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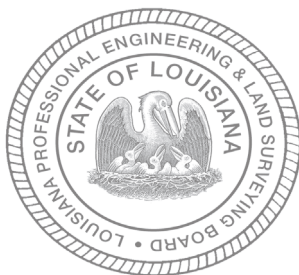
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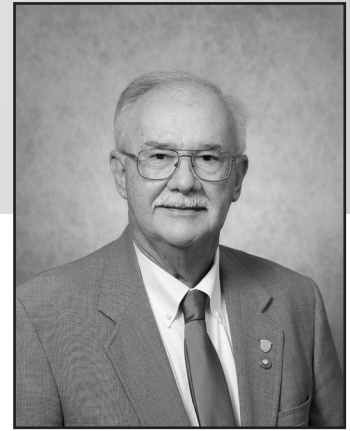
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MY FINAL ARTICLE

This is my final article, ending my term on the LAPELS Board, and I would like to begin by thanking LES for my nomination and the Governor for the appointment. The LAPELS Board has been a great group of professionals to work with while serving my six-year term. Donna Sentell, LAPELS Executive Director, and her staff have been a great aid in completing the duties of the Board.

My first article was on Threats to Licensure, and it is an ongoing threat. We must always be ready to defend our professional licensure. A recent article from Davis Cox, NCEES' Chief Executive Officer, listed some research data about the importance of licensure to businesses. The research found that "92% of business decision-makers say it is important to require CPAs, engineers, architects, and surveyors to have a license to practice." In addition, "90% of business decision-makers say professional licensing protects customers and the public from receiving substandard work." I think it's important to have this type of information when defending attacks on our licensure.

My second article was on AI (Artificial Intelligence). I listed three stages of AI and explained we are in the early stage. This new technology will change our world including our engineering profession. I had people tell me we will never get to the advanced stages of AI. I for one thought that Dick Tracy's phone-watch would never happen. Then I hear Elvis is back on stage! Fox News reported that Elvis is returning to the stage as an AI hologram this November. Stage One of AI is currently rocking the world. We'll see what happens. I was tempted to use an AI article writer for my last article.

My third article was on the process used to appoint LAPELS Board members. Serving on the LAPELS' Board has been the pinnacle of my career. I now turn to improving my tennis, pickleball, and golf games.

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MULTIPLE LAWS/RULES VIOLATIONS:

Edward C. Bradford, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-29709), was subject to action by the Board for **(a)** practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying and using the words “surveyor”, “surveying” or any modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7); **(b)** 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); **(c)** gross misconduct in the practice of engineering in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2); **(d)** failing, as the supervising professional of a firm, to ensure the renewal of the firm’s license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2305(A)(3)(a); **(e)** not being truthful in all communications with the Board or avoiding fraud, deceit, perjury or material misstatements, or the submission of false or forged evidence, in connection with such communications in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2501(F); **(f)** engaging in an act to enable another person to evade the requirements of the Board’s licensure law in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2503(C)(3); **(g)** failing to seal, sign and place the date of execution on all engineering documents that have been issued by the licensee to a client or any public or governmental agency as completed work in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2701(A)(4)(a)(i); and **(h)** 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).

It was the position of the Board that between September 2017 and July 2022 **(a)** Mr. Bradford did field work and assisted in the preparation (for sealing and signing by John G. Dunlap, P.L.S.) of land surveying plats for property located in Louisiana, **(b)** Mr. Bradford then transmitted such plats (which had been sealed and signed by Mr. Dunlap) to customers in Louisiana and **(c)** Mr. Bradford did not clearly prepare such plats under the responsible charge of Mr. Dunlap, which resulted in Mr. Bradford offering to provide land surveying services in Louisiana and providing land surveying services in connection with such plats in Louisiana. Mr. Bradford was not an employee of Mr. Dunlap or Mr. Dunlap’s professional land surveying firm, John Dunlap Land Surveying, Inc.

Additionally, between December 2018 and August 2021 Mr. Bradford prepared and issued to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal’s Office completed engineering documents for at least six projects

located in Louisiana which did not contain Mr. Bradford’s Louisiana professional engineer seal and signature. Furthermore, between April 1, 2020 and March 21, 2022 Mr. Bradford designed buildings and/or building systems in connection with at least three projects in Louisiana. On or about March 22, 2022, Mr. Bradford submitted to the Board his 2022 license renewal online, erroneously indicating thereon that he had not designed buildings or building systems in Louisiana since his previous license renewal on April 1, 2020.

Also, between October 1, 2021 and June 14 2022 Bradford Engineering and Services, LLC (a professional engineering firm whose license was in an expired status) offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on five projects in Louisiana, and Mr. Bradford provided engineering services for and on behalf of the firm in Louisiana in connection with said projects. Mr. Bradford was an owner, representative and engineering supervising professional of the firm. Moreover, on or about June 10, 2022 Mr. Bradford signed and submitted to the Board on behalf of his firm an application to reactivate the firm’s expired license, erroneously stating thereon that it had not practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana since its license was no longer in active status.

Mr. Bradford has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein (for purposes of the Consent Order and this proceeding only) he agreed not to dispute that his conduct as set forth above constituted violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$5,500; to pay administrative costs of \$2,072.83; to not practice or offer to practice land surveying or use the words “surveyor”, “surveying” or any modification or derivative thereof in referring to himself or his firm or in describing their business or services in Louisiana until such time as they are duly licensed by the Board; to only assist in the preparation (for sealing and signing by a Louisiana professional land surveyor) of land surveying documents for property located in Louisiana under the responsible charge of such Louisiana professional land surveyor; 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 successfully complete the two quizzes, 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.

Bradford Engineering and Services, LLC, a professional engineering firm (EF-5325), was subject to action by the Board for **(a)** practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying and using the words “surveyor”, “surveying” or any modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity 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); **(b)** 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); **(c)** not being

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truthful in all communications with the Board or avoiding fraud, deceit, perjury or material misstatements, or the submission of false or forged evidence, in connection with such communications in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2501(F); **(d)** practicing and/or offering to practice engineering with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16); **(e)** gross misconduct in the practice of engineering by a representative in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(C), to wit La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2); and **(f)** a representative failing to seal, sign and place the date of execution on all engineering documents that have been issued by the licensee to a client or any public or governmental agency as completed work in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(C), to wit La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6) and LAC Title 46:LXI\$2701(A)(4)(a)(i).

It was the position of the Board that between September 2017 and July 2022 **(a)** Edward C. Bradford, P.E. (in the name and on behalf of the firm) did field work and assisted in the preparation (for sealing and signing by John G. Dunlap, P.L.S.) of land surveying plats for property located in Louisiana, **(b)** Mr. Bradford (in the name and on behalf of the firm) then transmitted such plats (which had been sealed and signed by Mr. Dunlap) to customers in Louisiana and **(c)** Mr. Bradford did not clearly prepare such plats under the responsible charge of Mr. Dunlap, which resulted in the firm offering to provide land surveying services in Louisiana and providing land surveying services in connection with such plats in Louisiana. Mr. Bradford was an owner, representative and engineering supervising professional of the firm. Mr. Bradford was not an employee of Mr. Dunlap or Mr. Dunlap's professional land surveying firm, John Dunlap Land Surveying, Inc.

