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# Message from the Executive Director

Lesley L. Rosier-Tabor, PE

This newsletter marks the start of another new year and the major work cycle begins again

– exam applications, exam administrations, renewals, exam applications, exam administrations and so on. However, in an effort to avoid repeat questions, this year I have decided to focus my article on a question that our staff receives on a routine basis. All too often, when the first response provided to the callers “just isn’t good enough”, the sound of a transferred call is directed my way. And this is what I hear...

## “WHY DOES MY COMPANY NEED A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION?”

According to the 2007 NCEES Member Board Survey, at least 40 of the 69 jurisdictions that make up the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying require some form of Board-issued license for business entities to practice engineering or surveying (and in many cases, to even offer to provide engineering or surveying services) within their state. The WV Board is among the nearly 60% of these survey respondents that require an Engineering “firm” to have a Certificate of Authorization (“COA”). A COA is essentially a license for the engineering firm and demonstrates to the public that the company has met minimum qualifications to practice, or at least has the ability to offer, engineering

services in the state and is much like the PE license which demonstrates individuals have met minimum qualifications in education, experience and examination.

Although we receive a number of phone calls and emails questioning the need for a COA, and the topic is often discussed at our NCEES meetings, the most recent edition of the Arkansas Board’s newsletter did a fine job of summarizing the issue stating, “The reason for such a rule is straightforward. Increasingly, businesses are organized as limited liability companies, corporations, limited partnerships, etc. and many have fictitious names as well. As a result, it is at best difficult and most likely impossible to tell whether a firm might be qualified to provide a service based solely on its title or by reviewing its public filings. Requiring firms that provide engineering or surveying services to apply for and obtain a COA prior to providing or offering to provide those services removes any uncertainty.”

In order to obtain the COA, the key requirement of concern to the WV Board is that the company employs at least one PE who is named in direct control or who has personal supervision of the practice and all personnel who act on behalf of the firm in professional matters and is individually licensed as a PE in active and in good standing in WV. This person is referred to as the Engineer In Responsible Charge (EIRC).

A PE who renders occasional, part-time or consulting services to or for a firm may not be designated as being responsible for the professional activities of the firm unless that engineer is an owner or principal of the firm.

For a number of years, there was an “exception” to the COA requirement for a sole proprietor (no employees) operating a business under the exact same name (John Doe, PE). However, the WV Board has recognized those individuals are now in the minority and require any and all entities offering engineering services to follow the same uniform procedure. This change also comports with the requirements enforced by the WV Secretary of State’s Office for any entity requesting a Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate of Authority, and/or business license to provide engineering services in our state. If the entity, sole proprietor or otherwise, includes in their title or among their objectives the words “engineer”, “engineering” or any modification or derivation thereof, the Secretary of State will require a copy of our PE Board-issued COA be filed with the firm’s application for incorporation or registration.

*If you have further questions about a COA, please contact the Board Office and ask for Mrs. Vicki Rose who handles COA matters for our agency.*



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# Board Updates

## *Timms Endorsed by WV Board for NCEES President-Elect*



Leonard J. Timms, Jr., PE  
Board President

At the November 2008 meeting of the WV Board, current Board President Leonard J. Timms, Jr., PE, officially announced his interest in seeking the office of NCEES

President-Elect. If selected by the Council to serve, Mr. Timms is committing to a three-year appointment to the NCEES

Board of Directors, serving as President-Elect for the first year (2009-2010), followed by President during the second year (2010-2011), and completing the responsibility as Past-President in the third (2011-2012).

During the same November meeting, the WV Board voted unanimously to officially endorse the candidacy of President Timms for this national leadership position. This endorsement marks the first step in the selection process, as all formal nominations will be made during the Northeast Zone Meeting

in Norfolk, VA, in April of 2009 and the official election will take place by the full NCEES Council in Louisville, KY, at the 2009 NCEES Annual Meeting in August.

Mr. Timms was commissioned Northeast Zone Vice-President of NCEES at the organization's 2007 Annual Meeting. As one of four Zone Vice-Presidents, Timms is also serving a two-year term on the NCEES Board of Directors from 2007-2009.

## *NCEES Committees Make Use of WV Talents*

Once a year, the President-Elect of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) solicits help from individuals who are qualified and interested in serving on national committees and task forces. This request is one which needs to be carefully considered, knowing those selected assume 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 and 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 with NCEES, as well as other engineering organizations, and regularly 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 current 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.

