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Melissa Young Doucet Memorial Scholarship	\$5,120.00	\$102,398.00
James and Margaret Mohr Civil Engineering Scholarship #1	\$1,850.00	\$37,000.00
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Neil & Sarah Klock Engineering Scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$30,000.00
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Waldemar Nelson Scholarship	\$1,260.00	\$25,200.00
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Alexandria Chapter Scholarship	\$1,106.00	\$22,120.00
Albert "Al" J., Jerri H., David Scott Dunn Scholarship	\$1,050.00	\$21,000.00
CSRS Scholarship for Minority Student in Civil Engineering	\$1,013.00	\$20,250.00
LES Scholarship	\$1,005.00	\$20,100.00
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Monroe Chapter Scholarship #1	\$794.00	\$15,885.00
Monroe Chapter Scholarship #2	\$794.00	\$15,885.00
Hurricane Katrina Scholarship	\$721.00	\$14,429.50
Hurricane Rita Scholarship	\$721.00	\$14,429.50
Dr. Bobby Price, PE Memorial Professional Engineering Scholarship	\$678.00	\$13,550.00
Bayou Chapter Scholarship	\$625.00	\$12,500.00
Lazenby & Associates, Inc. Scholarship	\$625.00	\$12,500.00
Dr. Thomas S. Leary Engineering Scholarship	\$528.00	\$10,550.00
New Orleans Chapter	\$520.00	\$10,400.00
LEF - Civil Engineering (John A. Hummel) Scholarship	\$518.00	\$10,350.00
Baton Rouge Chapter Scholarship	\$510.00	\$10,200.00
Badeaux Engineers Civil Engineering Scholarship-LSU, BR	\$503.00	\$10,050.00
ASCE Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Badeaux Engineers Civil Engineering Scholarship-ULL	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Charles L. Eustis, P.E. Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, Inc. Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
J. Madison "JM" Drake Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Lafayette Chapter Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Mardia Family Foundation Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
The Shaw Group, Inc. Scholarship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Vincent Forte Fellowship	\$500.00	\$10,000.00

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

EDGAR P. BENOIT, PE, F. NSPE
CHAIRMAN, LAPELS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

What is the LAPELS Board?

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1908 to protect Louisiana citizens with laws and rules that establish standards for the practice of engineering and Land Surveying.

How to get appointed to the LAPELS Board?

LAPELS is an eleven-member Board comprised of professional engineers and professional surveyors serving one six-year term. The Governor selects and the Senate confirms the Board member from a list of three nominations submitted by the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) for engineering positions by practice division or submitted by the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors (LSPS) for surveyor positions. The term appointments and areas of practice on the LAPELS Board are as follows: 2024 Industry and Surveying, 2025 Government and Education, 2026 Industry and Private Practice, 2027 Surveying and Government, 2028 Education, 2029 Construction and Private Practice. LES has details of the nomination method in Appendix 4 found on the LES website.

So, you would like to serve on the LAPELS Board? Here are my suggestions for what it is worth. I would begin with qualifications for the LAPELS Board in Louisiana Revised Statutes 684. A copy of the engineering laws is on the LAPELS website under "LAWS". The term of a Board Member ends on March 31 of the year listed above, and the replacement begins unofficially a year before that date, officially 120 days. For some positions, there are a large number of applicants. However, some positions are begging for applications to get the required three names of nominees for submittal. Do you think it would help to be a member of LES or LSPS?

How much work and effort are required from a LAPELS Board member? The LAPELS Board members are a working Board. You are reviewing applications, deciding on violations and appropriate sanctions, interpreting the meaning of laws and rules, as well as many other of the

normal committee work of a Board. All of these decisions have a major impact on the career of an engineer or surveyor. However, there generally is flexibility in the timing Board duties can fit into the requirements of your family and work duties. I considered my time on the LAPELS Board the pinnacle of my engineering career.

As a Board member, we are often asked, what are the most frequent violations of Laws and Rules?

The LAPELS Board does not benefit from fines collected from violations of its Laws or Rules, as all funds go to the state general revenue fund. Below is a short list of some of the most common violations of the laws and rules of the Board:

Law violations:

37:698(A)(1) If you have been cited for a violation in another state and now renewing your license in Louisiana, make sure you answer correctly on the renewal form

37:698(A)(9) Practicing engineering or surveying with an expired license

37:698(A)(12) Aiding or assisting another person in violating any provision of the licensure law or any Board rule (Supervising Professional)

37:700(A)(3) Non-Licensee using fraud in applying for a license

37:700(A)(5) Non-Licensee using expired license

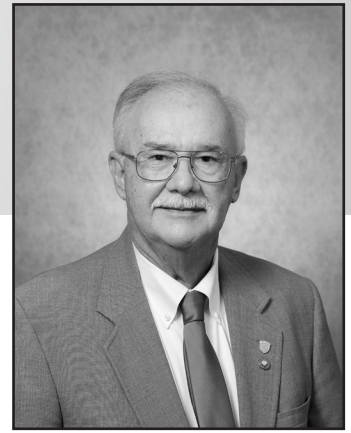
Rule violations:

2305 Violations committed by the Supervising Professional

2901 Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys

3117 Proof of compliance with all CPD requirements

I hope this listing will help all licensees avoid violations of the Board's Laws and Rules.