Additionally, between December 2018 and August 2021 Mr. Bradford (in the name and on behalf of the firm) prepared and issued to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office completed engineering documents for at least six projects located in Louisiana which did not contain Mr. Bradford's Louisiana professional engineer seal and signature.

Also, between October 1, 2021 and June 14 2022, while its license was in an expired status, the firm offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on five projects in Louisiana. Moreover, on or about June 10, 2022 the firm submitted to the Board an application to reactivate its expired license, erroneously stating thereon that it had not practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana since its license was no longer in active status.

The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein (for purposes of the Consent Order and this proceeding only) it agreed not to dispute that its conduct as set forth above constituted violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$6,500; to pay administrative costs of \$2,072.83; to pay unpaid past renewal fees of \$120; to not practice or offer to practice land surveying or use the words "surveyor", "surveying" or any modification or derivative thereof in referring

to itself or Mr. Bradford or in describing their business or services in Louisiana until such time as they are duly licensed by the Board; to have each of 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 have each of its supervising professionals successfully complete the two quizzes, 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.

John G. Dunlap, P.L.S., a professional land surveyor (PLS-4843), was subject to action by the Board for **(a)** gross misconduct in the practice of land surveying in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2); **(b)** sealing, signing or issuing land surveying documents not prepared by the licensee or under their responsible charge in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2503(C) and (D), 2505(C) and 2701(A)(3); **(c)** doing an act to enable another person to evade the requirements of the Board's licensure law in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI\$2503(C)(3); and **(d)** 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).

It was the position of the Board that between September 2017 and July 2022 **(a)** Mr. Dunlap sealed, signed and transmitted to customers in Louisiana land surveying plats for property located in Louisiana for which Edward C. Bradford, P.E. (in the name and on behalf of Bradford Engineering and Services, LLC, a professional engineering firm) did field work and assisted in the preparation of said plats and **(b)** Mr. Dunlap did not clearly exercise responsible charge over the preparation of such plats by Mr. Bradford, which resulted in Mr. Bradford and his firm offering to provide land surveying services in Louisiana and providing land surveying services in connection with such plats in Louisiana. Mr. Bradford was not an employee of Mr. Dunlap or Mr. Dunlap's professional land surveying firm, John Dunlap Land Surveying, Inc.

Mr. Dunlap has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein (for purposes of the Consent Order and this proceeding only) he agreed not to dispute that his conduct as set forth above constituted violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$3,000; to pay administrative costs of \$1,815.45; to not seal and sign land surveying documents for property located in Louisiana that were not prepared under his responsible charge; 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 successfully complete the two quizzes, 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.

John Dunlap Land Surveying, Inc., a professional land surveying firm (VF-471), was subject to action by the Board for **(a)** gross misconduct in the practice of land surveying by a representative in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(C), to wit La. R.S. 37:698(A) (2); and **(b)** a representative sealing, signing or issuing land surveying documents not prepared by the licensee or under their responsible charge in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(C), to wit La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2503(C) and (D), 2505(C) and 2701(A)(3).

It was the position of the Board that between September 2017 and July 2022 **(a)** John G. Dunlap, P.L.S. (in the name and on behalf of the firm) sealed, signed and transmitted to customers in Louisiana land surveying plats for property located in Louisiana for which Edward C. Bradford, P.E. (in the name and on behalf of Bradford Engineering and Services, LLC, a professional engineering firm) did field work and assisted in the preparation of said plats and **(b)** Mr. Dunlap did not clearly exercise responsible charge over the preparation of such plats by Mr. Bradford. Mr. Dunlap was the owner, President, representative and supervising professional of the firm. Mr. Bradford was not an employee of Mr. Dunlap or the firm.

The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein (for purposes of the Consent Order and this proceeding only) it agreed not to dispute that its conduct as set forth above constituted violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to

pay a fine of \$2,500; to pay administrative costs of \$1,815.45; to have each of 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 have each of its supervising professionals successfully complete the two quizzes, 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.

EXPIRED PRACTICE:

John M. Ehlers, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-23702), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for providing engineering services in Louisiana while his Louisiana professional engineering license was expired in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A) (9) and (16). Mr. Ehlers entered into a Consent Order with the Board, admitting guilt that his conduct violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16); and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000 and administrative costs of \$180.82; and agreed 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 agreed to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter in the Board's official Journal, and to the reporting of this matter to NCEES, each time identifying Respondent by name.

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NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

When it comes to ringing in the New Year, many have adopted the tradition of identifying a “word of the year” that embodies their resolutions or goals that they hope to develop, implement, and/or accomplish over the next 365 days. If you ask me what ACECL’s word for 2024 would be, I will simply say “new.”

The year 2024 has already seen a lot of new things, many of which revolve around the transition from Governor John Bel Edwards to Governor Jeff Landry. With a new Governor comes a new perspective, new agency heads, new policies, and most importantly, new opportunities. Somewhat shadowed by the new Governor, is a new Legislature, or more specifically, new Legislative leadership. From the highest-ranking Senate President and Speaker of the House to committee chairs and assignments, leadership in both the House and Senate has seen complete overhauls as well. This is a big deal when it comes to building new relationships and establishing a foundation of understanding the issues that are most important to the engineering community. As we develop collaborative relationships with these new state leaders, there will be new opportunities to finally move the needle on important policy issues that have been somewhat stagnant over the last several years.

New Governor

At our Strategic Planning Retreat in September, the ACECL Board of Governors prioritized building a relationship with whoever the new Governor would be, their staff, and cabinet officials. Governor Landry winning in the primary allowed ACECL to move more quickly than expected and we were honored to have our President & CEO asked to serve on the Transition Team’s Infrastructure Council. A few other ACECL members joined Barker on the Infrastructure Council and I know they represented the engineering industry well. I also had the privilege of serving on the Governor’s Transition Team as a member of the Coast and Environment Council. The reports that will come out of these committees will contain recommendations for real solutions that will serve as a guide for the new agency heads to implement over the first few years of the administration. My biggest takeaway as a member of the Transition Team is that the Governor and his staff are focused on real solutions to the real problems that

have been plaguing our state for too long.

New Legislature

Like the Governor and his team, ACECL is moving quickly to build relationships with new legislative leadership. In addition to Senate President Cameron Henry and Speaker of the House Phillip Devillier, we are also in the process of scheduling meetings with the chairs of both chambers’ appropriations/finance, commerce, and transportation committees. These six committees will most likely hear legislation that will positively or negatively impact engineering, which is why building new relationships with these particular chairs is critical to the advancement of our legislative agenda.

New Opportunities

Over the last several years ACECL has been working with state agencies and public owners to address policy and procurement issues negatively impacting the business of engineering. From fee formulas to procurement and contract policies, ACECL will be working closely with newly named agency heads to address these issues we have seen little relief from for at least 5 years. A new perspective and a new understanding can go a long way in accomplishing long-standing objectives and ACECL will leverage these new opportunities and relationships to enhance the business of engineering.



