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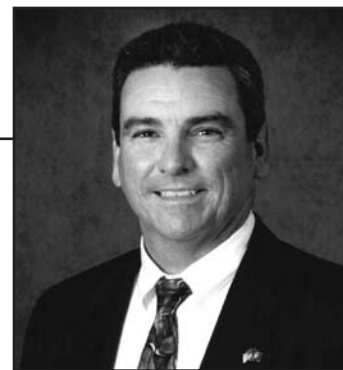
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Timothy J. Allen, P.L.S.



Timothy J. Allen, P.L.S.  
*Chairman*

**D**id you know that there are sixty-nine licensure boards for engineers and land surveyors in this country? There are licensing boards in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Most states have joint boards which administer the engineering and land surveying professions, but some states have separate licensing boards for Surveyors and Engineers. Illinois has a separate licensing board for Structural Engineers alone.

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying board issues licenses by comity to professionals who gained their licensure in another state or jurisdiction. Our laws and rules allow us to do so provided that their license was issued under conditions that "do not conflict" with the requirements in Louisiana and "were of a standard not lower than" the requirements in Louisiana at the time of their licensure. With sixty-nine licensing boards operating across the country, you can imagine the effort it takes for your Board to analyze those licenses and determine if they measure-up to the requirements in Louisiana. We spend an inordinate amount of time on reciprocity applications at our board meetings.

Fortunately, many of the states in recent years have moved toward more uniform licensure requirements. It's no small task assembling all of these state jurisdictions in one room, but the common denominator in the equation is the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). All state boards are members of the NCEES, and actively participate in the effort to develop and adopt "model laws" and "model rules" that govern licensure for Surveyors and Engineers across the country. NCEES is most noted for developing and administering the "Fundamentals" and "Professional

Practices" exams for Surveyors and Engineers, but they provide so many more services to the various state Boards.

The NCEES has an annual meeting in which modifications and changes to model rules/laws and licensure protocol are discussed and often adopted. Your LAPELS board members will be actively participating in this meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in mid August.

In addition to the annual meeting, NCEES has "zone" meetings in the spring of the year. Louisiana is a member of the Southern Zone, as you may guess, and recently hosted the Southern Zone Conference in New Orleans. This conference rotates around the South and it has been many years since Louisiana hosted the event. Donna Sentell, Evelyn Mayeux, Heidi Watts and the multi-talented staff of LAPELS worked their tails off to coordinate this event. My sincere thanks to your LAPELS staff for making this an informative and entertaining conference. Over two hundred participants came and were introduced to the effects of Hurricane Katrina, the Corps of Engineers efforts to rebuild the flood protection infrastructure, the ambiance of the French Quarter and a special evening at the National World War II Museum. I received so many congratulatory and thank-you comments for a wonderful conference, but was very quick to point out that the LAPELS staff deserves the credit, not the Board members. The staff truly went above and beyond the call of duty and was great ambassadors for LAPELS, the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana!

In late June, I attended a meeting at the NCEES office in Clemson, SC to participate in the Exam for Professional Surveyors (EPS) Committee, which is charged with reviewing and critiquing the various surveying exams. It was a very rewarding experience, but hardly

any fun. Being locked in the NCEES office for two days working surveying problems brought back less-than-fond memories of studying for my professional licensure exams many years ago! I was truly amazed, though, at the dedication of the professionals from across the country who volunteer their time and talents to make the NCEES exams the quality product that they are.

I flew from Clemson, SC to Destin, Florida in early July to attend the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) dual-state society meeting with the Mississippi Engineering Society. Although it may seem odd that the Louisiana and Mississippi societies chose to gather in Florida, I assure you they had ulterior motives. The Sandestin resort is a wonderful family vacation destination and a great place to have a relaxed engineering conference. I venture to say that it is the only location where you can acquire Continuing Education Credits while wearing Bermuda shorts, flip-flops and a Hawaiian shirt. Pocket protectors stuffed with mechanical pencils and ink pens do look peculiar in a 'Caribbean camouflage' shirt pocket though! The technical presentations and exhibitors were excellent, and the program was set up to allow some extracurricular activities in the afternoons. Hat's off to LES for a successful event.

In closing, please know that your LAPELS board and staff are working diligently to safeguard the life, safety and welfare of the citizens of this great state and to ensure that those who are allowed the privilege of practicing Engineering and Surveying here are qualified to do so.



# DISCIPLINARY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Justin Owens, Board Investigator

## Must Your Business Be Licensed by the Board?

Recently, the Board has been made aware of ongoing confusion regarding the licensure requirements for sole proprietorships. The definitive answer may be found in Chapter 23 of the Rules of the Board:

LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(C) states, *"Unless otherwise provided, non-firm individual proprietorships which bear the full name of the owner who is a licensed professional are exempt from the application of this Chapter. Such proprietorships are not required to be licensed as engineering or land surveying firms with the board. Non-firm individual proprietorships that do not bear the full name of the owner who is a licensed professional must be licensed with the board as an engineering or land surveying firm and must comply with all the provisions of this Chapter."* (Emphasis added).

Obviously, if the owner operates his business through an entity (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, partnership), then it is not a sole-proprietorship and must be licensed by the Board as any other firm.

Examples of **acceptable** sole proprietorship names are, "John Q. Public, P.E.", "John Q. Public, P.L.S.", "John Q. Public Consulting", and "John Q. Public Engineering". Examples of **unacceptable** sole proprietorship names are "John Q. Public Engineering, Inc.", "John Q. Public Surveying, Inc.", and "John Q. Public Engineers, L.L.C."

La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:689(A) require any individual or firm practicing or offering to practice engineering or land surveying in Louisiana to be licensed by the Board. Therefore, any licensee who desires to offer or provide engineering or land surveying services through a firm must first obtain from the Board a license for that firm.