Edgar P. Benoit, PE, F. NSPE
Chairman, LAPELS

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

CHRIS AARON
BOARD INVESTIGATOR



Chris Aaron
Board Investigator

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

King Engineering Consultants, PLLC, an unlicensed firm was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2301(B). From January 2020 to June 2021 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on 15 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 \$3,000; to pay administrative costs of \$431.16; 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.

AIDING OR ASSISTING ANOTHER PERSON IN VIOLATING THE LAWS/RULES OF THE BOARD:

Michael D. King, P.E., a Louisiana licensed professional engineer (PE-44015), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting an unlicensed engineering firm in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). From January 2020 to June 2021 (a) Mr. King was the supervising professional of the unlicensed firm, and (b) the firm was not licensed as a professional engineering firm in Louisiana, and (c) Mr. King aided and assisted the firm in the unlicensed practice of and/or offer to practice engineering on 15 projects in the state of Louisiana. Mr. King 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 \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$431.16; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz with a score of 90% or higher on each; 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.

OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING OR LAND SURVEYING WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE:

James P. Begley, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-33126), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16). Mr. Begley's license was in an expired status from October 1, 2021 through July 20, 2022 and during this time period he admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project

in Louisiana. Mr. Begley has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted that, as a result of inadvertently allowing his license to expire on September 30, 2021, he committed the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and he agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$506.59; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

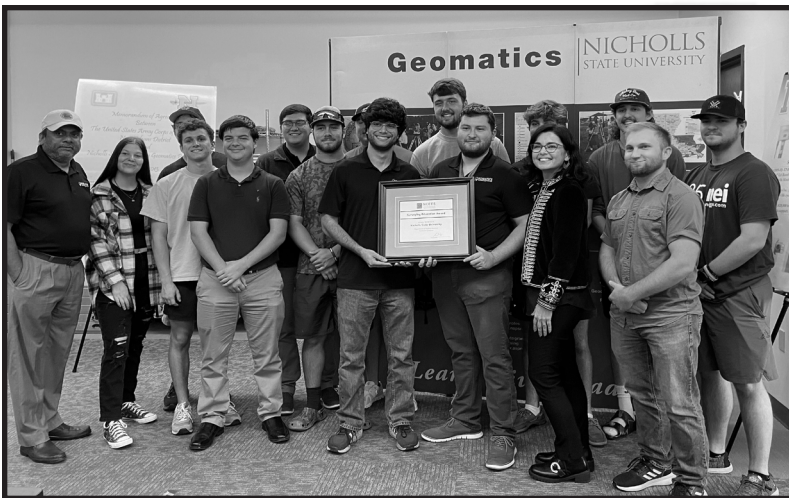
Mo Mon Tai, Inc., a professional engineering firm (EF-6984), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for having a representative who practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(C), to wit La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6) and (16). The professional engineer license of a firm representative (James P. Begley, P.E.) was in an expired status from October 1, 2021 through July 20, 2022 and during this time period Mr. Begley (on behalf of and in the name of the firm) admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana. Mr. Begley was an employee, officer, director, representative and the supervising professional of the firm. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted that, as a result of Mr. Begley inadvertently allowing his license to expire on September 30, 2021, it committed the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and it agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$506.59; to have its supervising professionals successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of its license if it fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until it so complies; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

LICENSURE APPLICATION VIOLATIONS:

Barrett C. Crook, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-32734), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1). In 2018 Mr. Crook designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least one project in Louisiana. In February 2019 Mr. Crook submitted to the Board his 2019 Louisiana professional engineer license renewal which falsely stated that he did not design buildings or building systems in Louisiana. Between March 2019 and January 2021 Mr. Crook designed building and/or building systems in connection with at least three projects in Louisiana. In February 2021 Mr. Crook submitted to the Board his 2021 Louisiana professional engineer license renewal which falsely stated that he had not designed buildings or building systems in Louisiana since his previous license renewal in February 2019.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT (CONTINUED)

Mr. Crook 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 \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$678.75; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz; to the immediate suspension of his license if he fails to comply with any portion of the Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; 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 this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.



Geomatics students celebrate winning the 2023 NCEES Surveying Education Award.



Nicholls State leaders celebrate the 2023 NCEES Surveying Education Award with LAPELS Board and staff members: (l-r) Allison Clune, Jimmy Chustz, PLS, Dr. Jay Clune, President of Nicholls State University, Edgar Benoit, PE, Dr. John Doucet, Dean of the College of Sciences and Technology, Dr. Esra Tekdal Yilmaz, Associate Professor of Geomatics/Department Head of Applied Sciences, Jeremy Becker, Executive Director of Nicholls Foundation and Donna Sentell, LAPELS Executive Director.