### 1. Leonard J. Timms, Jr., PE

- NCEES Board of Directors - 2007-2009
- Northeast Zone Vice-President - 2007-2009
- Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines Committee, Board Liaison - 2008-2009
- American National Standards Institute Task Force, Board Liaison - 2008-2009

### 2. William E. Pierson, PE

- Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers - 2008-2009
- Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Committee, ongoing
- Selection Committee for NCEES Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education, 2008-2009



### 3. Richard E. Plymale, Jr., PE, PS

- Advisory Committee on Council Activities - 2008-2009

### 4. Lesley L. Rosier-Tabor, PE

- Computer-Based Testing Task Force - 2007-2009
- Member Board Administrators Networking Group, Northeast Zone Representative - 2005-2009
- Northeast Zone Awards Committee, Chair - 2006-2009

## Board Updates (CONTINUED)

### *The Reins Tighten on Repeat Examinees*

As reported in the 2008 Interchange publication of the WV Board, over the past several years, the WV Board has been increasingly concerned with exam security and the declining pass rates of the WV examinees taking the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam as well as the Principles and Practice (PE). This matter remains a regular topic for discussion on Board meeting agendas as Board members and staff anxiously await the release of the upcoming exam scores hoping for a shift in the poor performance.

Effective July 2007, any exam applicant who had experienced four (4) or more unsuccessful attempts at passing the Fundamental of Engineering Exam (FE) or the Principles and Practice Exam (PE) was required to submit documentation of plans to pursue further instruction in deficit areas. This policy decision was made at the July 2007 Board meeting and applied to all FE and PE exam applications submitted for the April 2008 exam. After review of the April 2008 exam results, WV Board members continue to be perplexed by such low pass rates, noting that only 1 of the 25 who submitted their Educational Plan of Study passed on their repeat attempt.

Unfortunately, it appears this problem is not going away as quickly as many had hoped. For this reason, the Board has again tightened the reins on repeat examinees, noting that this is a significant problem that must be addressed. As of July 2008, the West Virginia Board now requires any exam applicant who has failed the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam or Principles and Practice (PE) exam three (3) or more times in West Virginia or elsewhere to prepare and submit an Educational Plan of Study Agreement. The Plan of Study has to be approved by the Board, and subsequently completed by the applicant, before taking the exam for the fourth time. This requirement for the FE and PE exam admission is based on the following code section and is intended to be informational and educational for all parties involved.

**West Virginia Code § 30-13-15(c) states:**

*“A candidate failing one examination may apply for reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of a fee established by the board. In the event of a second failure, the examinee may be required to appear before the board to present evidence of having pursued further instruction in deficit areas.”*

The Board requires the exam applicant to develop an individualized Educational Plan of Study that includes specific valid strategies for improving knowledge in deficient areas. If unsuccessful on the fourth exam attempt, the Board requires a review and analysis of the unsuccessful Educational Plan of Study and development of a different or more comprehensive course of action for the fifth exam attempt. Once again, the Plan of Study is to be approved by the Board, and subsequently completed by the applicant, before taking the exam for the fifth time.

As of July 2008, the WV Board required all applicants who have submitted two or more Educational Plans of Study, but were still unsuccessful in passing on their sixth or subsequent attempts, to appear before the Board or a committee of the Board for an interview. The interview committee will be composed of at least one staff member and one Board member. The decision of the committee will be final and reported to the Board. If the exam applicant is unable to appear before the Board at the assigned time on one of two designated days, the exam fees will be forfeited and the exam applicant will be required to re-apply for the next exam session, submitting both a new application and exam fees, and scheduling a new interview.

The following procedure is established as a guide for scheduling the interview: Board staff will post the exam applicant interview dates and locations at least one month prior to the exam application deadline. Exam applicants should check the Board's Website,

and in particular the Calendar of Events page, to ensure they will be available for the interview to avoid forfeiture of any fees. These interview dates will also be provided in the score notification letter to all examinees who receive a failing score in the previous exam administration. Board staff will contact each exam applicant required to appear for an interview immediately after the exam application deadline to schedule an interview. Two days will be set aside for the interviews within two weeks after the exam application deadline. For example, if the deadline is January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Board will provide two dates before February 6<sup>th</sup> for interviews to be conducted. Attempts will be made to accommodate those requiring an interview, and the Board may arrange for two different locations in the State. The interview will take between 20-30 minutes, hence two or three interviews will be scheduled per hour.

