built—not one measured by drawings or calculations, but by relationships, trust, and a willingness to help others succeed. That lesson has shaped both my career and my understanding of what it means to be an engineer.

As I begin this year as President, I find myself reflecting on the responsibility of investing in people and our profession. Ours is not simply to maintain a professional organization, but to strengthen a profession that has served Louisiana for generations and will continue serving it long after our own careers have ended.

My vision for this year is simple: leave this profession stronger than we found it. Creating a lasting effect on those around us and leaving a legacy of something better than we found it. In order to do that, we are going to have to invest in our young engineers. Our state has some of the best engineering universities in the country, and those engineers are graduating and looking for opportunities to make an impact. I challenge our members, those that sit in management and/or leadership positions, to go out of your comfort zone and give your younger staff a chance to prove themselves. Giving them meaningful responsibility always comes with some uncertainty. Sometimes they will exceed your expectations. Sometimes they will stumble. However, both outcomes can have a tremendous impact on them and their career if we are willing to teach instead of criticizing.

As for our young engineers, I challenge you to become more involved with our society. Engineering changes lives every day. LES can help you connect with professionals from different disciplines, generations, and regions so that knowledge, mentorship, and leadership continue to grow.

Rather than a normal call to action, I’m going to challenge our members this year to go beyond their status quo.

If you have been attending meetings, find someone from your office and bring them and mentor them. If you have never served, volunteer. If you are early in your career, join a committee. If you are retired, share your experience at one of our local chapter meetings. There are many ways to continue to be involved and to help grow our knowledge as a society and profession.

I want to thank Gavin Gautreau, P.E., for his leadership as President last year. Gavin approached every decision with thoughtful leadership and genuine commitment to serving this Society. Because of his efforts, LES is well positioned for the year ahead, and I appreciate the example he has set.

I look forward to serving the Society this year as President, and vow to challenge myself just as I have challenged our members. The future of engineering in our great State will not be defined by the projects we complete, but by the profession we choose to leave behind.

LES CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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AUGUST 2026

- 1: Honors & Awards nominations open
- 21: LES Board Meeting (Alexandria, LA)

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1: LEF Endowed Scholarship application opens
- 1: LEF Vincent Forte Fellowship & Faculty Awards nominations open
- 1: Nominations for LAPELS vacancies begin
- 15: ADA Seminar (Baton Rouge, LA & Virtual)
- 23: Life Safety Code Seminar (Baton Rouge, LA & Virtual)
- 28: LES Statewide Golf Tournament (Gonzales, LA)

OCTOBER 2026

- 1: Professionalism & Ethics in Engineering Seminar (Virtual)
- 15: Deadline for copy, Louisiana Engineer & Surveyor Journal, November issue
- 22: Deadline for Honors & Awards nominations
- 31: Deadline for Vincent Forte Fellowship applications
- 31: Deadline for LEF Faculty Professionalism Award nominations
- 31: Deadline for LEF Endowed Scholarship applications

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LOUISIANA CAPITOL VIEW

FROM HAYNIE AND ASSOCIATES

2026 Regular Session Wrap-Up

The 2026 Louisiana Legislature session convened on March 9 and adjourned on June 1, 2026. Over 2,500 legislative instruments were introduced over the session, and more than 900 bills were passed. This was a non-fiscal session which precluded taxes from being debated but allowed for a wide range of general policy legislation to be introduced and debated.

2026 Session Bills of Interest

Budget

[HB 2 – Tony Bacala – Signed by the Governor - Act 4](#)

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget

Priority 1: \$2 billion
Priority 2: \$583.43 million
Priority 5: \$8.88 billion
Cash: \$3.17 billion
Total Budget: \$14.6 billion

Design

[HB 387 – Foy Gadberry – Signed by the Governor - Act 798](#) (ARCHITECTS: Provides relative to professional engineering and land surveying)

[SB 291 – Mark Abraham – Signed by the Governor - Act 484](#) (ARCHITECTURE: Provides relative to the practice of architecture)

Contracts

[HB 170 – Neil Riser – Signed by the Governor - Act 132](#) (CONTRACTS: Provides relative to construction contracts)

[HB 755 – Christopher Turner – Signed by the Governor - Act 831](#) (PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Establishes indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity professional services contracting for design services for certain projects)