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Matte, David, LSI

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Strong, Thomas, PLS

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George Butler Associates, Inc.
Herrod Land Surveying LLC
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Jiang, Toby, EI
Lam, Ryan, EI

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Laurent, Hailey, EI
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LeBlanc, Carter, EI
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Liamkeo, Vattana, EI
Lorio, Justin, EI
Loy, Joseph, EI
Martin, Trent, EI
McCormick, Conner, EI
McGuinness, Conner, EI
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KMD Engineering, LLC
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Kurt Fischer Structural Engineering Corporation
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Lach Engineering, LLC
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MH2 Engineering and Consulting, LLC
Moore Consulting Engineers LLC
Morales Engineering LLC
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North Star Forensics, LLC
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Quantum Mechanical Services, Inc.
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Revision Engineering, LLC
Russo Structural Services LLC
Samuel Engineering, Inc.
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LAPELS EXPIRED LIST FROM SPRING 2023 RENEWAL CYCLE

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WHERE, OH WHERE HAVE THE ENGINEERS GONE?



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Oh, where, oh, where can they be? This is the question many of our member firms are asking as they struggle to hire engineers. Though the demand for engineers has increased due to the influx of project funding, the need for engineers, particularly civil engineers, surpasses the demand generated by the increased project. But, why? Or maybe the better question to ask is where oh where?

At ACECL, we have begun researching what is causing the decline of engineers in the state and what we can do to answer the following questions:

Where are engineers going after they graduate from our state universities?

What engineering disciplines are students receiving degrees in?

The answer to the first question is easy, but the solution is much harder. It is obvious that we are losing many of our state-educated students to neighboring states that young engineers think are cooler and provide a better quality of life. Whether these states are “cooler” than Louisiana is subjective and hard to measure, the fact that these states have tax and economic policies that provide for a more lucrative career and lifestyle is easy to acknowledge. Case in point, Texas and Florida do not have individual state income taxes already puts Louisiana at a disadvantage when it comes to talent recruitment.

The second question is also easy to answer after looking at enrollment and graduate data collected from state universities. Enrollment data collected from LSU for the last five years shows a 350% increase in industrial engineer enrollment while enrollment in civil engineering has decreased by 25%.

Again, there are several contributing factors to this discipline shift, but the major one is money. Industrial manufacturing companies simply pay more; therefore, more engineering students are selecting industrial and mechanical as their specialization.

Recognizing these workforce challenges won't be solved overnight, ACECL is committed to engaging stakeholders to clearly identify the cause of the challenges so that we can develop targeted and directed solutions. The conversation with education and engineering business stakeholders will kick off at our ACECL Fall Conference on November 13. There a panel of Career Center Directors from Louisiana Tech, LSU, and ULL will discuss what hiring trends they are seeing in engineering and how their universities are partnering with local firms to help meet their workforce needs. This panel will also provide participating engineers with the opportunity to provide these university representatives with feedback on what they are experiencing in the engineering jobs market and what initiatives the universities should be working on to tackle these workforce challenges.

If you are interested in attending the 2023 ACECL Fall conference, you can visit this link: <https://members.acecl.org/acecl-calendar>.

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Since its inception, the promotion of educational objectives has been one of the Foundation's primary goals. To that end, the Foundation created the endowed scholarship program, and, as identified on the cover of this issue, over thirty scholarships have been fully endowed to date with contributions totaling over \$657,000. Through generous donations, these endowments allow the Foundation to annually grant approximately \$32,000 in scholarships to undergraduate engineering students attending Louisiana universities. At a guaranteed rate of 5% of their respective endowments, the annual award of these scholarships ranges from \$500 to \$4,380.

The Louisiana Engineering Foundation also oversees the Louisiana Engineering and Surveying Center, located in Baton Rouge, LA. This center houses the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Licensing Board, the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES), the American Council of Engineering Companies – Louisiana (ACEC-L), the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors (LSPS), and the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists (LBOPG). The operation of this center allows for **collaboration and support of the engineering industry**, as well as creating a successful partnership between engineers, land surveyors, and geoscientists in our state.

In addition to individual donations, the Louisiana Engineering Foundation grows the scholarship endowment fund through proceeds received from the annual LA Transportation Partners Golf Tournament. This year's tournament and associated meeting is scheduled for **May 16-17, 2024** at Carter Plantation in Springfield, LA. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this event.

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I would like to thank the committee that organized the first Louisiana Engineering Industry Gubernatorial Forum that was held on October 2. The committee was comprised of Mary Claire Ruckert (LES Executive Director), Barker Dirmann (ACEC/L President & CEO), Ryan Haynie (LES Lobbyist), Chance McNeely (ACEC/L Lobbyist), Kimberly McDaniel (LES & ACEC/L Member) and Jack Koban (ASCE Member). While we now know that the Governor-Elect was not in attendance to speak to us that day, it was still an event that showcased the importance of engineers being a voice to be heard to move Louisiana forward. I would expect that some of the candidates that we spoke with will go on to other elected offices in the future, or even become members of the Landry Administration.

As I stated at the conclusion of the Forum, it is imperative that our members remain engaged with their respective Legislative Delegations. Whether we are assisting a client with receiving surplus money for our projects or fighting an attack on our profession, we will need to make sure that our Legislators will hear us when we need them.

