



**News from Delaware's Licensing Council for Professional Engineers**

**Fall/Winter 2014**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.**



Just a few months ago the Council Members elected me to be President. Our immediate Past President Charles L. McAllister, P.E. has left the affairs of our association in excellent condition. He was acting not only as President but

also served in many other capacities. We cannot thank him enough and it will be impossible to fill his shoes. Having served on Council for a number of years, but never on one of the "busy" committees, I realize how much time is invested by these tireless committee members. We recognize one of the members each year with the Distinguished Service Award. This year it was presented to James S. Davidson, Jr., P.E. who clearly deserved the recognition and as I mentioned at the event, his award stands as an example for all our members.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the continued quality of service provided by the small staff of the Association. Delaware may have the smallest team by size but is a giant when it comes to service to our members and applicants. The credit goes to our Director, Ms. Abshagen, who has been the Association's "rock" charting a steady course for many past Presidents and hopefully a few more future ones. Together we intend to finally wrap up the updates to the Policies and Procedures Manual making it easier for future committee members to get an understanding of the process.

Many of our Association members probably do not realize that Council works closely with the Attorney General's Office. We are well represented by Ms. Catherine Hickey, Esq. who has guided us through a

number of difficult disciplinary hearings. She strives to perfect our understanding of "Negligence and Standard of Care" because without this solid legal foundation the Hearing Panels would be hard pressed to find a fair assessment when it comes to administering the disciplinary portion of the Law.

On July 15, 2013 Senate Bill 126 was signed into law by the Governor. This legislation adds, among other issues, the requirements of Continued Professional Competency (CPC) to the license renewal process. William D. Balascio, P.E. has to be recognized for taking on the final push in writing the guidelines associated with the CPC. He did not stop there but continued to take on the task of educating our membership in workshops and newsletter updates. This effort almost deserves one pass on the CPC requirements for his next renewal period given the amount of research he performed.

We have also seen the paper and pencil exam of the Fundamentals of Engineering come to an end in Delaware in October, 2013. Starting in 2014 exam candidates will be able to register with NCEES and select an exam site for the computer-based testing. Many of our members have proctored exams and dutifully served our next generation of Professional Engineers. They will not be forgotten with or without paper and pencil exams.

During the upcoming annual Engineers Banquet on February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Association Secretary Theodore A. Thomson, P.E., and I will present certificates and welcome the newest members. I hope a few of them read this message and get a feeling of the effort it takes to sustain a successful association such as the one I am privileged to lead. I sincerely hope our young engineers will find a little time in their busy

professional lives to learn how THEIR Association functions and where they may want to participate. We are not all work but also find time for great conversation, professional contacts and good old engineering camaraderie. I hope to welcome some of you in the future.

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### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

***By Peggy Abshagen***

Is your PE license active? Inactive? Retired? Delinquent? Do you know the difference?

With recent law changes and renewals just around the corner, I thought it would be a good idea to distinguish the various license statuses.

**Active** – Payment of the current renewal fees has been received. You should begin accumulating your continuing education credit hours, except those that are exempted as per the CPC Guidelines ([www.dape.org](http://www.dape.org)).

**Inactive** – You must specifically request inactive status if you are not practicing engineering in Delaware. No fees nor continuing education credit hours required. Currently Delaware law permits you to remain “Inactive” for ten years before reapplication is required.

**Retired** – You have retired from the practice of engineering, but you wish to use “P.E. (ret.)” in your signature. You are required to pay your biennial fees, but you are not required to accumulate continuing education credit hours. Reinstatement of this license is not permissible.

**Delinquent** -- Notification has been sent but you have not renewed your license by June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is no grace period. Reinstatement fees in the amount of \$50/month will begin accruing. You may not practice during the period of lapsed license.

Sufficient notice is provided to renew your license. Electronic renewals are easy, convenient and recommended. If there is no response/renewal, your license will be declared **delinquent**. You will be ineligible to offer or provide engineering services in Delaware and additional fees and reapplication may be required.

### **PE LICENSE RENEWALS**

With the start of a new year, many members are anxious to renew their license. However, the window of opportunity to renew your Delaware PE license will not open until 45-60 days prior to the expiration of your license – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The first notification will be sent electronically. Make sure your email address is current. You can log into the PE roster on our website to update your contact information at any time.

Electronic renewals are convenient, easy, fast and efficient. Look for renewal information no sooner than May 1<sup>st</sup>!

