

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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*Chairman*

Louisiana Professional  
Engineering and Land  
Surveying Board

## BOARD'S CHALLENGES

Nearly a year ago, we formed a Strategic Planning Committee to assess the Board's current activities and provide recommendations on changes needed to prepare the Board to meet its long-term goals. Among several recommendations that the committee made, one in particular will have the greatest benefit to our licensees - upgrading our existing computer system to meet future demands. The proposed system, as we envision it, will ultimately give us the capability of integrating the existing computer programs as well as enhancing our ability to allow on-line applications and renewals. For more information, please refer to Tony Huval's article in this issue of the journal. Unfortunately, with the current fiscal status of the Board, implementing

any of these recommendations would place a tremendous constraint on our finances. Recognizing the importance of these needed changes, the Board at its regular meeting voted to increase some fees. As a result, the renewal fees for PE's, PLS's, and firms will be increased to \$120 biennially, beginning in July of this year. The renewal fees for EI's and LSI's will remain unchanged. We believe by initiating these changes, we will improve our processes and serve our licensees more effectively.

Another challenging issue facing the Board is solicitation of engineering work by foreign firms. A number of our licensees received emails from foreign firms advertising their engineering capabilities and their willingness to provide services at a lower cost. Louisiana R.S. 37:681 requires that any

individual or foreign or domestic firm that is practicing or offering to practice professional engineering in Louisiana shall be licensed by the Board. The Board has already taken steps to notify the firms of our licensure requirements. We believe that brokering engineering or land surveying services will create a huge challenge for the Board.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LAPELS Board Meeting Dates

July 19-20, 2004  
September 20-21, 2004  
November 15-16, 2004



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# THE LAST HURRAH

**Benjamin S. Harrison**  
Acting Executive Secretary

There comes a time in everyone's life when difficult decisions must be made. I have recently experienced one of those times. After much soul searching, I have decided it is the right time for me to retire.

I have had the honor and privilege to serve the Board for over twenty years. My first duties were as the Board's only full time enforcement person. Later, after the Board's enforcement activities and personnel were expanded, I became the senior enforcement person. For the last fifteen months I have served as the Acting Executive Secretary in the absence of H. Glen Kent, Jr., P.L.S., Executive Secretary.

I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you who have been helpful, understanding, patient and most of all cooperative in our efforts to provide a meaningful enforcement program. In serving the Board and public, I have experienced successes and failures, but the most rewarding part of my time here has been all the wonderful people I have come to know and like.

In saying "goodbye," I also must especially thank Paul Landry, the man who convinced me that I needed to take on the task of beginning an enforcement program for the Board. I never realized it would become a twenty-year project. Rest assured the enforcement program is being left in capable hands and it will remain successful if licensees continue to support the Board's enforcement efforts.

I also need to thank all of the great Board members and staff members of LAPELS. Some have come and gone but each has been an integral part of this Board's efforts to serve the public.

*Goodbye and Best Regards*



**Benjamin S. Harrison**  
Acting Executive Secretary

## LAPELS TO UPGRADE TO CAVU ELICENSE SOFTWARE

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

The licensing software that LAPELS currently utilizes keeps track of new applicants, licensee's credentials and renewal data. This software utilized is not one software package, but consists of three, non-integrated software packages developed in house over the last 10 years. The LAPELS Board has recognized the need to upgrade its computer systems for some time and now has an opportunity to make improvements.

In 2003, the Louisiana Division of Administration also recognized the need for commercial off the shelf licensing software that would be flexible enough to meet the needs of the many Louisiana Boards. After a thorough selection process, CAVU Corporation of Raleigh, North Carolina was chosen as the approved software provider. The Louisiana Real Estate Commission, Contractors Board, Board of Optometry Examiners and the Medical Examiners Board are already in the process of implementing CAVU software. LAPELS has also conducted its own investigation and has made the decision to purchase CAVU's eLicense software.

What does this change mean to the Land Surveying and Engineering applicants and registrants?

