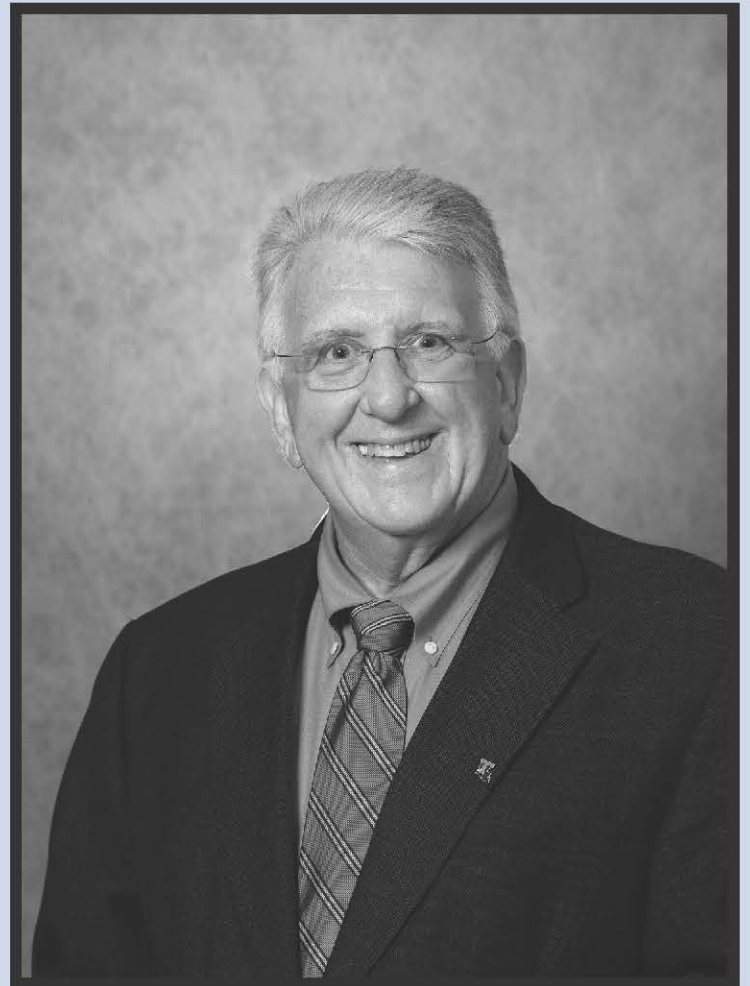


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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The 2024 Regular Legislative Session may have been the busiest legislative session in recent memory when it comes to potential impacts to the practice of engineering in Louisiana. No less than 14 bills were tracked by LAPELS, 11 of which were ultimately enacted. The one with the most potential to affect LAPELS is summarized below:

The “Welcome Home Act”: nearly identical legislation was filed in each branch of the State Legislature; Senate Bill 60 by Senator Thomas Pressley and House Bill 716 by Representative Charles Owen. Despite efforts by LAPELS both bills were passed with minimal substantive changes from the original language as filed and upon the Governor’s signature were enacted to become effective on August 1, 2024.

In general, the legislation amends Revised Statute Title 37 (Professions and Occupations) by creating Chapter 1-E (comprised of R.S. 37:51 through 59) to include overarching provisions requiring boards to issue a license or certification, as applicable, to individuals who meet a certain set of criteria. All boards covered under Title 37 are subject to the new requirements unless exempted (e.g., attorneys). Specifically, as it relates to LAPELS, these criteria create a path to licensure that borders on pure reciprocity, opening the door to licensure for individuals who have not met the minimum standard (education, experience and examination) that we as members of this profession in Louisiana work hard to uphold.

As written, LAPELS would be required to issue a license to an applicant who meets all of the following criteria:

1. The applicant holds a current and valid license in another state;
2. The applicant has been licensed in the other state for at least one year;
3. The other state required the applicant to pass an examination, OR to meet education, training, OR experience standards;
4. The other state holds the applicant in good standing;
5. The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in this state under state law;
6. The applicant does not have a disciplinary action or investigation pending in another state, under this scenario the board would be required to wait until any such action or investigation was resolved before issuing or denying a license;
7. The applicant pays all applicable fees in this state; and
8. The applicant lives in this state and provides proof of residency as outlined in this legislation.

Accordingly, residency can be established by providing proof of

one of the following:

1. A current state-issued identification card;
2. A state-issued voter registration card;
3. Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter of promise of employment for the applicant or the applicant’s spouse (this method requires one of the other three forms of proof of residency six months after the license is granted); or
4. A current homestead exemption for this state.

In the base case, qualification for licensure as a professional engineer in Louisiana requires individuals to be a graduate of an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more, to have four years of progressive engineering experience and to have passed the required examinations. There are exceptions to this, but qualification under these alternatives requires more (more education and/or more experience) from the applicant not less.

