

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Louisiana Professional  
Engineering and Land  
Surveying Board

## NCEES ANNUAL MEETING

The 83rd National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) annual meeting was held on August 11-14, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

This meeting was particularly memorable for the Louisiana delegation. Our own Ben Harrison, long time LAPEL'S Director of Enforcement and the Acting Executive Secretary, was the recipient of the well deserved meritorious service award.

For over 16 years, Ben served in various capacities with the NCEES Committee on Law Enforcement. During his service the committee completed significant charges in advancing the missions of the licensing boards. We congratulate Ben on his achievement.

The annual meeting was well attended by all licensing boards and as always there were several controversial issues discussed in the business meeting. The following is a list of issues that could be of importance to our licensees:

- In the not too distant future, the NCEES will be issuing a national identification number to each applicant. The purpose of such a numbering system is to enable the licensing board to track the frequency and the exam locations for each licensure candidate.
- The council disapproved a motion to allow a candidate to take the principles and practice exam any time after graduation. However, the incoming President made it known that this will be revisited next year.
- The council approved a motion that the President charge a committee with revising the Model Law/Rules to incorporate a waiver of the F.E. exam for those applicants having both an EAC/ABET degree or its equivalent and a Ph.D. or doctorate in engineering from a school that offers an EAC/ABET program.
- The council approved a motion to require that an applicant failing three or more attempts of the same exam to submit an application to be readmitted to take the same exam again. An applicant must wait at least 11 months before retaking the exam and then may take the exam only one time each calendar year.
- The council approved a motion that to enhance licensure by comity, Member Boards should report the scores provided by the NCEES as the official scores. In addition, Member Boards shall refrain from reporting scores that have been increased or decreased by a Member Board.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LAPELS Board Meeting Dates

January 17-18, 2005

March 21-22, 2005

May 16-17, 2005



# GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Governor Blanco has appointed Mark A. Jusselin, P.E., replacing Morgan M. Watson, P.E., and Rhaoul Guillaume, P.E., replacing William H. Miller, P.E., P.L.S., to the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board effective October 7, 2004. Both are to serve the Board for a term of six years. In this issue, we would like to introduce Mr. Jusselin.

Mr. Jusselin was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on November 7, 1959. He graduated from Alexandria Senior High School in 1977. Mr. Jusselin received an Associate of Science degree in Land Survey Technology and his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University in August 1985. He received a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University in November 1986. Mr. Jusselin and his wife Susan have been married for 25 years. They have been blessed with two wonderful children, Tyler age 11 and Laura age 7.

Mr. Jusselin began his engineering career in December 1986 with Demopulos and Ferguson, Inc. in

Shreveport, Louisiana. He became a registered professional civil engineer in the state of Louisiana in July 1990. Mr. Jusselin is also registered as a professional engineer in the states of Arkansas (1993) and Texas (1995). Mr. Jusselin went to work for NTB Associates, Inc. in 1992 where he is currently a principal and executive vice president. NTB Associates, Inc. is a professional consulting firm located in Shreveport, Dallas and Little Rock specializing in engineering, surveying, and GIS services.

Mr. Jusselin was a member of the board of directors of the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) from 1991-2000. He served as the President of the Shreveport Branch of the ASCE in 1991. He also served as the President of the Louisiana Section of the ASCE in 1998. He is a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society since 1987 and participates in the American Council of Engineering Companies. Mr. Jusselin served on the Board of Directors of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce from 2001-2003. He is currently serving a three-year term

on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority in Shreveport.

Mr. Jusselin and his family are active members of Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport since 1987 where he is an ordained deacon. He is currently teaching 6th grade boys' weekly bible study class. His hobbies include all activities of the family as well as golfing, hunting, fishing and plans to one day become a motorcycle enthusiast.

Please watch the February issue for our introduction of Mr. Guillaume, P.E.



Mark Jusselin, P.E.

## LAPELS NO LONGER TO ISSUE "POCKET CARDS"

The LAPELS Board had decided to no longer issue the laminated pocket cards for licensees. The problem with the pocket cards is that a licensee's status could change after the pocket card was issued, making the information on the card incorrect. In order to provide the most current status verification, a status verification feature has been added to the LAPELS website. The status verification will list as of the date printed the licensee's name, license number, license status, discipline (if applicable) and expiration date. This feature can be accessed at the LAPELS website ([www.lapels.com](http://www.lapels.com)).

# ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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During the 2004 fiscal year, July 1, 2004-August 31, 2004, the Enforcement Section opened ninety-seven (97) new cases and closed ninety-three cases (93). During this same time period, the Enforcement Section has also audited eight hundred and six (806) licensees for CPD Compliance either through late renewals, investigations, or the renewal cycle audits. Of the eight hundred and six (806) licensees audited two (2) licensees were required to pay the administrative fee for not responding to the initial audit request and three licensees are still pending as to possible disciplinary action for failure to comply with the CPD requirements.

Below are summaries of action on closed cases which resulted in either formal or informal disciplinary action.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN ANOTHER STATE AGAINST LOUISIANA LICENSEES**

Harold Pridgen, a Louisiana P.E. was disciplined in the State of Florida for negligence in the practice of engineering. Mr. Pridgen was also on probation with the LAPELS Board for a previous disciplinary matter. The LAPELS Board through a formal hearing found Pridgen guilty of La. R.S. 37:698 (A) (7), which allows LAPELS to take action against a licensee who is disciplined by another state licensing board for a matter that would have been a violation if it had been committed in Louisiana. Pridgen was issued a final decision and order wherein he was to pay a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, administrative costs of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, and his license was to be suspended for a period of two (2) years. Pridgen's license was revoked for not paying the fine and cost within the time period allocated in the final decision and order.

## **FAILURE TO EXERCISE PROPER SUPERVISION BY A SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL**

A licensed Louisiana Professional Surveying Firm, Labiche, Westbrook, and Associates, a former supervising professional and the present supervising professional for LaBiche Westbrook and Associates agreed to a Consent Order with the Board in lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing to resolve the potential charges of failure to meet the Board's supervising requirements for a firm and for failure to exercise proper supervision by a supervising professional. LaBiche, Westbrook, and Associates agreed to pay a fine of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars, pay administrative costs of one hundred sixty dollars and thirty cents (\$160.30), to cease and desist the offering and/or providing of Land Surveying until such time as the firm can fully comply with the Board's requirements for firm licensure, and to a publication of a summary of this matter in this journal by name. The present supervising professional for LaBiche Westbrook and Associates agreed to pay a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, pay an administrative fee of one

hundred sixty dollars and thirty cents (\$160.30), to successfully complete the Board's online ethics presentation and the Board's Laws and Rules Examination, and to the publication of a summary of this matter in this journal without name. The former supervising professional for LaBiche, Westbrook, and Associates agreed to pay a fine of seven hundred and fifty \$750.00 dollars, pay an administrative fee of one hundred sixty dollars and thirty cents (\$160.30), to bring the referenced survey and survey plat into compliance with the minimum standards for property boundary surveys, to submit the revised plat to the Board for review, to furnish the revised plat to the client, to file the revised plat with the Clerk of Court in the parish where the survey was performed, to surrender his professional land surveyor license and seal, and to the publication of a summary of the matter in this journal without name.

## **THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING AND/OR LAND SURVEYING ON AN EXPIRED LICENSE**

Mr. Michael W. Sheffield a Louisiana P.E. admitted to the Board that he had unintentionally offered and/or practice of engineering in Louisiana during the period that his engineering license was in an expired status. Sheffield's license was immediately renewed and he agreed to a Consent order in lieu of a formal hearing wherein he paid a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) dollars, paid an administrative fee of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars, and to the printing of a summary of the matter in this publication by name.

Mr. Kenneth M. McKay a Louisiana P.L.S. admitted to the Board that he had offered and/or provided land surveying services in Louisiana during the period that his license was in an expired status. McKay's license was immediately renewed and he agreed to a Consent Order in lieu of a formal hearing wherein he agreed to paid a fine of one hundred (\$100.00), paid an administrative fee of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars, and to the printing of a summary of the matter in this publication by name.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS**

In addition to the above the Board received and investigated three (3) formal complaints. Said complaints were eventually dismissed as the investigation by the Board failed to confirm any violations of the Louisiana Statutes or Board Rules regarding the practices of engineering and/or land surveying. Six (6) letters of concern/warning were sent to licenses for matters that did not warrant consideration of informal or formal disciplinary action by the Board.