I want to remind everyone that all Honors and Awards nominations are to be submitted/postmarked to the state office no later than November 3. We encourage all members and chapter organizations to submit applications in an effort to recognize the outstanding efforts our fellow colleagues contribute to the profession and their communities. All forms can be found on the society website at www.les-state.org. Additionally, I wanted to remind everyone that registration is open for the 28th Annual Joint Engineering Societies Conference in Lafayette, LA. The conference is scheduled to be held February 28-29, 2024. We encourage early registration and look forward to the diverse and informative program our committee is putting together.

Lastly, I am truly going to exercise my Presidential Privilege for this last section:

As many of you are aware, we lost a great young engineer on September 15, 2023. N. Dakota Hill served as the Monroe Chapter President for the 2022-2023 LES year. Not only did Dakota leave behind a wife, sons, parents, and friends, but he left behind a work family that I consider to be second to none. Dakota showed devotion not only to his family but to his work as well. He jumped right in on any project that we needed help with, including filling a position on the Chapter Board. Because of his willingness to serve, I am going to be asking the LES Board of Direction to add an award in Dakota's name to recognize the Chapter President who jumped right in to make a difference in the Society. The proposed award will be chosen by the State Office Staff, as they have the most interaction with the Chapter Presidents from around the State.

In closing, I appreciate everyone's assistance in helping our organization continue to be an important member of our respective communities. I believe I speak for the rest of the board when I say that our doors are always open to anyone with any concerns and offer our assistance when possible. May God bless all and I pray everyone enjoys a safe and joyous holiday season.



Jim Ellingburg, PE
LES President

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LES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

MELANIE B. CAILLOUET, PE
LES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

One of LES's goals is to encourage and support young people who want to enter the engineering profession. This endeavor begins with Mathcounts for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and never ends. The Louisiana Engineering Foundation (LEF) awards over 30 scholarships on behalf of itself, LES, LES chapters, and ASCE. These scholarships range from \$500 to \$1000. Also, some chapters issue additional scholarships based on the success of their yearly fundraisers, and the number of these scholarships fluctuates from year to year.

Some scholarships are awarded based on the LES chapter the applicant comes from, while others are based on the college they are enrolled in. Others have a GPA minimum requirement or are specific to an engineering discipline. Applicants do not need to pick and choose which scholarships they are eligible for and complete multiple applications. They fill out one online form and apply for all the LEF's scholarships. The application is located in the Scholarship drop-down menu on www.lef.les-state.org. Applications are now being accepted through November 30th.

After the application deadline, the scholarship committee reviews the applications and determines eligibility for each scholarship. During the award process, the committee tries to distribute the scholarships to the most applicants and awards the scholarships in early Spring. If you know a college student majoring in engineering, please send them to the online application. Some scholarships go unawarded each year.

If you would like to contribute to an existing scholarship or create a scholarship on behalf of yourself, your company, a friend, or a family member, please contact your chapter president or the LES office for more information.

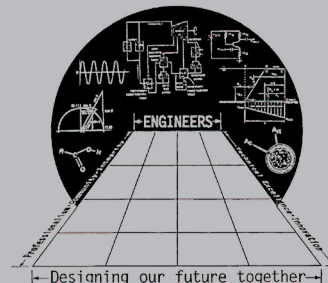


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Mary Claire Ruckert
LES Executive Director

LES Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2023

3: Deadline for Honors & Awards nominations
10: Honors & Awards Committee Meeting
10: LES Board Meeting (Baton Rouge, LA)
23-24: LES State office closed for Thanksgiving
30: Deadline for Scholarship Applications & Faculty Professionalism Awards

DECEMBER 2023

25-26: LES State office closed for Christmas

JANUARY 2024

1-2: LES State office closed for New Years
15: Deadline for copy, Louisiana Engineer, February Issue

FEBRUARY 2024

1-29: MATHCOUNTS Chapter competitions (statewide)
15: LEF Al Dunn Scholarship applications open
19-25: National Engineers Week
27: LEF & LES Board Meetings (Lafayette, LA)
28-29: 28th Annual JESC Conference (Lafayette, LA)

LES Vision Statement

The Louisiana Engineering Society is the recognized advocate of all licensed engineers in the state of Louisiana.

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The Louisiana Engineering Society serves to advance the engineering profession by:

Encouraging ethical and competent practice through licensure and legislative involvement.

Nurturing public awareness of engineers' contributions to society.

Growing the society through licensure & LES membership and public service.