[HB 856 – Bryan Fontenot – Signed by the Governor - Act 678](#) (TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Provides relative to Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Construction Phase Contract)

[HB 887 – Jack McFarland – Signed by the Governor - Act 680](#) (PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Provides for modifications to the Construction Management at Risk option in Public Bid Law)

[HB 1193 – Paul Sawyer – Signed by the Governor - Act 882](#) (CONTRACTS/ BIDS: Provides for Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity construction phase contracts)

[SB 235 – Glen Womack – Signed by the Governor - Act 255](#) (PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides relative to payments under contract by public entities)

[SB 315 – Mike Reese – Signed by the Governor - Act 260](#) (PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Increases budget cost minimums for professional services contract exemptions)

[SB 513 – Mike Fesi – Signed by the Governor - Act 917](#) (PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides for public works project delivery methods)

[SCR 64 – Ed Price – Enrolled](#) (PUBLIC WORKS: Creates the Task Force on Construction Management at Risk)

Modernization of DOTD

[HB 1037 – Ryan Bourriaque – Signed by the Governor - Act 332](#) (TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Modifies operations and certain positions within the Department of Transportation and Development)

[HB 1072 – Ryan Bourriaque – Signed by the Governor - Act 333](#) (TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Reforms certain powers, duties, and responsibilities in the office of Louisiana Highway Construction)

[HB 1157 – Ryan Bourriaque – Signed by the Governor - Act 581](#) (TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Provides for funding to certain entities for infrastructure related projects within the Department of Transportation and Development)

[HB 1174 – Ryan Bourriaque – Signed by the Governor - Act 338](#) (TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Re-creates the Department of Transportation and Development)

Other

[HB 194 – Neil Riser – Signed by the Governor - Act 135](#) (LIABILITY: Provides relative to peremptive periods)

[SB 131 – Thomas Pressly – Became law without Governor's signature - Act 939](#) (ATTORNEYS: Provides for limitations on recovery of attorney fees and costs in occupational licensing board disciplinary hearings)

[SR 169 – William Wheat – Enrolled](#) (TRANSPORTATION/ DEV DEPT: Directs the Department of Transportation and Development to establish a two-year minimum pilot program for the use of dispute review boards on certain highway and transportation construction projects)



Ryan Haynie and Randy Haynie
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For more information on all legislation passed during the 2026 Regular Session, visit www.legis.la.gov.

Statewide

After the Congressional elections were postponed and redistricted earlier this year, we are coming up on the August 5-7th qualifying period for the November 3rd elections (open/jungle primaries). Most of our delegation will coast to re-election, but the elevation of Julia Letlow to US Senate and the elimination of Cleo Fields' district set up open seat elections, which will continue to escalate through the summer and into the fall.

HD 5 (Monroe) and HD 6 (Baton Rouge) are both gearing up to be competitive elections with multiple lawmakers looking at both races. No fewer than 5 special elections are expected in February of 2027 to fill seats of lawmakers who have moved to new positions.

Looking Ahead: 2027 Legislative Session

The 2027 Regular Legislative Session is scheduled to begin on April 12, 2027. In odd-numbered years, the Louisiana constitution mandates that the legislative session concentrates primarily on fiscal matters, such as taxation, budgeting, and revenue. Lawmakers take this time to assess the state's financial standing and make crucial decisions about resource allocation for the next fiscal year.

During the 2027 regular session, each lawmaker in Louisiana is allowed to file up to five general bills but has no limit on the number of tax-related bills they can propose.

Continued Engagement Encouraged

With the legislature out of session, now is the best time to connect with your lawmakers and build relationships. Legislators frequently rely on industry professionals for insight and guidance. Establishing these relationships today can better position LES to be a trusted source on engineering-related policy in the future.

Thank you for supporting LES and the engineering profession in Louisiana.

Stay engaged. Stay informed. Stay connected.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Baton Rouge Chapter

Jason P. Fennell, PE

The Baton Rouge Chapter wrapped up 2025-2026 with our annual Ethics Crawfish Boil last May. Chris Knotts, P.E. gave an excellent presentation on the Missouri City, TX Antenna Tower Collapse. I would like to thank the 25-26 board, all of our luncheon speakers, and the chapter members for making 2025-2026 a very successful year.