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Legislative Update

I hope everyone was able to celebrate the holidays safely with a few friends or family. With the new year well on its way, the LES Board is already preparing for the upcoming Legislative Session. Currently, we have no plans to sponsor any legislation relating to the Engineering profession, but we will be monitoring each bill for any threats to our licensure laws. One way that we can track each of the nearly 1,500 bills that are filed during the Louisiana Regular Legislative Session is through our lobbyists, Randy and Ryan Haynie. Our partnership with Haynie & Associates over the last several years has been rewarding in that we have been able to protect our profession's licensure laws, thereby protecting the public's health and welfare.

Honors & Awards

We recently hosted the Honors and Awards Luncheon, and I would like to congratulate each of our recipients. The awards committee had to make some difficult choices among the nominees to choose the ultimate recipients. If you couldn't make it to the ceremony, please look up the award recipients and read their citations. I certainly want to congratulate the recipients, but I also want to congratulate the other nominees. Someone thought enough of you and your work to nominate you for an award.

The decision was made to decouple the Honor & Awards Ceremony from the Joint Engineering Society Conference to promote the best among our profession. I applaud our Staff's willingness to try new things to advance the Society's Mission.

Joint Engineering Society Conference

I hope that you are making plans to attend the Joint Engineering Society Conference at the Cajundome on February 28th and 29th. As usual, the Conference Committee and LES Staff have been working hard to put together another successful conference. Currently, we

have over 250 registered attendees who can earn up to 12 Professional Development Hours in a multitude of presentations. We will also be able to learn about new products and techniques from 49 exhibitors in our Exhibit Hall.

With the change of moving the Honors & Awards Ceremony away from JESC, we will have an update from Randy and Ryan Haynie on the upcoming Session at lunch on Thursday. As usual, we will have general sessions on Professionalism and Ethics in Engineering, Code of Governmental Ethics, Public Bid Law, and a LAPELS Panel Discussion.

MembershipWorks Update

In an effort to better serve our members, we transitioned our membership database to MembershipWorks in October. Through this new platform, we are more capable of tracking the needs of our members and processing registrations for our events. With this change to our membership database, the way we collect voluntary contributions has been affected. Be on the lookout for an email detailing how you can contribute to our Legislative Committee, Mathcounts, etc. Your voluntary contributions to these causes allow LES to protect and promote our profession.



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LES Calendar of Events

MARCH 2024

March 1: Legislative Session begins
March 15: State MATHCOUNTS Competition (Pineville, LA)

APRIL 2024

April 12: LES Board Meeting (Monroe, LA)
April 15: Deadline for copy, Louisiana Engineer, May Issue

MAY 2024

May 10: Chapter officers & committees due to state office
May 12 - 13: National MATHCOUNTS Competition (Washington, DC)

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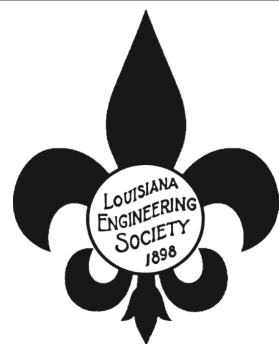
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FROM HAYNIE AND ASSOCIATES

New Developments and Updates

The new Louisiana Governor and Legislature are wasting no time, with Governor Jeff Landry calling a special session on reapportionment and a Primary Party Election System, which commenced on January 15th. The upcoming 2024 Regular Legislative Session, starting March 11th, is a non-fiscal session allowing the filing of unlimited general subject matter bills.

Committee assignments for the new legislative body have been announced, bringing new leadership to committees vital to LES, including Commerce, Transportation, and Natural Resources, as well as the key money committees.

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Secretary Announcement

Governor-elect Jeff Landry announced Terrence (Joe) Donahue, Jr. as the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

Interim Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development

Anne Villa, previously undersecretary, has been named interim secretary of Louisiana Economic Development and will serve until a permanent secretary is selected.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- DC Mardi Gras: January 23 - 27

Important Legislative Dates

- January 15-23: New congressional/Judicial map session
- February 9-13: Height of traditional Mardi Gras
- February 19 - March 6: Crime session (pending announcement)
- March 11 - June 3: Regular session

2024 Regular Legislative Session – Important Dates and Info

- January 24: Bill introduction opens.
- February 28: Prefile deadline for early introduction bills
- March 11: Session starts / campaign blackout.
- April 1: Session introduction deadline for bills.
- May 31: Second-floor final passage deadline
- June 1-3: Conference committee/budget finalization
- June 4: Sine Die

Contact Information and Engagement

For all members' district office contact information, visit www.legis.la.gov. We encourage all LES members to familiarize themselves with their lawmakers and educate them on the standards and principles of engineers. We especially will be focused on educating the Commerce committees before that March 11th session begins.

Stay informed and engaged as Louisiana's political landscape evolves. We appreciate your continued support.

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2024 HONORS & AWARDS

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Gregory P. Sepeda, PE *A. B. Paterson Award for Engineer in Management*

Gregory Sepeda, PE, recently retired as Vice President from Sigma Consulting Group. A native of Baton Rouge, he has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Louisiana State University. He began his career with ABMB Engineers before moving to Sigma Consulting Group, Inc. in 1997. Greg is licensed as a professional civil engineer in Louisiana, as well as Mississippi and Florida, where he has designed and managed numerous types of road, bridge, site development, and other infrastructure projects.

In his role as Chief Engineer, Greg was responsible for all technical aspects within Sigma - including project management, staff scheduling, contracting, cost management, and quality control. As Vice President of Operations, Greg formulated comprehensive business plans and strategies, analyzed data to fuel operational enhancements, and provided financial oversight. With a dedication to employees, Sigma was frequently recognized as one of the "Best Places to Work" (Greater Baton Rouge Business Report). The resulting growth and reputation eventually led to the company's acquisition by Waggoner Engineering Inc. in 2022.

With a career spanning three decades, Greg's career has been characterized by an unwavering commitment to quality control and performance management. This has led to occasionally being asked to represent client interests through peer reviews, quality management, and risk evaluations.

Greg's commitment to industry betterment extends beyond his professional duties. He has been involved in professional associations,

including serving as President of the Baton Rouge Chapter of LES in 2000 and staying involved with ASCE and ACEC/L. He is a frequent speaker at high school career days and LSU classes, and he has served on the LSU Civil Engineering Program Advisory Committee (CPAC). With a motto of "leadership development through community service," Greg credits his early success to his involvement with the United States Junior Chamber "Jaycees".

Greg is also a family man, sharing six children with his fiancée, and they are enjoying their new grandbaby.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Engineer-in-Management Award, The A. B. Paterson Medal, will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Service in Management by an Engineer. The character and scope of the engineering's achievements in management rather than engineering or scientific attainments shall be the primary criteria for the selection of the recipient. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but also to encourage and inspire other engineers to greater efforts in the field of Business Management. The award is named in honor of A. B. Paterson, PE an active member of the society from 1923 until his death in 1952. Mr. Paterson was an engineer, administrator, executive, banker, civic leader, and humanitarian.