Recognizing engineering achievements.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Alexandria Chapter

Kory Moss, PE

The Alexandria Chapter is off to a good start to the year. We started off the year with a lunch-n-learn in September where we received a presentation on "Ethics" by Donna Sentell. Our Baton Rouge Chapter President, TJ Stokes spoke on "Subsurface Utility Engineering" at our October lunch-n-learn. The Alexandria Chapter again would like to thank Donna and TJ for the great and informative technical presentations. Our next lunch-n-learn will be on November 14th and it will be located in the AEX conference room located at the Alexandria International Airport. Our presenter will be Cyndi Glascock with Gainey's presenting on "Stormwater Treatment". Below are upcoming lunch-n-learns from the Alexandria Chapter:

- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 11:45 am - "Submar Erosion Control Solutions" by Marcel Estay
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 11:45am - Speaker TBD
- No meeting in February

Our chapter will be hosting a local Mathcounts competition. The time and schedule are still to be determined. Other Alexandria Chapter events planned for the year include a golf tournament fundraiser at Oak Wing in June and the presentation of two scholarships generally at our last lunch-n-learn meeting for the year. Information about these events will be forthcoming in either the newsletter or email notice as we near each event.

Everyone is encouraged to attend or participate where possible to improve the success of our Alexandria Chapter and LES. Please contact me (James.Moss@cleco.com) if you would like to become an event sponsor or have any questions.



Kory Moss, PE
Alexandria Chapter President

Baton Rouge Chapter

TJ Stokes, PE

The Baton Rouge chapter has had a busy few months. In August we held a joint lunch with ASCE hosting speaker Rudy Simoneaux, the CPRA's Chief of Engineering. We also had a joint social with ASCE and WTS which had a great turnout and a good mix of younger and older members.

In September, we hosted a lunch with Jay Hardman from the Port of Greater Baton Rouge which had 65 registrants and provided some great insight into ongoing and upcoming projects with the Port of Greater Baton Rouge.

On October 6th, we hosted our annual fundraising Clay Shoot and had 80 shooters in attendance for a great day of shooting, networking, and fun.

Our upcoming events include a lunch at the end of October with speaker Roger Husser who is with LA Facility Planning and Control. In November, Mary Anne Wolf will speak on communications and how they can impact Engineering lawsuits. Finally, in December, we will have Chad Winchester, the new Chief Engineer with DOTD, speak on his plan for the department over the next few years.



TJ Stokes, PE
Baton Rouge Chapter President

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BATON ROUGE CHAPTER (CONTINUED)

So far, we are off to a great start, and I want to thank all my fellow board members for the time and effort put in to make this all possible. I also want to thank all of our terrific sponsors and members who without their support, we would not be able to do everything we've been able to do.

Bayou Chapter

Kevin DeZarn, PE

In September, the Bayou Chapter Meeting featured Mr. John Plaisance, PE, Engineering Director at GIS Engineering LLC. and a recent appointee to the LAPELS board. John presented/refreshed all attendees on LAPELS rules and regulations. This ignited healthy discussion between our younger and older members.

In October, Nicholas Matherne CFM, the General Manager at South Lafourche Levee District presented the status of the repair work and initiatives to improve their system, post Hurricane Ida.

Our next scheduled meetings for this year are set for November 16th and December 21st. Also, be on the lookout for an informal end-of-year, Christmas social. If you have colleagues who are not members of LES, please consider inviting them to join you at our next meeting or event.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events!



Kevin DeZarn, PE
Bayou Chapter President

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Lafayette Chapter

Justin Schexnayder, PE

After the grueling summer heat, the fall weather is finally here! The Lafayette Chapter is in full swing with lunch meetings. The chapter leadership is still in search of speakers for the coming months. If you are willing, we would love to host you! Remember it's a great way to market your company.

As we continue our 2023-2024 year, we are planning our Christmas party and community involvement activities! Please be on the lookout for the exciting events ahead!

Again, I am profoundly grateful for this opportunity to serve as your LES Lafayette Chapter President and eagerly anticipate our continued growth as a chapter.



Justin Schexnayder, PE
Lafayette Chapter President

Lake Charles Chapter

Kalyn Partin, PE

Lake Charles has had a great start to the year! We've hosted some fantastic speakers so far and are looking forward to keeping up the momentum.

Our November meeting will be Tuesday the 14th and we will hear a presentation from Robert Kingham with the LDEQ Criminal Investigative Section. On December 12th, Mr. Gary O'Neal, legislative liaison for the LFMA, will provide a presentation about the proposed implementation of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) and how that change would affect residents, home buyers, and developers alike.

A reminder that luncheons for members are \$20 and \$25 for non-members. Be on the lookout for registration emails ahead of each meeting. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Kalyn Partin, PE
Lake Charles Chapter President

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Monroe Chapter

Morgan McCallister, PE

I've joked over the years that I could potentially misspell my very own name on anything that is labeled a test; however, there is an undertone to those jokes that is very true. My hardships in passing the FE and PE exams played out in a manner that I'd preferably forget. Not only did I begin college later in life, but successfully passing both exams didn't come until nearly my 40th birthday. My journey did come with a few lessons on perseverance. One of those lessons was reiterated on the day that I passed the PE exam in April of 2021. Just as my test packet was being placed on my desk... I broke my glasses in two while cleaning the lenses. The proctor looked at me and said, "Uh-oh." I considered walking out before I even began. Lesson reiterated – pray, prepare, and persevere.

Dakota Hill was taking his PE exam that day as well. He, of course, was on a much more acceptable schedule with respect to becoming a Professional Engineer. After both making it through the morning session, he and I soon stood in the waiting area with most likely the same demeanor as so many that day and so many going back years before us. However, Dakota was reserved in sharing his frustration, but I made up for it while rubbing my eyes that had given out about 2 hours before.

