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### Lesley L. Rosier-Tabor, PE

Another year later and much activity has taken place. You might recall that my message last year referenced

an upcoming event, one that the Board members and I volunteered our agency for, something quite exceptional. The WV State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers had been selected to host the 2006 NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting in May, 2006 in Charleston, WV. Since the last time West Virginia was selected as the host site for this meeting was over 10 years ago, we were determined to do it right!

With remarkable attendance from nearly all twenty-one PE and LS jurisdictions within the Northeast Zone of the Council, State Board members and lead staff, along with NCEES staff and directors, convened in our capital city and tackled some very important licensure and regulatory issues. But it was not all work and no play! After the day's work was complete, the WV Board showcased our capital city as well as the great beauty of our mountain state. From our visit to Charleston's Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences (which coincidentally showcased a giant screen film on Alaska, preparing all attendees for our Annual Meeting which was held in Anchorage), to a daring traverse of the New River Gorge Bridge catwalk, followed by a visit to Tamarack, our visitors certainly received a great return on their

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**Tara Smith** Administrative Assistant registration fees. Special thanks goes to the WV Department of Transportation and their dedicated staff (in particular three of their professional engineers Greg Bailey, Jim Sothen and Jimmy Wriston) for their organizational assistance and participation in various events integral to the success of this experience.

In addition to the flurry of local activity that took place in Charleston, much national progress was made in "raising the bar" in engineering education. Our future engineers are facing an increasingly complex world which will require more technical depth and professional breadth in their educational experience. But how can an engineer effectively enter into professional practice with nothing more than the traditional undergraduate education (bachelor's degree) that continues to decline in required credit hours? This question is one that many of our engineering founder societies, along with NCEES and other professional engineering organizations, have struggled with for the last decade. But we are certainly able to glean some insight from other learned professions like law, medicine, pharmacy, architecture and accounting, all professions that required less academic prep than engineering at the turn of the 20th century.

As you are likely aware, last year the Council approved the concept and voted to charge the Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG) with incorporating language requiring additional education into the Model Law. After a year of work, a motion containing their specific language was voted upon, and passed, by delegates at the 2006 NCEES Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. The approved language states that an engineer intern with a bachelor's degree must have an additional 30 credits of acceptable upperlevel undergraduate or graduate-level coursework from approved providers in order to be admitted to the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination. The effective date of this provision is January 1, 2015. The Council also passed a UPLG motion adding language to the Model Rules stating that, effective

January 1, 2015, a graduate with a bachelor of science degree in engineering requiring more than 120 credits may request that credits earned in excess of 120 credits be applied to satisfy the requirement.

Now that the Council has approved the concept and approved incorporating it into the Model Law, NCEES will define what the additional education should be. This coming year's UPLG Committee has been charged with defining some of the terms and considering issues related to implementation.

To read the specifics of the new Model Law language, please visit the NCEES Web site.

#### www.ncees.org/introduction/about\_ ncees/ncees\_model\_law.pdf\_

In signing off for another year, I sit here marveling at a profession that presents daily challenges and complexities with each and every project, yet proud of the way engineers grab those problems and work diligently toward an acceptable solution. Being actively involved in ASCE on the local, state and national levels has afforded me the opportunity to watch the vision and mission unfold for a small group of leaders who recognized the direct consequences of the profession's current and continuous decline of credit hours required to graduate with an engineering degree. They realized someone needed to take immediate action. Those "someones," our profession's leaders from both industry and academia, have my utmost respect and admiration for their diligence, hard work, late nights, and time away from family to travel the country to discuss and educate students, industry, stakeholders and decision makers on the concept of the master's degree or equivalent as a prerequisite for licensure. It appears the vision has now come to fruition and implementation is on the horizon. I look forward to what the future holds with respect to our honored profession as we continue to recognize problems, face challenges and design solutions with the ultimate goal of improving the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our nation!

## **Board Updates**



### **NCEES Involvement**

Once a year, the President-Elect of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) solicits help in finding individuals who are qualified and interested in serving on national committees and task forces. This request is one which each individual responding needs to carefully consider, knowing those selected have assumed a responsibility to attend one or more weekend meetings in the fall and winter months to enable committee work to be completed in early spring, share their findings at the Zone meetings and publish their final reports in the Council's Annual Meeting Report. Committee members also participate in e-mail correspondence, often meet via conference calls, and assist with preparation of draft reports. Some committees, such as exam committees, are required to meet several times each year, which requires even greater amounts of dedicated time and effort.

West Virginia Board members and staff recognize the importance of staying involved at the local, state and national level and give of their time, energy and knowledge in an effort to create and maintain a licensing system for engineers that has proven worthy of worldwide emulation. The following is a brief list of 2006 and 2007 assignments the WV Board and staff have been selected for, tackling some very important issues and providing significant contribution to the Council and the regulation of the profession.

#### *Left to right in photo:*

Dr. William E. Pierson, PE Board Member - Term expires June 30, 2008

Mr. Richard E. Plymale, Jr., PE, PS Board Member - Term expires June 30, 2007

Mr. Bhajan S. Saluja, PE Board Secretary - Term expires June 30, 2006

**Mr. Edward L.Robinson, PE, PS** Board Vice-President - Term expires June 30, 2009

Mr. Leonard J. Timms, Jr., PE Board President - Term expires June 30, 2010

#### Leonard Timms, Jr., PE

- Law Enforcement Committee
- Governance Task Force Committee
- Edward Robinson, PE, PS
- Finance Committee

#### William Pierson, PE

- Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Committee, Chair
- Electrical Engineering Sub-Committee

#### Lesley Rosier-Tabor, PE

- National Spokesperson for Member Board Administrators Networking Group
- Continuing Professional Competency Task Force
- Northeast Zone Awards Committee and Northeast Zone MBA Representative

### **Engineer's Creed**

As a professional engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.

I pledge to give the utmost of performance;

To participate in none but honest enterprise;

To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;

To place service before profit, honor and understanding of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all considerations.

In humility and with need for divine guidance, I make this pledge.