The Baton Rouge Chapter is looking forward to another great year. Our 2026-2027 board is as follows:

President: Jason Fennell, P.E.
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2nd Past President: Bliss Bernard, P.E., CEP



Jason P. Fennell, PE
Baton Rouge Chapter President

The Baton Rouge board met in July for our annual kickoff and planning meeting. Chapter members should be on the lookout for the following:

- Our annual corporate sponsor drive
- Application information for the chapter's annual STEM grant awards for area Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.
- Chapter luncheon invites
- Registration for the BR Chapter's annual clay shoot in October.

Again, thank you to all our members and I am looking forward to the upcoming year.

Bayou Chapter

Jacob Prosperie, PE

The Bayou Chapter held its annual golf tournament on June 8 at Ellendale Country Club in Houma. The tournament was very successful and generated proceeds to fund a new STEM Grant program for local area schools. I would like to personally thank all who participated and sponsored this tournament, and I look forward to planning next year's tournament. We are currently working with Fletcher Community College to host a professional development seminar for Engineers this Fall. We are still in the process of scheduling our meetings for the rest of the year, and hope to have meeting dates scheduled soon. I look forward to another great year in the Bayou Chapter.



Jacob Prosperie, PE
Bayou Chapter President

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Lake Charles Chapter

Kalyn Partin, PE

The Lake Charles Chapter is excited to begin a new fiscal year and looks forward to another year of professional development, networking, and fellowship among engineering professionals in Southwest Louisiana.

Looking ahead, chapter meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the new LNG Center of Excellence. These meetings are tailored to provide members with opportunities to stay informed on industry topics, earn gain professional development hours, and strengthen professional relationships within our local engineering community. Our July meeting will feature Kim Montie, Executive Director at the Port of Cameron, as the guest speaker. Additional speakers and meeting topics will be announced throughout the year.

Please note that the chapter will not hold meetings during November or December in observance of the holiday season. Any deviations from the regular meeting schedule will be communicated to members via email. Meeting notices, chapter news, and program updates will also be distributed electronically throughout the year.

A continued priority for the chapter is strengthening our relationship with McNeese State University and supporting its engineering students. By fostering stronger connections between practicing professionals and future engineers, we hope to encourage student engagement, mentorship, and participation in the engineering community.

The success of our chapter depends on the involvement of our members. We encourage everyone to participate by attending meetings, sharing ideas for future programs, suggesting speakers or topics of interest, and volunteering to become more involved in chapter activities. If you have ideas, requests, questions, or would like to become more involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Lake Charles Chapter at leslakecharles@gmail.com.

We appreciate the continued support of our members and look forward to another successful year of promoting professional excellence, continuing education, and collaboration while investing in the next generation of engineering professionals.



Kalyn Partin, PE
Lake Charles Chapter President

Monroe Chapter

Noah Sampognaro, PE, LSI

It is an honor to serve as President of the Monroe Chapter of the Louisiana Engineering Society for another year. I look forward to working alongside an outstanding group of officers as we continue building on the success of our chapter.

Our 2026–2027 officers are:

- President: Noah Sampognaro, P.E., L.S.I.
- 1st Vice President: Clay M. Blanchard, P.E.
- 2nd Vice President: Hunter Pearce, P.E.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Blaine Holloway, E.I.



Noah Sampognaro, PE, LSI
Monroe Chapter President

We wrapped up the 2025–2026 year with another successful Monroe Chapter Sporting Clay Tournament at Wild Wings Sporting Club. The event continues to grow each year, with seven teams and 35 shooters participating this spring. It has become one of our favorite chapter traditions, providing a great opportunity for engineers, contractors, and sponsors from across Northeast Louisiana to enjoy some friendly competition while supporting our chapter. We appreciate everyone who participated and sponsored the event, and we're already looking for ways to make it even bigger next year.

Summer is typically a slower season for our chapter as we take a break from our monthly meetings, but there certainly hasn't been a slowdown across Northeast Louisiana. With construction well underway on the Meta Data Center and the recent announcement of its second phase, our area continues to experience tremendous growth. It's exciting to see the level of investment coming to our region and the opportunities it creates for engineers across many disciplines.