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### **CPC REMINDERS**

A recent law change now requires all Delaware licensed engineers to maintain continued professional competency (CPC). This newsletter provided the opportunity for our membership to comment on the draft CPC guidelines that were developed and now approved by Council. These guidelines are available on the website ([www.dape.org](http://www.dape.org)).

Remember:

- ✓ DAPE is not pre-approving courses or providers
- ✓ 24 professional development hours (PDH) must be earned during the 2014-2016 biennial renewal period
- ✓ no less than 3 PDHs and no more than 6 PDHs shall be related to professional ethics
- ✓ and no more than 9 PDHs shall be related to business or project management
- ✓ a maximum of 15 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period
- ✓ Licensees are responsible for maintaining records to support claimed credits
- ✓ Maintain these records for a minimum of five years
- ✓ Audits will be conducted in 2016 of approximately 5% of licensees

### **FORTY NEW PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Results of the October, 2013 PE exam are in and the following individuals successfully passed the exam and were approved for licensure at the Council's January 15, 2014 meeting.

18136 Manuel J. Alvarez  
18624 Daniel Barlow  
18621 Ryan M. Becraft  
17509 Rajiv Bhala  
17460 Bridget M. Bitto  
18809 Adam R. Brady  
18197 Houston Aaron Brown  
16890 Kim Burrichter  
17806 Richard D. Cichosz  
18723 Kyle Owen Clevenger  
17948 Johnathan G. Demarest  
17306 David S. Diefenderfer  
18613 Sixto Fernandez  
18820 John W. Fuller  
13877 Hiral S. Gaudani  
16694 Sankar Kumar Ghosh  
18826 Jacqueline C. Haas  
18456 Dennis J. Helmstetter  
18448 Kwame Heyward  
18786 Judith Ellen Hodgson  
18622 Gregory Horn  
18694 James J. Hunt  
18802 Molly E. Julian  
18641 Taya Kotlyar  
18471 Kenneth Chad Lavallee  
18235 Thomas R. Lawless III  
18592 Li L. Ma  
18465 Jason Robert Mathers  
18418 Jason Mills  
18722 Keicha M. Muriel-Barreto  
18415 Lauren Ellen Ohotzke  
18590 Ritesh N. Patel  
18433 Dana L. Rathfon  
17649 Brett M. Ryhal  
18585 Joanne G. Sharma  
18347 Jason Michael Shaulis  
14817 Christopher M. Sherman  
18395 David A. Stromberg  
18363 Russell Barrett Thomas  
18610 Daniel Robert Zmijewski

### **2014 ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**

The Delaware Council of Engineering Societies (DCES) will be recognizing the outstanding achievements of two Professional Engineers at its annual banquet on February 20, 2014 at the Bella Vita at Cavaliers Country Club.

**Stephen L. Johns, P.E.** has been selected as the 2014 Engineer of the Year. After receiving a BSCE from the University of Virginia, he was issued a license in Delaware in 1981 and currently serves as a principal in the firm of Vandemark & Lynch, Inc. providing engineering, planning and surveying services from its Wilmington, Delaware office.

The 2014 Young Engineer of the Year award will go to **Joseph Jakubowski, P.E.**, a Geotechnical engineer with Duffield Associates, Inc. A graduate of the University of Delaware with a BCE, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst with an MSCE, Joe was licensed in 2008. He shares his professional enthusiasm of the engineering profession by his various activities, including proctoring many exams.

The Delaware engineering community looks forward to meeting and hearing from these outstanding DAPE members!



