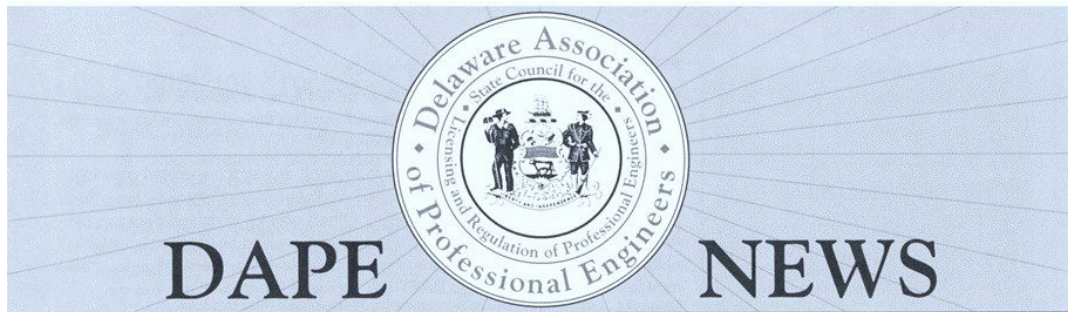


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SUMMER 2021



President's Message

BY JOSEPH JAKUBOWSKI, P.E.,
LEED AP

As someone who was enjoying the first official week of summer and a new addition to the Jakubowski family, I took pause in my excitement on the morning of June 24, 2021 after seeing reports of the partial collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building in Surfside, Florida. As a professional engineer who has been involved in the design and construction of buildings, these tragic images, videos and interviews hit especially hard.

Although there is no way to rationalize the lives that were lost or the tragedy experienced by family members, this disaster will eventually help to save lives. After several months or years of investigations and litigation, future updates of regulations, codes, specifications and requirements will contribute to improvements in public welfare.

What can we do until these studies and changes are complete?

At this point, there are no allegations of unethical actions associated with collapse. However, I thought it was a good opportunity to remind our members of key aspects and expectations of the DAPE Code Ethics and the ways it encourages promoting responsible engineering and licensure.

As part of the Delaware Professional Engineers' Act authorized on July 7, 1972, and most recently amended on July 17, 2019, Section 2816 states that all DAPE applicants, members and holders of certificate of authorization must subscribe to and follow the [Code of Ethics](#) prepared by the DAPE Council. The most recent version of the Code of Ethics is available on the DAPE website, and a recently revised Code of Ethics "exam" is provided to new applicants.

"1. THE ENGINEER SHALL HOLD PARAMOUNT SAFEGUARDING LIFE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY AND PROMOTING THE PUBLIC WELFARE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS PROFESSIONAL DUTIES."

This powerful statement, along with five other sections addressing competence, truthfulness, conflicts of interest, solicitation of employment, and lawfulness, are further detailed in the Code of Ethics. In addition to providing engineering services in a professional, legal, and ethical manner, promoting public welfare can also take different forms, such as:

- Running for a DAPE Council position. The nomination period is closed for the 2021 Council Elections, but in spring 2022 we'll be accepting nominations for three seats.
- Contributing to a DAPE Committee that assists with examinations, law enforcement/ethics, external affairs, government affairs, or public information.
- Submitting a complaint to DAPE about the practice of engineering without a license, plan stamping, providing services outside of an area of competence or other alleged violations of the Professional Engineers' Act or Code of Ethics.
- Suggesting topics to DAPE staff for continuing education seminars and panel discussions.
- Joining the National Society of Professional Engineers Delaware Chapter, who promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering and advocates for licensure.
- Mentoring students and future engineers in math, science or other technical fields or volunteer with groups such as ACE Mentor Program of America, Math Counts, DelDOT Bridge Design Competition, and the University of Delaware.
- Celebrating and promoting [Professional Engineers Day - August 4, 2021!!!](#)

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay safe, and let us know how the DAPE Council, Committees, and staff can assist its membership. If you are interested in getting involved or if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to me at jjakubowski@harvardenv.com or DAPE at office@dape.org.

Executive Director's Message

BY JENNIFER WOOTTEN

DAPE conducted a random audit of members to be sure they met their Continuing Professional Development requirements following the June 30,

renewal, I did learn some lessons in the process that I'd like to pass along as you document your hours for the current renewal cycle which runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

- Notify DAPE if your contact information changes. If you are selected for a random audit but we don't have current contact information, you may not receive our notice in time to comply with the audit.
- Several members were working remotely and had problems accessing certificates, which they kept in paper format in their office; others had moved to new jobs and had to take additional training because their documentation was left behind. Consider keeping an electronic copy of your CPC documentation. [NCEES has a free CPC tracking service](#), so you always have access to your documentation.
- [The DAPE CPC Log form is available here](#). It's a good way to track your hours as you go. We do accept spreadsheets in place of this log form, as long as the information is comparable.
- The more organized your documentation is, the faster your audit can be completed.
- While we accept up to 9 hours related to business or project management, you are not required to take any training in this category.

[Our current CPC Guidelines are available here.](#)

While July tends to be a quiet month at DAPE, I am happy to report that our staff is back in the office full-time and together (we've been rotating days in the office since March of 2020). We always welcome your calls/emails if you have questions about your CPC documentation and requirements (or any other member-related questions).