While many states have requirements similar to LAPELS, there are others that fall slightly short of the bar that has been established. Some states waive the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination with little discretion and some give an engineering technology degree the same standing as an engineering degree. In the most extreme case, there are a handful of states that don’t require a degree at all as long as the applicant has other credentials such as some length of documented experience and having passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

What will be the consequences of this action?

Only time will determine whether this so called “Licensure by Endorsement” will have significant impacts. It’s probably safe to assume that there won’t be a rush of previously unqualified applicants lining up to move to Louisiana; however, there is a real potential for some to circumvent the traditional paths to licensure.

As my time as Chairperson comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the LAPELS staff for their dedication and support over the last six years as well as the current and previous board members with whom I have had the privilege of serving. Thank you for your guidance and leadership.

In closing, it was Sir Isaac Newton who perhaps said it best “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.”

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

Northeast Technical Services Co., Inc., 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). Between at least September 7, 2020 and May 2022 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services

in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$3,000; to pay administrative costs of \$160.32; 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.

DSC Engineering, Inc., an unlicensed firm, was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" 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). Since at least 2022 the firm has admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,500; to pay administrative costs of \$901.48; to immediately cease and desist practicing and offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or modifications or derivatives thereof in its name or in describing its business or services in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board; 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.

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

David P. Hossenlopp, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-45649), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Between

at least September 7, 2020 and May 2022 (a) Northeast Technical Services Co., Inc. (an unlicensed firm) admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on approximately one project in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Hossenlopp aided and assisted his firm in the unlicensed practice of and/ or offer to practice engineering on one project in the state of Louisiana. Mr. Hossenlopp was an employee of the firm. Mr. Hossenlopp 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 \$160.32; 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.

Ross T. Mori, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-31087), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Between at least January 2023 and April 2023 (a) Trachte Building Systems, Inc. (an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) admittedly provided and offered to provide engineering services on at least two projects in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Mori provided engineering services for the firm in Louisiana in connection with said projects. In October 2023 Mr. Mori submitted to the Board on behalf of the firm an application for engineering firm licensure which stated that the firm had not practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana. Mr. Mori was an officer, employee and representative of the firm. Mr. Mori 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 \$1,500; to pay administrative costs of \$925.94; 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.

MULTIPLE LAWS/RULES VIOLATIONS:

Thomas S. Graham, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-35364), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), (b) practicing

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and/or offering to practice engineering with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) and (c) 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). Since at least 2022 (a) DSC Engineering, Inc. (an unlicensed firm) has admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on one project in Louisiana and (b) Mr. Graham has provided engineering services for and on behalf of the firm in Louisiana in connection with said project. In July 2023 Mr. Graham submitted to the Board an application to reactivate his expired license which falsely stated that he had not practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana since his license was no longer in active status. Mr. Graham's license was in an expired status from October 1, 2012 through September 10, 2023. Mr. Graham was an owner, officer and representative of the firm. Mr. Graham 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 \$4,000; to pay administrative costs of \$901.48; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$600; to have the firm immediately cease and desist practicing and offering to practice engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or modifications or derivatives thereof in its name or in describing its business or services in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board; 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.

Trachte Building Systems, Inc., an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm effective October 17, 2023 (EF-7676), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for (a) practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), and (b) fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:700(A)(3). Prior to October 2023 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least two projects in Louisiana. In October 2023 the firm submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure which falsely stated that the firm had never practiced or offered to practice engineering 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 \$3,750; to pay administrative costs of \$925.94; 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.

Raymond L. Goodson, Jr., Inc., an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm effective June 7, 2021 (EF-7102), was subject to enforcement action by the Board for (a) practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), and (b) fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:700(A)(3). Between at least 2020 and May 17, 2021 the firm admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least one project in Louisiana. On or about May 18, 2021 the firm submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure which falsely stated that the firm had never practiced or offered to practice engineering 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 \$3,750; to pay administrative costs of \$679.41; 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.

Michael J. McLaren, P.E., a professional engineer (PE-33082), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) and (b) 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). Between at least 2020 and May 17, 2021 (a) Raymond L. Goodson, Jr., Inc. (an unlicensed firm which subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least one project in Louisiana and (b) Mr. McLaren provided engineering services for and on behalf of the firm in Louisiana in connection with said project(s). On or about May 18, 2021 Mr. McLaren signed and submitted to the Board on behalf of the firm an application for engineering firm licensure which falsely stated that the firm had never practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana. Mr. McLaren was an officer, principal, employee and representative of the firm and has been the supervising professional of the firm since June 7, 2021. Mr. McLaren 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 \$1,500; to pay administrative costs of \$679.41; 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.

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I would first like to thank everyone reading this magazine for giving me the opportunity to serve as the LES president for the 2024-2025 year. I say “everyone” because the LES Vision Statement is “The Louisiana Engineering Society is the recognized advocate of all licensed engineers in the state of Louisiana.” Therefore, LES is also the voice for engineers that are not members. The board members serve as your representatives, too. We are your voice.

