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DAPE NEWS

President's Message

BY JOSEPH JAKUBOWSKI, P.E., LEED AP

Happy Spring and almost Summer 2022!!

As we approach DAPE's July 7 birthday, now is a good time to summarize and acknowledge all the effort by the volunteers on our Committees, along with the great work done by DAPE's staff for the first half of the year. It has been a busy few months, as you can see from the extensive list below:

- Our Executive Director, Jen Wootten, attended the NCEES Member Board Administrator (MBA) Meeting in early February. The meeting included an overview of the status of computer-based testing, threats to licensure, and the upcoming zone and annual meetings.
- Seven Council Members and our Executive Director traveled to Newport, Rhode Island for the NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting on April 29 and 30, 2022. During the meeting, representatives from state engineering and surveying boards discussed demographics of the individuals who passed the P&PE Exam, state board peer reviews to promote licensure mobility, seat fees for computer-based exams, and election of the Northeast Zone secretary-treasurer.
- The Finance Committee developed DAPE's budget for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 and selected an accounting firm for audit of fiscal year 2021 – 2022
- The Law Enforcement/Ethics Committee has been especially busy, investigating potential revisions to Canon 6 of the Code of Ethics involving the list of crimes related to engineering and possible law changes involving the definition of negligence, incompetence, misconduct, and successor engineer. Additionally, they've closed 13 cases of alleged violations and assisted with ethics training on March 31, 2022.
- Our Examining Committee has been efficiently reviewing applications, and recommended the approval of 49 Professional Engineer licenses by comity, 36 individuals to take the P&PE Exam, initial licensure for 64 new engineers, new or

- The Nominating Committee has developed a list of candidates for the election of the open Council seats in summer 2022.
- The Government Affairs & Bylaws, Public Information, and 50th Anniversary Ad Hoc have been working together to accomplish the following in 2022:

- Completion of proposed bylaw revisions and amendments for voting in summer 2022
- Unanimous approval by the 151st Delaware General Assembly of the "House Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Authorization of the Delaware Professional Engineers' Act and Formation of the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers." The resolution was sponsored in the House on March 17, 2022 by Rep. Ronald Gray, P.E., and in the Senate on May 12, 2022 by Sen. Stephanie Hansen.
- Outreach to Senior Design students at the University of Delaware
- Assistance with updating DAPE's website
- Events for recognizing DAPE's 50th Anniversary

As you can see, it's been a very productive 2022 but we still have a lot to finish. We could use your help!! Law Enforcement/Ethics Committee and Examining Committee meet monthly for 1 to 2 hours and occasionally require some independent work. Other committees typically only meet quarterly or on an as-needed basis. Other opportunities include helping with outreach and educational events, such as panel discussions, continuing education, and speaking with students about engineering.

Our website contains summaries of all of the committees. Additionally, the majority of our meetings are open to the public. I encourage you to attend to see if it's a good fit. If you have any questions, concerns, comments, 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

As you can tell from Joe's message above, the winter and spring of 2022 have been action-packed for DAPE! We are not done yet - here are a few upcoming events you can read about in this newsletter issue:

PE Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks June 21: Tickets are \$10 - family members are welcome!

Delaware Engineering Celebration: DAPE will be welcoming our newest PEs at this annual event hosted by the Delaware Engineering Society (NSPE-DE) on June 15. You can find a list of our newest PEs in the newsletter and a profile of this year's Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year Award winners.

Concurrent Resolution in Legislative Hall: The Delaware Legislature honored DAPE as we approach our 50th Anniversary.

PE License Renewal: Don't forget to renew by June 30!



PE Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks June 21 – Join us!

Delaware Professional Engineers' Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks is scheduled for June 21 (the game starts at 6:35 PM). We are inviting our members and their families to join us for this event so we can celebrate DAPE's 50th Anniversary. Tickets are \$10 each and include a buffet dinner with non-alcoholic beverages. Quantities are limited, so don't wait!

Want to throw out the first pitch on game night? Email office@dape.org to enter a raffle.

[You can find more details and a link to purchase tickets here.](#)

PE License Renewal Deadline June 30

Remember to renew your PE license (or change the status to Inactive or Retired) by June 30, 2022 in order to avoid late fees. License renewal season always results in more phone calls, emails and snail mail for the DAPE staff, so we suggest you don't

We do our best to notify members of this deadline, with multiple email reminders, a postcard reminder, and even direct follow-up when postcards get returned. However, the best way to remember to renew your Delaware PE license is to mark your personal calendar so you don't forget. Two years from now you may have a new mailing address, email address and/or job. Remind yourself on June 1 of even-numbered years, so you have time to be sure you have met our [Continuing Professional Competency \(CPC\) Requirements](#) before renewing.

If you want to change the status of your license to Inactive or Retired, email office@dape.org with an effective date for the change, and we will take care of it. Be sure to do this BEFORE June 30. Even if you do not think you need to renew your license, it's still wise to take this step in case your plans change.

2022 Council Election & Bylaws Changes

DAPE members that are eligible to vote (see requirements below) should expect ballots to be distributed on June 15 via email. The deadline to complete your ballot is July 15. Please email office@dape.org if you do not receive this ballot, as corporate spam filters may prevent you from receiving it. Be sure to add both no-reply@dape.org and support@ezvoteonline.com to your address book.

§ 2806. Membership.

(a) All persons licensed as professional engineers on July 7, 1972 or hereafter licensed as professional engineers and who are residents of or are employed in or have a place of business within the State, and who subscribe to the code of ethics in accordance with §2816 of this title, are members of the Association. Members shall be entitled to vote as provided by this chapter.