As most of you know, we lost Dakota with his unforeseen passing on September 15, 2023. I knew Dakota through LES and through his work with Lazenby & Associates. I didn't know him like many others in our area, but I can honestly say that I never heard him say a single negative thing about anyone or anything – even on the day of that doggone PE exam. Likewise, I never once heard anyone say a negative thing about Dakota. In my opinion, both speak volumes about his attitude and character. Over the last few weeks, I have been reminded that the only thing that I have 100% control over is my attitude.

As engineers, we experience frustrations, challenges, annoyances, and deadlines. It's a part of what we do to provide solutions to various situations. However, we also experience contentment, simplicity, happiness, and freedom. While all these words can be used to describe moments in our engineering career – they can also be used to describe moments in life for everyone. There are moments of vast difficulty, even unwelcome suffering – but there are moments of great calmness, even unimaginable joy.

At our most recent LES Monroe Chapter Meeting, we had the opportunity to present Dakota's wife and parents with his Presidential Gavel. This allowed us a brief time to thank Dakota's family for his commitment to our Chapter and Community. Thanks to Dakota's past leadership, we've seen a continued interest in our local LES participation. We look forward to seeing that interest grow through service, scholarships, and stewardship.



Morgan McCallister, PE
Monroe Chapter President

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- ADA by Brett Bayard, PE, PLS
- Life Safety Code by Warren Bonisch, PE
- Professionalism & Ethics in Engineering by Jeffrey Pike, PE
- Horizontal Directional Drilling with Ductile Iron Pipe by Allen H. Cox, PE
- Roadway Management Technologies: Crowd Source Tech Provides Real-Time Pavement Performance Analytics by Candler McCollum
- WTP Rehab & Expansions - Lessons Learned by Richard Ross, PE
- Public Bid Law by Brett Robinson
- Know What's Below. Call or Click 811 Before You Dig by Cole Vanderlick
- Professional Liability: Risk Drivers by Wyatt Sanders
- Buying Back Capacity of Your Gravity Collection Sewers by Spencer Tuell, PE
- Proper Grounding for Improved Electrical Reliability by Ben Humphries & Bruce Ayres, PE
- Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) 101: Basics and Fundamentals by Jeff Aleksic
- National Bridge Inspection Program: Bridge Scour Monitoring by Lillie Carpenter, PE
- Subsurface Utility Engineering: Recent Developments & Upcoming Changes (2022) by Wilfred Barry, PE, PLS
- Google AppSheet, Leveraging Remote Operations in the Wake of COVID-19 – Ryan Fuselier, PE, PLS
- Contracting Basics – Mary Anne Wolf, PE
- Introduction to USDA Rural Development and
- Current Procedures for Funding Water and Environment Projects – Tony Matlock, Community Programs Director & David Suire, PE
- Enhanced Outdoor Air and Building Pressurization Strategies – Jim Riendeau
- Equipment Warranties and Operator Maintenance – Ben Humphries
- Tracer Wire – Using a Complete System for More Accurate Locating – Andy Brown
- Managing Your Pavement Network with Pavement Preservation – Stan Williams, PE
- Innovative Repair of Failed MSE Walls Using Geosynthetic Materials in Conjunction with Strength Elements – Will Brantley, PE
-and many more!

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New Orleans Chapter

John Jackson, PE

We have had a great start to the 2023-2024 term here in New Orleans. Our first meeting was a lunch presentation in September given by Brandon Frierson on Sewer Treatment Design with Advanced Solutions.

In October, the LES lobbyist Ryan Haynie, of Haynie and Associates presented on Louisiana Elections and Politics and gave an LES lobbying update. Our 15th Annual LES New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournament on October 27th was an exciting success with over 100 golfers and numerous tournament sponsors, including 10 tent sponsors. Not only was it an excellent opportunity to connect with our fellow engineers, but we were also able to meet our fund-raising goals. With the proceeds of the tournament, we will help fund the local MATH-COUNTS competition, and the FIRST Robotics competition, as well as award several scholarships to local engineering college students in May 2024.

We then kicked off November with a joint professional society social with the following organizations: ACEC, ACI, APA, APWA, ASCE, CMAA, LA URISA, SAME, USGBC, and WTS.

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

If you or your company are interested in being an LES-NO Chapter sponsor for our 2023-2024 program year go to: <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org/sponsorship-program/> for details.

I would like to take this time to thank our members and sponsors and I hope you and your families had a fun and safe Halloween.

Finally, I must add a note of sadness. Bodin Hugger Sr., P.E., past president of the New Orleans chapter of LES, passed this August at the age of 93. Bodin was born in Houston, TX, and served in the U.S. Air Force before working for Shell Oil Company from 1957-1990—retiring as a Senior Staff Engineer. During his professional career, he earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering and was licensed as a Professional Engineer in the state of Louisiana. Bodin loved to serve on the chapter awards nominations and scholarship committees, he helped with the annual MATHCOUNTS competition and ran the putting contest at our annual golf tournament. In 2003 and again in 2016, Bodin received the Andrew M. Lockett Award for civic activity; and in 2010 he was the recipient of the Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award.