There are over 17,000 P.E.s and E.I.s registered with LAPELS; however, only 2,089 (12%) are members of LES. Of those LES members, approximately 260 (12.5%) attend meetings and are active at the chapter level. These active members are whose voices are currently being heard.

The Membership Committee has tried several ways to gain membership. These include a one-year free membership when you become an E.I., to a membership drive competition between the chapters, and now there is a monthly drawing for members who submit a testimonial that is put on our website.

In addition to meetings to discuss chapter operations, chapters also provide speakers and CPDs, socials, golf tournaments, clay shooting competitions, cocktail hours, etc. so members can network. Chapters also team up with technical societies such as ASCE, ACEC, etc. for many of these events.

This year, the website will be overhauled to make it easier to navigate. In addition, LES operations will be getting a facelift. Members should have received a ballot in June for changes to the Articles of Incorporation. (Thank you to everyone who voted.) The Bylaws Committee is now working on revisions to the Bylaws and will then start working on the strategic plan and handbook. These four documents govern the operation of LES and have not had a major revision in several years. This is a prime opportunity to chart a course for LES activities in the coming years.

LES follows legislation and speaks on behalf of engineers at committee hearings. Throughout sessions, emails are sent to our members to keep them abreast of legislation that may affect them. This gives members the opportunity to let us know their stance on the issues and contact their legislators. For those of you who are not members, you are missing out on the opportunity to drive your own profession in the direction you see fit versus just going along for the ride.

I would love to hear what you like about the organization, and more importantly, what we can do better to serve you. If you don't tell us, we won't know that a change is needed. That goes for both members and non-members. You can contact me directly at melaniebcaillouet@gmail.com or the LES office at les@les-state.org. I look forward to serving you this year and hope to see you at one of our many events.



Melanie B. Caillouet, PE
LES President

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LES Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2024

- August 1: Honors & Awards nominations begin
- August 5: 29th JESC Planning Begins
- August 16: LES Board Meeting - Alexandria, LA

SEPTEMBER 2024

- September 1: Scholarship application opens
- September 11: Life Safety Code Seminar - Baton Rouge, LA & Virtual

OCTOBER 2024

- October 1: ADA Seminar - Baton Rouge, LA & Virtual
- October 31: Scholarship applications close

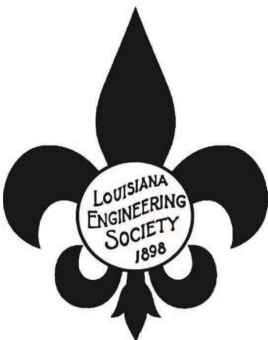
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LOUISIANA CAPITOL VIEW

FROM HAYNIE AND ASSOCIATES

2024 Legislative Session Adjourned Sine Die

The 2024 Regular Legislative Session that convened on Monday, March 11, 2024 had a Final Adjournment SINE DIE on Monday, June 3, 2024, and now the Governor's Veto period has concluded officially putting a bow on the 2024 legislative session

I recommend the House 2024 Session wrap up Summary (also on House homepage): https://house.louisiana.gov/Agendas_2024/Session%20Wrap%20-%202024%20ES%20&%20RS.pdf

Notice: Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works met July 10th https://house.louisiana.gov/H_Video/VideoArchivePlayer?v=house/2024/jul/0710_24_TR_Jnt

The focus of this meeting was to discuss the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Funds from the 2024 Regular Session and the Statewide Transportation Infrastructure Survey with DOTD.

Notable Legislation

All legislation in this report can be reviewed in final form at: www.legis.la.gov

Passed:

[SB 396, McMath](#) - Becomes Act 516 - Provides for exemptions to the licensing and registration requirements for architects; LES took a neutral position after Senate floor amendments were adopted.

[HB 794, Gadberry](#) - Becomes Act 788 - The bill requires a political subdivision or agency to negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate deemed fair and reasonable by the agency head. If negotiations with the selected firm fail, the agency proceeds to the next firm in line until a satisfactory contract is reached; LES Supported

[SB 60/ HB 716, Pressly/Owen](#) - Becomes Acts 253 and 568 - Provides for universal recognition of occupational licenses; LES took a neutral position after Senate floor amendments were adopted.

Failed:

[HB 713, Gadberry](#) - Redefines the practice of land surveying by emphasizing modern technologies like LIDAR and satellite positioning. It broadens the scope of services related to land boundaries, mapping, and data interpretation. Additionally, it updates licensure criteria to accommodate different educational backgrounds and work experiences; LES Supported

[HB 877, McFarland](#) - Allows political subdivisions to designate and set aside up to 10% of anticipated local procurement for awarding to minority businesses, but political subdivisions can exceed this percentage if supported by appropriate data; LES Supported

Contact Information and Engagement

For all Legislative 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. The level of participation in this process can directly impact your organizations success in Baton Rouge.