### **NEW ENGINEER INTERNS**

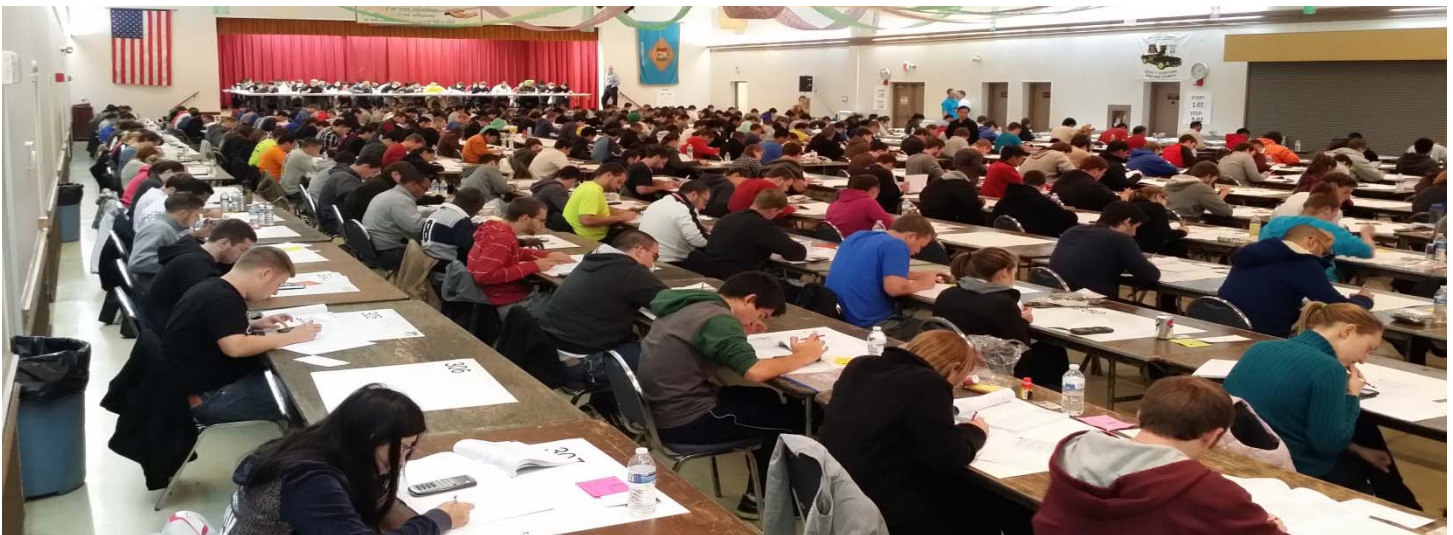
Congratulations to the following Engineer Interns who successfully passed the final paper and pencil October, 2013 Fundamentals of Engineering examination!

Adams, Matthew  
Adhikari, Bodha  
Alexander, Geoffrey  
Andersen, Robert  
Attanasio, Andrew  
Aulenbach, Kate  
Bagwell, Katherine  
Baker, Ian  
Barry, Nathan  
Bastone, Michael  
Beck, Ryan  
Bednarz, Anthony  
Beer, Rachel  
Ben-David, Tom  
Benjes, Matthew  
Bishop, Nicholas  
Boisclair, Laura  
Brattoli, Michael  
Brubaker, Katelyn  
Campbell, Ryan  
Cardinal, Jack  
Carollo, John  
Chadwick, Michael  
Chan, Warren  
Chen, Yi  
Cheng, Huai-En  
Cicamore, Anthony  
Citerone, Veronica  
Colyar, John  
Connell, Ryan

Cooke, Michael  
Copeland, Jamey  
Corcoran, Robert  
Corson, Jessica  
Cory, Matthew  
Crawford, Robert  
Cristino, Danielle  
Cronauer, Ryan  
DeBenedictis, Leah  
Dejean, Adam  
DeLisi, David  
DeMarco, Mary  
Denning, Victoria  
Desai, Manthan  
Devine, Conor  
Diener, Brendan  
Ding, Qiheng  
Dinielli, Joseph  
Doll, Edward  
Donahue, Ryan  
Donlevie, Steven  
Dulin, Alexander  
Dummeldinger, M.  
Edwards, Matthew  
Eggert Crowe, Colin  
Eisenhart, Jared  
Ellingson, Nathaniel  
Esham, Calvin  
Faherty, Tucker  
Falk, Peter

Farella, Robert  
Farina, Anthony  
Farley, Eammon  
Fearon, Kelly  
Ferraro-Varvoutis, A.  
Flynn, Sean  
Fratoni, Michael  
Frost, Caleb  
Fu, Yingshuo  
Gabrielsen, Andreas  
Galenas, Matthew  
Gartzman, Steve  
Geiser, Jacob  
Geitnet, Nebiyu  
Genn, Jonathan  
Giles, Steven  
Goldfine, Brandon  
Gong, Shijin  
Gormley, Louis  
Gowda, Rohith  
Grammatico, Christopher  
Grego, Lawrence  
Grego, William  
Gribbin, John  
Gu, Feng  
Haddad, Michael  
Hagenbach, Timothy  
Hamilton, Kerry  
Hammon, Kara  
Happer, Andrew  
Harker, Robert  
Hartnett, Matthew  
Hauser, Peter  
Hencken, Matthew  
Herman, Alexander

Highberger, John  
Holmes, Daniel  
Holsman, Nicholas  
Hott, Nathan  
Hoy, Oliver  
Hughes, Joseph  
Hunter, Elise  
Hutter, Kevin  
Irvine, Robert  
Ishimura, Ken  
Iudica, Joseph  
Jenson, Eric  
Jin, Jing  
Johnson, Bryan  
Justis, Caleb  
Keane, Dante  
Kim, Suhan Chan  
Knighton, James  
Koenig, Harold  
Kusy, Ryan  
Lam, Kent  
Lano, Matthew  
Larson, Jay  
Laux, Erin  
Lawrence, Eric  
Lawton, Adam  
Lee, Mei-Hui  
Li, Wen  
Liang, Yuanhong  
Lin, Chen  
Liu, Jiabin  
Liu, Xiaoke  
Lloyd, Donald  
Lowe, Zachary  
Lynch, Patrick



One room of our exam site in October, 2013.

