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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Norma Jean Mattei, PE, Ph. D., FASCE**



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*Chairman*

As I mentioned in my last article, I had hoped to be able to welcome aboard our two newest Board members by now. However, we are still awaiting word from the Governor's office in regard to those two appointments. Please join me in thanking our thought-they-were-outgoing Board members Tim Allen, P.L.S. (2003-2012) and Roger Danzy PE (2006-2012). Both of these dedicated men have agreed to continue to serve on the Board until the new appointments are made.

As promised, here is a brief report on the outcome of legislation of interest to our licensees after the state's legislative session ended in early June. This session was a very busy one, with at least fifteen proposed bills either directly or indirectly impacting licensure and/or the professions of engineering and land surveying. Here is a synopsis on the five bills that most directly impacted licensure of professional engineers and land surveyors.

- HB 593/SB 318 – Excludes from the board's jurisdiction the preparation of "plans, specifications, analyses, drawings, or designs" by or under the direction of a "naval architect or marine engineer" relating to a "navigable vessel or its component parts or systems". SB 318 passed and was signed by the Governor in May with much revision. LES, LAPELS, and SNAME worked together to amend the bill to allow for the licensing of experienced NAME applicants with a limited exemption from testing. Briefly, an individual in good standing may apply for licensure if he/she possesses a BS in NAME from an ABET-accredited program and has 20+ years of engineering experience; an MS in NAME and 15+ years of experience; a doctorate in NAME and 10+ years of experience, or 30+ years of progressive naval engineering experience. This testing exemption will remain in place until December 31, 2015.

- HB 748 – Creates an exception to the engineering licensing provisions for the "practice of evaluation of oil and gas resources" by an engineer licensed in another state, if the engineer's state of licensure has a reciprocal provision. HB 748 passed and was signed by the Governor without much revision.

- SB 192/HB 732 – Requires licensing boards to issue licenses to "military-trained applicants" and "military spouses" who are licensed in other states and who meet some other specified conditions. HB 732 passed and was signed by the Governor without much revision. The LAPELS Liaison and Law Committee is now working on developing a policy for use in reviewing the applications of "military-trained applicants" and the applications of "military spouses".

- HB 322 – Authorizes occupational licensing boards to approve the use of out-of-state licenses by spouses of military personnel while stationed in Louisiana. See comments for SB 192/HB 732, above. HB 322 did not make it out of committee.

- HB 306 – Provides for the licensure of professional engineers currently licensed in other jurisdictions. HB 306 did not make it out of committee.

This legislative session really kept the Board members and staff quite busy, not only because of the large number of bills that could potentially impact licensure and the professions of engineering and land surveying, but because of the importance of a few of these bills. The first two have a significant impact on LAPELS and our licensees. LAPELS Board members and staff worked with representatives from LSPS, LES and ACEC, in order to ensure the best outcome possible for this legislation. A big thank you goes out to these people, in particular LAPELS Board member Miles Williams, PE, chair of the LAPELS Liaison and Law Committee at the time, and LES Ron Rodi, PE, chair of the LES Legislative Committee.

This will be my last Chairman's Message. It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the LAPELS Board for the first half of the year. In September, I will hand over the gavel to Richard Savoie, PE. This has given me the opportunity to work with the many dedicated and professional Board staff that provide excellent service to our licensees. My special thanks go to Ms. Donna Sentell, Executive Director of the Board. I've enjoyed working with my fellow Board members, a great group of guys who have dedicated countless hours in serving the engineering and surveying professions and in promotion of the safety, health and welfare of the public.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LAPELS Board Meeting Dates

Sept. 24-25, 2012 – Ruston  
Nov. 19-20, 2012 – Baton Rouge  
January 25, 2013 – Lafayette

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Oct. 26-27, 2012  
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# DISCIPLINARY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Justin Owens, Compliance Investigator



**Justin Owens**  
*Compliance Investigator*

The Board continues to investigate alleged violations of the 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 Decision following a formal hearing at which the respondent is adjudged guilty of one or more violations. Below is a summary of the disciplinary/enforcement actions taken by the Board since the previous issue of the Journal.