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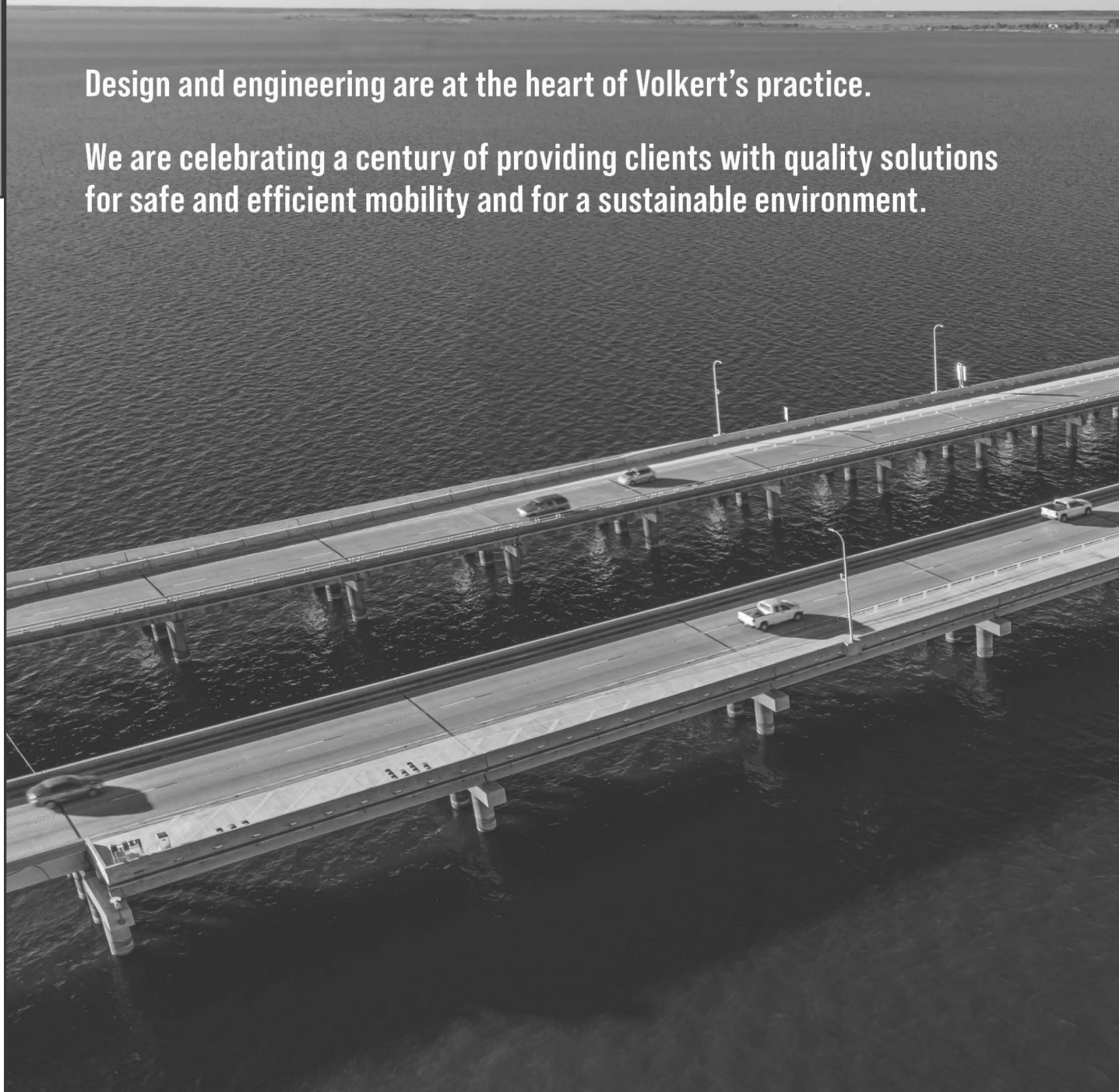
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Baton Rouge Chapter

Bliss Kelley Bernard, PE

The 2023-2024 chapter was a tremendous success, thanks to the outstanding leadership of our outgoing president, TJ Stokes, our past president, Kimberly McDaniel, and the dedicated efforts of all board members and chairpersons. We concluded the year with our always exciting annual Ethics Crawfish Boil, featuring an ethics presentation by Chris Knotts, P.E., and a joint Young Member Social with ASCE and APWA. Both events were highly successful and well-received.

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 year, I am eager to continue their legacy and build upon their achievements. I am pleased to announce the newly elected 2024-2025 Baton Rouge Chapter Officers and Board of Directors as follows:

- President: Bliss Kelley Bernard, P.E. (G.E.C)
- President Elect: Laurence Lambert, P.E., PTOE, PTP (Vectura)
- Vice President: Jason Fennell, P.E. (Forte & Tablada)
- Treasurer: Billy Williamson, P.E. (DOTD)
- Secretary: Jason Chauvin, P.E. (T. Baker Smith)
- Director 1: Brett McMann, P.E. (The Water Institute)
- Director 2: Joy Johnson, P.E. (Neel-Schaffer)
- Past President: TJ Stokes, P.E. (T. Baker Smith)
- Communications Chairperson: Gabriel Rice, E.I. (Volkert)
- Younger Member Chairperson: Drake Helton, P.E. (Forte & Tablada)

Serving on this board over the past few years has been a true pleasure. While my appointment as Chapter President has come sooner than expected, I am honored and proud to take on this role.