We will remember him fondly for the devotion he had to the engineering profession and for the friend he was to us all. We will endeavor to uphold his exemplary legacy.

Shreveport Chapter

Linsey Olivier, PE

The Shreveport LES Chapter kicked off this year with a couple of great speakers. Gabe Landry with Red River Pump Specialists, Inc. presented lift station backup solutions in September. Our speaker for October was Barbara Featherston, who is the District Engineer for the Louisiana Department of Health-Engineering Services District 4. She discussed the role of LDH Engineering Services and navigating the LDH plan review process. We've had great turnouts at these meetings and hope this momentum continues throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be on November 1st at the Petroleum Club in downtown Shreveport, and we will have Ryan Culp with BRF as our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you at our November meeting as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season and plan our annual Christmas social with ASCE.



John Jackson, PE
New Orleans Chapter President



Linsey Olivier, PE
Shreveport Chapter President

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LOUISIANA ENGINEERING INDUSTRY GUBERNATORIAL FORUM

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On Monday, October 2, the Engineering Industry Gubernatorial Forum for the 2023 Louisiana gubernatorial election took place at the historic City Club of Baton Rouge. The event was a significant opportunity for the engineering community to hear from five of the six leading candidates vying for the state's top leadership role. Notably, Jeff Landry, one of the major candidates, was invited but declined to participate. The forum was organized and hosted by three influential industry organizations: the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES). With over 90 attendees, the event was a well-attended and influential occasion.

The candidates who took the stage and shared their visions for the future of Louisiana's engineering industry and the state as a whole were Senator Sharon Hewitt, Mr. Hunter Lundy, Treasurer John Schroder, Mr. Stephen Waguespack, and Dr. Shawn Wilson. Each candidate brought a unique perspective and platform to the forum.

The 2023 Engineering Industry Gubernatorial Forum provided a platform for leading candidates to engage with the engineering community, highlighting their stances on professional licensure, qualifications-based selections, workforce development and education, and infrastructure funding. These critical topics are central to the future of Louisiana and the engineering industry's role in shaping the state's development. The forum underscored the importance of these issues as the electorate prepares to make informed decisions in the upcoming gubernatorial election, recognizing that the engineering industry is at the heart of Louisiana's future.

The forum not only showcased the candidates' positions on vital topics but also emphasized the critical importance of active engagement in the political process. In a democratic society, the decisions made by our elected officials significantly impact our industry and businesses. It's essential for engineers and business leaders to be well-informed and participate in discussions with those who seek to lead our state. The forum served as a reminder of the direct correlation between policy decisions and the future of our industry, underlining the importance of civic engagement.

Following the forum, a discussion was held over lunch, featuring the state presidents of the sponsoring organizations. This provided an opportunity for these industry leaders to reflect on the forum's key takeaways, as well as to discuss strategies for advancing the engineering profession and its goals in Louisiana.

In addition, special thanks were extended to our dedicated lobbyists, Ryan Haynie (LES) and Chance McNeely (ACEC), for their exceptional moderation of the event. Their expertise and commitment to fostering a meaningful dialogue between candidates and the engineering community were instrumental in making this forum a success. Their efforts further underscored the critical role of advocacy and representation in our industry, ensuring that our collective voice is heard by policymakers.

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In the October 14th Primary Election, with a modest statewide turnout of 35.8%, AG Jeff Landry secured his position as the next Governor of Louisiana. With an impressive 52% of the vote, he emerged victorious among a field of 14 other candidates. Most anticipated a runoff that Landry would easily have won against Democrat Shawn Wilson, but now Governor-elect Landry can focus the next 30 days on his transition ahead of the January 8th Inauguration.

Shortly after 8 p.m., as election returns began to come in, it was apparent that Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser, secured his re-election with a commanding 66% of the vote. However, the races for Secretary of State, Attorney General, and State Treasurer are set to proceed to runoffs on November 18th.

Here's a breakdown of the runoff candidates for these crucial positions:

Secretary of State: Republican Nancy Landry (19%) faces Democrat "Gwen" Collins-Greenup 19% (knocking out Speaker Schexnayder (15%) and PSC Mike Francis (18%)).

Attorney General: Republican Liz Murrill, who led with 45%, will go head-to-head with Democrat Lindsey Cheek (23%) in the runoff, with Rep. Stefanski not making the cut and finishing 3rd with 17%.

Treasurer: Republican John Fleming, who received 44% of the vote, now faces Democrat Dustin Granger (32%) in the runoff, with Scott McKnight finishing 3rd with 24% of the vote.

Incumbents in the Louisiana Legislature had a mostly successful night, with only Senator Robert Mills from Shreveport and state Rep. Johnathan Goudeau from Lafayette losing their re-election bids. Six House incumbents are headed for runoffs on November 18th.