**Based on a standard set of interview questions, approval criteria have been developed to include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Evidence of completing previously submitted Educational Plans of Study
- Relevance of current exam prep plan to identified deficiencies
- Evidence of what they are willing to do to better prepare themselves
- Board committee confidence in the ability and commitment of the exam applicant to adequately correct deficiencies prior to the exam (formality of current plan, set schedule, desire of candidate, etc)

*If you or someone you know is in the situation of sitting for the FE or PE exam for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time or more, details regarding the procedure for documenting your Educational Plan of Study/ Course of Action on the Board-approved form can be found under the Applications/Forms links on our website at [www.wvpebd.org](http://www.wvpebd.org).*



# Professional Issues and Legal Corner

## Investigator's Corner

Don Johnson, PE

writing the article for last year's newsletter. My focus continues to be pretty much the same: Certificates of Authorization (COAs), unlicensed practice, and professional development audits. One thing that was a bigger problem this year was providing misinformation to the Board.

Regarding the issues that most often arise with respect to COAs, the Executive Director's message (Page 2) provides some excellent information to answer the common

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question of "Why Does My Company Need a COA?". This article should also help to explain the reason for the question on the renewal form regarding PERSONALLY offering engineering to the public. If you answer "Yes" to this question, if you say you are self-employed or if you list yourself as John Doe, PE, and don't have a COA, then you will most likely be audited. In addition to obtaining a COA or providing documentation that you are not offering engineering to the public in WV, you will have to pass the PDH audit.

Providing misinformation to the Board appears mostly in the failure to accurately report things to the Board like investigation and disciplinary action in another jurisdiction, a criminal conviction, or not providing full disclosure during an investigation. Often the penalty for providing misinformation to the Board is more severe than the penalty for other wrong-doing, as the Board takes this very seriously.

Again this year we had a number of people check the box during renewal that they had been subject to investigation or disciplinary action in another jurisdiction when they had not been. They merely checked the wrong

box. This resulted in a PDH audit and a requirement to provide something in writing about the investigation or disciplinary action.

If you have been the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action during the year before the renewal, you need to indicate that on the renewal form. Investigations need to be reported even if they did **not** result in disciplinary action. If you have something in writing closing the investigation or complaint, attach this to your renewal form. If the investigation or disciplinary action extends over more than one renewal cycle, you need to report it each

year. The Board has initiated complaints against professional engineers who failed to report this information.

The number of registrants using on-line renewal is up from 85% to 93%, but this year a lot of registrants had errors in their Professional Development Hour (PDH) information. Many reported activities that fell outside of the timeframe of the renewal cycle, the PDH's didn't add up, previously reported activities were claimed again, the dates of the activity weren't provided, there was incomplete information about the activity or provider, etc. In such cases, a PDH audit occurred because any such submissions with questionable continuing education are added to those selected at random for verification.

**Remember – the best way to avoid a PDH audit is to completely and correctly fill out the form.** However, the Board also does some random audits of the PDH information. Several registrants who were audited had difficulty coming up with documentation of their participation in the reported activity. We encourage you to keep a log of activities and a file of your attendance certificates so if you are audited it won't become a major

undertaking. You are required to keep three years of PDH records.

Another item that continues to be a problem is keeping your Board record up to date. We had several people who did not receive the audit because they had moved and not notified the Board. The failure to respond to the audit resulted in their license being invalidated. The other predicament some got into occurred when a company's Engineer in Responsible Charge (EIRC) listed on its COA changed employers but failed to notify our office. Not only will this present problems for the COA holder, but could affect the EIRC's license as well. First, since you are still listed as EIRC, you might wind up explaining your previous employer's actions should a problem arise. Second, and of more concern, you could ultimately be responsible for a company that is not qualified to offer engineering to the public. A PE, as well as the company, has thirty (30) days to notify the Board should a change of EIRC occur.

