



DAPE

NEWS

News from Delaware's Licensing Council for Professional Engineers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guy F. Marcozzi, P.E.

Since first becoming involved in DAPE, I have been impressed with the breadth and efficiency in which this organization operates. There are presently 6,036 licensees and 741 firms issued Certificates of Authorization, and we have an annual operating budget exceeding \$400,000. In a typical year, we process about 1,200 applications for licensure (including Professional Engineers, Engineering Interns, Adjunct Members, Certificates of Authorization and Temporary Permits), administer approximately 650 exams in two sessions and review about 35 law enforcement cases. We also provide regular outreach to regulatory officials, lawmakers, other licensure boards and students. While we have two paid staff, who do a wonderful job, we would not be able to accomplish all of these tasks without the help of many volunteers. Not only do we benefit as licensees, but the public is well served and protected by these efforts of our many volunteers.

The Council wishes us to pause briefly from this tireless work to recognize the efforts of the many volunteers. Members of the various committees are presented in this newsletter. Should you run into these folks, please take a moment to thank them for their good service.

While we have many hardworking volunteers, the Council has decided this year to create an award to recognize distinguished service. DAPE is pleased to announce that Gene Snell has been unanimously selected to receive the first ever Distinguished Service Award. Anyone who has knowledge of DAPE operations will not likely be surprised by this selection and many of you have your own stories of his distinguished service. I wonder if anyone, including Gene, could fully chronicle all of the things that Gene has done for DAPE, and I certainly won't try. However, I would like to relate a couple of personal recollections. I first worked with Gene on our Law

Enforcement and Ethics Committee, which has responsibility for reviewing complaints against licensees and applicants consistent with the provisions of our State law. Even though Gene knows about all there was to know about our history and authority, he was exceedingly patient with myself and others as we wrestled with how to administer the law related to the cases before us and encouraged us to find the fair and consistent solution in keeping with our law. While his tenure would justify it, he never came across as authoritative and would patiently go through the facts to keep us from going down the wrong path. Most recently, Gene assumed a leadership role in drafting the recent enabling legislation to streamline our enforcement process. Working with Gene on the Finance Committee, I began to understand the complexity of the planning associated with future years cash-flow and investment strategies necessary for us to remain the stable operation we are today. While no longer on Council, Gene is presently involved in virtually all of our standing committees. The longer I know Gene, the more I begin to understand how important he is to DAPE's successful operation. Gene, thank you for all of your time and your commitment to our organization and to the public.

Speaking of volunteers, we have an emerging opportunity for more volunteers. As discussed last month, DAPE was successful during the last legislative session in modifying our law to allow disciplinary hearings to come before a Hearing Panel comprised of DAPE members. We recently held our first hearing. We are presently looking to develop a pool of DAPE members to be available to serve on future hearing panels. Our expectation is that most hearings could be completed within a half working day, but some could extend through a whole day. Volunteers will be provided with some advance training in our law and will be selected on an as-needed basis. Think of this opportunity as a great way to serve the profession and learn more about DAPE. Please consider volunteering by contacting the DAPE office.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

By Peggy Abshagen

It is comforting to know that our membership reads this newsletter and occasionally provides input on the issues. A significant response was received to our previous issue publishing the list of firms that had permitted their Certificates of Authorization to lapse. Apparently, employees had notified employers; clients had notified their engineering firms; etc., etc. As a result, DAPE assisted 14 firms to come into compliance with the law. (Forty-eight firms are still listed as delinquent.)

When in doubt, check the website (www.dape.org). All licensees are listed on the website rosters. If an individual or firm is not listed, they do not have the lawful authority to offer, or provide, engineering services in the State. Unlicensed practice is a serious offense.

(By the way, our records indicate 182 individual licenses are delinquent. Penalty fees are now accruing and after two years, reapplication is necessary!)

Several legislative initiatives are under consideration: legislation to permit DAPE to handle unlicensed practice issues; definition of responsible charge; and limiting the number of times an applicant may take examinations. Coincidentally, these are listed in the order of priority. Council continues to discuss the merits of these issues and will decide those revisions necessary to further protect the public. We'll keep you posted.

And, finally, as previously mentioned by President Marcozzi, volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization. Without the tremendous resource of the DAPE membership, we could not function. I have the honor and privilege of working with so many volunteers – the professionals that gladly give back to their profession. Please accept my sincerest appreciation for the many hours of service you have devoted to DAPE, its membership and the public!