Although our meetings are on pause for the summer, our officers will soon begin planning for the year ahead. Over the next several weeks, we'll be lining up speakers, confirming meeting locations, and organizing chapter events for the 2026–2027 year. Our monthly meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month, with our first meeting scheduled for September 10, 2026.

We're looking forward to another great year of presentations, networking, and fellowship with engineers from across Northeast Louisiana. We hope you'll join us throughout the coming year.

CHAPTER UPDATES

New Orleans Chapter

David D. Gereighty, PE

I would like to introduce myself as the elected (again) New Orleans LES Chapter president. I am originally from and currently reside in Metairie, LA. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Tulane University in 1983 and my Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University in 1996. I have had a career ranging from power, defense, marine, chemicals plus oil and gas. I currently work for the Department of the Interior. I am excited to have this opportunity to lead the New Orleans Chapter this year to work toward the LES mission of advancing the engineering profession.

Our elected officers for the 2026-2027 term are:

President: David Gereighty
1st Vice President: Dean Checkai
2nd Vice President: Philip Johnson
Secretary & Past President: Kevin Hurtt
Treasurer: Jonathan Giardina
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Our tentative schedule of meetings and topics for the 2026-2027 term is:

September General Membership Meeting, "Levee Boards, Policy and Politics"
October General Membership Meeting/Joint Meeting with LSU New Orleans, "State of Engineering at LSU New Orleans"
November General Membership Meeting, "Ethics & Licensing or Lack thereof"
December General Membership Meeting, "NASA & the Exploration of Space"
January General Membership Meeting, "Engineering Deans' Outlook for Engineering"
February General Membership Meeting/Joint Meeting with Tulane, "State of Engineering at Tulane"
March General Membership Meeting, "Upcoming Legislative Session for Engineers"
April General Membership Meeting, "Louisiana Election 2027 and what it means to Engineers"
May General Membership Meeting /Joint Meeting with IEEE, "Entergy & the Energy Outlook"

Please check our website: <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org> for updates on meeting dates, times, locations and speakers/topics.

Our last meeting of the 2025 – 2026 term year was a Joint LES-IEEE dinner meeting held on May 13, 2026, at Southport Hall and was titled "Meeting the Demands of

Data Center and Industrial Load Growth". The presentation was given by Ms. Limberly Cook-Nelson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating officer at Entergy. Ms. Nelson covered the economic impact of data centers plus the increase power requirements and how Entergy was planning on handling the increased load. The New Orleans chapter also presented five scholarship awards to the following college students:

Lee Saucier, Junior, Mechanical Engineering, Louisiana Tech
Vonghachack Damian Liamkeo, Junior, Mechanical Engineering, Louisiana Tech
Sriharsha Koneru, Junior, Biomedical Engineering, Tulane
Amanda Schoaf, Junior, Civil Engineering, LSU
Kaleb Bradburn, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, LSU

This meeting also served as our New Annual Sponsors Night in which some of our top sponsors had tables with giveaways and company literature. Being held at Southport Hall we encouraged social networking before and after the presentation.

If your company is interested in being in NO-LES Chapter Sponsorship Program for our upcoming 2026-2027 program term year go to: <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org/sponsorship-program/> for details. Also please consider participating as a player in our 18th Annual LES New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournament on Friday, October 30th at the Lakewood Golf Club, or as a sponsor, go to <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org/chapter-events/> for details. Again, this term year we will offer cross-benefits between the higher value Chapter and Golf sponsors, such as complimentary players, cross-sponsor logos, etc. These extra benefits are explained in more detail in both before-mentioned links.

I would like to take this time to thank our members and sponsors and I hope you and your families had and are having a safe and enjoyable summer.



David D. Gereighty, PE
New Orleans Chapter President

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Shreveport Chapter

Jacob Malone, PE

The Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) Shreveport Chapter is actively preparing for another great year! We are thrilled to launch this new season and are scheduling a robust lineup of meetings and events.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our outgoing president, Luke Haney. His tireless work and dedication laid the groundwork for a tremendous year with great speakers, several sponsors, and a fun Christmas social.