The steps required for obtaining firm licensure are as follows:

1. Execute the paperwork to create the firm.
2. If the firm is a corporation or limited liability company, obtain a certificate of incorporation or certificate of organization (domestic corporations and LLCs) or certificate of authority (foreign firms) from the Louisiana Secretary of State.
3. Within thirty days after forming the firm or obtaining the certificate from the Louisiana Secretary of State, submit to the Board a completed Application for Firm License along with a copy of the firm's certificate from the Louisiana Secretary of State.

**NOTE:** The licensed professional(s) designated as the firm's Supervising Professional(s) must be an active employee of the firm whose primary employment is with the firm on a full-time basis; or whose secondary employment is with the firm, provided the firm is totally owned by one or more of the Supervising Professionals whose license is used to qualify the firm for licensure.

If you have any questions relative to firm licensure or sole proprietorships, do not hesitate to call the Board office at (225) 925-6291.



Justin Owens

The Board continues to investigate alleged violations of laws and rules which regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in Louisiana. Substantiated violations result in disciplinary or enforcement action being taken either through a Consent Order or by Board Order following a formal hearing at which the respondent is adjudged guilty of one or more violations. Below are summaries of some of the disciplinary/enforcement actions taken by the Board since the previous issue of the Journal.

## FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

**Bin Shen, P.E.**, a licensed engineer (PE-30525), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) making a false statement in applying for a renewal license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A) (1) and (b) failing to comply with the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3105, 3117 and 3119. In 2007, Mr. Shen falsely stated on his license renewal form that he had met the Board's CPD requirements for the renewal period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007. Mr. Shen initially failed to submit proof of CPD compliance in response to a Board audit and then later responded that he had not earned any of the required CPD hours. Following a formal hearing, Mr. Shen was found to have committed violations of the above statutes and rules and was assessed the following sanctions: a fine of \$500; actual costs of \$2,526.53; an administrative fee of \$200; successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination; satisfaction of the Board's CPD requirements which he should have completed and submission to the Board of an up-to-date, complete Professional Development Activity Log and all supporting documentation; suspension of his license until he fully complies with all provisions of the final decision and order; and the publication of the final findings of fact and conclusions of law and final decision and 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.

**Melvin K. Lara, P.E.**, a licensed engineer (PE-30267), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failing to comply with the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A) (6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119. In 2007, Mr. Lara failed to submit proof of CPD compliance in response to a Board audit and then failed to submit such proof within 120 days after notice of noncompliance from the Board. Following a formal hearing, Mr. Lara was found to have committed violations of the above statute and rules and was assessed the

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following sanctions: a fine of \$750; actual costs of \$2,049.56; an administrative fee of \$200; successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination; submission to the Board of an up-to-date, complete Professional Development Activity Log and all supporting documentation; suspension of his license until he fully complies with all provisions of the final decision and order; and the publication of the final findings of fact and conclusions of law and final decision and 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.

**Edward C. Haight, P.E.**, a licensed engineer (PE-16592), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) making a false statement in applying for a renewal license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) and (b) failing to comply with the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3105, 3117 and 3119. In 2007, Mr. Haight falsely stated on his license renewal form that he had met the Board's CPD requirements for the renewal period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007. Mr. Shen initially failed to submit proof of CPD compliance in response to a Board audit and then later submitted documentation indicating that he had earned fewer than all of the required CPD hours. Following a formal hearing, Mr. Haight was found to have committed violations of the above statutes and rules and was assessed the following sanctions: a fine of \$500; actual costs of \$2,298.81; an administrative fee of \$200; successful completion of the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination; submission to the Board of an up-to-date, complete Professional Development Activity Log and all supporting documentation; suspension of his license until he fully complies with all provisions of the final decision and order; and the publication of the final findings of fact and conclusions of law and final decision and 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.

**Steven M. Horridge, P.E.**, a licensed engineer (PE-27400), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failing to comply with the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119. In 2007, Mr. Horridge initially failed to submit proof of CPD compliance in response to a Board audit and then failed to submit such proof within 120 days after notice of noncompliance from the Board. Mr. Horridge later submitted documentation indicating that he had earned all of the required CPD hours. Mr. Horridge has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to violations of the above statute and rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$200; to pay actual costs of \$235.59; to pay an administrative fee of \$200; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination; 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 STATUTES AND/OR RULES:**

**Andrew D. Primeaux, P.E., P.L.S.**, a licensed engineer (PE-11156) and land surveyor (PLS-3108), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) committing gross misconduct in the practice of land surveying in Louisiana in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2) and (b) failing to comply with the Board's minimum standards for property boundary surveys in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2907(C), 2907(D)

(1), 2907(E)(3)(f), 2907(F)(4) and (5), and 2907(G)(4), (9), (10) and (13). Mr. Primeaux prepared, signed and sealed a survey map for property in Louisiana which contained data compiled and assembled by another licensee who was not under his responsible charge. Mr. Primeaux also took the work of another licensee without permission and accepted it without proving or disproving its correctness. Additionally, Mr. Primeaux did not (a) properly establish and label all corner monuments on the survey map as "found" or "set", (b) obtain the legal description or plats describing the property to be surveyed or evaluate the necessity to obtain the most recent recorded legal descriptions and plats of the tract to be surveyed and tracts adjoining or in proximity to the property to be surveyed, (c) properly set and identify witness monuments in the description and on the survey map, (d) properly search for and evaluate corner monuments, (e) properly indicate on the survey map differences or discrepancies between new survey results and prior deed information in regard to course, distance, location or quantity, (f) properly reference separate details, blowups or inserts to the portion of the survey map where they apply, (g) show original section, grant, subdivision or survey lines in proper location with pertinent labeling, (h) properly show a measurement of course and distance to a parent tract corner, block corner, section corner, subdivision or grant corner, or (i) indicate existing monuments. Mr. Primeaux has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to violations of the above statutes and rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay actual costs of \$870.44; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination and online Louisiana Minimum Standards Examination; to successfully complete the New Mexico State University online or video Survey Ethics course; to properly complete the survey, correct all minimum standards violations in the survey map and provide the Board a copy of the corrected map along with a certification that he has provided copies to the client(s) and any other person who had received the original map; and to the publication of this 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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **LAPELS Board Meeting Dates**