## **MULTIPLE LAWS AND/OR RULES VIOLATIONS:**

Thomas P. Reed, Sr., PE, P.L.S., a licensed engineer (PE – 7076) and land surveyor (PLS – 3168), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) committing gross negligence or gross incompetence in the practice of engineering in Louisiana in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2); (b) approving and sealing design documents which are not safe for public health, property, and welfare, which are not complete and accurate, which are not in conformity with accepted engineering standards or practice, or which do not conform to applicable laws and ordinances in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2503(C), (c) a licensee's seal not being accompanied by the licensee's signature and date or the signature and date not being placed adjacent to or across the seal in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(2)(f), and (d) a licensee not sealing, signing and placing the date of execution on all engineering documents that have been issued by the licensee to a client or any public or governmental agency as completed work in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(4)(a)(i). In 2009 Mr. Reed prepared, sealed, signed and submitted to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal engineering drawings which contained a number of material deficiencies, and in 2009-2010 Mr. Reed prepared, sealed, signed and submitted to a local government engineering drawings which were not signed by him on each page and which used an outdated building code. Mr. Reed has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he admitted to the violations of the above laws and rules and agreed to surrender

his Louisiana professional engineer license; to cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana on and after the surrender; to return his Louisiana certificate of professional engineering licensure and professional engineering seal to 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.

## **UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING:**

Rendon Construction LLC, 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 in Louisiana without proper licensure in violation of La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1) and (7). In 2010 and 2011 the firm practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineering" in its name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it admitted to the violations of the above laws and agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000; to pay administrative costs of \$914.99; to immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering and the use of the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in its firm name, in advertising itself or in describing or promoting its business or activities in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board; to a letter of reprimand from 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.

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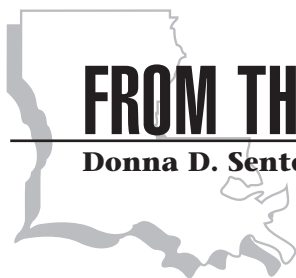
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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Donna D. Sentell**, Executive Director



**Donna D. Sentell**  
Executive Director

We have lots of activity at the LAPELS office. For the past several months, the LAPELS Board has been working with the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and together we have recently developed a joint publication, *Information on Architectural and Engineering Licensure Laws and Rules in Louisiana*. This publication is to assist in understanding the laws and rules governing the practice of architecture and engineering in Louisiana and has been mailed to many building code officials. You can also download this publication from our website: [http://www.lapels.com/docs/Laws\\_and\\_Rules/Architect\\_and\\_Engineering\\_Licensure\\_Laws\\_and\\_Rules\\_July\\_2012.pdf](http://www.lapels.com/docs/Laws_and_Rules/Architect_and_Engineering_Licensure_Laws_and_Rules_July_2012.pdf) or we would be happy to mail you a copy. If you want a copy, please send a request to [comments@lapels.com](mailto:comments@lapels.com).

Since our last publication, we have received scores for the April 2012 exam administration and have been busy working with those that need to update their experience to show the requisite four years of progressive engineering and/or surveying experience, as well as licensing and certifying more than 500 applicants who were successful in passing an intern or professional exam.

We also have received several hundred applications from those wanting to take the October 2012 examinations and we are preparing for our fall renewals. If your license is due to renew prior to the September 30, 2012 expiration date, you should receive notification by mid-August. You are encouraged to take advantage of our on line renewal options as it is fast, easy and much more efficient for everyone. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the compliance division at 225-925-6291.

The Board is preparing for our annual meeting in St. Louis in late August, and much of the discussion will center on the FE and FS exams being converted to Computer Based Tests. NCEES will begin the administration of these exams in January 2014. In preparation for this new method of examining candidates pursuing licensure, the Board will be promulgating rules to complement these changes.

As the Board makes changes to the LAPELS rules, we update our website to assist our licensees and the public in reviewing these changes. You can go to this link on our website to see the recent updates to the LAPELS Rules: <http://www.lapels.com/LawsRules.html>

The Board has also recently addressed a request for a Declaratory Order and Ruling concerning LAC Title 46: LXI§727. A licensee is seeking clarification as to whether a private firm should be

sealing mechanical and/or electrical design services documents prepared for firms engaged in industrial operations. Rulings are posted on the LAPELS website; go to this link to see the Board's responses: <http://www.lapels.com/Declaratory.html>

December 1 is the deadline for the April 2013 exam administration and we are currently receiving applications. It is never too early to submit an application for review and **complete** applications are processed in the order received. Applications received after this date, will be processed for the fall 2013 exam administration.