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2007 COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

Council seat vacancies for the 2007 election year will be:

- ❖ Private Consulting

- ❖ Electrical Engineering
- ❖ Kent County

Interested, qualified candidates should contact the DAPE office for further information. Deadline for submission of petitions is May 1, 2007.

SEALING PLANS INVOLVING MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES

By Robert A. Chagnon, P.E.

There are no questions about what's being sealed by an engineer when the plans involve a bridge, a building's framing plans or foundation plans, a set of electrical schematics or an air distribution system layout, and etc. These are purely structural, electrical, mechanical, or what have you. But what about a set of plans, like for a building, that involve all of the above, including life safety and fire code concerns as well as structural, electrical, mechanical and even architectural? **Which does your engineer's seal apply to?**

Many plans for small buildings do not include electrical or mechanical requirements, since that's left up to the mechanical and electrical contractors to figure out and provide accordingly. This writer doesn't necessarily agree with that, under some circumstances, but that's beside the point. However, most plans for small buildings involve a floor plan, some foundation information if not on a plan of its own, roof and wall framing information, window and door sizes and locations, wall sections, building elevations and etc., at the very least. **The question is, if you're placing your seal on such a set of plans, to what are you intending your seal to apply to? If you don't differentiate in any way, then you can be stuck with the liability of the whole building, irrespective of what your intentions were limited to.**

Recently, DAPE's LE&E Committee ran across a situation involving an engineer that sealed such a set of plans without qualifying the fact that his seal was intended to apply to only the minimal amount of work he had done involving the foundations for the structure. The project eventually went sour, ended up in a civil law suit for around a half-a-million dollars--with the engineer involved being one of the principals named in the law suit, and all for a fee of a few hundred bucks.

If you're reviewing plans with the intent on providing your seal thereon, be aware of what disciplines may be involved in that set and qualify any limits to those

disciplines, if they don't apply to you. For example, if you're placing your seal on a set of plans for a small retail building, and your review is limited to just the structural aspects of the building, state such in an area that's in the vicinity of your seal with a short statement that can read something like:

**THESE PLANS HAVE BEEN
SIGNED AND SEALED BY JOHN DOE, P.E.,
FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE
STRUCTURAL CODE PROVISIONS ONLY**

By following the above recommendations, you will not only be restricting your liability to just what you're are qualified in, but also alerting the related permitting agency to that fact in the event that such may not be entirely adequate from their point of view. Obviously, these limiting conditions need to be disclosed early on to the client so that there is no misunderstanding as to what the client will be paying for.

EUGENE B. SNELL, P.E.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

On January 17, 2007, family, friends and colleagues gathered to honor Eugene B. Snell, P.E., the first recipient of DAPE's Distinguished Service Award.

The evening was dedicated to all Council and Committee members who volunteer countless hours of their time and efforts to conduct the various tasks at hand. It was extremely fitting that this first award was bestowed to such a contributor to DAPE, the engineering profession, the community and the public.

Licensed in Delaware for just about 43 years, Snell has held the positions of Vice President, President, Past President, Chair or Member of the Finance, Employee Benefits/Compensation, Facilities, Examining and Law Enforcement/Ethics committees. After service on Council for the maximum two four-year terms, he continues service on several committees meeting monthly to review applications, complaints, finances, etc.

The 1999 Delaware Engineer of the Year and 2000 NCEES Distinguished Service Award recipient lends his service to others as well, serving on the Civic League of New Castle County, and several community service organizations including the New Century Club, the Blood Bank and Homeward Bound.

**NEW PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ADDED TO
THE RANKS!**

The October, 2006 exam administration produced 35 new Professional Engineers:

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| Ahmad, Munir | PE #13640 |
| Altman, Matthew | PE #14619 |
| Brown, David | PE #14337 |
| Brown, Dwayne | PE #14345 |
| Datta, Swapn | PE #14600 |
| deSilva, Radhika | PE #14379 |
| Doughty, Jamer | PE #14592 |
| Fuhrman, Philip | PE #14637 |
| Gaggenapally, Sathya | PE #14382 |
| Hawks, Brian | PE #14376 |
| Hetrick, Nicholas | PE #14650 |
| Hoffman, Scott | PE #14514 |
| Johnson, Duane | PE #14682 |
| Kalmbacher, Jeremy | PE #14338 |
| Kats, Ilana | PE #14300 |
| Kluck, Robert | PE #14539 |
| Koenig, Melissa | PE #14383 |
| Kraucunas, Colin | PE #14308 |
| Kurtz, Michael | PE #13336 |
| Magdefrau, Christian | PE #14621 |
| Marando, Thomas | PE #14342 |
| Marzolf, Sean | PE #14286 |
| McKeon, Lisa | PE #14658 |
| Miller, Tysen | PE #14669 |
| Naughton, Michael | PE #14123 |
| Ochieng, Victor | PE #13694 |
| Parish, Jason | PE #14247 |
| Phillips-Ridgway, Jamie | PE #14626 |
| Pinto, III, Louis | PE #14681 |
| Probert, Alastair | PE #13700 |
| Reidinger, Keith | PE #14134 |
| Rux, Kenneth | PE #14680 |
| Ryan, Ralph | PE #14634 |
| Welsh, Martin | PE #14737 |
| York, Kristen | PE #14094 |

Council approved licensure on January 10, 2007.

Congratulations!

NEW ENGINEER INTERNS

The October, 2006 Fundamentals of Engineering examination was administered to 229 examinees. The following 147 examinees successfully passed the exam will be permitted to use the title Engineer Intern upon graduation and submission to DAPE of verification of the award of their degree:

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| Antrilli, Nicholas | Hufe, Brian |
| Arena, David | Johnson, Scott |
| Arvin, Rick | Jones, Joseph |
| Balasubramanian, S. | Jones, Steven |
| Barnes, Andrew | Kamens, Rachel |
| Baxter, Andrew | Kauler, Ryan |
| Beling, Katherine | Kearney, Matthew |
| Berry, Rollie | Kell, Copeland |
| Bickerton, Mark | Kern, Patricia |
| Biddy, Olin | Kessler, Isaac |
| Blakeley, Adam | Khoury, Wasseem |
| Bostard, Gregory | Kimpton, Dana |
| Brandon, Steven | Kocenko, Lynsey |
| Breylinger, Lindsey | Korkuch, Christopher |
| Brown, Houston | Lefkowitz, Jamie |
| Burnim, Kayla | Lisanti, David |
| Cannatelli, Kristen | Livingston, Craig |
| Cella-Mowatt, Timothy | Lupinski, Lauren |
| Challburg, Joseph | MacGuigan, Daniel |
| Chimchirian, Robert | MacPherson, Benjamin |
| Chou, Ming | Marchand, Jared |
| Connelly, John | Maurer, Richard |
| Connolly, Jr., Michael | Mausser, Paul |
| Connor, Kevin | May, Andrew |
| Cooper, Brent | Mazzola, Karen |
| Countess, Ryan | McAnally, Michael |
| Crowley, Timothy | McConnell, Johan |
| Cunningham, Geoffrey | McCoy, Robert |
| D'Andrea, Richard | Meehan, Eric |
| Decker, III, Edward | Merritt, Nathaniel |
| DeGrazio, Stephen | Michael, Michele |
| Dobies, John | Mitchell, Philip |
| Duryea, Judson | Mondoro, Christopher |
| Faries, Joseph | Moritz, Michael |
| Fox, Christopher | Muller, Chris |
| Frederick, Ryan | Nasr, John |
| Gay, Timothy | Nauman, Mark |
| Gillund, Craig | Noyes, Robert |
| Grabczewski, Karol | O'Neill, Colin |
| Griffith, Matthew | Olmstead, Dana |
| Gudas, Christopher | Orensky, Jamie |
| Habib, Taiseer | Ozog, Nicholas |
| Hayes, Matthew | Page, Nicholas |
| Heinig, David | Paolini, Aaron |
| Helmstetter, Dennis | Pavlovic, Sandra |
| Henderson, Christopher | Petraro, Marc |
| Hendrickson, Anthony | Picaro, Kathryn |
| Hockenbury, Matthew | Prunty, Christopher |