September 21- 22, 2009  
November 16 – 17, 2009  
  
January 18 – 19, 2010  
March 15 – 16, 2010  
May 17 – 18, 2010  
July 19 – 20, 2010  
September 20 – 21, 2010  
November 15 – 16, 2010

### **EXAMINATION DATES**

October 23 – 24, 2009  
April 16 – 17, 2010  
October 29 – 30, 2010

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES (FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS)**

June 1<sup>st</sup> for October exams  
December 1<sup>st</sup> for April exams

*\*Note – If your application is 3 years or older or if you have been unsuccessful in passing the exam 3 or more times, other requirements must be met.*

## NEW REGISTRANTS

*Licensed/Certified for the Period of April 14, 2009 - July 15, 2009***ENGINEERING INTERNS**

Adewumi, Kayode Ayodele  
 Albrecht, Mallorie Beth  
 Alexander, Joshua Bryan  
 Almand, Clifton Terrance  
 Andrepoint, Scott Allen  
 Andrews, Dominic James  
 Applewhite, Brittany Ann  
 Arcement, Cody Jude  
 Artigue, Amanda Rebecca  
 Atwood, Jason Michael  
 Backstedt, Brian Thomas  
 Balaji, Santhana Krishnan  
 Baldwin, Pamela Blodgett  
 Ball, James Allen  
 Barrington, Bradley Chase  
 Barth, Brad Garrett  
 Bastola, Monica  
 Bauman, Christopher Cody  
 Belanger, Allison Marie  
 Bell, Brian P.  
 Belou, Kenneth John  
 Benade, Dirk Johannes  
 Bercier, Michael Frederick  
 Bertrand, Jacob Aaron  
 Black, Joseph Stevenson  
 Bobeck, Daniel Francis  
 Bordelon, Hali Lyn  
 Bordelon, Timothy Joseph  
 Bourgeois, Eric John  
 Bourque, Devon Michael  
 Brassette, Kevin Paul  
 Breaux, Baine B.  
 Brown, Christopher Ramsey  
 Brumfield, Stacey Renee  
 Burke, Ellen Lee  
 Burke, Eric Michael  
 Burkert, Spencer Joel  
 Burkett, Terry Bryce  
 Burnam, Joel Edward  
 Burton, Michael Brandon  
 Caldwell, Mauria Blayne  
 Capretto, Christopher Michael  
 Carmichael, Jake Allen  
 Carter, Samantha Evelyn  
 Cary, Jason William  
 Casey, John Patrick  
 Catha, Matthew Jude  
 Center, Michael Lee  
 Chatagnier, James Louis  
 Chatelain, Gregory Thomas  
 Chatelain, Jessica Alegria  
 Chen, Qiming  
 Chen, Xingwei  
 Chenier, Kevin Michael  
 Clayton, Charles Elliott  
 Coffman, DeWayne Paul  
 Coker, Adebola Titilope  
 Combe, Alexander Laurence  
 Combs, Charlton Murry  
 Comeaux, Tyler Keith  
 Copeland, Andrew Scott  
 Cormier, Joseph William  
 Courtney, Jonathon Mark  
 Coy, Adam Christopher  
 Dauterive, Matthew James  
 Davis, Nathan Wade  
 De Leo, Sarah Elizabeth  
 Dean, Jordan Everett  
 Deng, Lu  
 Dennis, Jason Keith  
 Deroche, Danielle Amanda  
 DeVoe, Stephen Michael  
 Dipuma, Michael Louis  
 Docauer, David Michael

Dolese, Kevin Michael  
 Duhon, Paul Jacob  
 Eagles, Harry Clayton  
 Edelblut, Stephen Craig  
 Egnatchik, Robert Anthony  
 Ellis, Jason Randall  
 Estevens, Ryan William  
 Faxon, Cameron Bennett  
 Flores, Daniel Antonio  
 Flores, Mayra Alejandra  
 Flynn, Brendan Thomas  
 Fontenot, Christopher Blake  
 Fontenot, Darren Jake  
 Fontenot, Jeremiah James  
 Fornea, Robert Wesley  
 Forrest, Angelle Latrice  
 Fouts, Brandon Neal  
 Foy, Shaun Christopher  
 Frey, Emile William  
 Fruge, Ben Stephen  
 Futch, Cody Dale  
 Garcia, Francisco R.  
 Gautreaux, Kyle Anthony  
 Gilcrease, Brad Michael  
 Giles, Lauren Catherine  
 Gomez, Thomas Dylan  
 Gonzalez-Rodiles, Alex Valentin  
 Graham, David Joseph  
 Gresh, Brian Robert  
 Guillot, Thomas Paul  
 Gwin, Travis Alexander  
 Haines, Scott Loren  
 Haley, Vonceil Patrice  
 Hall, Joan L.  
 Hamby, Kaleb Micah  
 Hanegan, Kevin Christopher  
 Harrigill, Ryan David  
 Hart, Jennifer Karen  
 Hebron, Jeremy Brett  
 Hercules, Gregory N.  
 Hernandez, Callie E.  
 Herrington, Benny Earl  
 Hewavitharana, Lionel Gamini  
 Hill, Andrew Buchanan  
 Hill, Ryan Davis  
 Hincapie, Juan Carlos  
 Hinton, Jackson Daniel  
 Hobbs, Christopher James  
 Hoffmann, Josef Patrick  
 Holbrook, Bradley Douglas  
 Holleman, Bradley Scott  
 Hollins, Bryant Christopher  
 Holmes, Colton Bruce  
 Hong, Longjie  
 Horstman, Lisa Emi  
 Horton, Travis Anthony  
 Howard, Clayton Allen  
 Howard, Danielle Elizabeth  
 Hundt, Brian Charles  
 Hunsucker, George Andrew  
 Hymel, Dennis M  
 Irizarry, Naudie  
 Ischen, Marc  
 Jiang, Jing  
 Johnson, Evan Michael  
 Johnson, Jacquole Landry  
 Johnson, Kimberly Breanne  
 Joseph, Chanan Patrick  
 Juneau, Jon Stewart  
 Kanapuram, Goverdhan Reddy  
 Karamales, Christopher Thomas  
 Keck, Brandon Edward  
 Khanfar, Amer Kholoqui  
 King, Travis Jon  
 Kirzner, Allyson Renee