Miles B. Williams, PE *Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award*



For the past 33 years, Miles has served in various capacities for Sigma Consulting Group (A Waggoner Company), a full-service regional consulting engineering firm. Currently, he serves as President and Transportation Group manager, with day-to-day responsibilities for company operations. Over the years he has performed a wide range of technical and project management tasks for a variety of public and private clients.

Miles has served as the Legislative Committee Chair for the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) for the last seven years. In this capacity, Miles has coordinated LES's efforts to promote legislation that enhances the profession and helps protect the public. He has also worked with the LES Executive Director and the Executive Board to hire and manage lobbying efforts on behalf of LES while helping to keep the LES membership informed about any potential legislative action that may affect the profession.

Miles served six years as a member of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. He culminated his service by serving as Chairman of the Board in 2013. Prior to that, he served on several committees including chairing the Finance Committee, the Liaison and Law Committee, and the Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee.

Miles has committed substantial time and energy toward promoting

the profession through the education of young engineers by assisting LSU's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. He currently serves as an adjunct faculty member; teaching CE4750 - "Professional Issues and Concept Design in Civil Engineering". This is a senior-level course that introduces students to real-world practical experiences. He just finished teaching his thirtieth consecutive semester of this course. In addition, Miles serves on and currently chairs the LSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering External Advisory Board. As Chair, he leads a Board of prominent Civil Engineers and Alumni in an advisory capacity to the Chair of the Department.

Professional and Technical Societies that Miles participates in include LES, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the American Consulting Engineers Council, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

The Charles M. Kerr Award will be awarded for Distinguished Service by an Engineer in the Promotion of the Public Relations Program for the Engineering Profession in Louisiana. The character and scope of the contributions to the Society's overall public relations program internally and/or externally are the predominant criteria, rather than strictly engineering accomplishments. Officers of the Society and members of the LES Public Relations Committee are not eligible for the award. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater part in the Society's public relations program in their communities, parishes, and the State of Louisiana. The award is named in honor of Charles M. Kerr, P.E., President in 1954 and a member of the Society from 1912 until his death in 1964. Mr. Kerr was very active in the business world in promoting his chosen profession, engineering.

2024 HONORS & AWARDS

RECIPIENTS

Brett McMann, PE, CFM *James M. Todd Technological Accomplishment Award*

Gregory Brett McMann, PE, CFM has executed planning and design of flood mitigation and ecosystem restoration projects along the Gulf and East coasts over the last 13 years. His career began in water resources and coastal engineering after graduating with his B.S. in Civil Engineering from LSU in 2010. He achieved his Professional Engineering license in 2015 and has worked with municipal, state, and federal partners such as the cities of New York, NY; Jacksonville, FL; Norfolk, VA; CPRA, DOTD, LDWF, The Texas General Land Office, and The USACE's New Orleans and Galveston Districts as well as ERDC.

Brett manages all Water Institute tasks for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, including coastal compound flooding, consequence modeling guidance, program data governance, and program model use, storage, and maintenance leadership. It was through Institute leadership of these interwoven efforts that EnDMC (Environmental Data and Modeling Catalogue, pronounced "endemic") was created to safeguard and make discoverable for the future the LWI's \$120M+ investment in data collection, hydrodynamic and consequence models, and their outputs for the citizens of the state.

Brett presently is a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Louisiana Floodplain Managers Association. Brett volunteers his time within the engineering industry as the treasurer of the Louisiana Chapter of ASCE's Coasts, Oceans, and Ports Institute (COPRI), where he is also the past director of scholarships and programs. He also volunteers

as a youth sports coach at the Manship YMCA and St. Aloysius School in Baton Rouge.

Brett is humbled to be the 2023 James M. Todd Technological Accomplishment recipient. He is thankful and proud to be a part of the Water Institute, where he has always been encouraged to find and implement actionable science and engineering solutions for Louisiana coastal and water resources stakeholders. This truly is a team award, and he is grateful to each of his colleagues for their efforts in achieving a common vision. He is also thankful to his wife and family, as well as numerous trusting clients for allowing the Water Institute to implement innovative watershed data solutions for the state of Louisiana.

The James M. Todd Technological Accomplishment Award will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Service by an Engineer for Technological Advancement of discoveries as contributions to the advancement of Engineering. The purpose of honoring Engineers with this award is to encourage and inspire other engineers to reach even greater heights of professional achievement. The award is named in honor of James M. Todd, P.E., President in 1930 and an active member of the Society until his death in 1971. Mr. Todd suggested the formation of an award for engineering ingenuity in 1950.



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Michael D'Angelo, PE, PLS *Andrew M. Lockett Award for Civic Activities*



Mike D'Angelo is a civil engineer with H. Davis Cole and Associates, LLC in New Orleans, and resides in Houma. He graduated from Louisiana State University with B.S. degrees in Petroleum Engineering and Civil Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in Louisiana.

From his high school days as a member of the Key Club to his adult life and professional career, Mike has continued his involvement in civic activities through

active memberships in the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, LES, Pinecrest Parents Association, Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Church. He has adopted Rotary's motto of "service above self" in his own life.

He has held all officer positions in the Kiwanis Club of Houma. As a Kiwanian, Mike has served as Scholarship Chairperson for many years where he has taken part in the selection of area high school students as recipients of the Club's "John Woodard Memorial Scholarship" to attend Nicholls State University or Fletcher Technical Community College. Other notable service projects included participation in the Club's "Terrific Kids Program" for elementary students as well as Kiwanian Advisor to a High School Key Club.

As a Rotarian, Mike served on the Centennial Committee which was tasked with the responsibility to develop a project that could be

donated to Terrebonne Parish as part of the Rotary Club of Houma's 100th Anniversary. The Committee chose to reconstruct a downtown street and turn it into a pedestrian plaza. Mike used his civil engineering background to facilitate Committee discussions during the selection, planning, and design of this project.

In LES, Mike served over ten (10) years as the MATHCOUNTS Coordinator for the Bayou Chapter where he organized and conducted the event at Nicholls State University. In the Catholic Church, Mike serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion where he is able to conduct a Communion Service at a local nursing home. He serves as the Secretary / Treasurer for the Houma Home Association which owns and operates the building where the Houma Knights of Columbus Council 1317 conducts their meetings. Mike is the Vice-President of the Pinecrest Parents Association which is an organization that supports the work performed at Pinecrest Supports and Services (Pinecrest) in Pineville, LA. Pinecrest is an intermediate care facility (ICF) that cares for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Mike's brother, John, is a resident at Pinecrest.

Mike and his wife of 37 years, Dawn, have two daughters, Kayla and Hannah Claire.

The Louisiana Engineering Society Civic Activities Award, The Andrew M. Lockett Medal, will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, for Distinguished Civic Service by an Engineer, in the interest of the Public, without compensation for those services.

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2024 HONORS & AWARDS

RECIPIENTS

John J. Plaisance, II, PE, PLS *Leo M. Odom Award for Services to the Profession*

John J. Plaisance, II, P.E., P.L.S., is a Technical Specialist at GIS Engineering, LLC, a general civil engineering and land surveying firm headquartered in Houma, Louisiana. He began his career with J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., the family engineering and surveying firm in Galliano, Louisiana. He worked in the summers as a rodman and chainman and then moved up to instrument man, party chief, draftsman, and technician. In 1985, John became a project administrator upon graduation from college. John was named President of J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., upon his father's death in 1988. In 2018, he merged his firm with GIS Engineering and began work there.