**Online Renewals.** Registrants will be able to renew their license online with immediate online confirmation.

**Online Change of Address.** Registrants will be able to change their mailing and e-mail address on line.



**Robert A. "Tony" Huval, P.E.**  
Deputy Executive Secretary

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## UPGRADE TO CAVU

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**Online Applications.** Applicants will be able to complete and send in their applications to LAPELS online.

**Online License Application Checklist.** An applicant who has applied for a license can view the status of the Board's application checklist and view any deficiencies in their qualifications.

**More Responsive Service.** Information will be more readily available to office staff allowing us to respond to your inquiries more quickly.

The CAVU eLicense software will provide numerous benefits to the LAPELS office staff. There is a lot of work to do to configure the system to our requirements. The online functions are scheduled to be available to you in 2005. We are eagerly anticipating the implementation and the expected benefits of the CAVU software and look forward to providing even better service to you.

## NEED ONE HOUR OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS CREDIT?

Obtaining that one hour of professional ethics credit for your CPD requirements can sometimes be difficult. To alleviate this problem, a Professionalism and Ethics presentation followed by an examination is provided on the LAPELS website. Registrants may study the presentation and complete the examination to obtain one PDH credit in professional ethics.

The completed examination must be retained pursuant to the record keeping provisions of Section 3115 of the Rules of the Board. Write your answers on paper; date and retain the answer sheet.

The Professionalism and Ethics Presentation can be downloaded from the LAPELS website at [www.lapels.com/cpd/ethics\\_index.htm](http://www.lapels.com/cpd/ethics_index.htm).

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

April 16-17, 2004  
April 15-16, 2005

October 29-30, 2004  
October 28-29, 2005

For the October, 2004 examination:

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

(2) **Applications other than first-time applications** must be received by the Board Office not later than July 26, 2004.

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

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

## PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Adams, Joseph R.  
 Adamson, Kelley S.  
 Aden, Mark D.  
 Alshibli, Khalid A.  
 Anderson, Nels G.  
 Arndt, John D.  
 Backes, James M., Jr.  
 Bantz, Roger A.  
 Barman, Evan C.  
 Betz, Jerrod M.  
 Brengman, Mark R.  
 Burger, Thomas C.  
 Campbell, John D.  
 Courtney, Grant S.  
 Craig, Gail E.  
 Davis, Stacy L.  
 Dileonardo, Vincent C.  
 Duke, Randall T.  
 Dyer, Samuel R.  
 Eisentrout, Brian L.  
 Farmer, Christopher N.  
 Fisher, David S.  
 Francois, Joachim A.  
 Garcia, Charles A.  
 Gardner, Britt G.  
 Gardner, Thomas M.  
 Ghose Hajra, Malay  
 Gold, Robert E.  
 Haines, Gilbert M.  
 Hardie, Clinton T.  
 Harrison, Clifford J., III  
 Headrick, Reggie D.  
 Holmes, Clifford D.  
 Iseman, Robert M.  
 Jangda, Bashir A.  
 Johns, Stan W.  
 Johnson, David L.  
 Jones, Clayton E.  
 Kashif, Imad N.  
 Kilpatrick, Kendall L.  
 Kussro, William B.  
 Lam, Raymond S.  
 Lambert, Kyle M.  
 Lefever, Richard W.  
 Lenz, Richard R.  
 Leslie, Brent K.  
 Lindquist, James R.  
 Lockamy, Brenton S.  
 Logan, Jason C.  
 Lorenz, Michael R.