Kliebert, Blake Michael  
 Kordsmeier, James Peter  
 Kostelka, Robert Evan  
 Kuo, Pao-Wen  
 Kwiatkowski, Jeffrey Thomas  
 Lamichhane, Sumiti  
 Landrum, Kate Morgan  
 Laughlin, Michael Prescott  
 Leblanc, Joseph Philip  
 LeBlanc, Lance Michael  
 LeBlanc, Mary Joyce  
 LeBlanc, Michael Sean  
 Lewis, Jared Paul  
 Lillich, Adam Benjamin  
 Lin, Shenglan  
 Lin, You  
 Lindsay, Daniel Scott  
 Lohman, Christopher Ray  
 Longworth, Andrea Jill  
 Looney, Thomas Charles  
 Lopez-Ona, Eugene William  
 Lowery, Christopher M.  
 Ludwig, Christopher Stewart  
 Maciasz, Stephen Joseph  
 Magee, William Wesley  
 Magnotta, Raphael Anthony  
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 Mai, Liem Thanh  
 Mamidala, Chaitanya  
 Mapes, Matthew Adam  
 Martin, Luke Macduff  
 Matherne, Patrick Michael  
 Mathes, Jesse Daniel  
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 McBride, Noelle Jeanne  
 McCormick, Jessie Laura  
 McGuffee, Jacob Heath  
 McGuire, Alycia Dawn  
 McNabb, Jonathan David  
 Meyer, Ryan Paul  
 Migliore, Gasper  
 Miller, David Anthony  
 Mitchel, Corey Nicholas  
 Moore, Jason Michael  
 Moreno, Michael Scott  
 Mosher, Mitchell Tyler  
 Muldrey, Barry John  
 Murray, Claire L.  
 Nelson, Chase Thomas  
 Nershi, David Whitney  
 Nichols, Benjamin Edward  
 Nordman, Joshua Edward  
 Novak, Karen Rhodes  
 Novak, William Gilbert  
 Obih, Adaobi Michaela  
 O'Dell, Devan Sean  
 Olson, Andrew Brady  
 Orgeron, Michael John  
 Orlando, Adam Ross  
 Osterman, Cheryl Lynn  
 Padmore, Myrtle-Rose  
 Parker, Brandon Kyle  
 Payne, Joshua Edward  
 Pearson, Jordan Michael  
 Pennington, Zachary Alexander  
 Peppo, Ryan Patrick  
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 Pereira, Matthew Steven  
 Peterman, Robert David  
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 Pinto, Steven Joseph  
 Pouriraji, Katherine Parvone  
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 Price, Sarah Elizabeth  
 Prouty, Christine Marie  
 Provenza, Jarred Lance  
 Radesky, Anthony P.  
 Rau, Christopher Raymond  
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 Rawls, James Cody  
 Ricks, Catherine Colleen  
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 Rohrbach, Corey Skyler  
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 Romano, Gilbert Gerard  
 Rousseau, Katie Mahali  
 Samaha, Adam Joseph  
 Sasser, Joel Blair  
 Savoy, Jacob Ryan  
 Scheuermann, Edward James  
 Schluterman, Blake Steven  
 Seghers, Nicholas Edward Louis  
 Shaffer, Reid Dixon  
 Shirley, Jonathan Cory  
 Shread, Andrew David  
 Sibille, Michelle Marie  
 Simmons, James Michael  
 Slack, Eric Daniel  
 Sop, Maxime Tagne  
 Speed, Garrett Edward  
 Spell, Jason Michael  
 Stanley, John  
 Starkovich, Ken Andrew  
 Stauts, Christopher Ryan  
 Stewart, John Christopher  
 Strobl, Michael William  
 Styron, Chelsi Leigh  
 Szczepkowski, Arthur Thomas  
 Tan, San Chiang  
 Thapaliya, Janak  
 Thornhill, Kendall Lawrence  
 Toler, Benjamin Fredric  
 Tooke, Melissa Leigh  
 Torrey, Casey O'Malley  
 Tran, Hien Van  
 Treme, Jennifer Gordon  
 Truitt, Jordan Dean  
 Tucker, Alexis Colleen  
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 Wakeley, Trevor Ryan  
 Walsdorf, Ian Scott  
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Aslin, Dustin Joe  
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Ayer, Kevin Curtis  
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Beavers, Woodrow Blake  
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Buyukaksakal, Mehmet Sinan  
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Chauvin, Darryl Joseph  
Christensen, Jerry Melvin  
Clark, Thomas Chiles  
Coleman, James Ronald  
Cook, Jack C.  
Covay, Jeffrey Allen  
Cravens, James Russel  
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# THE SPEC SHEET

**Daniel Mobley, CAE**, Executive Director  
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**Daniel Mobley, CAE**

## ADVOCACY

**A**dvocacy is one of the many benefits of your membership in ACEC/L and ACEC and over the past several months we have certainly been advocating on your behalf. On the 25th of April, a group of our members traveled to Washington, DC to speak with our Congressional Delegation, or their key staff person, on issues that are the life blood of our members. ACEC National provided us with three (3) vital issues to discuss with them. Since the Highway Transportation Act (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Act (SAFETEA-LU) expires on September 30, 2009, it is a key priority for Congress. While our delegation understands the need for this Act to be renewed, no one wants to see a tax increase- of at least double the current rate- during these recessionary times.