In 2009, the Board voted to hold one meeting a year on the campus of one of the engineering/surveying schools around the state. On September 24-25, the Board will hold their bi-monthly meeting on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. We met at LSU in 2010 and at UNO in 2011. With each visit, we get a bit better at moving these meetings away from the Baton Rouge office and are excited about visiting with the students, faculty and staff at Tech. We will also be meeting in conjunction with the Louisiana Council of Engineering Deans while in Ruston.

Holding our regular meeting on the campus of one of engineering schools, is an important part of the charge of the Board to 'safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare.' The LAPELS Board members use this time to meet and talk one-on-one with many of the engineering students about studying for and taking the Fundamentals of Engineering/Surveying exams, the importance of licensure, continuing professional development and career possibilities in the fields of engineering and surveying. It is a wonderful opportunity for all and the best part is the delicious jambalaya dinner the Board provides the students. The LAPELS Board is lucky to have Mr. Richard Savoie, P. E., not only as a very hard working Board member and dedicated and loyal civil servant, but he also serves as the Chief Chef for our student dinners. It is quite an impressive sight to see him and his team at work on this very special project and makes me proud to be associated with LAPELS.

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# PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

Alan D. Krouse, PE

As the saying goes its "Daja Vu all over again" and once again it is a pleasure to serve LES as the State President! It is an honor to serve an organization that recognizes the importance of engineering and our profession.

First let me thank last year's Board for their dedication and especially David Kunz who provided great leadership in a year I think most will agree was a very active one. This year's board was sworn in at the annual meeting in Orange Beach and the Calendar is already just about complete. See the annual meeting article for a summary but I personally want to thank Scotty Baudoin for presiding over our leadership training prior to the meeting and challenging all to be fully engaged in the organization and its goals. This meeting also provided the new board members an orientation on what is expected for the upcoming year and also challenged those continuing Board members to keep changing with the times. I think all will agree it should become an annual event at our State meeting.

Additionally, in the past month I attended the NSPE national meeting and at the meeting NSPE rolled out a very aggressive restructuring program in order to be more responsive to members. The restructuring is founded on the principals from the book *Race for Relevance* that promotes organizations becoming more streamlined in their governance. I believe

this is a good direction for NSPE and feel its members will see a much improved direction of NSPE. One note of interest that stands out at the NSPE conference is how fortunate we are at LES. Most State Society's are struggling with their organizations and although we are not where we would like to be in membership, our membership is in the top ten in the nation. This is a tribute to the leadership that LES has enjoyed in its 114 year history and LES has had two of its members, Dr. Bobby Price and Dudley Hixson, move on to become President of NSPE. Also at this year's meeting Chris Richard was sworn in as the Professional Engineers in Private Practice Committee Vice Chair and I know Chris will represent LES very well in the years to come.

I look forward to visiting all the Chapters this year and if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions please contact any board member or the LES staff.



Alan D. Krouse, PE  
Louisiana Engineering Society President



Participating in NSPE's fund raiser to help perpetuate the Educational Foundation's vision for engineering education was Leann Panduren, NSPE Treasurer. (l-r) Stephanie Krouse, Alan Krouse, Leann Panduren, Susan Richard, Chris Richard, Brenda Gajan, and Jason Thornhill

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August 2012

- 10 Honors & Awards nominations begin
- 16 17th JESC Planning Meeting – Lafayette
- 27 Life Safety Code Seminar – Shreveport, LA
- 29 Life Safety Code Seminar – Lafayette, LA
- 31 Life Safety Code Seminar – Covington, LA

### September 2012

- 4 Alexandria Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 10 Lake Charles Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 12 Shreveport Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 13 Monroe and Bayou Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 14 LES Board Meeting – Shreveport, LA
- 18 Lafayette Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 20 New Orleans Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony
- 24-25 LAPELS Board Meeting – Ruston, LA
- 27 Baton Rouge Chapter Meeting & Licensing Ceremony

### October 2012

- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, November issue
- 15 JESC agenda and registration form published in magazine





**Brenda Gajan**, LES Executive Director



## BATON ROUGE CHAPTER

By Michael Thomassie, PE

The Baton Rouge Chapter of LES has enjoyed a great year. As president, I wanted to thank the officers of the chapter for planning and executing all of the events. It is truly a team effort, and I appreciate all of their cooperation and enthusiasm throughout the year.