As I transition into the role of chapter president, my primary goal is to sustain and even grow our membership attendance by ensuring that our activities remain practical and beneficial for our membership. LES is a vital resource for staying updated, supporting one another, and advancing the engineering field throughout Louisiana—and that mission will be our central focus this year.

What to Expect This Year:

- **Monthly Luncheons:** Returning this September, our monthly luncheons at the Petroleum Club in downtown Shreveport offer our members an opportunity to hear from industry professionals, technical specialists, and public officials. Our officer team is curating a list of speakers who will deliver relevant and engaging presentations.
- **Key Initiatives:** Beyond our regular meetings, we remain committed to staying engaged with the core issues that matter most: licensure, ethics, and mentoring the next generation of Louisiana's engineers.

The strength of our chapter is directly tied to the active participation of its members. As Chapter President, I encourage all LES Shreveport members to participate in any way they can. Attend a meeting, invite a coworker, or volunteer your time so we can continue our chapter's success.

Keep an eye out for an upcoming announcement containing the details of our first September luncheon. Until then, enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!



Jacob Malone, PE
Shreveport Chapter President

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership Matters

Kalyn Partin, PE (2026-2027 Membership Chair)

The strength of the Louisiana Engineering Society lies in its members. From students beginning their engineering journey to experienced professionals leading projects across the state, every member plays an important role in advancing the engineering profession and supporting one another.

Membership in LES offers far more than access to meetings and events. It provides opportunities to build meaningful professional relationships, engage in continuing education, advocate for the engineering profession, develop leadership skills, and contribute to the future of engineering in Louisiana.

As our profession continues to evolve, the value of a strong professional network has never been greater. LES brings together engineers of all disciplines and career stages, creating opportunities to exchange ideas, share experiences, and collaborate on issues that impact our profession and our communities.

This year, LES has increased the Membership Committee's budget to expand the opportunities and resources available to attract, engage, and retain members. This investment reflects the Society's commitment to strengthening our membership, enhancing the value of belonging to LES, and supporting initiatives that foster professional connections and long-term engagement across the state.

If you are already a member, thank you for your continued support and involvement. We encourage you to renew your commitment by participating in your local chapter, attending state events, volunteering for committees, and inviting colleagues to become members. Your engagement strengthens both the Society and the engineering profession across Louisiana.

If you are not yet a member, we invite you to discover the many benefits of becoming part of the Louisiana Engineering Society. Together, we can continue to promote engineering excellence, support professional development, and inspire future generations of engineers throughout our state.

Mathcounts Update

Josh Barrett, PE (2026-2027 Mathcounts Host/Chair)

Each year, MATHCOUNTS inspires thousands of students to discover the excitement of mathematics while introducing them to future careers in engineering, science, and technology. Registration for the 2026-2027 Competition Series opens this month, giving middle school students across Louisiana the opportunity to sharpen their mathematical skills while competing alongside their peers.

The Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) is proud to continue its long-standing partnership with MATHCOUNTS to promote excellence in mathematics through school, chapter, state, and national competitions. You can help your local LES MATHCOUNTS Coordinator this month by contacting educators, administrators, or friends and acquaintances who work in middle schools. Home school associations continue to grow throughout Louisiana and represent another excellent opportunity to expand participation.

Chapter competitions are held each February across Louisiana and are hosted by local LES chapters. The highest-scoring teams and individuals advance to the Louisiana State Competition, held each March in Pineville. The top four students from the State Competition earn the honor of representing Louisiana at the Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, held each May. The national competition rotates between Washington DC and Orlando and is a fun all expenses paid trip for the students.

To give you a taste of the competition, here's a sample problem from the MATHCOUNTS website:

Smalltown is having a half-marathon race for walkers and runners. The length is 13 miles. Assume Starla walks the race at a constant rate of 4 miles per hour and Striper runs the race at a constant rate of 10 miles per hour. If Starla starts at 8:00 a.m., at what time should Striper start so that Starla and Striper cross the finish line at the same time?

Early registration is encouraged to ensure schools receive competition materials, important announcements, and event updates in time for the season. Whether you can help recruit schools, volunteer at a competition, or simply encourage students to participate, your support makes a difference.



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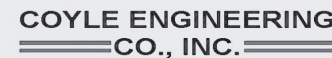
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