The new board convened in July to plan for the upcoming year. Our events include the regular monthly speaker luncheons, the Clay Shoot (10/11/24), socials, Wintz Memorial Golf Tournament (3/10/25), E-Week Events, Crawfish & Ethics, and more. Information and specific dates will be sent to members as details are finalized. The Chapter's next event will be a joint luncheon with the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers on August 22, 2024, with Congressman Garret Graves as the speaker. Registration details will be sent out to members in early August.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors—your support has been instrumental in our success. As we prepare for our annual call for sponsors, we hope to continue this journey together and achieve even greater milestones with your continued support. Please look for the forthcoming call for sponsors and schedule of events via email. I look forward to the upcoming year and collaborating with all of you to make it a success!



Bliss Kelley Bernard, PE
Baton Rouge Chapter President

Bayou Chapter

Jacob Waitz, PE

The Bayou Chapter held elections for our 2024–2025 Chapter Officers at our April monthly meeting with the results of Jacob Waitz, P.E., President; Morgan Degruise, P.E., Vice President; and Alexander Quebedeaux, E.I., Secretary/Treasurer.

We held our very successful annual Bayou Chapter Golf Tournament on June 3, 2024 at the Ellendale Country Club in Houma. We had 80+ participants in this year's edition (increase from the 70+ from last year's tournament) and we are setting our goal for next year at 100 golfers. I'd like to give a special thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors for the event. All proceeds are planned for a future bayou chapter Scholarship Endowment.

Our next scheduled chapter meetings will be held on Wednesday, July 24th; Thursday, August 29; and Thursday, September 26. I look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.



Jacob Waitz, PE
Bayou Chapter President

CHAPTER UPDATES

Lake Charles Chapter

Kalyn Partin, PE

We are ready for a new year with LES! We are anticipating a great year ahead and I am looking forward to serving as Chapter President again, along with my colleagues:

1st Vice President- Jennifer Mayo-Kihlken, P.E.

2nd Vice President- Jessica Pousson, P.E.

Secretary/Treasurer- Breanna Cross, E.I.

We hope to work together to provide the very best opportunities and updated information to you this year. If we can ever answer any questions, or if you'd like to make recommendations about the chapter, please feel free to reach out to us at leslakecharles@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming a chapter sponsor, please reach out to us, as this helps us to expand our opportunities for growth and networking!

This year, our meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month at the Governor's Mansion on Broad Street from 11:30 AM–1:00 PM, and the scheduled dates are as follows: July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11 (there will be no December meeting). A registration email will be sent to all members ahead of each meeting with detailed information. Additionally, you can visit the events calendar on the website (www.les-state.org) and sign up for any of our Lake Charles meetings through the calendar event link. The cost to attend monthly luncheons is \$30/member, \$40/non-member, and \$20/student.

We encourage everyone to get involved and to make the most out of your LES membership this year. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Kalyn Partin, PE
Lake Charles Chapter President

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Monroe Chapter

Morgan McCallister, PE

I had the privilege of serving this past year as the LES Monroe Chapter President. This was my first experience serving as Chapter President, and I'm appreciative of the opportunity to serve a second term this coming year.

There is a list of LES Membership benefits that are outlined at <https://www.les-state.org/benefits/>. With that said, over this past year as Chapter President, I have gained a better understanding of what LES does for the Engineering Community. During our scheduled meetings, I had the opportunity to participate in conversations, debates, and votes that help shape the Engineering services landscape in Louisiana. Those meetings have been populated by Professionals representing various specialties – representing numerous companies – representing communities from all over our great State. The LES home office team, led by our Executive Director, Mrs. Mary Claire Ruckert, does a wonderful job in orchestrating events and relaying important information to the Board and to the Society.

LES Monroe Chapter Officers this year are as follows:

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Morgan McCallister, PE
Monroe Chapter President

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MONROE CHAPTER UPDATE (CONTINUED)

A big thank you to Mr. James “Jim” Ellingburg, P.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) for his representation of the LES Monroe Chapter as this past year’s LES President! He did a wonderful job as always.

We will officially begin our 2024-2025 year as a local chapter on September 12, 2024. Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, except for the last meeting to be held on the third Thursday in May. For a complete schedule, please look for the forthcoming monthly LES Monroe Chapter Newsletter via email. You’ll also find within each newsletter a listing of our speakers, as well as a lunch menu.

Invite a fellow Professional or an Engineering Student – Hope to see you in September!