*Remember the offer still stands to have Lesley or me visit your group or office to discuss any aspects of licensure or other related topics of interest. Just give us a call to schedule.*

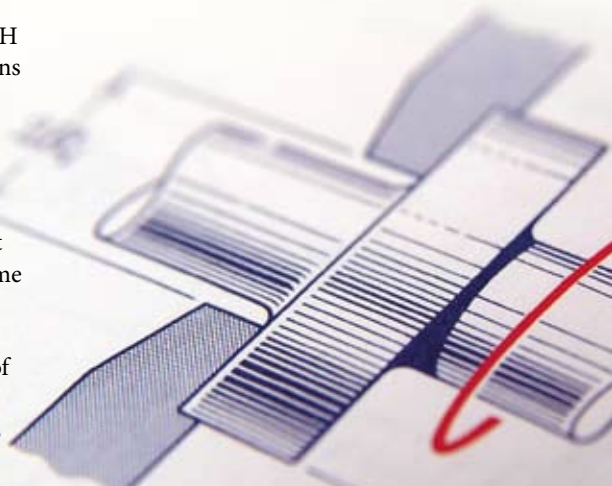


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# Professional Issues and Legal Corner (CONTINUED)

## 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 that resulted in disciplinary action during FY 2008-2009 to date. Numerous other investigations were conducted, some resulting in formal complaints which are still pending; some closed because the charges were unsubstantiated or

considered trivial; and some closed after informal corrective action or warning.

The actions below were either a result of a formal hearing resulting in a Board Order or an informal settlement resulting in a Consent Order. These orders 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. All Final Orders are also posted on the Board website for three years.

All civil penalties are made payable to the State of West Virginia and are deposited in the state's general fund. Administrative costs are made payable to the WV PE Board and are retained by the Board to offset costs incurred in the investigation and complaint resolution efforts. Administrative costs may be waived if the complaint is resolved with a minimum of expense, including staff time.

<p><b>Case Number: C2008-01 Sam I. Deal, Vienna, WV</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without an engineering license and Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-2 and §30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Due to special circumstances the Board Order was modified to only require surrender of other state's seal. Case closed 7/22/08.</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2008-13 WV Engineering, Charleston, WV</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Illegal advertising of engineering services and failure to provide a timely response to the Board. [§30-13-3(e) and § 30-13-21(a)(6)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$500 and administrative costs of \$100 paid. Case closed 9/15/08.</p>
<p><b>Case Number: C2008-3 Vertical Solutions, Holly Springs, NC</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 3/18/08.</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2009-1 Allen Moore, Cameron, MO</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Felony conviction [§30-13-21(a)(3) and §30-13-22(b)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. License permanently revoked. Case closed 9/8/08.</p>
<p><b>Case Number: C2008-4 John Riley, Winston-Salem, NC</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Providing misinformation to the Board. [§30-13-21(a)(12)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Engineering license revoked. Civil penalty of \$500 and administrative costs of \$500 paid. Case closed 9/3/08.</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2009-2 Apex Engineering, Cranberry Township, PA</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization [§30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 12/1/08.</p>
<p><b>Case Number: C2008-7 Prater Engineering Services/Timothy Prater, Dublin, OH</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia on an expired engineering license and Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-2 and §30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$500 paid. Case closed 2/4/08.</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2009-3 Chris Deck</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering without a license, actions likely to deceive or defraud the public and providing false information to the Board [§30-13-2, §30-13-21(a)(11) and §30-13-21(a)(12)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> A hearing was held. Civil penalties of \$5000 for practicing engineering without a license, \$15,000 for actions likely to deceive or defraud the public, \$15,000 for providing false information to the Board and administrative costs of \$2,567.59 were assessed. Collection is in progress.</p>
<p><b>Case Number: C2008-8 Universal Forest Products, Grand Rapids, MI</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$250 paid. Case closed 4/21/08</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2009-6 Domain Engineering/Dan E. Lansdown Tulsa, OK</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without an engineering license and Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-17(a) and §30-13-2]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$500 paid. Case closed 11/20/08.</p>
<p><b>Case Number: C2008-9 Riley Power, Inc., Worcester, MA</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Multiple acts of practicing engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization. [§30-13-17(a)]</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$3250 and administrative costs of \$3350 paid. Case closed 8/12/08.</p>	<p><b>Case Number: C2009-8 Varo Engineers, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>VIOLATION:</b> Practicing engineering in West Virginia without a Certificate of Authorization [§30-13-17(a)].</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> Consent Order signed. Civil penalty of \$500 and administrative costs of \$293.15 assessed. Collection pending.</p>

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 or Website. 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.