# Q&A USE OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL SEAL

**Robert "Tony" Huval, P.E.**

Deputy Executive Secretary



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It is important to know how and when to apply your professional seal to a document. This article is intended to cover the major points in the use of seals. For complete instructions on seal use, please refer to the Rules of the Board (Chapter 27) at [www.lapels.com](http://www.lapels.com).

## **Q: What does a sealed document signify?**

A: A document properly sealed by a licensee certifies that the work thereon was done by the licensee or under his/her responsible charge.

## **Q: What does the term "responsible charge" mean?**

A: Work done under a licensee is deemed to be done under the responsible charge of the licensee only when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The client requesting preparation of such plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents makes the request directly to the licensee or the licensee's employee as long as the employee works in the licensee's place(s) of business;
- 2) The licensee supervises the initial preparation of the plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents and has continued input into their preparation prior to their completion;

3) The licensee reviews the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents; and

4) The licensee has the authority to, and does make any necessary and appropriate changes to the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents.

## **Q: How do I properly affix my seal to a document?**

A: Documents must be stamped with the professional's seal, dated and signed. Some professionals forget to affix their signature and the date.

## **Q: Can I use a computer generated seal on a document?**

A: Yes, but the size and design of the computer generated seal must conform to the Board specifications (Rule of the Board §2701. b) and a handwritten signature must be placed adjacent to or across the seal and a handwritten date placed below the seal.

## **Q: How do I seal completed, multiple sheet drawings or plats?**

A: In the case of multiple sheets, the first sheet or title page shall be sealed and signed by the licensee or licensees in responsible charge. In addition, each sheet shall be sealed by the licensee or licensees responsible for each sheet.

## **Q: How do I seal multiple page reports, specifications, etc.?**

A: In the case of specifications or reports of multiple pages, the first sheet or title page of each document shall be sealed and signed by the licensee or licensees involved. Subsequent revisions shall be dated and initialed by the licensee in responsible charge whose seal and signature appears on the first sheet or title page.

## **Q: How do I seal revised documents?**

A: Licensees, as a third party, may complete, correct, revise, or add to the work of another licensee or other related design professional when engaged to do so by a client, provided:

- 1) The client furnishes the documentation of all such work submitted to him by the previous licensee(s), or their related design professional(s);
- 2) The previous licensees or other related design professionals are notified in writing by the licensee of the engagement referred to herein immediately upon acceptance of the engagement; and

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- All work completed, corrected, revised, or added to shall contain a notation describing the work done by the licensee now in responsible charge, shall have the seal and signature of the licensee affixed thereto, the date of execution, and shall become the responsibility of the licensee.

If a licensee fails to maintain written documentation of the items above, the licensee is subject to disciplinary

action as set forth in the licensure law.

### Q: Can I seal preliminary work?

A: Yes. All preliminary documents, so marked in large bold letters, shall contain a statement that the documents are not to be used for construction, bidding, recordation, conveyance, sales, or as the basis for the issuance of a permit. Preliminary documents are not required to have the licensee's seal and signature affixed, but must bear the name and licensure number of the licensee, and the firm's name, if applicable.

### Q: How do I affix my professional seal to a document that must be transmitted electronically?

A: Documents which require a seal may be transmitted electronically provided the seal and signature of the licensee is transmitted in a secure mode that precludes the seal and signature being produced or modified. Drawings, reports or documents which are signed using a digital signature as defined in the rules shall contain the authentication procedure and a list of the hardware, software, and parameters used to prepare the document(s).

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Examinations in land surveying and in the Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical, Structural I, and Structural II engineering disciplines are offered in the **spring and fall** of each year.

Manufacturing examinations are no longer offered.

Examinations in the discipline of Architectural engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine engineering are offered **ONLY in the spring** of each year.

Examinations in all other engineering disciplines are offered **ONLY in the fall** of each year.

The professional examinations are offered on Fridays, and the fundamentals examinations are offered on Saturdays. Upcoming examination weekends include:

April 15-16, 2005

October 28-29, 2005

For the April, 2005 examination:

**(1) First-time applications** must be received by the Board Office not later than December 6, 2004. The COMPLETE application must be received by this date -- incomplete applications may not be processed.

**(2) Applications other than first-time applications** must be received by the Board Office not later than January 19, 2005.

**(3) Student Intern applicants** must submit the completed application to their Dean of Engineering. They must also register with ELSSES to reserve a seat for the examination and pay the examination fee required by ELSSES.