Eight Senate incumbents won re-election, and eight House members successfully "moved up" and will be sworn in as "Senator" on Jan 8th, 2024 including Rep: Bob Owens, Rick Edmonds, Valarie

Hodges, Greg Miller, Blake Miguez, Alan Seabaugh, Thomas Pressly, Bill Wheat. Jean-Paul Cosson was Elected without opposition already and a 10th House member is guaranteed to transfer to the Senate in the Jenkins v. Glover matchup.

In the Senate, only two races will be in a runoff, both being same-party contests, resulting in a Senate partisan makeup of 28 Republicans and 11 Democrats (a supermajority).

SD 21: Robert Allain 44% v. "Bo" LaGrange 31% in Brett Allain's St Mary-based Senate seat
SD 39: "Sam" Jenkins 34% v. Cedric Glover 26% for Tarver's seat in Shreveport

In the House, numerous races will go to a runoff on November 18th:

HD 4: Joy Walters vs. Jasime Green (Democrats) (Shreveport)
HD 18: INCUMBENT Jeremy Lacombe vs. Tammi Fabre (Republicans) (West BR)
HD 21: INCUMBENT C. Travis Johnson vs. Jamie Davis Jr (Democrats) (rural black)
HD 23: Tammy Savoie vs. Shaun Mena (Democrats) (NOLA)
HD 53: Jessica Domangue vs. Dirk Guidry (Republicans) (Terrebonne)
HD 57: Sylvia Taylor vs. "Russ" Wise (Independent) (River Parishes)
HD 63: INCUMBENT Barbara Carpenter vs. Chauna Banks (Democrats) (North BR)
HD 64: Kellee Dickerson vs. Kellie Alford (Republicans) (Livingston)
HD 65: Brandon Ivey vs. Lauren Ventrella (Republicans) (Central)
HD 66: Emiley Chevert vs. Richie Edmonds (Republicans) (EBR)
HD 68: Republican Dixon McMakin vs. Democrat Belinda Davis (R vs. D) (EBR)
HD 70: INCUMBENT Republican Barbara Freiberg vs. Democrat "Steve" Myers (R vs. D) (EBR)
HD 74: Peter Egan vs. Buffie Singletary (Republicans) (Northshore)
HD 75: Republican John Wyble vs. Democrat Kelvin May (R vs. D) (Northshore)
HD 89: Kim Carver vs. Josh Allison (Republicans) (Northshore)
HD 90: INCUMBENT Mary DuBuisson vs. Brian Gloriosio (Republicans) (Northshore)
HD 103: Mike Baham vs. "Richie" Lewis (Republicans) (St. Bernard)
HD 105: Jacob Braud (GOP) vs. INCUMBENT Democrat Mack Cormier (R vs. D) (Plaquemines)

These election results reflect the shifting political landscape in Louisiana. As the runoffs approach, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged in the democratic process.

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The dark old structure stands before the bayou, proudly displaying the eight columns of the most photographed private home in America. The visitor who walks around colorful gardens and lovely live oaks feels instinctively that The Shadows was not merely built, but “grew” without man’s help.

A man did build The Shadows, however – a determined seven-foot Scotsman named David Weeks who came to the small settlement of New Iberia in 1830. He decided to build his home directly on Bayou Teche, a thriving commercial artery of South Louisiana.

The two-story house was built with sturdy cypress timbers, handmade brick, and picturesque galleries on both floors. A giant man, with a huge family of 8 children, he made the rooms 30’ square and the ceiling 16’ high, and on May 17, 1834, moved into the newest home on the Teche.

On May 22, Weeks left for a business trip north from which he never returned. He died later that year in New Haven, never again setting foot in the home he had lived in only five days.

Week’s widow occupied the home until the Civil War when Union soldiers, on the march to Opelousas, commandeered The Shadows as their headquarters. Mrs. Weeks banished herself to a second-floor room in despair and died of grief almost a year later.

After the war, the mansion deteriorated steadily from lack of use and care, until in 1922, Weeks Hall, great-grandson of David Weeks, returned from Paris. After one look at the old mansion, he knew what his life work would be; he would bring new light and life to The Shadows.

A bachelor with no family ties, he devoted every minute to his only love. The priceless silverware, furnishings, paintings, and other relics were kept spotless. The entire home and surrounding grounds were renovated under his loving direction to create new grace in the old setting.

The house bloomed with life, as Hall brought writers, painters, actors, producers, explorers, and statesmen as his guests. Before leaving, each guest would sign the sitting room door, and although the names were once all mistakenly scrubbed off by well-meaning servants, Hall managed to get his friends to return and sign again.

Hall always feared his beloved Shadows would be turned into a cheap commercial venture after he was gone. A few years before his death, he wrote the National Trust for Historic Preservation, asking for their help in preserving his home.

Only four days before his death in 1958 he received a telegram from the Trust, accepting his home as an historical site.

The Shadows, a symbol of a family’s determined love, and of one man’s love for all things beautiful, is today treasured as a landmark of the beauty and strength man can create. It is admired by visitors from all parts of the world.

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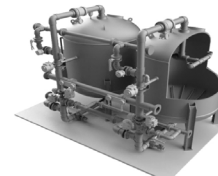
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