The Baton Rouge Officers met this summer and planning for this coming year is underway. We came up with some great ideas to continue to improve our chapter and have started to schedule upcoming events. These events include: Monthly Luncheons, Young Member Socials, the LSU/ SU Student Jambalaya Dinner, Mathcounts Competition, the LES Golf Tournament, and the Crawfish Boil. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about these events, or if you would like get involved.

The 2012-2013 Baton Rouge Chapter officers are:

Michael Thomassie	President
Christopher Knotts	President Elect
Chad Bacas	Vice President
Jacob Loeske	Secretary / Treasurer
Michael Somme	Young Member Chairman
Erin Rourke	Director
Andre Rodrigue	Director
Eric Erikson	Past President



Lastly, I would like to thank Eric Erikson for his service to the Chapter. Membership participation increased significantly during his presidency, which should be attributed to his leadership.

## NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

By Wayne Westerfield, PE

The New Orleans Chapter begins this year with the annual planning retreat at Lake Hermitage on August 18. This meeting will establish our program of speakers, tours and events for the coming year. The board welcomes input from our chapter members; if you have comments or recommendations please contact one of your 2012-2013 New Orleans Chapter Officers:

Wayne Westerfield, PE – President  
Lee Alexander, PE – 1st Vice President

Glenn Orgeron, PE – 2nd Vice President  
Roy Phelps, PE – Secretary/Treasurer  
Bodin Hugger – Director  
Robert Mejia – Director



There are plenty of opportunities to participate this year with events including Mathcounts, Golf Tournaments and monthly speakers (PDHs). I look forward to my year as your chapter's president and your support will make it a great year.

## MONROE CHAPTER

By Ronald J. Riggin, PE

I am looking forward to another exciting and successful year for the Monroe chapter. Our officers have already been busy planning and working to get the year started.

The officers for the 2012-2013 year are:

Ronald J. Riggin, II, PE – President  
Michael N. Pippen, PE – 1st Vice President  
Jim Ellingburg, PE – 2nd Vice President  
Gary Brantley Jones, E.I. – Secretary / Treasurer  
David A. Gremillion, PE – Past President

Part of our success as a chapter depends on our members. Each member should make a commitment to be involved in some aspect of our chapter. One way of doing this is by attending our monthly meetings. Each meeting will feature a technical topic presented by a guest speaker, and one (1) PDH will be awarded to each member who attends. The meeting dates are as follows: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.





# Louisiana Engineering Society presents: Three 8hr Life Safety Code Seminars

by Robert Miller  
The Building Code Institute, LLC

AIA Provider Number  
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August 27, 2012  
8:00am – 4:30pm  
Courtyard Marriott  
Shreveport, LA

OR

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8:00am – 4:30pm  
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Lafayette, LA

OR

August 31, 2012  
8:00am – 4:30pm  
Courtyard Marriott  
Covington, LA

## Designing With The Codes Seminar Series

This one-day, 8 hour credit seminar for year 2012 addresses the adopted Louisiana Uniform Construction Codes with a focus on the Life Safety issues of the Louisiana Construction Code which includes NFPA 101, the International Building Code, and the newly adopted 2010 ADA Standard.

**The seminar focus is on the use of the adopted Codes as a pre-design tool.** The objective of the seminar is to make the attendee aware of these issues so that they will be addressed at the design and documentation phase of their projects prior to AHJ plan review and start of construction.

All primary design issues are covered including occupancy classification, components of the means of egress, egress arrangement, protection of building structures, life safety systems requirements, and accessibility where required by law. In addition, the new Code requirements for **Occupant Self Evacuation Elevators** are addressed. Changes in the 2012 Editions of the Life Safety and IBC Codes, which will be adopted in the coming year, are also addressed.

The attendees will be best served by obtaining and bringing to the seminar their personal 2009 Editions of the **NFPA 101 Life Safety Code** which may be purchased from [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) and the **International Building Code** (IBC) obtainable from [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

The **2010 ADA Standard** can be downloaded from [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)

A workbook will be provided and can be used as a synopsis of the issues covered in the seminar.

## Louisiana Engineering Society - 2012 Seminar Subjects:

Life Safety Code and International Building Code

1. Using the Codes as a Design Tool - with Project Checklists
  2. Design Considerations for Occupant Self Evacuation Elevators
- 2010 ADA Guidelines - Four Priorities for Compliance

1. Approach and Entrance
2. Access to Goods and Services
3. Toilet Rooms
4. Additional Access to personal use items and protection systems

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please check the seminar you wish to attend:

☐ August 27, 2012 in Shreveport, LA

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For more information please visit our website: [www.les-state.org](http://www.les-state.org)

If you have any questions, please call the LES office at (225) 924-2021

**Sorry, no refunds will be given after August 13, 2012**

**Seating is limited to 30 participants at all seminars, so register now!!**

Call Courtyard Marriott in Shreveport (6001 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA 71129) at 318-686-0880 for room reservations.