Mainridge, Mark C.  
 Mann, Douglas W.  
 Mateševac, Joseph E.  
 McWilliams, Gary R.  
 Mersinger, John O.  
 Metz, Lee A.  
 Meyer, Christopher J.  
 Miller, Chan E.  
 Miller, Robert W.  
 Mirizzi, Scott A.  
 Moha, Joseph E.  
 Montgomery, Michael W.  
 Moore, Wayne D.  
 Mori, Ross T.  
 Norton, Brian C.  
 Obergfell, Mark A.  
 Oliver, Baccus L.  
 Ondick, Craig M.  
 Peak, Mark L.  
 Pelzer, Paula W.  
 Person, Russell L., Sr.  
 Petty, Garrick D.  
 Pickering, John W.  
 Pogue, Glenn D.  
 Robb, Jeffery C.  
 Roberts, William T., III  
 Salehi, Goudarz  
 Seaverson, Jason M.  
 Shagalov, Yanak Z.  
 Snow, Margaret J.  
 Sprinkle, Koren H.  
 St Louis, John G.  
 Stickler, Lisa A.  
 Sudler, Samuel G., III  
 Sullivan, Kimberly A.  
 Sweatt, Gary L.  
 Taylor, Douglas B.  
 Tran, Chau B.  
 Turner, Jeffrey R.  
 Watts, Nicholas K.  
 Waugh, William F.  
 Whisenhunt, Phillip A.  
 Wilkinson, Claude E.  
 Williams, John R.  
 Youngs, Steven M.  
 Zekany, Andrew J.  
 Zolkower, Dara M.

## ENGINEER INTERNS

Adams, Kevin J.  
 Ahmad, Zubair  
 Arceneaux, Brandon M.

Armand, Matt J.  
 Austin, Ryan R.  
 Auzenne, Melanie E.  
 Barard, Kevin P., Sr.  
 Beckemeyer, Cory J.  
 Bellone, Zachary C.  
 Bennett, Elrie J.  
 Bergeron, Jeffrey D.  
 Berry, Peter A.  
 Berry, Samuel S.  
 Betancourt, Freddy J.  
 Betancourt, Sinique  
 Bhogi, Hari K.  
 Bishop, Karl L.  
 Boudreaux, Brock P.  
 Bourg, Brandon L.  
 Brown, Caesar A.  
 Butler, Jennifer C.  
 Butler, Orien D.  
 Caillouet, Bradley S.  
 Campbell, William F.  
 Cancienne, Brent J.  
 Cassanova, Regina A.  
 Catalanotto, John A.  
 Charles, Kevin J.  
 Chauvin, Christopher D.  
 Coffman, Bradley F.  
 Collins, Arthur S.  
 Cortez, Steve M.  
 Courrage, David W.  
 Couvillon, David R.  
 Crochet, Michael W.  
 Dai, Kun  
 Detiege, Jean-Paul J.  
 Devlin, Cory A.  
 Devries, Mark A.  
 Dragland, Daniel L.  
 Dufreche, Stephen T.  
 Dupuis, Michael N.  
 Eldridge, Gregg M.  
 Elhassouni, Achraf  
 England, Lori A.  
 Eribo, Osahon, Jr.  
 Ernst, Brandon J.  
 Flanagan, Brandon M.  
 Fletcher, Michael L.  
 Fontenot, Erick S.  
 Furlow, Robert P.  
 Gandy, Robert F.  
 Gaspard, Daniel D., Jr.  
 Gaspard, Jeremy P.  
 Guasco, Robert J., Jr.

Guidry, Sandy M.  
 Guilbeau, Justin M.  
 Gunn, Brad C.  
 Habetz, Vandon J.  
 Handal, Jeffry J.  
 Hanson, Joseph V., II  
 Harlow, Jeremy R.  
 Hay, Ronald M., Jr.  
 Hays, Joshua D.  
 Hebert, Kyle P.  
 Hess, Stacie L.  
 Hinger, Danijel  
 Hoerner, Denis J., Jr.  
 Hoke, Kristi L.  
 Homes, Jesus D.  
 Hotard, Clinton P.  
 Huffman, Rebecca L.  
 Jackson, Adam P.  
 Jefferson, Melissa R.  
 Jordy, Daniel P.  
 Kiletico, Micah J.  
 Killgore, Jason A.  
 Knight, Donald R., Jr.  
 Kotha, Prashanth  
 Landry, Dustin J.  
 Langford, Lester A.  
 Lawrence, Emily L.  
 LeJeune, Tom W.  
 Lin, Hong  
 Lin, Hong  
 Lombard, Leslie M.  
 Lopez, Marco V.  
 Lowry, Joseph P.  
 Mack, Aaron C.  
 Mai, Cuong P.  
 Manuel, Thomas R.  
 Margavio, Daniel P.  
 Marvin, Patrick D.  
 Mathe, Brian J.  
 Mathews, Mary C.  
 McCarron, Patrick O.  
 McMillan, Ryan C.  
 McNally, Allan F.  
 Meador, Marian O.  
 Mercer, Michael T.  
 Meyer, Jay R.  
 Michelet, Jennifer J.  
 Mills, Thomas L., III  
 Moghe, Hrishikesh P.  
 Moll, Heather M.  
 Napoli, Matthew C.  
 Nazzal, Munir D.