Adopted by National Society of Engineers, June 1954



# Legislative Changes on the Horizon?

Prepared by: Leonard "Joe" Timms, Jr., PE, Board President

The WV PE Board has been discussing the wisdom of preparing a bill

for consideration by the West Virginia Legislature to amend Article 13 of Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code – the law that creates and sets forth the powers of the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. Our licensing statute was enacted in 1992, and the only changes that have been made were some technical amendments in connection with a 2004 update of our rules.

The original statute in large part followed the national NCEES Model Law, and there have been some changes to that law which in part motivates the Board to consider amending our statute. Also, having lived with the language for nearly fifteen years, we are aware that some things could be clearer, some aspects should be updated, and some parts of the law simply need to be changed. Or, in the case of one significant amendment, the engineering community, as well as the larger business and regulatory communities, should at least consider changing the law.

This major change is what is known as "the industrial exemption" found in WVa. Code §30-13-24(c). Current law exempts from licensure employees who perform engineering services "solely and exclusively" for the employer which "are not offered and made available to the public" when they are performed on or in connection with property in which the employer has a possessory interest. In other words, you don't have to be licensed if you are doing engineering work for your employer on your employer's property.

Practical examples include engineers who work for manufacturers, chemical companies and mining concerns. Obviously, this comprises much of the engineering work done in this state. It is the type of engineering work where life, health and the public welfare are of utmost concern. The model law does not contain this broad exemption, and perhaps neither should West Virginia's engineering law.

The other changes contemplated by the Board are less controversial. In the current draft prepared by the Board's counsel, the new language, where appropriate, mirrors the current model law. Some of the substantive amendments in the current draft include:

Section 3, Definitions: The definition of "engineering" is updated, the definition of "consulting engineer" is removed, as well as later references to the term, and inactive, lapsed and retired status are defined. (There is little practical difference between "inactive" and "lapsed" but "inactive" indicates the Board was notified of the nonrenewal and agreed to terms of not practicing or offering until reinstated, while "lapsed" indicates no response to renewal notices.)

Section 6, Compensation: It is made clear that Board members can be paid the amount paid to members of the Legislature for their interim duties, including a per diem payment for required travel greater than one-half day.

Section 9, Board Powers: New or clarified powers include the ability to:

- require a criminal background check,
- enter into appropriate contracts to help prepare people for the tests administered by the board,
- delegate work to staff and committees,
- adopt procedures for multi-year licensure and certification, and
- utilize electronic transmissions for anything not prohibited by Board rule.

Section 11, Records and Reports: Adds to the list of records which are confidential and not public records.

Section 16, Certificates and Seals: Allows electronic reproduction of a seal in accordance with Board rule.

Section 17, Certificates of Authorization: Clarifies who needs a COA and who may be the engineer in responsible charge. Changes in this section and several others also reflect the new "lapsed" and "inactive" status (explained above under Section 3.)

#### Section 21 and new Section 21a,

**Disciplinary action:** Separates the violations and penalties of licensees from those of nonlicensees, following the standards set forth in the NCEES Model Law.

Section 22, Enforcement and disciplinary action procedures: Deletes the requirement that the hearing must be held within six months of receipt and clarifies other procedures. Also, civil penalties imposed by the Board must be paid within 30 rather than 50 days and, if unpaid, the new law specifies collection actions which may be taken by the Board.

We welcome your thoughts regarding whether we should actively pursue these or other amendments to Article 13. Obviously, there is little control over what may occur during the legislative process, and it might be better to stick with the "bird in hand." So, for right now, it is just up for discussion. If you have a meeting or other gathering where you would like to talk about these legislative changes (or changes to the WV PE Board's rules implementing the statute), we will make every effort to attend. The more people who participate in this process the better the result. **That's democracy**!



## A Legal Perspective on Expert Testimony

Prepared by: Debra Hamilton, Board Counsel and Deputy Attorney General

The WV PE Board has

received calls from attorneys, sometimes at the last minute during a trial or hearing, worried about whether their expert's testimony is going to be considered the unlicensed practice of engineering. The Board also has been called by engineers asking the same question or asking the Board to take disciplinary action against an unlicensed person who is testifying about an engineering matter. This article attempts to help you answer this question, but the short answer is: If you are a PE and considering being an expert witness on an engineering issue, registration in West Virginia prior to working on the case enhances your credibility and guarantees there will no charge of unlicensed practice. If you are not qualified to register as a PE, that raises other questions.

The latter was addressed in West Virginia Division of Highways v. Butler, 516 S.E.2d 769 (W.Va. 1999). There, the West Virginia Supreme Court was confronted with a West Virginia statute which included in the definition of the practice of real estate appraisal testifying in a court proceeding about the value of real estate. The issue in Butler was the value of some land in Nicholas County being taken to widen U.S. Route 19, and the testimony of David Heater, the corporate secretary and real estate manager for Go-Mart, was excluded. The Supreme Court found the statute contrary to Rule 702 of the Rules of Evidence, which gives trial courts broad discretion to decide whether to admit expert testimony. The Court ruled the statutory language in question was in violation of the Separation of Powers doctrine and was therefore unconstitutional.

Because of the above holding the WV PE Board has never pursued disciplinary action against an unlicensed person solely because s/he has offered expert testimony on an engineering issue in a West Virginia tribunal. However, the very act of preparing to testify may well constitute the practice of engineering, and the type or amount of work could persuade the Board to pursue disciplinary action. Of course, the most important question would always be: Does the testimony involve a situation that requires safeguarding the public welfare? Other kinds of questions that would be asked are whether the engineer did calculations, sealed any work, came to West Virginia for field work, etc. If the person only reviewed another's work for purposes of rendering an expert opinion, the Board would be less likely to take action. (The same kinds of questions would arise for a fact witness, but presumably the testimony would apply to work that had already been done and it would be too late to address the question of licensure.)

It is an unclear line that most professionals would not want to deal with, especially on the witness stand. Therefore, it is best for licensure not to be an issue by becoming licensed in West Virginia. Registration through comity is usually a quick and easy process. If for some reason you cannot get licensed in West Virginia, consider being directed and supervised by a West Virginia licensee.