Photo courtesy of Proctor B.J. Song, P.E.

### **NEW ENGINEER INTERNS (cont'd)**

Manley, Kenneth  
Mapoy, Aaron  
Marini, Mark  
Martinez, Jonathan  
Marzolf, Matthew  
Mauer, Frederick  
Mauro, C. Joshua  
McGinnis, Claire  
McMichael, Colin  
Meder, Kyle  
Micale, Christopher  
Midwig, Joseph  
Milewsky, Emily  
Minich, Benjamin T.  
Mulholland, Quinlan  
Murray, Allison  
Musacchio, Ryan  
Natrín, Benjamin  
Nauss, Colleen  
Nehila, Nicholas  
Nyamumbo, Kevin  
O'Boyle, Ryan  
O'Hara, Bryan  
Pansulla, Andrew  
Patel, Ajay  
Patel, Jalpesh  
Peng, Andrew  
Peters, Jon  
Philbin, Kelley  
Plesnick, Shawn  
Powell, Thomas  
Protas, Samuel  
Quach, Amy  
Quan, Rebecca  
Rapposelli, Dominic  
Rebuck, Peter  
Reckamp, Joseph  
Redmond, Sean  
Reed, Ellen  
Reynolds, Joseph  
Riley, Ian  
Rollins, Tiera  
Rosenkrantz, Stephen  
Rossett, Matthew  
Roth, George  
Sabatino, Jonathan  
Sawin, Michael  
Schneider, Jason  
Schneider, Luke  
Schreiber, Nikolas

Simays, Adam  
Siwinski, Casey  
Smith, Philip  
Smith, Taylor  
Sparacino, Matthew  
Stein, Eric  
Stewart, Keegan  
Stillwell, Charles  
Straple, David  
Su, Xintian  
Szeles, Tiffany  
Taglione, Dominic  
Tanida, Alec  
Temburni, Dipshikha  
Tennery, Hope  
Teri, Michael  
Thurairajah, Ahilan  
Tinklepaugh, Anna  
Torres, Maria  
Trotta, Joseph  
Tseng, Po-Hua  
Utturkar, Aditya  
Vaccaro, Christine  
Van Sciver, Charles  
Vanderpost, Laura  
Vaspoli, Nicholas  
Vaughan, Joseph  
Vilalta, Jean  
Villari, Andrew  
Vitelli, Andrew  
Wagner, Anna  
Wagner, Christopher  
Walters, Nathaniel  
Wasileski, Chad  
Wei, Yuan  
Weiss, Jamieson  
Wendl, Andrew  
Whittaker, Breana  
Wilkerson, Christine  
Williams, Hayley  
Wilson, Charles  
Wittman, Joseph  
Wojcik, Matthew  
Wright, Andrew  
Wright, Marshall  
Wynn, Jordan  
Xu, Wendi  
Yavorsky, Luke  
Youssef, AbdElazee  
Zabel, Richard

Zamudio-Guzman, Antonio  
Zhang, Kehui  
Zhang, Luxiao  
Zhang, Yehan  
Zimmermann, Allison

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

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### **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

The Law Enforcement/Ethics Committee over the past several months has been successful in getting 23 of its cases resolved by various means:

- ✓ 19 cases were resolved by working with firms to get them into compliance with the law. Seven of these firms obtained a Certificate of Authorization; 12 firms revised or cancelled their business license in Delaware.
- ✓ 1 case of unlicensed practice was resolved by assisting the firm with compliance and payment of retroactive fees.
- ✓ 1 complaint of unlicensed practice was dismissed as the firm had actually provided the engineering services significantly earlier in a long-delayed project.
- ✓ Case 13/109 – **Lawrence Fischer, P.E.** was reprimanded with an Administrative Order as his license had been disciplined in another jurisdiction and he failed to report such action to Delaware as required by law.
- ✓ Case 11/146 -- **Allan W. Redden** entered into a Consent Agreement for practicing beyond the limitations of his license; misconduct in the practice of engineering; plan stamping; and practicing engineering in an area outside of his competence. Redden surrendered his license and is barred from reapplying for a license.



## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES:**

**Alan G. Steinle, P.E.** was awarded the James M. Delahay award to recognize outstanding individual contributions towards the development of building codes and standards. Steinle is Vice President of Structural Engineering at VanDemark & Lynch, Inc., a Wilmington, Delaware civil/surveying firm.

**Pasquale S. Canzano, P.E.** retired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority effective January 1, 2014, after serving DSWA for 38 years. Pat, a former member of Council, continues his service to DAPE as a member of the Finance Committee.

**James S. Davidson, P.E.** was presented with the DAPE 2014 Distinguished Service Award at a presentation on January 15, 2014. Jim has been a member of both the DAPE Examining and Law Enforcement/Ethics Committees for 20+ years, as well as a former member of Council. This was the Eighth Annual Award Ceremony to recognize the outstanding contributions to DAPE and the engineering community.



**President Medlarz (rt.) presented the awarded to Davidson (left)**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE  
OUTSTANDING DAPE MEMBERS!**

## **MEET OUR NEWEST COUNCIL MEMBER ...**

The Governor appoints three public members to the DAPE Council representing each of the three counties. Robert C. Wheatley has been appointed to represent Sussex County.

A graduate of Salisbury University, Bob acquired The Whayland Company, a commercial contracting firm in Salisbury, Maryland. The firm was relocated to Delmar and Laurel, Delaware in 2000 and continued to operate successfully until sold in 2013. Bob is now a consultant to the firm he built.

In 1994 he was appointed to the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission and was first elected Chairman in 2005, serving in that capacity today.



A member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Delmarva, a 10-branch community bank located in Sussex County, Delaware and Wicomico and Worcester counties, Maryland, Bob is a member of the Loan Committee and Chairman of the Regulatory Compliance Committee.

In 2007 Bob established The Whayland Group, LLC to provide capital reserve study analysis services to property management companies and residential developments; and project consulting services to municipalities and private industry.

A real estate license holder, Bob became a partner in Alliance Real Estate Professionals, a commercial real estate firm in 2008.

His first year on Council, President Medlarz appointed Bob to serve as Chair of the Facilities Committee.

We look forward to working with Bob and sharing in his vast areas of expertise.

**SUSSEX COUNTY REMOVES 5,000 S.F.  
EXEMPTION**

The Delaware Board of Architects and DAPE worked together with Sussex County to amend Sussex County Code, Chapter 52, Section 52-18C, to comply with the respective Codes requiring either an architect or engineer for any activities that would constitute the practice of architecture or engineering, as defined by the Delaware Code.

Ordinance No. 2335 was adopted by the Sussex County Council on January 28, 2014, becoming effective on May 1, 2014. The ordinance added the following language:

*"All drawings, specifications and accompanying data shall bear the name and address of the registered architect and/or licensed engineer. All drawings, specifications and accompanying data submitted for review by the building official and any documents submitted to the building official with a permit application shall meet the requirements of the Delaware Code. Said drawings, specifications and accompanying data shall have affixed upon them the official seal of an architect and/or engineer legally registered or licensed under the applicable laws of the State of Delaware. The building official is authorized to waive the submission of drawings, specifications and accompanying data not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if it is found the nature of the work applied for is such that review of data is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code and the provisions of 24 Delaware Code, Chapters 3 and 28."*

Please review Ordinance No. 2335 in its entirety. It is available on the Sussex County website.

**2013-2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

 C.C. Balascio, P.E. Education Seat	 W.D. Balascio, P.E. Electrical Eng. Seat	 D.P. Barbato, P.E. "Other" Eng. Seat
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 M.A. Lennon, P.E. Chemical Eng. Seat	 M. Lester, P.E. New Castle Co. Seat	 C.L. McAllister, P.E. Industry Seat
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Keith R. Kooker, P.E., **Treasurer**  
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**Council Members**

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Charles L. McAllister, P.E., Industry	8/31/14
Theodore A. Thomson, P.E., Civil Engineering	8/31/14
William D. Balascio, P.E., Electrical Engineering	8/31/15
Keith R. Kooker, P.E., Private Consulting	8/31/15
Soheil Gharebaghi, P.E., Kent County	8/31/15
Carmine C. Balascio, P.E., Education	8/31/16
Robert E. Hayden, P.E., Mechanical Engineering	8/31/16
Erik F. Retzlaff, P.E., Sussex County	8/31/16
Daniel P. Barbato, P.E., "Other" Eng.	8/31/17
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