Call Courtyard Marriott in Lafayette (214 E Kaliste Saloom Rd Lafayette, LA 70508) at 337 232-5005 for room reservations

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# 2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ronald J. Rodi, PE, Chairman

The 2011-2012 legislative activities carried on through most of the past 12 months and culminated in a highly active session. Several bills (far more than usual) were filed that affected professional registration, and of which we became vigorously engaged. The two top bills on our agenda involved the exemption of naval architects and petroleum engineers from the jurisdiction of LAPELS. Other bills tracked this session included continuing attempts to extend the authorization of Design-Build procurement, licensure for military personnel, and professional liability.

Each year the Legislature as a whole portrays a certain "personality". This session was particularly disturbing in the fact that our elected officials showed little respect for professional organizations in general. This may be due to a "tea party" mentality of less government/regulation. But I believe LES needs to truly focus next year in re-gaining the respect of legislative leaders. Our organization has been the leader in promoting fairness, professionalism and a pragmatic approach to laws affecting all engineers while being steadfast to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. We have to communicate this to each elected official to ensure they see LES as an advocate and not a self-promoting trade group.

Following is a summary of the bills that were tracked and the final disposition:

## Bill Disposition/Description

SB 126	Signed by Governor Extends Design Build in hurricane impacted areas by one year.
SB 192	Did not pass Authorizes occupational licensing boards to approve out-of-state licenses for military personnel and spouses of military personnel while stationed in Louisiana
SB 258	Sent to Governor Revised Peremptive Law to limit the defending party to 90 days to file claims against another party
SB 318	Signed by Governor Provides "grand-fathered" exemption for Naval Architects and Marine Engineers to gain licensure without examination.
SB 409	Did not pass Specifically names New Orleans SW&B to the list of agencies that can use DB and extends the present authorization to 2015
SB 464	Did not pass Prohibits award of government contracts to person convicted of certain felony crimes
SB 715	Combined with HB 652 Authorizes ports to use DB for engineering projects
HB 295	Signed by Governor Prohibits the disqualifications or ineligibility to practice a licensed profession solely due to prior criminal record unless the conviction relates to the licensure sought
HB 306	Did not pass Changes the word "and" to "or" in three of the conditions which determine whether PE's from other jurisdictions qualify for Louisiana engineering licensure
HB 322	Combined with HB 732 Authorizes occupational licensing boards to approve out-of-state licenses for spouses of military personnel while stationed in Louisiana

HB 327	Did not pass Provides for a 10% reduction of all state professional, personal and consulting contracts
HB 329	Did not pass Requires recipients of public contracts to provided names and amounts of persons paid on an hourly basis
HB 593	Combined with SB 318 Exempts Naval Architects and Marine Engineers from LAPELS
HB 619	Did not pass Provides for preference for services by Louisiana domiciled firms in public bid process
HB 652	Sent to Governor Authorizes port commissions to utilized DB for engineering projects through 2015
HB 732	Signed by Governor Authorizes occupational licensing boards to approve out-of-state licenses for military personnel and spouses of military personnel while stationed in Louisiana
HB 748	Signed by Governor Allows quantifications of oil and gas reserves, determination of production forecasts and the economic impact of production by professional engineers from other jurisdictions providing the other jurisdiction of the registrant has a reciprocal agreement.
HB 1034	Did not pass Excludes persons whose public service is limited to certain professional services from the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics
HB 1166	Did not pass Provides relative to the state uniform construction code to establish advisory committee with LES member on the committee

The LES Board of Direction, legislative committee and our general membership expended a great deal of energy in debating SB 318 and HB 748 both concerning exemptions to the registration law. It's the first time in my tenure as legislative committee that licensure bills were so heavily lobbied by the bills' proponents prior to the legislative session. We were successful in amending SB 318 for both sides to emerge as a winner. However, our efforts on HB 748 were unable to overcome the bill's allies in the oil & gas industry. Two of the bills, SB 258 and HB 652 passed both houses and are pending a decision by the Governor to approve, veto or pass into law without signature.