# Updates

The following three pages contain an overview of recent news releases received from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) concerning items that may be of interest to our engineering community. Some of these articles may have been adapted to fit the space allocated. For more information on any of these updates, or to review the full News Releases, simply visit the NCEES website at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org).

## Raising the Bar on Educational Requirements for Engineering Licensure

Prepared By: Jerry Carter, NCEES Executive Director

At the 2008 NCEES Annual Meeting, Council delegates and representatives of many engineering organizations gathered in Minneapolis to help shape the future direction of engineering licensure. One of the major items of discussion was the ongoing initiative to strengthen the education requirements for licensure.

In 2006, NCEES delegates passed a motion to draft Model Law language requiring candidates to complete 30 academic credits beyond an accredited bachelor's degree (or earn a master's degree) as a prerequisite for engineering licensure. Since then, members of the Council have wrestled with the specifics involved in implementing this requirement at the state level. This requirement has gone by several names, most commonly the "bachelor's plus 30." NCEES will now begin referring to this requirement more simply as the **master's or equivalent**. To promote consistency and simplicity, I encourage all of you to do the same.

While the Council is nearly unanimous in its desire to strengthen the education requirements for engineering licensure, many within the organization and throughout the engineering profession have expressed concern with the specifics of the master's or equivalent requirement. This prompted a close examination of the work done by the 2007–08 Bachelor's Plus 30 Task Force, which was charged with investigating potential obstacles to implementing the new requirement. Among the task force motions that passed was a motion to change the date of the requirement's implementation to 2020.

During this year's meeting, people on all sides of this debate were able to take a closer look at the higher education issue during various forums and workshops that took place prior to the business sessions. It was an excellent example of engineers working together to solve complex challenges, and it resulted in a decision by the Council to pass a resolution that calls for NCEES leadership to assign a task force to provide the Council with a written analysis of

- 1) **The potential educational, professional, regulatory, and economic impact of the master's or equivalent; and**
- 2) **Any alternative solutions besides the master's or equivalent that could potentially address the challenge of better preparing engineering licensure candidates to enter the profession.**

As we are still in the beginning stages of responding to this resolution, you can expect more information to come in the future about the specific charges that President Henn Rebane, PE, will assign to the 2008–09 Engineering Education Task Force. On behalf of the entire Council, I applaud your ability to address a potentially delicate issue in such a decisive and efficient manner and look forward to your continued and active involvement.

*It should be noted that the WV Board is generally in favor of increasing educational requirements for engineering licensure in order to continue to protect health, safety and welfare of the public. However, the Board also acknowledges there are a large number of unanswered questions that must be explored prior to implementation. WV PE Board President Leonard Timms, Jr., PE, currently serves as the Northeast Zone Vice-President and a member of the NCEES Board of Directors. In his Board capacity, he is the appointed Board Liaison to the Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines Committee and, therefore, remains intimately involved in the decisions that will affect the future of engineering education as it pertains to licensure.*

NCEES is a national nonprofit organization composed of engineering and surveying licensing boards representing all U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia. An accredited standards developer with the American National Standards Institute, NCEES develops, scores, and administers the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States. NCEES also provides services facilitating professional mobility for licensed engineers and surveyors. Its headquarters is located in Clemson, S.C.



## Updates (CONTINUED)

### *NCEES Introduces Online Practice FE Exam*

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) introduces the FE Online Practice Exam, an online, timed practice exam designed to help examinees evaluate their readiness for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination. The online practice exam includes questions that have been used on actual FE examinations and provides valuable information about the FE exam format, style, and level of difficulty.

The FE online exam includes 90 total questions. The first 60 questions are drawn from all 12 topics covered during the morning session of the FE examination. These questions are the same for all disciplines. The last 30 questions address one of the following disciplines offered during the afternoon session of the FE examination: chemical, civil, electrical, environmental, general, industrial, and mechanical.

Each online practice exam contains half the number of questions on the actual examination. Two hours are provided to complete the first 60 questions and two hours to complete the last 30 questions. Questions can be worked through to completion or stored for later use.

Immediate detailed feedback is provided about performance once each set of questions is submitted. The online practice exam is accessible for one year from the date of purchase.