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| Pryor, David | Sullivan, Kristin |
| Pulley, Jr., Kevin | Swain, Stephanie |
| Quigley, James | Talbert, James |
| Rabeno, Eric | Tighe, Brendan |
| Rapoport, Geoffrey | Tong, Christopher |
| Reddy, Mula | Tortorice, Marie |
| Rutkoskie, Eli | Turbin, Andriy |
| Saavedra, Mario | Vandenmeydenberg, D |
| Sadik, Zane | Viehman, Christopher |
| Sander, Edward | VonVital, Mark |
| Schneider, Dominik | Vroom, Ryan |
| Scholl, Emily | Wallace, Jamie |
| Scully, Steven | Wallace, John |
| Seneus, Julio | Walsh, Nicole |
| Sewell, Laura | Walton, Brian |
| Sherman, Chris M. | Wanger, Daniel |
| Sherman, Christopher T. | Weinstein, Jordan |
| Simmons, David | Weiss, Thomas |
| Smith, Janessa | Weissman, Sarah |
| Snodgrass, Andrw | Welfel, Peter |
| Soeurn, Sa | Williams, Aaron |
| Stanley, Kyle | Williamson, Andrew |
| Steketee, Derek | Worthington, Matthew |
| Still, Khenya | Wrightson, Shaun |
| Stokes, Dane | Zheng, John |
| Strickland, Timothy | |

We encourage all Engineer Interns to pursue careers in the engineering profession and ultimately to seek licensure. Maintain a record of your engineering work history to include a description of your engineering tasks, supervisor, and dates of employment. This is necessary for future validation of your engineering employment when you have obtained the required years of experience for application for the Principles & Practice of Engineering examination.

Congratulations!!!

MEMBERS' CORNER:

Have a message you'd like to get out to the DAPE membership?

We now have the capability to broadcast messages to those members of DAPE that have provided us with email addresses. If your organization is interested in communicating with the DAPE membership, we will consider broadcasting messages that may benefit the profession. These might include engineering-related seminar notices, etc. They would not include help wanted notices, etc.

DAPE reserves the sole right to approve sending those messages that best serve the interests of its members.

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(M) DENOTES ASSOCIATION MEMBER WHO IS
NOT A COUNCIL MEMBER

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Over the past calendar quarter, the following cases, after investigation, were recommended for closure:

05/025 – Complaint, no Certificate of Authorization
Resolution: Firm has been issued a C/A.

06/008 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Erroneous listing

06/011 -- Pole Bldg./Woodbridge School Dist. Inquiry
Resolution: No violations of law

06/018 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Firm has been issued a C/A.

06/019 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Firm has been issued a C/A.

06/022 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Erroneous listing

06/023 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Erroneous listing

06/024 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Firm has been issued a C/A

06/025 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Firm has been issued a C/A

06/026 -- Publication listing, no Cert. of Authorization
Resolution: Erroneous listing

HEARING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Disciplinary Hearing Committee and its process have been discussed in previous issues of this newsletter and briefly mentioned in President Marcozzi's message. DAPE is recruiting members to serve on future Hearing Committees. A Disciplinary Hearing Committee is convened pursuant to 24 Del. C. §2824 to hear evidence concerning the allegations outlined in a formal complaint. All evidence is taken under sworn oath, and at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, the Committee deliberates the penalty phase and then submits findings of fact and recommendations to the Council of DAPE.

If you are interested and able to commit the time to serve, please fill out the following form and return to the DAPE office. Our goal is to develop a pool of members for future hearings that will provide the technical support necessary to conduct these proceedings.

Name: _____

License #: _____

Email address: _____

Field of Expertise: _____

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CALLING ALL PROCTORS

Mark your calendars! The April exams are right around the corner, and, of course, we could use your assistance. If you are available on **Friday, April 20, 2007 or Saturday, April 21, 2007**, for a few hours, and are willing to work alongside your peers, enjoy a good lunch and even receive a token of our appreciation, while at the same time, insuring the security of our exam process, we need to hear from you. Veterans and rookies are welcome!

Call, write, email, fax

Name: _____

Email: _____

Availability: Friday a.m. _____ Friday p.m. _____

Saturday a.m. _____ Saturday p.m. _____

Many, many thanks!!!

DELAWARE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES

We have previously mentioned that we are researching the feasibility of obtaining a vehicle license plate category for Delaware Professional Engineers. It is necessary to get 200 individuals interested in participating in this venture. If there are some interested participants, please let us know via email (office@dape.org), phone (302-368-6708) or fax (302-368-6710), and we'll pursue this with DMV.

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