Another thing to be aware of if you are testifying in West Virginia is the WV PE Board's rule of professional responsibility 7 CSR 1-12.3(d) that requires registrants to "be objective and truthful in professional reports, statements or testimony" and to "include all relevant and pertinent information in the reports, statements or testimony." This is taken from the NCEES Model Rules adopted in some form by many states and part of the professional engineer's obligation to society. To date, the W.Va. PE Board has not cited any professional engineer for violation of this provision, but other states have.



Speaking of other states, the above should not be used as a guideline for what might happen in another state. Many states may not consider the giving of testimony to be the practice of engineering or leave the matter to the courts. In others, however, you may be sanctioned.

In Iowa, the court reversed the Iowa PE board's disciplinary action against an engineer who gave expert testimony, but the Iowa board still takes a position similar to West Virginia's: that work performed in conjunction with the testimony could be considered the practice of engineering, and the fact the engineer also planned to testify would not necessarily provide a "cover" for the unlicensed practice.

Alabama's engineering statute requires licensure for an engineer testifying under oath either as a fact or expert witness, and the law was upheld in 2006 and is being strictly enforced. Florida has no specific statute, but its engineering board recently sanctioned a forensic engineering expert living in Florida for unlicensed practice; this case is currently on appeal.

No matter what state you are from or in what state you are testifying, nonlicensure gives the other side some easy ammunition. It can be used to attack your credentials (that you should not be qualified as an expert) or to attack your credibility (that your testimony should not be given much weight). If you are being paid to give an opinion in West Virginia on an engineering matter (or even offering to do that kind of work), play it safe. **Call the WV PE Board to get registered.** 

## Investigator's Corner

Don Johnson, PE

Time flies when you are having fun and I have enjoyed getting out

and meeting the engineers in West Virginia. It provides a chance to share information, see what people's concerns are and let them know the areas we are emphasizing. Lesley Rosier-Tabor and I have spoken to several groups and are available to speak to your group or office. Just give us a call in advance to schedule a visit.

Two areas of emphasis we are working on this year are Certificate of Authorizations (COA) and reporting of disciplinary actions against the registrant from other jurisdictions. engineering services full or part-time, a COA is required and does not cost anything. It just requires that you fill out the form and report to the Board that you are offering, or would like to maintain the ability to offer, engineering services in the state. Regardless of whether you are a sole proprietor or not, your company must have COA to practice or offer to practice engineering in WV.

Looking at the disciplinary action list on page 9 of this newsletter or on our Web site, you will see that an engineer had his license suspended. One of the several violations he committed was failure to report disciplinary actions he had in other states. That is the reason we added the question about disciplinary actions on the renewal form.

While there is an industrial exemption in the WV Code, companies or individuals providing or offering to provide engineering service to companies practicing under the exemption are not exempt. We currently have almost twenty complaints pending against companies and individuals for providing such services.

To address these areas, two questions were added to the front of your 2006 renewal form. Needless to say, this sparked a lot of interest and uncovered some valuable information.

The first thing it did was result in several people being audited for failure to complete the renewal form. If you did not answer the questions on the front of the form, your name was added to the audit list. This was an effort to treat everyone in a fair and uniform manner, collecting the same information from each individual wishing to renew their license for the privilege to practice or simply to offer to provide engineering services in our state. If you remember the article from last year on *Avoiding the Audit*, it noted that the best way to avoid an audit was to COMPLETELY fill out the form – and it still is.

The WV PE Board requires all companies, as well as individuals operating as sole proprietors, to have a COA if they are practicing or offering to practice engineering in WV. We were finding a lot of individual engineers who were offering services in the state without a COA. If you are a sole proprietor, by the WV Board definition of having <u>no</u> employees, and personally offering WV Code allows for reciprocal action if the disciplinary action in the other jurisdiction was the same or substantially equivalent to those grounds for discipline in West Virginia.

For the first time in my tenure here we have two pending complaints on individuals providing false information on the PDH reporting form. One person claimed more hours than the course provider reported, and the other person had not completed the course he had claimed until he was notified of the audit. Matters involving reporting of false information are ones which the Board takes very seriously and should not be seen as trivial.

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providing or offering to provide engineering service to companies practicing under the exemption are <u>not</u> exempt. We currently have almost twenty complaints pending against companies and individuals for providing such services.

I also would encourage our registrants to be aware of the need to register with the WV Secretary of State's office before doing business in WV. Many of the companies referred to here were not properly registered with the Secretary of State and may face additional consequences from other state agencies.

The problem I discussed last year about engineers not sealing their work continues to be an issue. We are still seeing drawing packages issued by architects without the seal of the engineer who did the work on the documents. This is a violation. WV PEs must seal their work. The presence of another profession's seal, say for example that of an architect, does not meet the requirement for the engineer to seal their work. I encourage you to take time to read the accompanying article on page 7, *The Overlapping Disciplines: Architecture and Engineering* prepared by WV Architect Board Member, Greg Williamson, AIA.

A final reminder – it is your duty to report infractions of the WV engineering law. Remember – it is this Board's duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. An important part of being a professional is assisting the Board to uphold high standards and protect the integrity of the profession.

In closing, please know that our doors are always open and we are here to assist. Our charge is to safeguard life, health and property and to promote public welfare, so when in doubt, give us a shout!

### 2006 Audit Summary

During the 2006 renewal season, 323 individuals were audited and required to submit supplementary documentation in support of their continuing education claim. The following is a brief overview and final results:

#### 323 Audited for incomplete or inadequate information on the renewal form

- **242** Audited due to incomplete or inaccurate information
- 81 Randomly audited
- **13** Suspended for failure to respond or provide adequate information
- 5 Requested Inactive status versus being suspended
- 2 Pending complaints



## The Overlapping Disciplines: Architecture and Engineering

#### Prepared by: Gregory A. Williamson, AIA, WV State Board of Architects

"A man's gotta know his limitations." This famous quote, spoken by "Dirty" Harry Callahan (Clint Eastwood) in the movie *Magnum Force*, takes on an even greater significance when taken within the context of the overlapping disciplines of architecture and engineering. The fact that this overlap exists is nothing new. It has been an ongoing issue both nationally and

### "Sometimes you just gotta ask for help." – Dirty Harry

here in West Virginia since the beginning of the regulation of these two professions. The real issue is how can a man, or a woman, practicing in these disciplines determine what work they are permitted to perform, and when, exactly, have they exceeded their limitations?