Nonetheless, our voice was heard, and it's essential that our members know they can influence the outcome and be actively engaged in the process while not being at the Capitol.

Gerald Simmons continues in his role as our legislative advisor, and was, as always, instrumental in tracking the various bills, providing valuable advice on legislative strategy and setting up meetings with legislative leaders. Also, LES continues to work closely with the Louisiana ACEC and others in the design profession on related issues. The State office also 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.

# 2012 TRI-STATE ENGINEERING SOCIETIES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

David Kunz, PE

Mr. Alan Krouse, PE, was installed as President of the Louisiana Engineering Society at the 2012 Tri-State Engineering Societies Meeting held at the Perdido Beach resort in Orange Beach, Alabama this past June. This will be Mr. Krouse's second term as President, as he was previously the 2008-2009 LES President. Ms. Leanne Panduren, PE, Treasurer of NSPE, installed the officers of the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama engineering societies during the Installation Banquet on June 23. Additionally, Mr. Alan Krouse, PE, Mr. Ron Rodi, PE, and Mr. Chris Richard, PE, of the LES were presented the prestigious title of NSPE Fellow during the Installation Banquet by Ms. Panduren. Congratulations to these three very deserving engineers and LES members.

The Tri-State Engineering Societies Meeting was once again a great success, which is attributed to the attending members of the societies. The conference offered 36 hours of continuing education courses spread over 3 tracts including both professional and technical presentations. The diverse courses offered the more than 130 attendees the opportunity to receive up to 12 professional development hours. The continued generous support of the numerous exhibitors and sponsors allows the LES to keep the cost of attending the conference at a minimum, while providing our society with

the resources necessary to continue exceptional service to our members.

In addition to the educational courses, attendees were provided the opportunity to relax with their family, friends, and colleagues by enjoying the numerous amenities available at the resort and nearby communities. The conference also organized a meet-n-greet, a golf tournament, and a sunset cruise aboard a 53' catamaran, as additional activities to help keep your interest. And of course the beautiful beaches and pools allowed for the most serene atmospheres in which to forget the hustle of daily life back home.

A sincere appreciation to the staff of the LES including Executive Director Brenda Gajan, Bookkeeper Cathy Guidry, and Office Manager Brittany Daigle is in order for their outstanding job organizing the event. Additional thanks to the engineering societies of Mississippi and Alabama for their efforts and cooperation in making this another successful conference. We look forward to continued relationships with these engineering societies in years to come.

Planning for next year's meeting has already begun, so be sure to mark your calendar to join us next year at the Sandestin Resort in Florida, June 9-12, 2013.





# "THANK YOU" TO 2012 TRI-STATE EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

LES would like to thank the following companies for their support at the 2012 Tri-State Annual Meeting held in Orange Beach, Alabama:

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to get further information.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

We are proud to announce the dates for the 22nd Annual Louisiana Civil Engineering Conference and Show. This event, a joint effort from the New Orleans Branches of ASCE and ACI, is the premiere gathering for the Civil Engineering community in the Greater New Orleans Area. We are in the process of soliciting sponsors and exhibitors for the fall conference which will be held on September 19-20, 2012, at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, Louisiana.

For additional information on the conference, please visit our web site at [www.LCECS.org](http://www.LCECS.org)



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# IT'S ALL IN THE NUMBERS

Joey Krefft, PE

It's my privilege to continue to serve as our state's Membership Committee chairman. As such, I'd like to undertake some creative methods of not only recruiting new members to the statewide chapters but also retaining current ones by providing incentives and reasons how membership benefits them. With the help of the other nine committee members, we shall devise strategies to boost our rolls, which will help financially by increasing paid dues and, hopefully, the public's awareness of us by having more folks involved in their local communities by participating in chapter activities.

Individual chapter licensing ceremonies were begun last year, so we hope to market these better and use them as a recruitment method, especially for new EIs, who might not be familiar with professional organizations available to them. Unfortunately, however, the dropped-member survey we issued to such folks did not provide worthwhile information about why members drop as we received less than a dozen responses, but we're still going to examine likely causes so to better prevent such losses.

As always, new ideas and suggestions are always welcome and encouraged from any society member because one of this committee's goals is to ensure your LES membership as a worthwhile personal and professional investment. Each member can also do his part by verifying the state office has his current contact information. It's important for your local chapter and the state office to be able to contact you so that you're receiving the society's news, event and professional information, and membership materials, such as dues statements and election ballots.