The Clean & Safe Water Infrastructure was another issue of concern. As federal funding has fallen substantially in recent years, we encouraged our delegation to support the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. As one of the government's primary funding programs for wastewater projects, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) has declined steadily from its traditional level of \$1.35 billion annually. In addition, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) has not kept pace with inflation or the growing cost of delivering safe drinking water to consumers.

Our final issue of discussion was to urge our delegation to repel the 3% Withholding Mandate in Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005. The law, which takes effect in 2012, mandates that federal, state and local governments that have annual expenditures exceeding \$100 million will be required to withhold three (3) % from the payments to engineering firms.

Those attending the Annual Legislative meeting and making calls on our delegation were Larry Blanchette, Wilfred Barry, Ralph Junius, Mike McGaugh, Frank Newell, Frank Nicoladis, Richard VanWootten, Lee Underwood and Dan Mobley.

At the ACEC Annual Legislative Convention, our very own Frank Nicoladis received an award for ACEC/L reaching its PAC goals. Also honored was Ralph Junius of the firm Linfield, Hunter and Junius, who received an

Honor Award for the 17th Street Canal Interim Closure Structure and Larry Blanchette of the Associated Design Group who was a National Finalist for their work on the Superdome.



*Frank Newell and Ralph Junius receiving their awards at the ACEC Annual Legislative Convention in April 2009.*

Closer to home, the Louisiana Legislature completed their 2009 Regular Session at the end of June. For the first time we hired a legislative consultant to assist us in working with our legislators. As our results were mixed, in that we won some and lost some, we are using the time between now and next spring to be better prepared. Since the 2010 Session will not be fiscal session, we will be facing more bills that could affect us and we will need to be proactive in proposing bills that will benefit our engineering community.

Here is a summary of some of the bills that will affect our industry:

**Act 598** – Passed by the legislature during the 2008 Regular Session- Prohibited design professionals from submitting for a project if they had been involved in the study or creation of the project. Working with our colleagues from the American Institute of Architects of Louisiana we were able to pass legislation that clarified the process.

**SB 308** – Introduced by the Secretary of Transportation – Changed how consultants will be chosen in the future. We were able to work with the secretary to modify the language of the bill.



**SB 351** – Introduced by the Secretary of Transportation – Would have been a major change to Design Build. We were able to make major changes to this bill by working with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

**HB 833** – Officially created the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR) – This new agency was created by taking responsibilities from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

All of these bills have been signed into law by the Governors. For more information, please feel free to call us or go to [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us).

### Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting was held from June 18-22, 2009 aboard the Carnival Fantasy. We had excellent attendance and received many positive comments on our speaker, John Doehring of ZwiegWhite. Those in attendance said that this one of the best Annual Meetings that our organization has held. On Saturday evening, a reception was held to accept the vote of the members and install our new Board of Governors. Congratulations to the following members:

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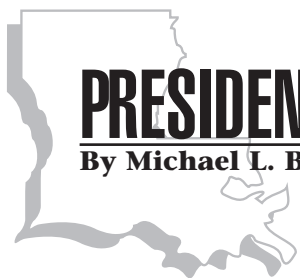
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*Jimmy Ledet (right) receiving the prestigious AE Wilder Award from Mike McGaugh.*



*Larry Blanchette (right) passing Presidential Gavel to Mike McGaugh.*



# PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

By Michael L. Bares, P.E.

Let me start by saying that I am honored to be serving as your Louisiana Engineering Society President for the 2009-2010 year. I pledge to do my best to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office, and I am looking forward to travelling around the state to visit with many of you at your chapter meetings. Remember that the LES Board and the State office staff are here to address your needs as members of this great organization. So let us know what you think by sharing your ideas and suggestions with us.

I want to publicly acknowledge the great job done by our immediate Past President, Alan Krouse. Under his steady leadership, LES has enjoyed another outstanding year. It has been a pleasure to work with Alan over the past few years on the Board, including a few times on the golf course. Through him, I also had the pleasure of meeting a relative that I never knew, his wonderful wife Stephanie. I hope we can maintain the success of his tenure and continue to build on that momentum in the upcoming year.

Someone once said, I think it was one of my thermo professors, that "change is the only constant". I recently accepted a new position with my company and I am in the process of relocating my family from Pineville to New Iberia. Our Second Vice President, Greg Danielson, is also making a move. He will be opening a new office for his firm in Birmingham, Alabama. Because of his relocation out of state, Greg has resigned his LES Board position. We congratulate Greg and thank him for the time he served on the State Board. We hate to see him go, but we wish him the best of luck in his new venture. At our June meeting, in accordance with our bylaws, the Board approved the following position changes: John Lowery resigned as Secretary-Treasurer and will assume the Second Vice President position, David Kunz resigned his State Director position and will become the Secretary-Treasurer, and Craig Dooley will fill the open State Director position. I would like to thank all three of them for stepping up to help fill these openings on the Board. They have all been active on the Board and I know they will do a great job in their new capacities.