## New Registrants: for the Period of January 27, 2004 - April 15, 2004

Ouellette, Cathrine A.  
 Page, Jamie L.  
 Phan, Amy L.  
 Pitre, Ryan A.  
 Prescott, Jason R.  
 Raines, Robert B., III  
 Ravulaparthi, Surya P.  
 Robinson, Ryan E.  
 Sadeghian, Joubin  
 Sanchez, Dahimar M.  
 Sawicki, Mark A.  
 Schiro, Jennifer A.  
 Scott, Bobby J.  
 Simoneaux, Rudolph A., III  
 Simpson, Zachary W.  
 Sinclair, Kenneth D.  
 Storrs, John M.  
 Suggs, Elgin E.  
 Tadepally, Vamsee P.  
 Tarver, Paige E.  
 Teng, Zheng  
 Thiemann, Gary J.  
 Thomas, Shane J.  
 Vosburg, Patrick V.  
 Walker, Joshua R.  
 Watson, Robert G., Jr.  
 Wells, Kenneth L.  
 Whittington, Matthew J.  
 Wilson, Geoffrey L.  
 Wong, Andrew W.  
 Wright, Sarah K.  
 Wyatt, Jesse N.  
 Zalman, Kyle J.  
 Zhang, Zexuan

### ENGINEERING FIRMS

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 Anastos Engineering Associates  
 Andrews, Hammock & Powell, Inc.  
 Arkansas Precast Corporation  
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 BAL Company  
 Bandini Enterprises, Inc.  
 Bibb and Associates, Inc.  
 C. Faulkner Engineering, LP  
 Charlotte Engineers, LLP  
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 DBK Consulting, L.L.C.

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 Engineering & Environmental Solutions, Inc.  
 Engineering Consulting Services, Ltd. (of Virginia)  
 Engineering Plus of East Mississippi, Inc.  
 Freeland & Kauffman, Inc.  
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 Liebkemann Engineering, Inc.  
 Marsalone Engineering Group, Inc.  
 Matrix/Structural Engineers, Inc.  
 Maverick Technologies, LLC  
 Moffatt & Nichol Inc.  
 MSA Engineering Consultants  
 Pangean-CMD Associates, Inc.  
 Precision Engineering, Inc. of Alabama  
 R. Dale Hodges Consulting Engineers, L.L.C.  
 Scalfano Engineering, Inc.  
 Solid Rock Engineering Consultants  
 Stenstrom-Schneider, Inc.  
 Strickland Engineering, LC  
 TEWSON, LLC  
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 The Estopinal Group, Inc.  
 Thompson Engineering, Inc. of Alabama  
 Utility Support Systems, Inc.  
 Vanderbrook Engineering Company, LLC  
 Victory Engineering, L.L.C.  
 Volkert Construction Services, Inc.  
 Walker and Walker Architects Engineers, PC an  
 Architectural Engineering Corporation  
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 R. Dale Hodges Consulting Engineers, L.L.C.  
 Scalfano Engineering, Inc.  
 Tesla Offshore, L.L.C.  
 Wayne M. LaBiche & Assoc., L.L.C.  
 Wood Surveying, LLC