New Orleans Chapter

Kevin Hurtt, PE

Serving on the board of the New Orleans chapter LES for the last four years has provided me with the opportunity to meet and connect with engineers from many different backgrounds and experience levels. It has also given me a greater appreciation for the breadth of engineering topics and specialties that exist in our modern economy. This year, I am honored to serve as president of the New Orleans chapter. I want to thank my fellow board members for placing their trust in me to help guide our 126 year old organization and I will work hard to make sure that their trust is not misplaced. Youth is the lifeblood of any organization, and to that end, one of my major goals this year is to re-establish student chapters at the University of New Orleans and Tulane University. My hope is that by getting young people involved in the LES early we will create lifelong members that will help carry our organization into the next century.



Kevin Hurtt, PE
New Orleans Chapter President

I graduated from the University of New Orleans in 2020 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. Upon graduation, I took a position at Infinity Engineering Consultants where I have remained for the last four and a half years. My time at Infinity has allowed me to work on a wide variety of projects from street paving and drainage to marine facilities. I am especially proud of the work I’ve been able to do on local projects of note including: The new ferry terminal at the foot of Canal Street, the West Power Complex at the Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans, and most recently, the rehabilitation of Lincoln beach on the New Orleans Lakefront.

Our New Orleans Chapter board members for the 2024-2025 term are:

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We will be having our annual planning meeting in the next month, and expect to have a slate of interesting and educational topics to provide to our members. Keep an eye out for our email notices and check our website at <https://neworleanschapter.les-state.org/> for more information about upcoming meetings.

One last note, our 16th Annual Fall Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 25th at Lakewood Golf Club. Please consider registering as a player and/or sponsor and help support our organization while enjoying a great day of golf, food, and drink!

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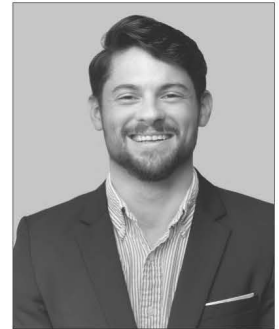
Jonathan Ratliff, PE

The Shreveport Chapter had an engaging 2023-2024 season, marked by a series of great luncheons and events. Our chapter welcomed many remarkable speakers who shared insights on local topics, introduced innovative engineering products, and emphasized the importance of ethics in our profession. Their contributions enriched our understanding and reinforced our commitment to our respective practices.

We extend our gratitude to Linsey Kincaid for her outstanding leadership as president of our chapter. Her dedication to the engineering communities in Louisiana, both at the state and local levels, has been exemplary. We also would like to thank Luke Haney, James Hagan III, Matthew Redmon, and Ali Mustapha for their invaluable efforts on the Shreveport chapter board and MATHCOUNTS. Their hard work and commitment have been instrumental in the success of the chapter.

One of the final highlights of the year was the joint ASCE event celebrating the McNeil Street Pump Station's designation as an ASCE National Historic Landmark. The event saw a wonderful turnout, with attendees learning about the antique engineering marvel that was instrumental in shaping Shreveport's future. It was great to see both society's interest and appreciation for the historical significance of the water pumping station and treatment facility. We are grateful to everyone who attended, for ASCE being an outstanding host, and to the passionate and knowledgeable volunteers who made the event a resounding success.

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 year, we are excited to announce several new initiatives and events. We will be launching a new Shreveport Chapter website, which will feature an online payment portal for luncheons, making it more convenient for our members to participate. We have planned for a series of exceptional speakers who will continue to inform and inspire us. Additionally, we are planning several opportunities for community engagement, allowing us to give back and make a positive impact to the Shreveport/Bossier and surrounding communities. Thank you all for your continued support and involvement. Stay tuned!



Jonathan Ratliff, PE
Shreveport Chapter President

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SCHOLARSHIPS

One of our goals as an organization is to support STEM education in Louisiana and provide opportunities for engineering students across the state. LES and LEF both offer scholarships to students studying engineering in Louisiana. These scholarship awards range in value, beginning at \$500. Some awards are merit-based, some are need-based, and some are based on the student's residence or the location of their school or university.

We work with all engineering college programs in Louisiana to notify their students about these opportunities. If you know of a college student studying engineering, please encourage them to apply for LES and LEF scholarship opportunities. We utilize a universal application for all our awards, so the students only need to complete one application to be eligible for multiple awards.

Applications will be open beginning on September 1 and will close on October 31. Award decisions are released by our state-level committee beginning in early 2025 and continue until all chapters have made their awards, usually mid-spring. The application can be found on either the LEF or LES website.