The West Virginia Board of Architects, along with the NCARB, holds that an architect may perform engineering work incidental to projects being prepared under his or her responsible charge. In these instances, architects may place their seal on these documents. This view is based upon a large portion of an architect's education, experience and examination being comprised of engineering related subjects. As such, some architects are likely to be competent to varying degrees in some engineering (and other) disciplines. However, keep in mind that the Board of Architects strongly recommends that a practitioner stay totally within their area of expertise and should use consultants to supplement their own abilities.

When engineering consultants are brought into the mix, the plot gets a bit more complicated. The West Virginia architectural licensing law §30-12-7(a) states that architects are permitted to place their seal on documents prepared by consultants as long as the architect has coordinated their preparation. However, and this is the important part, the West Virginia engineering licensing law §30-13-16(c) requires all engineers to place their seal on their own work, period. The presence of the architect's seal does not override the requirement for the engineer to seal his/her own work. This unfortunate inconsistency in state law has led to at least one recent case before the engineering board, with possibly others in the works. The boards met in March to discuss this and other issues, and are confident that this contradiction can be lived with as long as the practitioners of the respective disciplines understand what is required of them.

Keep in mind that the primary responsibility of both the West Virginia Board of Architects and The Board of Engineers is protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

This charge includes verifying that our licensees are competent to provide the services that they are rendering, and sometimes disciplining those who are not.

If, in your day-to-day practice, you have any doubts as to whether you are practicing within your expertise, then to paraphrase Dirty Harry, "Sometimes you just gotta ask for help."

## Congratulations to Our Successful 2006 PE Examinees

The following is a list of examinees who successfully passed the NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam in West Virginia during the April and October 2006 exam administrations. The WV PE Board salutes these individuals on their professional accomplishments to date and wishes them grand success in their engineering careers.

#### **APRIL 2006**

Mark A. McGettigan Robert L. McLain Jennifer A. Nelson Wesley T. Perry Amy J. Riffee Bradley S. Riggleman Brian T. Rundgren Thomas G. Smith II Rubina Tabassum Matt A. Waskiewicz Belinda M. Weikle Mitchell G. White Troy M. White Danny G. Young, Jr.

#### OCTOBER 2006

Ryan E. Arnold Richard W. Beauchamp Christopher L. Blanchard Michael L. Bochinski Brian D. Carney Elaine M. Chabanik Brian S. Collins Jennifer L. Cox Mark A. Dalton Bruce M. Dunlap, Jr. Christopher B. Farrish Christopher J. Francis Billie J. Garzarelli Benson K. Hunley Kelly L. Kees Chris LeRose Jeffery S. McCauley Shawn A. Miller Randall D. Pack, Jr. Ryan P. Perks Charles E. Puckett, Jr. Jeffery E. Roberts Bradley K. Rose Larry L. Runner, Jr. Steven M. Runyon Jason E. Tharp Ryan A. Toler Adam J. Toothman Frank W. Tyo Sridhar Ummethala Edward C. Vincent Joshua S. Vincent Brian P. Webb Yunqing Zhang

### Exam Writers ... Those "Behind the Scenes" The Personal and Professional Rewards Involved

### Prepared by: Garth Thomas, PE, Chemical Engineering Department Chair, WVUIT

You may have seen notices in this newsletter about volunteering to serve on the NCEES FE or PE committees as an examination writer. You may also have considered whether this would be something you would like to do. If you enjoy devising challenging problems and breaking bread with an interesting group of people, then this might be for you.

I have served on the chemical engineering subcommittee of the FE committee of NCEES for the past three years. Bill Pierson, who has served on the committee for over 15 years and currently serves as Chair for the FE Exam Committee, in addition to being the newest member of the WV PE Board, contacted me about joining the chemical engineering group because they were in need of a few new members. My thought at the time was that I would attend the next meeting and decide whether I wanted to continue. I am still attending meetings because the work is worthwhile, I enjoy spending time with the other committee members, and preparing the examinations poses a number of interesting engineering problems.

The FE committee usually meets four times per year, and the meetings last for two days. Much of the meeting time is spent reviewing examinations. This involves working the problems to check the solutions, revising problem statements if needed, and making recommendations concerning problem selection for the examinations. We spend a good deal of time discussing the wording of problems and their effectiveness in testing the competence of the candidates. Committee members also write new problems for future examinations. It is challenging to write a problem that can be worked within a reasonable time and can effectively discriminate between the qualified and unqualified examinees. The committee members are also responsible for updating the reference manual for the examination and for preparing the sample examination that appears on the NCEES Web site.

The committee members are unpaid volunteers. However, NCEES does pay all travel, lodging and meal expenses associated with the meeting. I enjoy socializing with the other committee members, developing professional acquaintances and personal friendships, and look forward to attending the meetings partly for that reason. Each meeting also provides sixteen hours of professional development activity for the time spent on exam development, if allowed by your jurisdiction.

Most of the discipline specific groups can use help, as well as the group that prepares the general sections of the examination. The majority of the members of the FE committee have academic backgrounds, so volunteers from the industrial and governmental sectors would be particularly welcome. The only qualifications are that you have a current PE license (or PS license if you wish to work on surveying items for the FS or PS), have an interest, are not involved in providing PE/FE review sessions, and are motivated by the desire to contribute to your profession by personally investing time in exam development.

### **Pique Your Interest?**

Contact NCEES, (800) 250-3196, and ask for the exam development engineer for your discipline!

# Online Renewal ... Better Than Ever!

This secure service will be available 24/7, once again courtesy of the cooperative agreement between the PE Board and the State Treasurer's Office. Professional Engineers, Retired Engineers, and companies holding a Certificate of Authorization through our office will enjoy the luxury of paperless renewal via online payment. All you need is an Internet connection, a couple of minutes, and a major credit card. It is that simple! Save time, save money, save a stamp.