I have been a member of LES for over twenty-three years, having joined when I started my first job after college. I was very fortunate that my employer, Cleco Power, was a big

supporter of LES back then. And I'm glad to say they still are today. All engineers in the company were encouraged to join LES and participate in their activities, mainly attending the monthly meetings and volunteering for MathCounts. It was a great opportunity to meet and network with many of the engineers working in our community. It was also a great chance to develop our leadership and team building skills. Two people I would like to thank individually for their support and encouragement in the early years of my career are Mr. Billy Thevenote and Mr. Carroll Fuselier. As upper level engineering managers at Cleco, they recognized both the personal and professional development value offered through LES membership. They also promoted engineer licensure, even though it was not required in our industry, by sponsoring PE review classes in house. We should all follow their example by promoting the positive image of the engineering profession and persuading young engineers to get involved in LES.

I hope you are enjoying your summer! It has been a busy one for me. The annual Dual-State meeting was held jointly with the Mississippi Engineering Society at Sandestin in June. Despite concerns about the economic downturn, we had good attendance at the meeting. Sandestin is a fantastic location and there was a generous offering of PDH's available. In addition, I was also able to squeeze a couple of days of vacation on the back end of the conference. You know what they say, "all work and no play...". Enjoy what's left of your summer!



**Michael L. Bares, P.E.**  
*Louisiana Engineering Society President*

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## Calendar of Events

### August, 2009

- 6 14th JESC Planning Meeting - Lafayette
- 6 Executive Committee Meeting - Conference Call
- 10 Honors & Awards nominations begin
- 21 Licensing Ceremony - Baton Rouge

### September, 2009

- 2 Shreveport Chapter Meeting
- 3 Monroe Chapter Meeting
- 4 LES Board Meeting - Shreveport
- 18 Life Safety Code Seminar - Many, LA
- 21-22 LAPELS Board Meeting - LES State Office

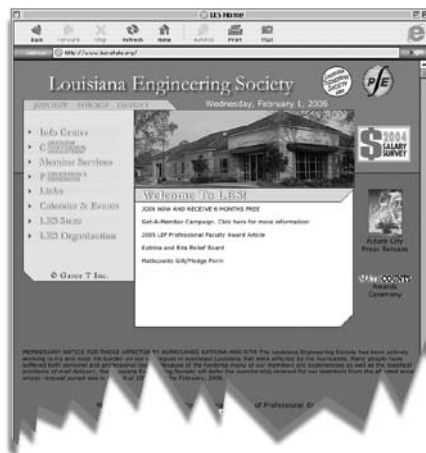
### October, 2009

- 8 14th JESC Planning Meeting - Lafayette
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting - Conference Call
- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, November issue
- 15 JESC agenda/registration form published in magazine

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## MONROE CHAPTER

By: Walter Carpenter, P.E.

As the Monroe Chapter begins the 2009-2010 year, I know that I speak for all Chapter members in thanking the past year's officers for their dedication, leadership and support. These individuals are a model for not only the Monroe Chapter but also the engineering profession as a whole.

The official start of the 2009-2010 year of the Monroe Chapter begins with the installation of new officers. The officers for the upcoming year are:

President – Walter Carpenter, Jr., P.E.  
 1st Vice President – Joshua D. Hays, P.E.  
 2nd Vice President – Ronald J. Riggin, E.I.  
 Secretary/Treasurer – David Gremillion, P.E.  
 Immediate Past President – Randy C. Hammons, P.E.

This group will meet to plan the Chapter activities and budget for the upcoming year during the month of July. The officers

would appreciate any information from Chapter members as to topics for the monthly Chapter meetings, upcoming events that would be of interest or any issues the members feel the officers and Chapter need to address.

The Chapter will meet monthly from September to May. The first meeting will be at Noon on September 3 at Catfish Cabin in Monroe. This meeting breaks from the regular schedule of the 2nd Thursday to allow Mike Bares and Brenda Gajan of the LES State office to attend. As in the past, the meetings will be at Noon and one (1) PDH will be available for those members who attend. The meeting locations will vary with at least two of the meetings in Ruston to allow the Louisiana Tech students an opportunity to attend.



## NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

By: Frank Gallagher, P.E.

The New Orleans Chapter will hold a 2009 - 2010 planning retreat on August 15th at Lake Hermitage. We are looking forward to an exciting program in 2009 and 2010 with primarily dinner meetings either with speakers or evening tours on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May. Meeting topics will vary. There will be emphasis on the community's presently heavy involvement in infrastructure rebuilding and improvements. Also, in an attempt to broaden our services to members, we will be addressing ethics, finan-

cial planning, aerospace industry restructuring, health and safety, and the process and energy industries. This will be my third and last time as chapter president and I am planning to give it my best, the good news is that we have groomed several younger leaders to keep this fine organization serving the profession for years to come. We will keep you informed.



## SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By: Robert F. Vinet, P.E.

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends, and enjoying themselves in their personal and professional lives.

2009-2010 is going to be an exciting year for the Shreveport Chapter as we look forward to continuing to develop ourselves as engineers, increasing the interaction amongst ourselves and the community, and our ongoing service to advance our profession.

The 2009-2010 Shreveport Chapter Officers are as follows:

Robert F. Vinet, P.E. – President  
 Eric Tillstrom, P.E. – 1st Vice President  
 Shirley Wilson, E.I. – 2nd Vice President  
 Amber Wooten, P.E. – Secretary  
 Andrew Zagars, P.E. – Treasurer  
 Joey Krefft, P.E. – Past-President

I would like to thank the incoming Officers for their dedication and willingness to serve, and welcome Eric and Amber. Also, I would like to take a moment to thank Joey, our outgoing Chapter President, for a wonderful job serving the Chapter and Society. A few notable accomplishments made under Joey's leadership:

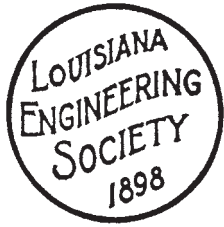
- The Chapter began judging the Louisiana Region I Science & Engineering Fair along with issuing cash prizes for outstanding engineering projects.
- Trending towards more community and civic involvement for the Chapter.
- Diversifying the luncheon speaker topics.