(b) All other persons licensed as professional engineers, and who subscribe to the code of ethics in accordance with §2816 of this title, are associate members of the Association and shall not be entitled to vote.

On March 9, 2022 the DAPE Council recommended amendments to the DAPE Bylaws for membership approval. The proposed amendments are meant to achieve the following:

- Make our Bylaws consistent with the September 17, 2021 amendment to the Delaware Professional Engineers' Act
- Incorporate consistent nomenclature and gender-neutral language (for example, changing "Chairman" to "Chair" throughout the document)
- Remove language that is already included in the Delaware Professional Engineers Act to avoid redundancy and the potential need to modify both documents in the future

§2815. Bylaw approval by members. A bylaw is effective when approved by the members. Proposed bylaws or changes shall be submitted to the members for approval by means of a letter ballot returned by not less than 20 percent of the members within 30 days after the mailing thereof. Affirmative votes by the majority of members voting within the prescribed time shall constitute approval by the members.

The electronic ballot will have proposed changes marked with a brief explanation of the rationale. [You can find a compilation of the changes here if you want to review this prior to the election period.](#) Note that 20% of members need to vote in order for DAPE to amend this document, so please take the time to review and complete your ballot. Thanks in advance!

Congratulations to Delaware's 2022 Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year Award Winners

DAPE takes special pride in this year's Young Engineer of the Year Award Recipient, since he is currently serving on our Council in the Kent County seat. Congratulations, Nick! You can [read more about Engineer of the Year Holly Rybinski, P.E. and Young Engineer of the Year Nicholas Dean, P.E. here.](#)

In addition to honoring Holly and Nick, The Delaware Engineering Society will be honoring scholarship recipients, Delaware's newest PEs, and this year's engineering excellence award winners (ACEC-DE) at their June 15 event.

[Tickets for the 2022 Delaware Engineering Celebration can be purchased at nspede.eventbrite.com.](https://nspede.eventbrite.com)

2022 Delaware Engineering Celebration Wednesday, June 15th

Social Hour 5 - 6:15 pm ~ Dinner 6:15—7:15 pm

Ceremony 7:30 pm

Executive Banquet & Conference Center

205 Executive Drive, Newark, DE 19702



For Ticket & Advertisement Purchases: nspede.eventbrite.com

Ticket & Ad Questions Contact:

K. James Taylor, Jr., PE ~ 302-489-2261 ~ president@nspede.org

Welcome to Delaware's Newest Professional Engineers

Number	Name	Number	Name
25323	Valerie Rose Carter	21478	Ahmed I Mofadal
26424	James Mason Clem	26518	Ruth Abigail Mower
26503	Bridget F Cook	26838	Bianca M. Nitica
26994	Joshua T. Elliott	26158	Aiman Ariff Omar
24669	Oyinkansola Familoni	26239	Wei Ren
24735	Alexandra G Graney	27048	Michael Savchuck
26914	Tyler David Krause	26762	Tucker Batten Smith
26858	Jose R. Maravilla-Villegas	26600	Siddharth Rajesh Wadhawan
25694	Michael A.M. Marchetta	25029	Jessica M. Wong
27008	McKinleigh McCabe		

Engineering Ethics Training: Challenges for Innovation, Technology, and Society

If you were not able to attend our March 31 webinar, and still need Ethics training prior to the June 30, 2022 PE license renewal deadline, email office@dape.org. We'll send a password-protected link to the webinar and a PDH assessment form so you can earn 2 Ethics PDHs.

Delaware Legislature Honors DAPE

May 12, 2022 marked the approval of a Concurrent Resolution by the State House of Representatives and Senate to honor DAPE on our 50th Anniversary. DAPE Council members attended legislative sessions on March 17 and May 12 to meet and thank the bill sponsors and supporters.





Photo by J. Wootten

[You can read this Concurrent Resolution here.](#) Thanks to the legislators that sponsored this Resolution, Representative Ronald Gray, P.E. and Senator Stephanie Hansen. Several Legislators shared their thoughts on the importance of professional licensure for engineers, and their gratitude for the often-overlooked but critical work that Professional Engineers do to protect public health, safety, and welfare in Delaware.



Council Executive Committee

- Joseph Jakubowski, P.E., LEED AP, President
- Michael Clendaniel, P.E., Vice President
- Charles McAllister, P.E., Secretary
- Karen Maxson, P.E., Treasurer
- Carmine Balascio, P.E., Immediate Past President

Council Members (Term Expiration Date)

- Robert C. Wheatley, Sussex Co. – Appointed (8/31/21)
- Daniel Barbato, P.E., New Castle County (8/31/22)
- Vincent Fazio, P.E., Electrical Engineering (8/31/22)
- Joseph Jakubowski, P.E., LEED AP, Civil Engineering (8/31/22)
- Karen Maxson, P.E., Industry (8/31/22)
- Ronald D. Smith, Esq., Kent Co. – Appointed (8/31/22)
- Nicholas Dean, P.E., Kent County (8/31/23)
- William Gamgort, Esq., New Castle Co. – Appointed (8/31/23)
- Charles L. McAllister, P.E., Private Consulting (8/31/23)
- Jason Hastings, P.E., Sussex County (8/31/24)
- David Reinhold, P.E., Education (8/31/24)
- Kenneth Tadler, P.E., Mechanical Engineering (8/31/24)
- Michael A. Clendaniel, P.E., Gov't Employment (8/31/25)
- Jeremy Kalmbacher, P.E., "Other" Engineering (8/31/25)
- Neeraj Batta, P.E., Chemical Engineering (8/31/25)

- Jennifer Wootten, Executive Director
- Kathy Davis, Executive Assistant
- Beth Baughman, Administrative Assistant



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