**Change Is Good.** Over the past few years, we've changed our renewal procedures in an effort to transition to a paperless process. In the past, paper renewal forms were mailed to all PEs and COA holders. Here is how the change has progressed:

Summer 2003 - Use of WV State Treasurer's Lockbox Program for check and credit card processing

Summer 2004 - First Year for Online Renewal + continuation of lockbox program

Summer 2005 - Second Year for Online Renewal + continuation of lockbox program

Summer 2006 - Third Year for Online Renewal + continuation of lockbox program

### Progress Is Great! In an effort

to reduce costs, minimize paper processing problems and streamline the immense manual data entry by staff, the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers is rolling out the following plan, continuing the progress and smooth transition to a paperless process. Summer 2007 - Online Renewal + paper processing through lockbox program by special request

Summer 2008 - Online Renewal + paper processing through lockbox program by special request (+ surcharge\*)

Summer 2009 - Online Renewal + paper processing through lockbox program by special request (+ surcharge\*)

Beginning in 2007, paper renewals will be mailed only upon request. If you wish to receive a paper renewal form to complete by hand and send payment by mail, you will be required to return a portion of the renewal mailer to our office.

\* Beginning in 2008, a surcharge will be imposed on all renewals requiring paper processing by special request to cover a portion of the cost incurred by our office and the State of West Virginia to process a paper transaction.

# **Board Disciplinary Actions**

As part of meeting its mission of safeguarding life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, the WV Board actively enforces the statutes and rules that fall within its jurisdiction. Below is a summary of formal complaints brought before 2007 that have been resolved to date. The actions below were either a result of a formal hearing or informal settlement, resulting in a consent agreement. These disciplinary actions are public records; if you are interested in knowing more about the nature of the complaint, you may request a copy of any order pursuant to the State's Freedom of Information Act. The final orders are also posted on the Board Web site.

CASE NUMBER: VIOLATION: RESOLUTION:	C2004-4 Paul H. Kruggel Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a license, company did not have a Certificate of Authorization, failing to provide timely information to the Board and making misrepresentations/ providing misinformation to the Board. [W.Va. Code §30-13-2, W.Va. Code §30-13-17(a) (6), W.Va. §Code 30-13-21 (a)(6), W.Va. §Code30-13-21 (a)(11) and §7CSR 1.15.1] Consent agreement signed. Civil penalties of \$1,000,\$1,000,\$500, \$1,500 respectively plus \$1,500 administrative costs were assessed. Collection is in progress.
CASE NUMBER: VIOLATION: RESOLUTION:	C2006-1 Earl J. McKinney Reciprocal discipline for actions in another jurisdiction, perpetrated fraud or deceit in attempting to renew license, sealing documents not prepared under his responsible charge, and failure to provide information to the Board. [W.Va. Code §30-13-1 et seq, W.Va. Code §30-13-21 (a)(1), W.Va. §Code 30-13-21(a)(10), §7CSR 1-12 and §7CSR 1-15] Board hearing held, Professional Engineer's license was permanently revoked, a civil penalty of \$5,000 was assessed for failure to provide information and administrative costs of \$1,000 were assessed. Collection is in progress.
Case Number	C2006-2 Green & Associates, LLC
Violation:	Offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
Resolution:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 6/8/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-3 Cummings-Riter Consultants, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR 1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 3/21/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-4 Jerry A. Carter
VIOLATION:	Multiple counts of practicing engineering in West Virginia on an expired license. [W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(9) and §7CSR 1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$5,000 was paid. Reinstatement of license held until 1/1/07. Case closed 3/7/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-6 WV Electric Industries, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Misleading advertising implying the company offered or practiced engineering without necessary licensure. [W.Va. Code §30-13-3e), W.Va. Code §30-13-2, §7CSR 1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Reprimanded and advertising changed. Case closed 4/5/06.
CASE NUMBER: VIOLATION: RESOLUTION:	C2006-8 ARRO Consulting Inc./Parks/Moss   Practicing engineering without a license (Moss) and aiding and abetting the practice of engineering without a license (ARRO & Parks). [W.Va. Code §30-13-2, W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(8) and §7CSR 1.15.1]   Consent agreement signed. Mr. Moss paid a civil penalty of \$250. Mr. Parks paid a civil penalty of \$1,000 and ARRO Consulting paid a civil penalty of \$6,500.   Case closed 9/18/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-10 BHJ Engineering, Inc./Botts Smith
VIOLATION:	Practicing engineering without a license and the company did not have a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-2, W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR 1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalties of \$400 and \$100 respectively were paid. Case closed 12/4/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-11 Tuhin Basu & Associates, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 6/6/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-12 R&E Electric Company, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Practicing or offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 7/27/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-13 The Mason and Hanger Group, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Practicing or offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 8/11/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-14 C.J. Brown Energy, PC
VIOLATION:	Practicing or offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 9/22/06.
Case Number:	C2006-15 Todd D. Poff
Violation:	Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a license. [W.Va. Code §30-13- 2 and §7CSR 1.15.1]
Resolution:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 9/5/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-17 TENSAR Earth Technologies, Inc.
VIOLATION:	Practicing or offering to practice engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 9/26/06.
CASE NUMBER:	C2006-20 Donald Schock d/b/a Arthur Schock Engineers
VIOLATION:	Practicing engineering without a license and the company did not have a Certificate of Authorization. [W.Va. Code §30-13-2, W.Va. Code §30-13-17 and §7CSR 1.15.1]
RESOLUTION:	Consent agreement signed. Civil penalties of \$250 each paid. Case closed 1/10/07

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the following enforcement information is correct; however this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Should you have any specific questions regarding the disciplinary actions noted above, please contact the Board office.



### National Update Introducing the 2006-2007 **NCEES Board Members**

The 2006-2007 NCEES Board of Directors was commissioned at the Annual

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# **NCEES Exam Updates**

The following is a brief summary of recent information received from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) concerning changes to examinations. For more information on any of these updates, please refer to the NCEES Web site at www.ncees.org.

