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DAPE NEWS

President's Message

BY MICHAEL CLENDANIEL, P.E.

As we start the holiday season and approach the end of 2022 we reflect on the celebration of DAPE being 50 years young. It is great to reflect on all of the volunteers throughout this time that have made this organization possible. It wouldn't be possible without their generosity!

Without volunteers and the time they give each month, there would not be a Council, path to licensure, or self governance to protect the public. Our examining and law enforcement committees have dedicated the most time to DAPE with an average of 2-4 hours a month. We could not serve the professional engineers licensed in Delaware without the selfless hours they give.

We also want to thank our members who have volunteered for 10-20 years, some even more. These professionals have given a lot of their time and have been the bridge between previous to new volunteers to ensure information, process, and explanations behind decisions are carried forward in a consistent manner. It continues to strengthen and grow our organization.

As we move forward and look towards the next 50 years, we hope that licensees will continue to volunteer and encourage professionals who have not considered to participate to do so to help grow and strength the organization.

If you would like to get involved with DAPE we have multiple committees: Law Enforcement and Ethics, Examining, Government Affairs/By-Laws, Public Information, External Affairs, Nominating, Finance/Employee Compensation & Benefits/Facilities

We hope that you are able to take a moment and thank those that have been helpful in your licensure career. We are thankful for all those that help each today to license, protect and promote licensure in Delaware. We also thank those that serve at the national level to keep us involved and informed with NCEES. As we approach each day to protect the health safety and welfare of the public it is great to celebrate and promote licensure as we move forward into the next 50 years.

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Executive Director's Message

BY JENNIFER WOOTTEN

In keeping with the holiday spirit, this message is all about gratitude. DAPE's annual Volunteer Appreciation event was held on October 6 at the Hagley Museum in Wilmington. Delaware's Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, State Senator Stephanie Hansen and State Representative Paul Baumbach were all on hand to present special tributes to DAPE's 2022 Distinguished Service Award recipient, Mike Siwek. This event was the culmination of DAPE's 50th Anniversary celebration, so DAPE also recognized all of the individuals in attendance that have volunteered 10 or more years on Committees and Council.

While many of these volunteers were present that night to get a round of applause in person, here is the complete list of members that have dedicated 10 or more years in service to DAPE (with apologies to anyone that may have been overlooked - this list was patched together from archive meeting minutes and newsletters).

Name	Volunteer Years	Name	Volunteer Years
Keith Kooker	10	Michael Siwek	16
Michael Lennon	10	Meghan McDonough	17
Guy Marcozzi	10	David Matsen	18
Gregory Pawlowski	10	John Mayan	18
Soheil Gharebaghi	11	Charles McAllister	18
Robert Hayden	11	David McBride	18
Colin Kraucunas	11	William Sperry	18
Hans Medlarz	11	Keith Rudy	19
Frank Newton	11	Carmine Balascio	22
David Reinhold	11	Robert Chagnon	23
Joseph Volk	11	Arkan Say	25
Daniel Barbato	12	Ana Diaz	26
Thomas Brockenbrough	12	Thomas Kiefer	27
Robert Leitsch	12	Pasquale Canzano	30
William Balascio	13	James Davidson	30
Walter Frank	14	Bob McClure	34

Many of these individuals are still actively involved with DAPE. I no longer consider myself a “newbie” here at DAPE but I am grateful for their institutional knowledge, which often saves us from “reinventing the wheel.”

We had another guest at our event that has left a special mark here at DAPE. Richard Shelton is the calligrapher that produces certificates for new PEs each month. Richard has been doing this work for almost all of DAPE’s 50 years - if you are reading this newsletter, you may have his work framed on your wall!

Party attendees also enjoyed trying to identify each other’s photos from their original PE applications with DAPE. While I promised to not publish those head shots, let’s just say there were some questionable fashion and facial hair choices. Keep reading this issue to see photos from the event as well as a special video that premiered at the party.

DAPE - Protecting the Public

When DAPE’s Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Committee met for the first time in the fall of 2021, the discussion turned quickly from planning a one-time anniversary event to documenting our history and remembering our primary purpose: to protect the public. The result was this video that we will use to educate the public about Professional Engineers.

In addition to the Ad Hoc Committee that envisioned this project, DAPE’s Public Information Committee, Government Affairs & Bylaws Committee, and External Affairs Committee all took the time to contribute ideas for the video - it was truly a group effort!



Law Enforcement Matters

The PE's "Selfie": Self-reporting

BY SUSANNE K. LAWS, P.E.

"Do I have to?"

When it comes to self-reporting any disciplinary action taken against you as an engineer, is honesty really the best policy? According to both §2823 of the Delaware Professional Engineers' Act and the DAPE Code of Ethics, the answer is YES! Full disclosure is the law, and self-reporting helps licensed engineers avoid additional fines and censures from DAPE. So, let's review the self-reporting requirement to ensure we're all in compliance.

You must self-report disciplinary action

1. Within 60 days of the final order imposing discipline by the out-of-state engineer licensing board;
2. At the time of application to DAPE for a new Professional Engineering license;
3. At the time of renewal of your Delaware Professional Engineering license if you haven't already reported it.

In fact, the PE renewal questions are intended to guide you to full disclosure:

Have you had any disciplinary action taken that you need to report?