John has designed a wide variety of projects such as bulkheads, dredging, and warehouses; utility improvements, drainage improvements, roadway improvements, subdivisions, office buildings, and recreational facilities such as pavilions and boat launches. Although still active in design projects, John spends much of his time mentoring the younger engineering staff at GIS.

John, a native of Golden Meadow, Louisiana, received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1979 from Louisiana State University and his Masters Degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985. He is a registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in Louisiana.

John has been an active member of LES for many years. He served as President of LES in 1998-99. He also served as Bayou Chapter President in 1991-92, and the Chairman of the Professional Engineers in Private Practice Division in 1996-97. John received the F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award in 1995, the Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award in 2001, the Hixson Price Award in 2007, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

John has also been an active member of NSPE. He served as a regional director from Louisiana in 2003-06 and as a member of the House of Delegates from Louisiana in 2006-11. John served as the

Southwest Region Representative to the NSPE Board of Directors from 2009-11 and served on the Executive Committee from 2010-11. He was named a Fellow of NSPE in 2006.

John is a member of the ASCE and LSPS as well as a member of Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society. He served on the LEF Board from 2014-18, serving as President from 2016-18. He was named to the LAPELS Board in July 2023.

His community involvements include serving on and as chair of the finance committee for Sacred Heart Church in Cut Off; serving on two home rule charter commissions in Lafourche Parish; serving on the board and as Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce of Lafourche and the Bayou Region; serving as President and Treasurer of the South Lafourche Chamber of Commerce; and a past member of the Golden Meadow Rotary Club and the South Lafourche Jaycees. John is presently serving as Treasurer and a Past President of the Kiwanis of South Lafourche. John and his wife, Diane, reside in Cut Off, Louisiana. They have three children: Alexia, Breanne, and John, III.

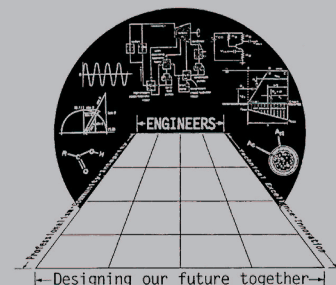
The Louisiana Engineering Society F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award Key and Certificate will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, to an engineer not over thirty-five (35) years of age who has demonstrated a high degree of capabilities in his chosen field of engineering, thereby indicating the potential for further advancement and leadership as a professional engineer. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire young engineers with a desire to reach greater heights of professional achievement and service. This award is named in honor of F. Hugh Coughlin, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1944 until his death in 1980. His interest in and support of young engineers was instrumental in the establishment of this award.



(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE) The character and scope of the services rendered are the predominant criteria, rather than strictly engineering or scientific attainments. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater part in the civic well-being of their communities, parishes, and the State of Louisiana. The award is named in honor of Andrew M. Lockett, P.E. a distinguished member of the Society from 1900 until his death in 1945. Mr. Lockett was a strong advocate for engineers to get involved in civic activities.

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Clarence B. "Bart" Kemper, PE *NSPE Fellow*

Bart Kemper, P.E. is a Louisiana-based engineer with over 30 years of international engineering in a wide range of industries. He primarily works with equipment and equipment systems using his mechanical engineering degree from Louisiana State University as well as working in civil engineering through his training and education as an officer in the US Army Corps of Engineers.

During the past decade, he has become increasingly active in the engineering use of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence. He is a past-president of the Baton Rouge chapter of LES and the 2023 recipient of the LES' Dudley Hixon-Bobby Price National Professional Achievement Award.

Kemper is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) in addition to recently being named a Fellow of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in multiple US states as well as being a Chartered Engineer in Australia and a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ). Kemper is a board-certified forensic engineer as a member of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE) and the International Board of Forensic Engineering Science (IBFES).

Retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 32 years of Active and Reserve service, enlisted and officer, his technical areas included construction, pipelines, bridges, tunnels, forensic post-blast assessments, infrastructure assessment & development. Kemper's service in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, and Europe saw a heavy emphasis on anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism, ranging from protective engineering to countering Improvised Explosive Devices

(IEDS) to using engineering projects to influence local populations.

He has over 40 professional publications, is a peer reviewer for multiple publications, and is the Editor in Chief for the peer-reviewed Journal of National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He is a member of multiple Codes & Standards committees, including ASME Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy (PVHO); ASTM E54 Committee on Homeland Security Applications; and ASME Verification, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification (VVUQ) subcommittees Solid Mechanics (VVUQ10) and Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence (VVUQ70). He regularly lectures at ULL and Southern University. Kemper has served on multiple policy committees for NSPE responding to Congressional inquiries on technical matters, resulting in the Systems Software Integrator program being developed by NICET.

The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Fellows program is the highest honor that NSPE can bestow on a member. It is awarded to engineers who have made significant contributions to the engineering profession and to society as a whole. To be eligible for nomination as an NSPE Fellow, a candidate must be a registered professional engineer in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and have been an NSPE member for at least 10 years.



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Wayne Sharp, PE *LEF Engineering Faculty Professionalism Award*



I want to sincerely thank the Louisiana Engineering Foundation for this recognition. My time at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has been a rewarding experience in many ways, but none greater than my interactions with the Louisiana Civil Engineering community. Our civil engineering students are extremely fortunate to have the support of many practicing professionals who volunteer their time and professional insights to mentor the senior design capstone course. The involvement of these

professionals, representing all sub-disciplines of civil engineering, elevates the student's design experience and helps establish the network of professional relationships that may continue throughout their careers. These mentors are not only located within Lafayette but throughout the state including Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Alexandria, and the Acadiana region. It is a great sense of satisfaction when recent graduates come back to the classroom to share design and professional experiences as mentors. I am also very proud of those recent graduates who elect to become leaders within professional societies within the civil engineering and construction industries. If you are considering volunteering as a mentor with a

civil engineering department, please get involved. You will certainly enjoy the interaction with the emerging graduates and feel a sense of accomplishment. Thanks again to the civil engineering community of Louisiana for your selfless involvement and the many friendships that have been created.

Mr. Sharp received his undergraduate civil engineering degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from Mississippi State University. He has been a professional engineer since 1993. Mr. Sharp joined the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Civil Engineering Department in 2016. He is a Senior Instructor and Research Environmental Engineer for the Energy Institute of Louisiana. Mr. Sharp is also the Faculty Advisor for the Student Chapter of ASCE and Chi Epsilon.

The objectives of the Louisiana Engineering Faculty Professionalism Award are to bring to the attention of all faculties those members who are licensed professional engineers at their university and to present registration in a positive light which should encourage faculty to work toward licensure and professionalism in the universities.

2024 HONORS & AWARDS

RECIPIENTS

Ashton Ward, PE *Vincent A. Forte Graduate School Fellowship*

Ashton Ward earned her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Louisiana Tech University in 2018. She took a job at Enercon Services in Baton Rouge after graduation as an electrical design engineer where she worked for 5 years. During her time at Enercon, she worked on design change packages for the four Entergy southern nuclear plants and created a practice project for new hires and interns to understand the work that the company does for Entergy. She received her professional engineering license in the state of Louisiana in September 2022. Also, while at ENERCON, Ashton got her master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Arkansas.