### *NCEES Unveils New Award for College Engineering Programs*

Engineering programs from colleges across the country now have the opportunity to compete for a \$25,000 award sponsored by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

The NCEES Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education will be awarded for the project that best demonstrates a meaningful partnership between professional engineers and students.

All EAC/ABET-accredited programs are encouraged to submit entries featuring such collaboration. Submissions could include projects or activities such as field opportunities for students, practice-oriented course design, or collaborative projects partnering students and local engineering firms. To be eligible for the 2009 award, projects must be in progress or complete by December 31, 2008.

Entries will be judged by a jury of engineering deans, NCEES members, and representatives from the National Society of Professional

Engineers, the American Society for Engineering Education, the National Academy of Engineering, and ABET, Inc.

The jury, which includes WV Board Member Dr. William Pierson, PE, will award a grand prize of \$25,000 and five other awards of \$7,500 dollars each.

The NCEES Engineering Award represents another step in the Council's efforts to promote licensure to engineering students. "We're excited about introducing the NCEES Engineering Award and expect it will be well received by the engineering schools," said NCEES Executive Director Jerry T. Carter. "By funding this award, the Council hopes to promote the development of innovative projects that encourage more students to start on the path to professional licensure."

Detailed information about the award, including a downloadable entry form, is available at [www.engineeringaward.com](http://www.engineeringaward.com).

### *NCEES named ANSI Accredited Standards Developer*

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has been granted status as an accredited standards developer with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). As the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization, ANSI oversees the development of standards for various products, services, and processes throughout the United States. Its membership includes more than 100,000 government agencies, corporations, and academic and international bodies.

"This achievement provides NCEES with a recognized quality brand in engineering and surveying serving the built environment, industry, and the federal government," said NCEES Past-President Gene Corley, PhD, PE, SE. The standard specifies the criteria for a Model Law Engineer, defining competency in the practice of engineering and includes specifications for uniformity in requirements for education, experience, and examination for candidates to attain engineering licensure.

The standard provides the recommended procedures and assessment tools necessary for a uniform licensure process of qualifying professional competency in engineering practice to assure public health, safety, and welfare.



NCEES Executive Director Jerry Carter said the recognition will positively impact both NCEES and its constituent Member Boards by opening the door to international recognition of its licensure standards and processes, including its Model Law definitions of professional engineers and surveyors. "The decision to pursue ANSI accreditation was in concert with the Board of Directors' strategic planning. Being an accredited standards developer allows the Council to better emphasize the importance of licensure across the engineering and surveying professions."



## An NCEES Record ... Do You Need One?

*As long as the possibility exists that you will need to get licensed in at least one additional state, you should consider establishing a NCEES Council Record. To help you determine if being an NCEES Record holder is the right choice for you, the following is a list of excerpts from the Frequently Asked Questions posted on the website of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.*

### What is the NCEES Records Program?

The NCEES Records Program serves as a verifying agency for an engineer or surveyor who is seeking multiple-jurisdiction licensure by comity. Applicants to the program must already be licensed with at least one licensing board in the United States or its territories. An NCEES record is not established automatically when an engineering and surveying license is granted. The engineer or surveyor must initiate the process by making application to the NCEES.

Through this program, the Council verifies and houses the record holder's file, which contains the college transcripts, licensure and exam information, professional engineer references, and employment verifications. When licensure in additional jurisdictions is needed, a copy of the NCEES Council Record can be transmitted to other licensure authorities with a written release.

### Why should I establish a Record?

Establishing an NCEES Record will reduce the time and simplify the paperwork needed to become licensed in multiple jurisdictions. By keeping this information in a single, secure location, professional mobility is made easier.

### Who is eligible to establish a Record?

Applicants must already be licensed as a professional engineer or surveyor with at least one licensing board in the United States or its territories.

### Does an NCEES Record guarantee licensure?

No. Licensure is a distinctive function of the licensing board. NCEES merely functions as a centralized recordkeeping service for the convenience of the professional who seeks multiple-jurisdiction licensure. The NCEES Record is designed to be a recognized and reliable source of information for review.

**Do any licensing boards require an NCEES Record as part of their licensure application process?** Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Puerto Rico require a Record as a part of their engineering and surveying comity licensure application process. New Mexico requires a Council Record for engineers pursuing comity licensure. For all other licensing boards in the United States and its territories, you have the option of applying directly to each board.