Current Exam Changes - Effective with 2006 and/or 2007 Administrations

- Revised Structural Design Standards for the Civil and Structural Exams
- Revised Transportation Design Standards for the Civil Exam
- New Petroleum PE Exam Specifications
- PE Electrical and Computer Engineering (depth modules under revised specification)
- Details regarding the changes noted should be reviewed in detail and are available on the NCEES Web site.

Upcoming Exam Changes - Effective with the Spring 2008 Administration

New Civil PE Exam Specifications (to include a Construction Engineering Depth Module) - consult the NCEES Web site for details.

## **Calculators**

#### What is the calculator policy? What calculators may I bring to the exam?

NCEES policy prohibits any device that communicates or that may compromise the security of the examination. Of concern is the ability to type in text, store it in memory, and then communicate via wireless or cable connections to another calculator, personal computer, printer, or other electronic device.

Only models of calculators approved by NCEES are permitted in the exam room. No other models of calculators or variations of the models listed below are permitted in the exam room. The following are the only calculators that will be permitted in the exam room for the 2007 exam administrations.

- Hewlett Packard HP 33S
- Texas Instruments TI 30X IIS
- Casio FX 115MS or FX 115MSPlus Texas Instruments TI 36X SOLAR

- Each year, NCEES will review and revise the approved calculator list and then announce the updated list by November 15.

For the most up-to-date information, please consult the NCEES Web site.

# **Pass/Fail Reporting**

In accordance with NCEES Policy EDP14, scores for examination candidates will continue to be reported only as pass or fail. This decision was a formal action taken by the full NCEES Council during the 2004 Annual Meeting and applied to all state jurisdictions as of the October 2005 administration. Numerical scores are not available via the WV Board or NCEES and our examinees will simply receive notification of "Pass" or "Fail," in addition to diagnostic reports for unsuccessful candidates. Diagnostic reports provide a performance overview indicating percentage of correct answers by knowledge area, which is intended to assist the candidates in preparing for future exams.

#### How to use the information furnished on the diagnostic report sent to failing candidates:

Use the diagnostic report to determine how you need to concentrate your study for future exams. The report lists the percentages of correctly answered questions in each knowledge area of the exam. A low percentage (0-50%) in a content area contributed to your failing the exam. Substantial study of that content area is recommended prior to retaking the exam. A marginal percentage (50-75%) in a content area indicates your understanding may be improved by further study, thus improving your chances of passing the examination. Further review of a content area with a high percentage (75-100%) may also improve your chances of passing the examination. This is the best guide you will have for determining your strong and weak subject areas.

Should you have any questions, please contact NCEES.

## Foreign Credential Evaluations -CPEES is Open for Business



The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) announces the creation of the Center for Professional Engineering Education Services. The purpose of the Center is to provide Member Boards with accurate and uniform credential evaluations for licensure candidates with foreign degrees.

"For years, Member Boards have been dealing with the question of how to standardize the evaluation of foreign degrees," says NCEES Executive Director Betsy Browne. "By creating this evaluation service, the Council can ensure greater consistency, set up transparent auditing procedures, and improve turnaround. Implementing this program is a huge undertaking – one that requires a director with extensive experience in highereducation administration, international education and admissions, fraud detection and mobility. NCEES has found just that in Eva-Angela Adán."

Adán, the director of the new center, has more than 20 years of experience in evaluating international credentials. As ABET director of international activities, she established and managed the credential evaluation service (ECEI) unit of ABET from 1997 to 2002. More recently, she served as the assistant director of special projects, AACRAO-International Service, where she conducted academic-credentials assessments for employers, professional boards and academic institutions.

Adán provided valuable insight about the plans for the Center at all of the NCEES zone meetings in 2006. She also conducted a comprehensive workshop on the Foreign Degree Evaluation procedures and the basic structure of the Center services offered at the NCEES Annual Meeting in September, including details on being fully operational and accepting applications as of September 3, 2006.

# West Virginia Update on Foreign Degree Equivalency

On October 30, 2006, the West Virginia Board received notice from the ABET Board of Directors that, at its October 28, 2006 meeting, they approved a motion to suspend ABET's Credential Evaluation Service (ECEI) and establish a timetable of related steps to include disposition of current applications and cessation of new applications. A followup letter was received on November 16 with details on the transition plan to execute the Board's decision, which included closing the applicants' files, confirming mailing addresses, returning all original documents and refunding application fees in an expeditious fashion.

With the announcement of the ABET decision, the WV Board acted quickly given ECEI was the recommended foreign degree evaluator cited in WV Legislative Rule 7-1-3.5(c)(1). However, the same citation indicates "or such other evaluation service as may be approved by the Board." After a

review of services offered by NCEES, as well as other recognized credential evaluators, the WV Board voted during their November 2006 meeting to use NCEES's Center for Professional Engineering Education Services as the WV Board's accepted degree credential evaluator. WV Board Executive Director Rosier-Tabor has been asked to serve as a member of the Center's Advisory Council. This may require providing occasional assistance and additional details on credentials and courses to Center staff. The appointment will also involve a one-day meeting annually at the CPEES headquarters in Miami to conduct an audit on the credentials evaluation service itself. Advisory Board Members, including Rosier-Tabor, are members or volunteers of NCEES selected for their familiarity with the organization, experience in both academia and industry, and diverse backgrounds with respect to their engineering disciplines and areas of expertise.

## 2006 West Virginia Licensee Status Report and Audit Outcome

The following is a numerical summary of registered individuals and firms as of January 2007. The results take into account all new licensees as well as those participating in the annual renewal process.