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

ENGINEERING EDUCATION

I recently volunteered to help with our church's Vacation Bible School (VBS) in Homer. At one point I was working on a Bible verse with a youngster we'll call 'Ronnie', and I asked him to read it aloud. He looked at me and said, "I can't read." I was dumbfounded since his peers were reading with very little difficulty. This boy had been told he was finished with second grade and ready for third grade. I wondered, "When do children usually learn to read?" According to a quick Internet search, reading skills can vary greatly from child to child, however, most children start reading at around 6 to 7 years old while some children learn as early as 4 to 5 years old. What does this have to do with engineering education? It depends what you call the beginning of your engineering education. If you can't read a word problem in mathematics, you'll never be able to solve the problem. Can you even do the first step in the engineering process of Identify or Define the Problem? Learning to read might be considered the start for some.



Jeffrey A. Pike, PE
Engineering Education, Chair
Professional Engineer in Education, Chair

I sent a text message to several colleagues and friends telling them I was gathering some feedback for an article. I asked, "What's your first thought about when your engineering education began?" I was looking for gut level feedback in a quick reply, and I got a variety of great responses. Some have responded about a childhood experience, some with high school, some with the start of college, some with a particular college course or teacher. Several mentioned hands-on experiences. All their responses strike a chord with me.

A West Point classmate of mine and the President of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), Grant Crawford, remembers it this way. "I think my formal engineering education began in high school when I was taking key foundational courses like Pre- Calc (called Math Analysis back then), Chemistry, Physics, and Mechanical Drafting. They set me up well for West Point. I think my informal engineering education began before that when I used to tinker with our old car, make flashlights with discarded Tic Tac containers, make my own gun powder, and solder electronics projects from a booklet and parts I got at the local radio shack. I learned a lot just messing around with stuff."

Grant's answer reminded me of some early 'engineering work' I did when I was probably in grade school. My parents asked what all the noise was in my room before supper. I was busy installing eye hooks and string up the sheetrock wall and across the ceiling so I could turn my bedroom light on and off while still lying in my bed. If you've ever been to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Virginia, you will recall some of his ingenious engineering work, but he didn't have a traditional engineering education. I'm told he studied history, science, and the classics. Many say he was considered an expert in many areas: architecture, civil engineering, geography, mathematics, ethnology, anthropology, mechanics, and the sciences.

Morgan McCallister, City Engineer for Monroe, recalled that his engineering education "began on Day 1 of classes [at Louisiana Tech]. I started later in life, so I was 'head down' and 'all business' until graduation." That's what every educator loves to hear!

For David Constant, "the reality of my engineering education came in my junior year at LSU when I started taking core chemical engineering courses. I realized quickly that I needed to work hard to succeed. I'm glad I did after a BS, MS and PhD in chemical engineering and then serving academia for over 36 years. Quite a ride." David is our Secretary/Treasurer for the PEE Practice Division.

VJ Gopu remembers he was "glad to have been able to gain admission into a highly competitive undergraduate program and hoped to become a well-qualified civil engineer to assist in [his] father's construction business." It turns out he "could not join [his] father's business as planned because of pursuing doctoral studies in the U.S. and then pursuing an academic career." VJ currently serves as an Educator on our Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board.

Former Chief Engineer of LA DOTD and President Emeritus of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), Chris Knotts, shared, "It was the 10th grade. The school guidance counselor called a meeting to discuss careers. I had always liked to take things apart to see how they worked. Getting them back together and working again was a bonus. Math came easy to me, and I was interested in all sciences so engineering checked those boxes."

ENGINEERING EDUCATION(CONTINUED)

I served with Chris Richard on the LAPELS Board, and I recall hearing Chris talking about his relationship with his dad in Lafayette. "Since my father was an engineer, my education began at a very early age. My father would take me to project sites and talked about what he did in my preteen years. I think for me that's when my education began." Many may have similar childhood experiences to Chris. Sweet memories.

Hisham Hegab, Dean Emeritus of Louisiana Tech University, "always loved math and science growing up so when I started my first quarter at Tech, I was excited about my first engineering class. It was a freshman seminar class to give students a broad overview of mechanical engineering."

Kalyn Partin, Civil Engineer and Project Manager out of Lake Charles, recalls, "I was looking forward to an opportunity to be a teacher of math, but having further knowledge to do more than that. I was proud to know that by the end of it, I would have an understanding of the steel construction that my dad has done my whole life and potentially assist him in his practice."

Melanie Caillouet, our LES President, from Houma, "was a biochem major before starting to work in the environmental engineering department. I eventually switched majors. Looking back, my intro class explored why EVEG was needed but didn't really go into what I would be doing after graduation. I think early on having engineers visit the class and give students real life accounts would be really helpful. I also feel that more hands-on projects would be beneficial. I really feel like I passed both my FE and PE the first time I took it because of the hands-on experience I received while working for the department."

Luke Miller, Past Present of LES, from Alexandria remembers, "Dixie Griffin made us meet him at the outfall of double box culverts under I-20 so that we could break our class into teams. One team was tasked with walking in the culverts to field verify the existing conditions. The next day, we found out the assignment was fake but it made us realize how much our engineering careers would require us to go out in the field and apply principles to solve real world challenges." I've heard students learned a lot of their engineering from Dixie at the Huddle House on I-20 in Ruston, too.