After completing her master's degree, Ashton returned to Louisiana Tech in September 2023 to begin her PhD in Engineering Education under Dr. Krystal Corbett Cruse. She is currently researching the perceived value of non-electrical engineering students of a sophomore-level circuits course. At Louisiana Tech, Ashton has joined the Office for Women in Science and Engineering (OWISE) attending lunch and learns with other female faculty and assisting at the "Introducing New Skills and Proficiencies through Immersive Reassuring Experiences" (INPSIRE) workshop. The workshop aimed to help first-year, female engineering students feel more confident using lab equipment, while also fostering connections with other women in the College of Engineering and Science (COES).

Through the workshop, students had the opportunity to learn important engineering techniques, such as soldering and using milling machines, and interact with upper-level students and faculty members.

Ashton is currently working on papers for the 2024 American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) regarding the INSPIRE Workshop and a new approach to a seminar series for engineering education graduate students. In addition, she is teaching freshman engineers about basic circuits and pumps in the "Living with the Lab" series.

Outside of school and work, Ashton enjoys spending time with her husband Austin (chemical engineering, LA Tech '17) and two-year-old daughter, doing CrossFit, and attending Temple Baptist Church.

The Vincent A. Forte Graduate School Fellowship is given annually to a student enrolled in a graduate education program in engineering who expresses a sincere desire to enter the teaching profession at the University level upon completion of his or her graduate education. The award is named to honor Vincent A. Forte, P.E., a founder and first president of the Louisiana Engineering Foundation.



Ann Forte Trappey, PE, FACEC *Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award*



Ann Forte Trappey, P.E., FACEC presently serves as the Interim President and CEO for the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. Ann graduated with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from LSU in 1982 and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Civil and Environmental Engineering in Louisiana. She began her career at the Louisiana DOTD and began her work at Forte and Tablada in 1990 working as CEO/

President until she transitioned the firm in 2020. Ann has served the Engineering profession through her work with the Louisiana Engineering Society as a member for over 40 years and as the President of the Baton Rouge Chapter in 1992. She served as the Louisiana Engineering Foundation President from 2003 – 2005. Along with her service to LES, she served as State President of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana from 2002-2003, having been active in various committees on the local, state, and national levels, and became a Fellow of the Council in 2007. She has remained a member of ASCE since 1982 and chaired the Wastewater Section of the 2012 Louisiana Infrastructure Report Card Committee.

Her service to the community has included the Baton Rouge Junior League, the Audubon Girl Scouts Board Chair, Iberville Chamber Board, YMCA Metropolitan Board and Board Chair, the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission, Governor's Task Force for Transportation

Infrastructure Investment, Louisiana Business and Technology Center Advisory Board, Louisiana Good Roads Board, Foundation for EBR School System Board, EBR Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee, CRISIS (Capitol Region Industry for Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions Board, Baton Rouge Rotary Club member, and Club President as well as multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Baton Rouge STEM Network, Baton Rouge Area Chamber Board and Board Chair, Public Affairs Research Council Board and Executive Committee and the Home Bank Board.

Ann has been recognized by many of the above organizations for her tireless work. Selected for both the LSU Department of CEE Hall of Distinction and the LSU College of Engineering Hall of Distinction, the 2018 LES Charles Kerr Public Relations Award, Baton Rouge Area Volunteer Activist, and the ACEC National Community Service Award in 2019, to name a few. Ann has been married to Fred Trappey for forty-one years and has two children, Francois and Elise, Dominique and Tennyson, daughter-in-law and son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

The Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award will be given as conditions warrant, but not more than annually, for distinguished service to the Louisiana Engineering Society by an engineer member of the Society, who has provided outstanding service to the Society, in an unselfish manner and in keeping with the highest professional standards. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire others to take a greater part in the advancement of the Society and its service to mankind. This award is named in honor of Waldemar S. Nelson, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1936 until his death in 2005. Unlike the other LES awards, the recipient of this award is not nominated and voted upon by the Honors and Awards Committee but is chosen at the discretion of the immediate Past-President of LES.

2024 HONORS & AWARDS

RECIPIENTS

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E., BC. WRE, F. ASCE

Lifetime Achievement Award

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E., BC. WRE, F. ASCE began his civil engineering career 40 years ago in the private sector at Brown & Butler, Inc. After working in industry and consulting, he started with the State of Louisiana in 1997 as an Engineer Supervisor in Bridge Design at the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and served in multiple leadership roles while employed by the State. Chris served as Director of the Coastal Engineering Division at DNR, CPRA Chief of Engineering and Operations, DOTD Deputy Assistant Secretary of Public Works-Water Resources, and DOTD Chief Engineer before retiring in October 2023. In November he returned to the private sector as the Louisiana Director of Business Development at Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Mr. Knotts earned Bachelor of Engineering Technology and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degrees from Louisiana State University and a Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Throughout his career, Chris has been active in professional organizations, a commitment to give back to the profession instilled in him by Mr. Carter Brown, P.E. He was the 2020-21 President of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying (NCEES), served on the Board of Directors from 2017-2022 and continues to serve on various NCEES committees. Mr. Knotts served on the

Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) from 2013-19, the last year as Chairman. Chris is a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) and served as the 2019-20 State President and 2013-14 Baton Rouge Chapter President. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) having served as 2009-10 Louisiana Section President and 1999-00 Baton Rouge Branch President.

Chris and his wife Margaret live in Baton Rouge. They have four adult children and two grandsons, and they are members of St. George Catholic Church.

A Lifetime Achievement Award may be made to a nominee who has made significant contributions to the advancement of engineering and the objectives of the Society throughout his or her career. The nominee shall have acknowledged eminence in engineering or related sciences, and nominees shall be chosen only from members of the Society.



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N. Dakota Hill, PE F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award



Nathan Dakota Hill, P.E. was a Project Engineer with the firm of Lazenby & Associates, Inc., a Civil Engineering and Land Surveying Firm in West Monroe, Louisiana. He was full-time with the firm since graduating from Louisiana Tech University in 2017, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He also worked in the summers on the survey crew while attending Louisiana Tech University.

Dakota earned his Professional Engineering license in 2021. He served in

all Monroe Chapter officer positions, and in 2022, he stepped up to serve as Monroe Chapter President for LES for the 2022-2023 year.

As a Project Engineer at the firm, Dakota was responsible for the management of multiple projects ranging from utility projects to roadway reconstructions. Most notably, Dakota was responsible for overseeing the consolidation of several sewer treatment plants as part of the Louisiana Water Sector Program for West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5. This project was vital to the area in that it provides additional flow that is converted to drinking-quality water to be used as process water for Graphic Packaging through the Sparta Reuse Facility, which further reduces the draw on the Sparta Aquifer.

In his spare time, Dakota worked with Showcase Video in West Monroe, where he started as a camera operator working at Louisiana Tech and the University of Louisiana – Monroe athletic games. He

ultimately became the instant replay technician for all broadcasts produced by Showcase. Dakota never met a stranger and really enjoyed his time in the duck blind with his friends.