A special note of recognition to our outgoing MATHCOUNTS Coordinator, David Kunz, P.E. David has served in this capacity for seven years and done a fantastic job. Joey will be stepping in to fill this post, and I know he will do a great job as well. Thanks David and Joey.

Also, I would like to recognize our own Andrew Zagars, P.E. for being awarded this year's E.M. Freeman Award for his longstanding involvement in and dedication to our Chapter. This is a Chapter level award bestowed annually to a deserving member.

In closing, I leave you with a quote by Henry Ford that I heard recently, "If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right."





## Louisiana Engineering Society presents: 8hr Life Safety Code Seminar

by Robert Miller  
The Building Code Institute, LLC

September 18, 2009, 8:00am – 4:30pm

Lunch will be served

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The intent is to make the attendee aware of these issues so that they will be addressed at the design and documentation phase of the projects prior to start of construction. Upon completion you should be aware of some of the basic Code requirements that can cause major issues at final inspection.

Attendees should bring their copies of the NFPA 101-Life Safety Code and International Building Code. A copy of the 2006 Life Safety Code (Handbook recommended) may be purchased from NFPA on their website ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)). The 2006 IBC (Commentary recommended) can be purchased from ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)). Calculators may be required for several of the exercises.

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# IMAGE IS EVERYTHING

By: Robbie Lear, P.E., L.S.I.



The LES Strategic Plan lists the following as our organizational values: Leadership, Integrity, Education, Career Orientation, Quality and Commitment. I'm sure many of you apply these same ideals to your personal careers as well; rightfully so, as this list is the cornerstone to an effective and respectable career as an engineer. But at a personal level, most engineers aspire for even greater heights and add other values to the list. The most prominent of all is PROFESSIONAL. The title of Professional Engineer holds a special honor within the engineering profession. This level of achievement is not taken lightly and holds great responsibilities along with its many rewards. Part of that responsibility is to promote and defend the engineering profession. This too, is a cornerstone of LES's mission.

So how does the individual engineer and LES help promote and defend the profession? Mentoring young engineering graduates and encouraging high school students to consider engineering as a career path are great ways to ensure the longevity of our profession. Get involved with your local high

schools, speak at career day events, volunteer as a judge at science fairs, or volunteer to teach a class for a day. Don't forget about your alma mater, universities are constantly looking for guest speakers for classes or student chapter meetings.

One of LES's Strategic Goals is to elevate the status and image of the engineering profession through outreach activities, recognition and public awareness. An outstanding goal for the profession, but it is one of the most challenging to achieve. LES sponsored programs such as E-Week, MathCounts and Future Cities are great avenues for our members to get involved in public outreach to promote the engineering profession. Encouraging young engineers to attain licensure and educating them on the requirements to do so is another. LES has a vast array of information and opportunities available to all engineers, all we need is a small amount of your time and together we can make great things happen.

# A REPORT ON THE NSPE ANNUAL MEETING

July 16-19, 2009 - St. Louis, Missouri

The National Society of Professional Engineers celebrated its 75th anniversary at its annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, from July 16-19, 2009. In addition to the meetings of the House of Delegates and Board of Directors, there was a two day leadership conference. Representing LES at the National Meeting and pictured here at the Gateway Arch is Mike Bares, LES State President, John Plaisance, NSPE Southwest Region Representative, Brenda Gajan, LES Executive Director, Chris Richard, LES House of Delegates Representative, and Susan Richard, LES First Vice President.



The House of Delegates meeting was dominated by discussion of whether or not to allow state societies to have members that are not members of the national society. Several state societies are bringing in new state-only members, in violation of their charter with NSPE. Although there was much discussion on the subject, eventually a proposal to allow state-only membership was voted down. The Board of Directors voted to form a task force to review the options for membership.

The House of Delegates also rejected a recommendation by the Board of Directors to increase the size of the Board. The Board recommended that the NICET (National Institute

for Certification in Engineering Technologies) and the NSPE Educational Foundation have a seat on the Board. Both groups are part of the NSPE family. Although the proposal to add both seats got a majority, it fell short of the two-thirds vote needed to amend the Bylaws.

NSPE also ushered in a new set of officers. Sam Grossman of California was installed as President. Michael hardy of Oregon serves as President-Elect. Chris Stone of Virginia was elected as Vice-President. Leanne Panduren of Michigan was elected Treasurer. John Plaisance of Louisiana was elected the Southwest Region Representative to the NSPE Board of Directors. Chris Richard is now the Louisiana member of the NSPE House of Delegates.

One of the more interesting sessions was on Engineering Squad, an engineering show for teenagers on PBS. The show takes two teams of teenagers and pits them against each other in real world engineering challenges. About one hundred twenty girl scouts came in to the conference and took engineering challenges based on the show, such as putting together a zip line vehicle and a musical dance pad. About sixty engineers were on hand to help them develop their ideas into reality.



# LOUISIANA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION

By: Chris Richard, P.E.

The Louisiana Engineering Foundation is now ten months into the fund raising campaign to retire the debt on the Louisiana Engineering Center. Our fund raising efforts have gone quite well since we started in October of last year. As of June 1, we have reduced the building debt from \$485,000 to approximately \$330,000. We have raised a little over \$200,000 in donations and pledges to date. Eighty-two thousand dollars has been earmarked for endowed scholarships to be given to deserving engineering students in Louisiana. Once the building debt is retired, these scholarships will be endowed with the lease payments collected from tenants.

This fall we will be sending reminders to those that have pledged donations. In addition, we will be sending out letters to all engineers and companies in Louisiana asking for your support. No amount is too small. If we all give toward this most worthwhile cause, we will



finally see the funding of engineering scholarships reach the level we have envisioned for years. The scholarships provided by the Foundation, through your donations, can help attract bright students to our rewarding field.