2021 Council Election

The DAPE Council election runs from June 15-July 15 each year. This year, while we have 3 open seats, each has one candidate running uncontested.

Active Members that live or work in Delaware are eligible to vote (emails we sent from the address support@ezvoteonline.com). If you believe you should have received a ballot but did not, please contact office@dape.org.

Welcome to Delaware's Newest Professional Engineers

were still in place. This list also includes new members that passed a computer-based test in the last few months.

License Number	Name	License Number	Name
24936	Anna Albers	24077	Joseph Jensen
25288	Victor Anosike	24628	Eric Jenson
26176	Dieter Bahr	23960	Michael Kilgallon
17303	Jerry Bartlett	24499	Nicholas Kirn
23448	Botond Beno	25183	Joseph Kramer
22753	Joseph Bertolini	24479	Camilo Londono
25917	Darren Black	25636	John Mackintosh
25416	Kristen Blake	24473	Pooja Rao Madku
25460	Lindsey Blanchette	25293	Austin Malkin
25062	Kelly Bloom	26179	Nicholas Manna
25523	Nathaniel Brown	24575	Jacob Metch
22919	Elizabeth Colletti	25122	Richard Michael
25841	Michael Cronin	25080	Tobias Mueller
24231	Ryan Dichristofaro	25345	Zachary Nerwinski
25584	John Doyle	23792	Dylan Parrish
24654	Amanda Drzymalski	24871	Adam Pugh
25061	Patrick Dubinski	25981	Santiago Rodriguez
25072	Megan Earley	25986	Megan Rosica
24583	Daniel Eveler	23975	Daniel Russakow
24635	Lindsay Ewell	25374	Bradley Sandhaus
24649	Sharyn Fallick	24702	Ruben Sandoval
25915	Kenneth Filson	25613	Andrew Scrutchfield
22371	Kyle Fischer	21724	Suzan Sharifan
23318	Keivan Ghobadi	25343	Kevin Sieben
20619	Lindsay Hall	24559	Samuel Weintraub
25884	Tyler Hartman	23624	Brian Younkin
25413	Vybav Hiraesave	23999	Jeffrey Zelinski
25319	Tiberiu Istvan		

DAPE-Sponsored Training

PE-PLS Forum

DAPE hosted a webinar forum on May 18 to discuss overlapping practice issues between Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. While the online format made discussion of these issues a bit more challenging than an in-person event, DAPE had over 400 members participate, expanding their knowledge of existing laws that govern each profession.

able to join us on May 18. Members that watch the recording and complete a brief CPC assessment form will receive a certificate for 2 PDHs (1 ethics, 1 technical).

Email office@dape.org for access to the recording along with a CPC assessment form.

Sustainability Ethics Webinar

DAPE hosted an Ethics webinar on June 8 on the topic of Sustainability for Engineers. **We plan to schedule a 2nd date for this presentation in the fall for members that could not participate.**

Additionally, DAPE presented tips on maintaining your Delaware PE license. We expect to offer a similar presentation periodically going forward.

Stay tuned for training dates - we'll include in our next email.

Scam Alert

The States of [New Jersey](#) and [Arkansas](#) have both issued warnings of scam attempts targeting individuals licensed in various professions. While we have not heard of activity related to our members, please reach out to DAPE directly (302-323-4588) if you receive any scam calls involving your PE license. DAPE has an extensive procedure for disciplinary investigations/actions. We would not call a member to notify you of an investigation or demand payment.

Manufactured Housing Installation Board

The Manufactured Housing Installation Board is currently seeking a new board member that is a registered Professional Engineer with at least 6 years of experience in manufactured home planning and design. If you are interested, please contact office@dape.org for an application.

NCEES will be capping off their 100th Anniversary celebration at their Annual Conference, to be held in New Orleans this August. As part of this celebration, they have written [an extensive history of the organization and created this website](#).



Legislative Update

DAPE hired Ned Davis Associates, Inc. in April 2021 to advocate on our behalf in the Delaware State Legislature. Most recently the firm's Principal/Owner Mary Davis helped DAPE get sponsorship for a proposed legislative amendment. This amendment had been originally proposed in 2020 but was stalled due to the pandemic. HB142 was passed by the House and Senate and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. [You can find a synopsis and details of this amendment here](#). Mary's firm will also help us stay informed on broader professional licensing issues and promote licensure of Professional Engineers in conjunction with our upcoming 50th anniversary.




DAPE would like to thank our now-retired lobbyist Frank Newton for his guidance with past legislative amendments. Frank first became affiliated with DAPE as our Governor-Appointed Council member from Kent County when he was appointed by Governor Ruth Ann Minner in January 2006, serving as Council President between 2008-2010. To date, Frank has been the only Council President that has NOT been a licensed Professional Engineer. Combining his knowledge of DAPE and the Delaware State Legislature, he served as the DAPE lobbyist after completing his term on our Council.

DAPE Communications

As you can hopefully see from this newsletter, DAPE is working on improving the format and availability of our newsletter. Our current system was only capable of sending this email to our active and retired members.

If you would like to get our emails sent to a second email address, [please complete this form to subscribe](#). You can also feel free to share this link with non-DAPE members such as colleagues on the path to becoming licensed, or administrators that help you with license renewals.

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