Dakota and his wife, Mary Helen, have twin boys, Walker and Wesley. They are members of Christ Church of West Monroe.

The Louisiana Engineering Society F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award Key and Certificate will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, to an engineer not over thirty-five (35) years of age who has demonstrated a high degree of capabilities in his chosen field of engineering, thereby indicating the potential for further advancement and leadership as a professional engineer. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the recipient but to encourage and inspire young engineers with a desire to reach greater heights of professional achievement and service. This award is named in honor of F. Hugh Coughlin, P.E., a distinguished member of the Society from 1944 until his death in 1980. His interest in and support of young engineers was instrumental in the establishment of this award.

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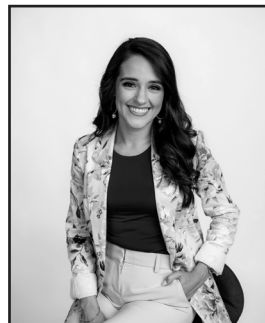
Kalyn R. Partin, PE *N. Dakota Hill Outstanding Chapter President Award*

In 2015, Kalyn graduated from McNeese State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. She later received a Master's Degree in Engineering and Technology Management from Louisiana Tech University with a Six Sigma Green Belt Certification in August of 2020. Kalyn began her career at a local firm in Sulphur, LA, and shortly thereafter joined the Lake Charles District of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Over her seven and a half years at DOTD, she fulfilled roles as an E.I. in the Design and Water Resources departments and was promoted as a P.E. into positions such as District Construction Coordinator and Water Resource Engineer. As of August 2023, she was hired by Atlas Technical Consultants to assist in establishing a new office in Lake Charles, LA.

Kalyn has been a member of LES for 10 years, beginning as a student and assisting with the Lake Charles regional MATHCOUNTS competition. Since becoming a member of LES, she has served in various positions within the Lake Charles chapter: MATHCOUNTS regional coordinator, secretary/treasurer, first vice president, and president. She has also served on multiple committees and is currently the State Membership Committee Chair. In addition to LES, Kalyn is a member of LFMA, Fusion Five, and an active member at Life United Church. In 2022, she was nominated by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the Chenier Plain Restoration and Authority Board where she continues to serve.

Kalyn is a lifelong resident of Lake Charles where she lives with her husband, Phillip, and their three children. She is honored to be the first recipient of the N. Dakota Hill Outstanding Chapter President Award and sends her thoughts and prayers to Dakota's family, friends, and colleagues.

The N. Dakota Hill Outstanding Chapter President Award will be awarded as conditions warrant, but not more often than annually, to an LES member currently serving in the role of chapter president who has demonstrated, at a high level, the values of service, leadership, and fellowship within their chapter. This award is named in memory of N. Dakota Hill, 2022 – 2023 Monroe Chapter President, who left a legacy of service to the profession, to LES, and to his community, of leadership by example, and of creating fellowship within his chapter and beyond. The N. Dakota Hill Outstanding Chapter President Award will be determined by the current LES State President and the LES Office Staff. Recipients must be determined before January 15 annually and will be recognized at the annual LES Honors & Awards ceremony.



FOOTSTEPS IN HISTORY

Down the Bayou Teche, deep in South Louisiana in the community of St. Martinville, stands a magnificent oak, ancient and beautiful. Longfellow brought it to the world's attention in 1847 when, on his 40th birthday, he published his epic poem "Evangeline". It was the story of undying love and the fierce spirit of a brave people. It's a true story. And it happened under the Evangeline Oak.

In 1604 a group of hardy French peasants, sent to colonize new lands in Canada, settled in the province of Acadia. Through hard work, they prospered. Then war came, and they were forced to swear allegiance to the Crown of England. The Acadians wanted peace, but the British wanted their farmland. So, the entire population of 16,000, forced from their homes and loaded into ships, was exiled to different parts of the New World. Families were torn apart. Starvation and disease took many, and 1 out of 5 perished at sea.

The Acadians wandered through the colonies looking for lost family members and a new home. Two of those separated were Emmeline Labiche and Louis Arcenau, a young couple deeply in love and promised to each other. Their months of separation became years, but Emmeline never stopped searching for her beloved Louis. Finally, the two lovers met on the banks of the Bayou Teche under a tall, stately oak. But Louis, thinking his sweetheart lost, had married another. Emmeline's heart was broken. She died soon afterwards and was buried beneath the oak at Post des Attakapas (now St. Martinville).

Years later, a Harvard student from St. Martinville told the story to one of his professors – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He spoke of the long struggle of the Acadians, of the beautiful new land they had settled in, their colorful folkways and customs. And, of Emmeline Labiche and Louis Arcenau. From his story, the epic poem "Evangeline" was born.

It's the story of the people who helped settle Louisiana. Strong, determined people with an undying spirit. And the Evangeline Oak stands as their symbol.

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Alexandria Chapter

Kory Moss, PE

I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Our lunch-n-learn meetings have been successful with great food, fellowship, good attendance and fantastic speakers delivering informative presentations on various topics. On November 14, Cyndi Glascock with Gainey's presented on Stormwater Treatment. In December, Marcel Estay with Submar spoke on articulated concrete mats designed specifically for marine environments. On January 9th, we hosted Brandon Faciane with ADS Pipe who gave us a technical presentation on the resilience of HP Polypropylene pipe in critical drainage systems. The Alexandria Chapter would like to thank Cyndi, Marcel, and Brandon for their time to come out and present to the chapter. Our January meeting was our largest attendance this term and we hope to continue the momentum for the remainder of 2024.

The following list provides the remainder of the lunch-n-learn dates and presenters that you are welcome to attend:

- No meeting in February (due to the local chapter Mathcounts competition)
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 11:45am – technical presentation by Jennifer Gamar with Distran on Design and Detail Considerations for Steel Fabrication and Construction
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 11:45am – QSM Group, speaker TBD.
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 11:45am – TBD.

Our chapter will be hosting a local Mathcounts competition scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2024, from noon until 5pm at LSUA.

Other Alexandria Chapter events planned for the year include a golf tournament fundraiser at Oak Wing and presentation of two scholarships generally at our last lunch-n-learn meeting in May. 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.

Look forward to seeing you at the 28th Annual JESC in Lafayette on February 28-29.

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

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Baton Rouge Chapter

TJ Stokes, PE

The Baton Rouge chapter had a good end of the year holiday season, and we look to have an exciting start to the new year.

In December we held our annual holiday lunch with guest speaker Chad Winchester who is the DOTD's new Chief Engineer.

We also awarded 10 STEM grants to local schools to help further their programs. We were able to award 4 - \$500 grants and 6 - \$250 grants to these local schools. The presentation to the winners will take place in the upcoming weeks.

Our upcoming events include a lunch in January with Fred Raiford from the City/Parish of East Baton Rouge.

February will be a busy month for our chapter. We are hosting, in conjunction with ASCE, the Engineers week award lunch where we will be presenting our local chapter awards along with the Wentz scholarship recipients from LSU and Southern. We will also be hosting the E-Week celebration gala at City Club in Baton Rouge in which the chapters for ASCE, WTS, and APWA will join us.