- » Active PEs 6235
- » Retired PEs 240
- » Active COAs 2053
- » PE Inactive requests processed during renewal season - 187
- » COA Inactive requests processed during renewal season - 39
- » COA Revocations 20

#### Lapsed Status Summary for 2006 Renewal Season

- » PEs who failed to renew 78
- » Retired PEs who failed to renew 8
- » Company COA holders who failed to renew - 48

To view or download a complete roster of the Active PE licenses, Company Certificates of Authorizations (COAs), and Retired PEs, simply visit our Web site. You may also access the online verification search to determine if a particular individual and/or company is authorized to practice or even offer to provide engineering services in WV. The posted licenses and COAs are valid through June 30, 2007. However, as noted in the site disclaimer, users should be cautioned that the current search mechanism is only updated every 60-90 days. All submitted address changes and new licensees, as well as any recent action by the Board changing the status of a licensee, will not appear immediately. Should you have a specific question regarding information found (or not found) in your search, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office for the most upto-date information found on our secure. in-house database.

*Lapsed PE Licenses* – *The following individuals did not respond to the 2006 Active PE renewal. Their licenses lapsed as of October 30, 2006.* 

WV PE #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	МІ	WV PE #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	МІ
014814	ABATIELL	LARRY	A	007200	KOLLAR	. RICHARD	A
	ABDULLA				LENZ		
013618	ANDERSON	LARRY	E	004051	LEWIS	. WILLIAM	M
	BALZER				LILLY		
	BEAMON				LOVORN		
	BELCHER				LUCAS		
	BENTON				MAASS		
	BEWTRA				MAGAHEY		
	BILLINGS				MATEJCZYK		
	BLOT				MITRANO		
	BRASEL				MOJGANI		
	BREIVIK				PASSARELLI		
	BUTKOVICH				PELLEGRINI		
	CARUTHERS				PINIGIS		
	CHEN				PITTSNOGLE		
	COLLINS				PRIMM		
	COSTELLO				PURTELL		
007731	CRAIG	JULIAN	W		REED		
	CULBERTSON			009893	RENTENBACH	. THOMAS	М
013537	CURTIS	STEVEN	A		RIX		
	DUFFY				ROSE		
009566	FINKELMAN	STEPHEN	F	015731	RUTLAND	. SCOTT	К
	FIORILLO				SAN GIACOMO		
013786	FLECK	JAMES	A	014732	SIMPSON	. E. DARIN	
	FU			013394	SMAIL	. GILBERT	Н
015927	GERAGHTY	EDWARD	P	007417	STROBEL	. GARY	R
015973	GRIMBALL	ROSS	G		SUITLAS		
	GUPTA				TAYLOR		
	HIBNER				TAYLOR		
	HICKMAN				VANDEMOTTER.		
015829	HILL	LYNN	C	013175	WAFLE	. DAVID	T
	HOLBROOK			015284	WALDROP	. HUGH	M
003887	HOLDERBY	GEORGE	D	016131	WARREN	. MARK	S
	HOWARD			014043	WAUGH	. RAYMOND	R
013439	HUME	WILLIAM	D		WHITE		
011873	JACK	ADAM	J	013143	WILLIAMS	. DENNIS	М
	JARRELL				WILLIAMS		
016527	JOHNSON	DOUGLAS	G	011083	WYCZOLKOWSK	I ADAM	
008295	JOHNSON	WILLIAM	R	016477	YOUNG	. BRIAN	G

*Lapsed Retired PE Licenses* – The following individuals did not respond to the 2006 Retired renewal. Their retired licenses lapsed as of October 1, 2006.

WV PE #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	МІ	WV PE #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
006826	CHANEY	. FRANCIS	К	015089	KNECHTEL	. WINSTON	E
006885	DIDICHER	. JOHN	E	010458	NYCE	. LESTER	0
004791	FISH	. SAMUEL	E	003778	SCHLICK	. DONALD	P
007499	KEELING	. RONALD	R	001571	SKELLY	. JOHN	J

**Revoked/Invalidated COA License** – The following companies' Certificates of Authorization were revoked for failure to name an Active WV PE in responsible charge as required by WV Code or for failure to resolve outstanding compliance matters with WV Unemployment/Worker's Compensation. Revocations were effective immediately following the renewal season and grace period ending on October 1, 2006.

WV COA # COMPANY NAME	WV COA # COMPANY NAME
C01148 AUGUSTA ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, INC. C01793 B2E CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C. C01340 CELLXION LLC C02277 CHI ASSOCIATES, INC. C01921 ENGINEERING TECTONICS, P.A. C01461 EERDINAND RACH III. DE	C02233HARTRAMPF, INC. C01471RAPHAEL KATZEN, P.E. C01357WASTETRON, INC. C00536WV ENGINEERING COMPANY C02053WEST WELCH REED ENGINEERS, INC.
C01461 FERDINAND BACH III, P.E., MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT C00205 GIPE ASSOCIATES, INC.	C02345 WILLIAM J. JASON, P.E. C02027ZIGLER & PAYNE

**Revoked/Invalidated COAs (PDH Audit Related)** – The following companies' Certificates of Authorization were revoked for failure to name another Active WV PE in responsible charge as required by WV Engineering Law, after their named WV PE failed to respond or submit acceptable PDH documentation for the required continuing education audit. Their licenses were suspended as of November 2006.

WV COA # COMPANY NAME	WV COA # COMPANY NAME
C01365 BROWN & KUBICAN PSC	C02078SEMAAN ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.
C00668J. B. WYBLE & ASSOCIATES, P.A.	C02867SIGN ENGINEERING
C00421 ROSS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION CO.	C01489YOUCHAK & YOUCHAK, INC.

*Lapsed COAs* – The following companies did not respond to the 2006 COA renewal. Their Certificates of Authorization lapsed as of October 1, 2006.