Jim Ellingburg, Past President of LES, from Monroe recalls, "... it started by working on stuff with my dad when I was a little kid. From small engine repairs to welding frames for new deer stands, we did everything in between. I wasn't learning any engineering principles, but I was learning to look at a problem and see how to fix it." Problem solving is such a foundational part of engineering education.

Chad Bacas, Past President of LES from Denham Springs was glad to help. "Reflecting on the start of my engineering education, my initial thoughts were filled with excitement and curiosity about the vast field of engineering but somewhat skeptical about the discipline of engineering I started with. I was eager to dive into the rigorous coursework and hands-on projects that would lay the foundation for my future career as an engineer, but I ended up switching disciplines from electrical to civil after a few of my earlier classes."

What about you? "What's your first thought about when your engineering education began?" Why not share your thoughts with those around you? Maybe you will recruit and mentor a youngster like 'Ronnie' to get plugged in with our incredible engineering profession.

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With the beginning of the school year comes the beginning of our MathCounts season. The first task for all Chapters is to promote MathCounts and encourage schools to register. This is the toughest task to complete. Over time the number of schools that participate has decreased; therefore, the Chapter Coordinators could use everyone's help in recruiting schools for this program.

For the newbies out there, MathCounts is a competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It is a combination of literary rally and quiz bowl where students compete in both written tests and head-to-head competition. A MathCounts competition consists of three written tests and one oral competition. The three written tests are:

Round	No. of Questions	Time Allowed	Calculator Allowed
Sprint	40	30	No
Target	4 Sets of 2	6 per Set	Yes
Team	10	20	Yes



Melanie B. Caillouet, PE
Mathcounts Committee Chair

The team round has four students from the same school working together to complete the test. The fourth part is the countdown round where the top 12 individual students compete head-to-head in a single-elimination oral competition.

Registration for the Chapter competitions occurs on www.mathcounts.org and usually opens in September. Early Bird Deadline is November 1st (\$30/student) and Registration Deadline is December 15th (\$35/student). Schools can register a 4-member team and 8 individual students for a maximum of 12 students per school for the Chapter competition.

The Chapter competitions occur in February. The top three teams and the top 4 individuals not on a team from the Chapter competitions advances to the State competition for a maximum of 16 students from each Chapter. The State Competition will be held in Pineville in March. The top 4 individuals and the coach from the top team at the State Competition represents Louisiana at the National Competition which will be held in May in Orlando, Florida.

For more information, contact your Chapter MathCounts Coordinator or [visit www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org).



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Kalyn Partin, PE
Membership Committee Chair

In my second year as membership chair, I am excited for all that is ahead for LES! Over the last year, our membership committee has worked hard to provide new opportunities for growth and engagement and we still have more to come. I want to highlight a few of the things we've done in the last year to increase participation.

We have implemented a Course of the Month program that is exclusive to attendees of our chapter monthly meetings. Each month, individuals who attend one of the monthly chapter meetings across the state receive a discount code to a specific course in our LES online library. This has been another way to encourage chapter meeting participation, as well as provide additional opportunities to collect PDHs. We plan to continue this incentive throughout the new year and if you attend a meeting, be sure that you get your discount code!

In plans to update our LES online information and provide marketing materials, we have requested member testimonials to show how LES is benefitting each of our members. When you provide your responses, you are entered to win a gift card each month. This will go on for a little while longer, so be on the lookout for that opportunity in the statewide LES emails.

We are working on updating our website information and connecting our members to the LES State Office better. We want you to be in-the-know. Part of this is making it easier to view and register for chapter and state events through the online calendar. We are striving to make sure that everything is in one place for ease of access.

Make sure to check back online as we continue to make updates.

There are more things in the works for the new year and will plan to unveil in the near future! We are excited to see all that LES will do this year!

I want to take this chance to encourage members to take full advantage of the opportunities provided to you through your paid membership to LES. There is so much more to LES than receiving PDHs throughout the year—although it is an important part. LES provides resources that allow you to network with other engineers, not only in your community but also statewide. LES works hard to ensure that your license and profession are being protected and that any proposed legislation is in your best interest. With LES you have avenues to be involved in your local communities, schools, and universities through volunteerism, donations, and events such as Mathcounts. Your membership in LES is valuable and we want you to receive the most benefit from it! If you are a licensed engineer in LA, but not a member of LES, we hope that you would strongly consider joining our organization. As I explained above, LES has your profession at the forefront of all we do. We are the only active organization that serves every discipline and area of practice, and LES is your voice on the regulation of the practice of engineering and surveying in Louisiana through its liaison with the LA Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS). We work to ensure that what we offer and what we do as an organization benefits every engineer.




As chair, I hope to assist you in making sure that your membership is beneficial. If you ever have any questions or recommendations, please feel free to reach out to myself or your chapter president! I look forward to another year with LES and seeing how we come together to make a difference in our state.

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