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WHAT LES AND NSPE ARE DOING FOR YOU.

We are often asked “why should I join LES and NSPE? What do these societies do for my membership dollars?” Too often, we don’t do a good job of answering those questions. To help answer those questions, LES will be providing more details about how we are protecting and serving the professional engineers of Louisiana. Each issue of the Louisiana Engineering and Surveyor Journal will have an article providing more detail on one or two current issues of which our members should be aware.

LES, along with NSPE, works at the local, state and federal levels to enact legislation and regulations that protect and promote the engineering profession.

LES works with Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) on rules and laws that affect the engineering profession.

LES provides the names of professional engineers to the Governor for appointment to the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

NSPE formed a Levee Certification Task force after a request from LES/PEPP to address the issue of FEMA levee certification and the liabilities it has for engineers, particularly in Louisiana.

LES has two appointments to the Louisiana Standards Water Committee which is charged with developing a new water code for Louisiana. LES is using its resources to help educate the engineering public about the progress of the committee and help solicit input from the public.

Levee Certification Task Force

The Professional Engineers in Private Practice division of LES made a request to NSPE to look into the burden that the FEMA levee certification has on professional engineers and the potential increase in professional liability exposure and cost due to increased premiums, if coverage is even offered by the carrier. FEMA has instituted a requirement that levees be certified by a professional engineer (PE) in order to be eligible for accreditation and meet the criteria for a moderate-risk area on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). This requirement is well beyond the standard of care for engineers and exposes the professional engineer to increased professional liability risk, while providing no greater protection to those protected by these levees. NSPE took up the charge and created the Levee Certification Task Force, which has two members who are also on the LES Board of Direction, including the task force Chair (Lee Alexander).

It is important to remember that as an organization, we represent ALL engineers (both PE and EI). Many engineers enjoy the benefits that are provided by LES and NSPE without ever contributing to their success. We need ALL engineers to be active through membership to make our numbers stronger and our collective voice louder.