Please keep an eye out this fall for the letter from the Louisiana Engineering Foundation and be a part of this worthwhile cause. You can also visit the LES website at [www.les-state.org](http://www.les-state.org) and follow the links to the LEF pages or contact Brenda Gajan at the Foundation office at 225.924.2021.

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# 2009 DUAL-STATE ENGINEERING SOCIETIES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**M**r. Mike Bares of New Iberia was installed as President of the Louisiana Engineering Society at the 2009 Dual-State Engineering Societies Meeting held at the Sandestin Resort in Destin, Florida. Mr. Dan Wittliff, Director of NSPE, installed the officers from the societies of Louisiana and Mississippi at the Installation Banquet.

John Plaisance II, PE was honored at the installation banquet with the Louisiana Engineering Society Lifetime Achievement Award. John's peers recognize his many contributions to the society from the chapter, state and national level. A Lifetime Achievement Award may be made to a nominee having 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. Nominees are chosen only from members of the Society and NSPE. Ten total voting members of the Society and NSPE are required to recommend the nominee. Five Past Society Presidents who are still members are required to support and attest to the qualifications of the nominee. All other living Past Presidents who are still members would then vote to confirm the nominee.

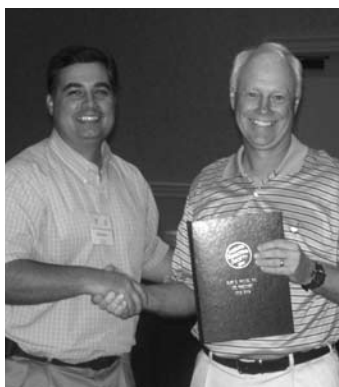
The Dual-State Engineering Societies Meeting was once again a great success. The Conference offered thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education courses spread over three tracks as well as eight (8) possible hours of Life Safety Code. The diverse courses offered the attendees the opportunity to receive up to 12 professional development hours.

The generous support of the many exhibitors and sponsors allows us to keep the cost of attending the conference at a minimum. Please see the list of exhibitors and sponsors in this issue and be sure to thank them for their continued support of LES.

After the sessions, the attendees were free to spend time with their families enjoying the many amenities available at Sandestin Resort and the nearby communities, including enjoying the beautiful beaches, playing golf and tennis, shopping, or just relaxing.

As with any endeavor, this conference would not have been successful without the hard work of volunteers. LES Executive Director Brenda Gajan and the LES staff Jason Pasqua and Cathy Guidry did a great job organizing this year's event. John Plaisance once again masterfully organized the golf tournament. Forty-three golfers participated in this year's event, the winning team consisted of Alan Krouse, Lloyd Hoover, and Logan Hoover. The LES volunteers worked hand-in-hand with the volunteers from the participating society from Mississippi.

Planning has already begun for next year's meeting, so mark your calendar to join us next year at the Grand Hotel Resort, Point Clear, Alabama, June 6-9, 2010.



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LES will honor eight engineers who have achieved high levels of professionalism, technical ability or civic support. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the distinguished service of these individuals, but to also encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater interest in their specific field. Please give serious thought to nominating someone in your professional area of expertise for one of the awards listed below. Nominations should be made through your local chapter and are due to the State Office by November 6, 2009. The eight categories are:

- 1) **A. B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer in Management**
- 2) **Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities**
- 3) **James L. Todd Technical Accomplishment Medal**
- 4) **Leo M. Odom Award for Service to the Profession**
- 5) **Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award**
- 6) **F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award**
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# 2008 -2009 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Ronald J. Rodi, P.E.



With much of the focus on budget, the 2009 Legislative Session still contained several bills related to professional engineering. Mostly these bills related to highway and other public works contracting but also included liability protection and the removal of engineering qualifications for one of the LADOTD assistant secretaries. Following are the bills that were tracked and the status as of this date:

SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION
<b>HB 139 Smith</b>	Requires attachment of third-party affidavit to a petition for damages alleging negligence by an architect, land surveyor, or engineer. <i>Status: Tabled</i>
<b>HB 276 Fannin</b>	Provides for changes to the state uniform construction code. <i>Status: Sent to Governor for Signature</i>
<b>HB 354 Jackson</b>	Extends the length of time relative to the utilization of design-build contracts. <i>Status: Signed by Governor</i>
<b>HB 601 Aubert</b>	Provides relative to contract documents of DOTD executed with electronic signatures. <i>Status: Signed by Governor</i>
<b>HB 663 Ligi</b>	Authorizes political subdivisions to develop uniform standards for the receipt of electronic bids. <i>Status: Tabled</i>
<b>HB 801 Simon</b>	Provides with respect to restriction on bids or proposals for public contracts by certain contractors participating in the development of the bid specifications or request for proposals. <i>Status: Sent to Governor for Signature</i>

## HB 829 Cortez

Transfers responsibilities relating to water wells and drillers from DOTD to DNR.

*Status: Sent to Governor for Signature*

## SB 134 Murray

Requires bid form to include evidence of compliance with agency's disadvantaged business enterprise program.

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## SB 244 Mount

Removes engineering qualifications and duties related to the assistant secretary of the office of public works, hurricane flood protection and intermodal transportation in the DOTD.

*Status: Signed by Governor*

## SB 351 McPherson

Provides for authority of DOTD to execute design-build contracts.

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## SB 308 McPherson

Provides for the selection of certain consultants by DOTD.

*Status: Signed by Governor*

Gerald Simmons was unable to serve this session due to surgery just before the legislature convened. I look forward to his return and counsel next year. Brenda Gajan and the rest of the State Office staff continued to provide the important link in communications with the Board of Directions and the general membership as well as assisting in compilation of materials and related information.

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