WV COA # COMPANY NAME	WV COA # COMPANY NAME
C02204-00A & E DESIGNERS, INC.	C01650-00LARSEN ENGINEERING, INC.
C01313-00ALCOA WIRELESS SERVICES, INC.	C02103-00LOVORN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC
C00770-00ANKER ENERGY CORPORATION	C02317-00 MAYFIELD ENGINEERING &
C01699-00ARCCON ENGINEERING, INC.	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.
C01592-00ASHCO-A-CORPORATION	C01132-00MCCALL-THOMAS ENGINEERING CO., INC.
C01229-00ATC TOWER SERVICES, INC.	C01935-00MICHAEL J. BOYER, PE
C02230-00AWK CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	C01624-00MOUNTAIN ENTERPRISES, INC.
C02036-00BALZER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	C01230-00MULKEY ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS
C01332-00BARRY E. ISETT & ASSOCIATES, INC.	C01727-00NAYYAR & NAYYAR INTERNATIONAL, INC.
C01215-00CBC ENGINEERS & AFFILIATES, LLC	C01710-00NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO., INC.
C02193-00CENTURION INDUSTRIES, INC.	C02071-00NICHOLSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
C02309-00CHEMTECH ENGINEERING, INC.	C00760-00PARSONS ENGINEERING SCIENCE, INC.
C01586-00CMH MANUFACTURING	C02338-00PEED & BORTZ, LLC
C01153-00CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC.	C02359-00PROFESSIONAL HOME SERVICES
C02267-00DAVID L. SHERIDAN, PC	C01225-00 PROJECT MANAGEMENT
C02034-00EIPEL BARBIERI MARSCHHAUSEN, LLP	CONSULTANTS, INC.
C01783-00ENGINEERED CONCEPTS, INC.	C01876-00R. E. WARNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
C02364-00ENGINEERING SERVICE ASSOCIATES, INC.	C00917-00SAULS SEISMIC, INC.
C02304-00EYAK ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING LLC	C01948-00SPECTRASITE COMMUNICATIONS INC.
C01485-00GTS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (DBA)	C01957-00STEEL VALLEY ENGINEERING, INC.
C02243-00H. EUGENE HUNTER, PE	C01553-00SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.
C01568-00HOLDERBY ENGINEERING, INC.	C00513-00TERRATECH OF VIRGINIA, LLC
C01314-00J. LANCASTER ASSOCIATES, INC.	C02449-00TIER IV CONSULTING GROUP, INC.
C02116-00KRAMER ENGINEERS	C01653-00 WEST VIRGINIA MACHINE & SUPPLY, INC.
C01903-00L. B. FOSTER COMPANY	C00546-00WILLIAM M. LEWIS

#### Suspended/Invalidated PE

*License* – The following individuals failed to respond or submit acceptable PDH documentation for the required continuing education audit. Their licenses were suspended as of November 2006.

WV PE #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	МІ
008326	BLASINGAME	JAMES	D.
015473	BROWN	STEPHEN	C.
015913	CLARK	CHADWYCKE	L.
014678	DAMRON	JAMES	M.
014827	FRAINE	KENNETH	G.
005703	GRIFFITHS	MORRIS	L.
015664	SEMAAN	ROBERT	I.
014848	WRIGHT	VICTOR	E.
009129	WYBLE	JAMES	В.
011716	YOUCHAK	THOMAS	M.
015601	ZHANG	GUO-JIE	

Former registrants whose PE licenses or COA's have lapsed, those which were made inactive at the request of the PE or firm, or those suspended for failure to appropriately respond to the continuing education audit must be reinstated prior to practicing or offering to provide engineering services in WV. To be reinstated, PEs or firms must supply a complete reinstatement application package to the Board along with payment of appropriate reinstatement fees. For complete details, visit our Web site and review the Checklist and Statement of Understanding at www.wvpebd.org/ reinstatement.htm for individuals or www.wvpebd.org/companies.htm for companies. All relevant fees can be found at www.wvpebd.org/fees.htm.

Note: Individuals or companies listed above may have already begun or completed the reinstatement process to bring a lapsed, inactive or suspended license into good standing. Again, visit our Web site for details or contact the Board office for the most current information or with any specific questions.

### E-mail Address Changes for WV PE Board Office

We are always reminding our Engineer Interns, our licensed Professional Engineers, and our COA holders to provide us any updates within 30 days. This should include home or company addresses, employer updates, changes in e-mail addresses, phone numbers and more. *Now it's our turn ... our board e-mail addresses are on the move!* 

With recent installation of new software, we have elected to reap the benefits of hosting our own e-mail service. Effective February 2007, the WV Board e-mail addresses have changed. Please search for the following staff and Board contacts in your electronic address book and quickly replace them with the new. It's that simple!

BOARD STAFF	NEW E-MAIL	OLD E-MAIL
Board Office	info@wvpebd.org	wvpebd@wvnet.edu
Lesley Rosier-Tabor, PE Executive Director	lesley@wvpebd.org	RosierL@wvnet.ed
Tara Smith Administrative Assistant	tara@wvpebd.org	wadet@wvnet.edu
Charlotte Keller Administrative Assistant	charlotte@wvpebd.org	kellerc@wvnet.edu
Vicki Rose Administrative Assistant	vicki@wvpebd.org	rosev@wvnet.edu
Don Johnson, PE Board Investigator	don@wvpebd.org	djohnson@wvnet.edu



It is the responsibility of the licensee or certificate holder to notify the Board of any relevant change in information previously submitted. These include change in name, change of address or phone numbers, change of employer, or change of PE in responsible charge for a firm. This information should be provided within 30 days of when the change occurs to ensure proper delivery of licensure correspondence and uninterrupted Board service. Such information can be submitted via e-mail to info@wvpebd.org or using our online Change of Address form found at www.wvpebd.org.

## Calendar of Events - 2007

January	22 23	PE Application Deadline for April 2007 PE Exam Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
February	15-17 19 18-24	NCEES Board Presidents Assembly, Atlanta, GA FE Application Deadline for April 2007 FE Exam National Engineers E-Week - various activities and speaking engagements
March	20 21-22	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV WV EXPO and continuing education seminars, Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV
April	20 21	PE Exam, Charleston, WV FE Exams, Morgantown and Charleston, WV
May	3-5 15	NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting, Newport, RI Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
July	17 30	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV PE Application Deadline for October 2007 PE Exam
August	21-25 28	NCEES Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA FE Application Deadline for October 2007 FE Exam
September	18	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
October	26 27	PE Exam, Charleston, WV FE Exam, Morgantown and Charleston, WV
November	13	Board Meeting and University Visit, Fairmont State University, Fairmont, WV

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