Following is a state membership breakdown as of mid-July 2012 (parenthetical values are for July 2011 and 2010, respectively):

Alexandria – 100 (104, 110); Baton Rouge – 397 (407, 402); Bayou – 111 (90, 91); Lafayette – 237 (226, 217); Lake Charles – 87 (77, 68); Monroe – 79 (86, 88); New Orleans – 385 (398, 400); Shreveport – 121 (133, 135); Non-Resident – 84 (90, 94); Total – 1,601 (1,611, 1,605).

As you can see, the statewide total has stagnated the last couple years and has been trending downward the last few years after being 1,774 in October 2006. Most chapters have experienced very little change over the last two years, but three have grown by double-digits from a year ago: Bayou (+21, 23.3%), Lafayette (+11, 4.9%), and Lake Charles (+10, 13.0%). Moreover, Lafayette (+20, 9.2%) and Lake Charles (+19, 27.9%) are the only two chapters to have grown both of

the last two years while Alexandria (-10, -9.1%), New Orleans (-15, -3.8%), and Shreveport (-14, -10.4%) have all experienced double-digit losses since 2010. Rather than seeing stagnation or decreases, I'd like to see steady increases by about three to five percent annually, so armed with some creative retainment and recruiting ideas and help from the local chapters, I don't see why we can't meet this goal.

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Adam Woods, a senior at Leesville High School was the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship award to attend Louisiana Tech University in the fall and major in Civil Engineering. This award is from funding generated by a perpetual \$20,000 endowed scholarship through the Louisiana Engineering Foundation for four years. The recipient will be extended yearly to the original person selected as long as they are a full time student in good standing, meeting all requirements in Civil Engineering and scholarship requirements. This yearly extension will last until they graduate from Louisiana Tech. Mr. Al Dunn is the donor of this scholarship and requested the scholarship be awarded to an incoming freshman at Louisiana Tech and the student comes from a high school in Vernon Parish.



Brenda Gajan, Executive Director, of the Louisiana Engineering Foundation, traveled to Leesville to help Mr. Al Dunn present the scholarship check to Adam. Congratulations, Adam and the Louisiana Engineering Foundation wishes you good luck in your studies at Louisiana Tech!

## LES 2013 HONORS & AWARDS

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, 2012. 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**
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## Panama Trip

The ACEC of Louisiana delegation of 19 people who travelled to Panama in June learned that the expanded Panama Canal can potentially drive increased business for Louisiana and its ports.

The group toured the canal and viewed construction of new locks that will provide two new lanes for vessel traffic. The new lanes will allow passage of "post-Panamax" ships that can carry more than twice the cargo of Panamax ships.

Many ports in the United States are collectively investing billions of dollars in infrastructure improvements to accommodate the larger ships, but Louisiana has yet to plan any significant port improvements. Some objectives of the trip, according to immediate past president Anthony Mumphrey, was to learn if the expanded canal could mean increased business for Louisiana ports.

"It makes you realize that the larger ships definitely could benefit Louisiana ports by making it more cost effective

to ship larger quantities of commodities, such as coal, grain, liquid natural gas and chemicals," Mumphrey said. "Thus, Louisiana ports could benefit by serving Asia and the west coast of Central and South America through a westerly flow through the Panama Canal."

The group, which was in Panama from June 19-23, also learned the interesting history of the canal. The French first tried to build a canal through Panama in the 19th Century but couldn't get through the rocky terrain. Years later, the Americans successfully built the canal passage by working with the geography of the land instead of trying to alter it. The biggest problem was getting ships to transfer back and forth between the sea-level canal and Gatun Lake, which is 85 feet above sea level. Instead of trying to lower the lake level, the American's built a system of locks to raise and lower the water levels in the canal so ships could transfer between the



ACEC members are greeted by a representative from the Panama Canal, far left. From left to right are Anthony Goodgoin, Jimmy Ledet, Anthony Mumphrey, Brad Graff, David Rabalais, Sergio Girau, Paul Barcelona, Kurt Evans, Vernon Meyer and Panama Canal representative Luis Ferreira.



canal and the lake. The water used to raise the sea level of the locks is naturally recurring from the rain forest, so the project was environmentally friendly.

As the canal approaches its 100th birthday, engineers say the original locks, which were designed and built to have a 100-year life, can easily operate with no problems for another 100 years.

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