- Have you been a subject of disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another jurisdiction?
- Have you been convicted or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere of any crime (other than traffic violations) since your last renewal?

If you delegate the process of your PE renewal to someone else, remember that **you as the licensee** are still responsible to answer the renewal questions truthfully to avoid the appearance of deception regarding disciplinary action.

“They’ll never know, right?”

Since October 2018, DAPE has been checking monthly Enforcement Exchange listings against the active PE roster to verify that any disciplinary action taken has been self-reported to DAPE within 60 days. The statistics are surprising: in the last four years, approximately 90 licensees have been identified as having disciplinary action (1.9 per month), with 12 licensees identified since June 2022 (2.4 per month).

Engineers who fail to self-report within 60 days may become the subject of further investigation by DAPE’s Law Enforcement and Ethics Committee. Depending on the number and scope of the violations, a licensee may receive administrative penalties that could range from a warning letter up to revocation of the license.

“Yikes! How can I come clean?”

If you have unreported disciplinary action taken against you in an out-of-state jurisdiction, your best next step is to self-report it immediately to DAPE’s Executive Director, office@dape.org so your licensing file is correct and current.

When it comes to self-reporting, let’s work together to maintain a high level of integrity for our Association and our profession.

Next time: Self-reporting conviction of crimes related to the practice of engineering.

Code of Ethics Amendment

DAPE’s Law Enforcement & Ethics Committee recommended an amendment to the Code of Ethics which was approved by Council in August 2022. The amendment was a change to the wording of the very last paragraph. Here is the new language:

C. The engineer, upon conviction for any felony crime not specifically listed in Canon 6.A, shall provide within ninety (90) days of conviction, information to the Council in sufficient specificity to enable Council to make a determination of whether the crime constitutes conduct reasonably likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.

The Code of Ethics is binding on all DAPE applicants and registrants. As such, it’s a good idea to review this document periodically. [You can find DAPE’s Code of Ethics](#)

Random CPC Audit - January 2023

Now that we are through the 2022 PE and Certificate of Authorization renewal seasons, DAPE will be conducting a random CPC audit of approximately 250 members. Notices will go out in January, but don't wait to be sure your documentation is in order. [Current CPC Guidelines can be found here.](#) Be sure to refer to the "Recordkeeping" section on pages 3-4 when reviewing your documentation.

Welcome to Delaware's Newest Professional Engineers

License Number	Name	License Number	Name
25616	Harmon Amakobe	24889	Eric Kramer
26482	William B. Baptista	27398	Jason Li
27026	Steven Bezat	27152	Thomas O Magrino
27376	Mikhail Louis Castillo	27543	Madeline R Mayes
27046	Shane M. Christie	27639	Joseph Donnon McGinley
23772	Edward P Counsellor	26226	Shannon E. Park
28024	Wancheng Dai	25965	Nicholas A. Pecillo
25949	Juvena Demo	27315	Matthew Pennock
26043	Emily Dolderer	26015	Robert Michael Pletcher
27125	Chloe Dye	27058	Amanda Rose
27474	Brandon Fernandes	27860	Angela Saade
27304	Mackenzie Fitzgerald	26490	James J. Scanlon
27133	Kate Gantner	27257	Andrej L. Sujansky
27509	Tyler Giffear	26660	Amanda Lynn Sullivan
24232	Philip Gordon	26562	Payal Thukral
27775	James Alexander Gresko	26557	Marc Wolf Gassael Toussaint
26825	Jaghab Hishmeh	27160	Thomas Walker
23690	Douglas A. Holley	25550	Anbo Wang
27171	Megan Ingham	27710	Daniel Clayton Webb
26648	Stacey W. Jensen	27163	Nicole Wilson
27566	Jacqueline E. Kelley	27124	Alexandra Young
27793	Anthony D Kline		

Volunteer Appreciation Event Photos



Office of the State Fire Marshall - Update

Save the Date for PE Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks

Wednesday May 10

Details will follow in early spring!



NCEES Mechanical PAKS

NCEES is currently seeking licensed mechanical engineers to participate in a professional activities and knowledge study, or PAKS, for the PE Mechanical exams. The results of this online survey will be used to update the content of the PE exam, which is used throughout the United States.

PE Mechanical exams include Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC), Machine Design and Materials (MDM), and Thermal and Fluid Systems (TFS). NCEES is also considering the addition of a Plumbing Engineering exam to the Mechanical suite of exams. If you are a licensed professional engineer, we would appreciate your input by completing an online survey.
















NCEES requires a cross section of licensed professional engineers practicing mechanical engineering—including those working in industry, consulting, the public sector, and academia—to complete the online survey in order to update exam content and specifications. The survey will help determine the knowledge and skills required of a licensed mechanical engineer with four to six years of experience to practice in a

These studies help NCEES ensure its licensing exams remain relevant to current professional practice,” explained Chief Officer of Examinations Jason J. Gamble, P.E. “The value of this PAKS depends on the number of people who participate, so NCEES is eager to get a large response from P.E.s across all areas of mechanical engineering.”

For access to the online survey, visit ncees.org/PEMechanicalPAKS.

The survey will be open until **March 15, 2023**.

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