Professional Engineering examinations are administered in Baton Rouge. The Fundamentals of Engineering examinations are administered in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Ruston. All surveying examinations are administered in Baton Rouge.

## New Registrants: for the Period of July 27, 2004 - September 14, 2004

### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Abdel-Messih, Maged  
 Abu-Yasein, Omar A.  
 Adams, Sherman W.  
 Altebrando, Nicholas J.  
 Barry, Marc T.  
 Baumgardner, Debra R.  
 Bennett, William S.  
 Bonvillain, Lance N.  
 Buchanan, David C.  
 Burgess, Blair D., Jr.  
 Cassidy, Ted W.  
 Cestoni, Walter J.  
 Corbett, Bobby C.  
 Edwards, Vernon W.  
 Flores, Victoriano R.  
 Gill, Edward J., III  
 Golden, Roger L.  
 Grimes, Wesley D.  
 Grow, Jay D.  
 Harvey, Sherri B.  
 Hayes, Michael W.  
 Hector, Allyn G.  
 Izzo, Dominic J.  
 Jarvis, Rodney D.  
 Johnson, Christopher T.  
 Jones, Chad D.  
 Kirchner, Lawrence L.  
 Leibold, Dennis M.  
 Li, Gar  
 Livingston, John E.  
 Lutz, Thomas F.  
 Madrazo, Carlyle M.  
 Malik, Javed B.  
 Mannava, Syam S.  
 Marotta, Jose R.  
 McGinnis, Jimmy D.  
 McKinney, Warren W.  
 Miller, Timothy J.  
 Mixer, Kenneth A.  
 Potvin, Peter A.  
 Poulin, Emmanuel  
 Ramo, Leonard J.

Reed, Samuel J.  
 Reeves, Kenneth W.  
 Schaffer, Paul J.  
 Seymour, Rick G.  
 Shepler, Jason R.  
 Slaats, John A.  
 Smith, Clark P., III  
 Stowe, Gary W.  
 Teng, Albert R.  
 Thomson, Gordon G.  
 Trahan, Ian B.  
 Truitt, Clifford L.  
 Weese, Jeremy D.  
 Wilson, David R.  
 Wright, Jeremy B.

### ENGINEER INTERNS

Alb, Hermann A.  
 Alexander, Justin R.  
 Alsaleh, Mustafa I.  
 Bonner, James A., II  
 Brooks, Colleen M.  
 Bryan, Timothy W.  
 Buford, Royce E.  
 Diaz-Llanes, Abel A., Sr.  
 Dooley, Matthew M.  
 Duhon, Landon K.  
 Duos, Brandon M.  
 East, Jeremy J.  
 Egle, Jarrod M.  
 Eldridge, Brad P.  
 Falcon, Gregory A.  
 Frederic, Kyle J.  
 Fu, Haoqiang  
 Furlong, Patrick K.  
 Gaspard, Quinton J.  
 Gomez de Rosas, Cristina  
 Hammatt, Benjamin S.  
 Haywood, Josh R.  
 Hensarling, Amy M.  
 Hooper, Luke J.  
 Humphrey, Curtis M.  
 Jardell, Jeremy P.

Jeremy, Martin A.  
 Karnik, Jaideep S.  
 Lawrence, Douglas H.  
 LeBlanc, Christina L.  
 Lewis, Daniel S.  
 Lorio, Jared M.  
 McIntyre, Thomas S.  
 Mojahed, Shahriyar  
 Murphy, Keith M.  
 Obeid, Najwa K.  
 Pecot, Lindsey G.  
 Pestello, Nicholas L.  
 Pulido, Maria E.  
 Reichard, Michael D., Jr.  
 Reinmiller, Christopher M.  
 Richard, Barry J., Jr.  
 Rinaudo, Nicholas W.  
 Schlegel, Jamie N.  
 Shervington, Shanga C.  
 Smith, Damon C.  
 Smith, Lea S.  
 Stallings, David W.  
 Thibodaux, Amy E.  
 Toro, Edmundo O.  
 Viator, Brody A.  
 Walton, Michelle R.  
 Warren, Jennifer A.  
 Wei, Lei  
 Williams, JarVor M.  
 Yancey, William L.  
 Zhang, Yan  
 Zhang, Yifei

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