Finally, in March we will have Mary Anne Wolf speak on communications and how they can impact Engineering lawsuits.



TJ Stokes, PE
Baton Rouge Chapter President

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BATON ROUGE CHAPTER (CONTINUED)

2024 looks to be another great year for the Baton Rouge chapter and I look forward to the continued prosperity of the chapter. I want to thank all of my fellow board members for the time and effort they put in to make all of this possible. I also want to thank all of our terrific sponsors and members who without their support, we would not be able to achieve everything we've been able to.

Bayou Chapter

Kevin DeZarn, PE

In an effort to limit the chaos associated with the Holiday season. We canceled our November and December meetings. Unfortunately, in December 2023 Ms. Laura Barnes PE resigned from her duties as Secretary/Treasurer as she took a new job opportunity and moved to Baton Rouge. She will be greatly missed in the Bayou Chapter, she served two years as Chapter President and recently stepped down to Secretary/Treasurer in May 2023, we wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Our next scheduled meetings for this year are set for February 22nd (to align with Engineer's Week), March 21st and April 18. 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

Lake Charles Chapter

Kalyn Partin, PE

The Lake Charles Chapter is ready for 2024! We are looking forward to all that this year has to bring. As we begin a new calendar year, we want to share some changes, opportunities, and outlook that you can expect to see. As of January 1, our monthly luncheon prices have increased. For future meetings, the cost to attend a meeting will be \$30/member, \$40/non-member, and \$20/student. As always, those in attendance will still continue to receive 1 PDH for each meeting. Additionally, we are now providing the opportunity to partner with our chapter through \$500 or \$1,000 sponsorships. If you or your business is interested in learning more about sponsorships, please reach out to our board at leslakecharles@gmail.com.

Dates to know in Lake Charles:

- February 3- MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition at McNeese State University
- February 6- LES & ASCE Joint Meeting with presenter Chad Winchester, DOTD Chief Engineer
- Additional monthly meeting dates: March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11



Kalyn Partin, PE
Lake Charles Chapter President

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Monroe Chapter

Morgan McCallister, PE

The LES Monroe Chapter had a great 2023, and we're looking forward to what 2024 will bring.

To begin, our officers made the decision to schedule our 2023-2024 monthly meetings in a location closer to the I-20 Corridor. Our monthly meetings are now held in the Louisiana Room within the Abe Edward Pierce III Building located at 401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway Monroe, LA 71201. This move has allowed those outside of the Monroe-West Monroe area the opportunity to attend our meetings without navigating too far downtown – and with that said – we've had the honor of hosting a few Chapter Members who haven't attended in quite some time. Also, we've implemented the online attendance option once again with the help of the LES Main Office, and City of Monroe Technical Services. Since the move, we've seen a slight decline in attendance among former regular attendees; however, we've seen an increase in new attendees and Chapter Membership. Our Chapter has added twelve new members since August 2023. Overall, things are moving in the right direction.

We've had some great presentations in 2023 covering the topics of NEPA/EA, Flood Hazard Mitigation, Ethics, and Detecting & Preventing Fraud within the Workplace. We began 2024 covering High Performance Polypropylene Pipe and will follow that up these next few months with a Legislative Update and the topics of the HeadLight Inspection & Certification Platform, New Topographic Technology, and coverage of the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

The LES Monroe Chapter is currently planning to host a 5-Stand Trap Shoot in the Spring. The event will be held at the Ouachita Parish Shooting Range in West Monroe, LA. We're excited to see the details worked out in the coming weeks, and are looking forward to sharing that information as soon as possible.

As always, The LES Monroe Chapter thanks each Sponsor at every level. We couldn't do what we do without our Sponsors! The Chapter Officers would like to thank every Chapter Member – we appreciate your participation, your feedback, and your support. It's great serving with you!

New Orleans Chapter

John Jackson, PE

The December gathering of the New Orleans Chapter of LES was a captivating evening affair graced by Hansel Gill, Deputy Director of NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility. The Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans served as the backdrop to Mr. Gill's compelling presentation, illuminating the facility's crucial role in supporting NASA's "Moon to Mars" mission progress.

Transitioning into the new year, January marked the return of the Business, Industry, and Energy Outlook panel discussion hosted at the Metairie Country Club. A lineup of influential speakers took center stage, each bringing their unique perspectives in a discussion of the economic and technological landscape shaping the state's engineering and business environment.

Among the distinguished panelists were:

- Michael Hecht, the President & CEO of Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- Professor Eric Smith, the Professor of Practice at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University and the Associate Director of the Tulane Energy Institute
- Phillip May, the President and CEO of Entergy Louisiana
- Charles Nelson, the Chairman of Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc.

The discourse covered specific economic trends or indicators that will significantly impact the business environment in the state this year, then steering the discussion towards the frontier of innovation, the panel explored how emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, advanced analytics, and renewable energy integration are shaping the



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engineering sector. Of particular interest was the topic of the state's strategic positioning to emerge as a major player in a hydrogen based economy, especially within the power generation and Petro-chem industries.

The upcoming Tulane Engineering Forum is a one-day event being held at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans on Friday, April 19, 2024 and provides an opportunity for professionals to attend seminars from industry and academic experts and receive PDH credits. Over 500 professionals attend the annual forum, representing over 200 companies. Additionally, the Forum provides an opportunity for participants to network while discussing technical issues. There are eight concurrent technical sessions, a morning plenary session discussing the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, a luncheon speaker plus ethics and leadership sessions. Attendance at the forum can be in person or online. Registered Professional Engineers can earn up to twenty (20) PDH credits, including one (1) Ethics credit. Information including registration plus the complete program for the Forum can be found at tulane.edu. The seminars from this year and previous years Forums are available as video on demand for a small fee.

As we extend our heartfelt appreciation to both longstanding and recently joined members for their unwavering support, we would like to encourage everyone to attend our upcoming February 21 meeting. Please check our website: <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org/> for updates on upcoming meetings. Thanks again for your dedication to the practice of professional engineering.

Shreveport Chapter

Linsey Kincaid, PE

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed the holidays! We have a lot to look forward to in 2024 with exciting events and great speakers. The Shreveport Chapter celebrated the end of 2023 with ASCE Shreveport Branch at our annual Christmas party at Flying Heart Brewing. We had such a great turn out! We are starting off the new year with ASCE again on January 25 to learn about Cla-Val Control Valves from Richard Aguirre with Gulf Coast Engineering.

Our local MATHCOUNTS competition will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the University Center at LSU-Shreveport. We are always excited for this event and cannot wait to see everyone there!

We are preparing for the upcoming Joint Engineering Societies Conference on February 28-29, which also happens to be right after National Engineers Week (February 18 - February 24). There is no better way to celebrate than by getting involved, networking, and remembering why we chose the field of engineering. We hope to see all of our friends and colleagues there at the end of this month in Lafayette, Louisiana!



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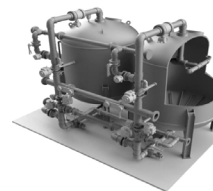
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