Requiring a Council Record benefits licensees because NCEES waives the fee for transmitting Records to jurisdictions that require them. Once professional engineers and surveyors have established a Council Record, there is no need to duplicate efforts each time they apply for licensure in other jurisdictions.

**Is the NCEES Record recognized by all U.S. jurisdictions?** Yes. An NCEES Record

is recognized as verified information by all licensing boards in the United States and its territories. However, a licensing board may not accept all portions of the Record and has the right to request additional information.

**Which portions of the NCEES Record does each licensing board accept?** All licensing boards will require that the applicant complete at least part of their standard applications, and a few may require additional information to supplement the NCEES Record. For more detailed information, please contact the relevant jurisdiction.

**What is the time frame for establishing my NCEES Record?** The entire process takes 2–3 months to complete. The time varies according to how quickly your respondents verify your information. You have a year from filing your application to complete the process and establish your NCEES Record.

### What are the fees associated with the Records Program?

FORMS	FEES
<b>Record Application</b>	\$150 (standard) \$100 (discounted if you have been a licensed engineer or surveyor for less than a year).
<b>Record Transmittal</b>	\$60 per jurisdiction
<b>Record Renewal</b>	\$25 per year Reinstatement and reactivation of an inactive Record is \$25 per year of inactivity, not to exceed \$125.
<b>Model Law Structural Engineer</b>	\$50 additional review fee

### Greater Mobility and Less Paperwork

Although having a Council Record does not guarantee licensure, it is certain to speed up the application process for both the Professional Engineer completing the comity or reinstatement application, as well as the Board staff processing the required paperwork. Get the facts by visiting the NCEES website at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org).

# 2008 WV Licensee Status Report and Audit Outcome

The following is a numerical summary of registered individuals and firms as of January 1, 2009. The results take into account all new licensees as well as those participating in the annual renewal process.

- » Active PEs - 6672
- » Retired PEs - 267
- » Active COAs - 2271

### Lapsed Status Summary for 2008 Renewal Season

- » PEs who failed to renew - 133
- » Retired PEs who failed to renew - 20
- » COAs which failed to renew - 69

To view or download a complete roster of the Active PE licenses, Company Certificates of Authorization (COAs), and Retired PEs, simply visit our website. 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. 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, new licensees, as well as any recent action by the Board changing the status of a licensee, will not appear immediately. For specific questions regarding information found (or not found) in your search, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office for the most up-to-date information maintained in our secure, in-house database. Former registrants whose PE licenses or COAs 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. For complete details, please visit our Website and review the Checklist and Statement of Understanding at [www.wvpebd.org/reinstatement.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/reinstatement.htm) for individuals or [www.wvpebd.org/companies.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/companies.htm) for companies. All relevant fees can be found at [www.wvpebd.org/fees.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/fees.htm).

**Lapsed PE Licenses** – the following individuals did not respond to the 2008 Active PE renewal and therefore their licenses lapsed as of September 30, 2008.

WV PE #	NAME	WV PE #	NAME	WV PE #	NAME
015737	ANTHONY J. AERNI	016751	FREDERICK A. JAMES III	014778	GREGORY L. RILEY
009872	PIYUSH P. AMIN	017124	SAINT P. JOHNSON JR	009043	SHERWIN D. RITCHIE
015289	SEPIDEH S. ASEFANIA	015404	RAMESH S. KALAGNANAM	014123	JEFFERY C. ROBB
012218	GERALD W. AUGST	013792	THOMAS F. KEETER	015349	TIMOTHY A. RYAN
015259	KARL D. BARNETT	016597	LANCE R. KENYON	009584	ANWAR SAEED
014470	LARRY S. BARRY	015375	CRAIG A. KLINGLER	016457	LAWSON M. SAFLEY
016705	TOD M. BEADNELL	017027	JEROME V. KONICK	017189	ANTHONY D. SAVINO
010960	SIDI A. BENDAHMANE	016947	JOSEPH W. KOWALSKI	005680	GREGORY L. SCHUMACHER
015261	STEVEN M. BJORDAHL	013726	EDWARD J. KUIPERS	009645	DONALD L. SCOTT
013533	JAMES E. BONNER	012618	PIERRE R. LAFLAMME	017017	ALIREZA N. SHAHBAZ
005431	THOMAS A. BOYD	016472	GERALD P. LAMINA JR	008959	DAVID N. SHULTZ
010362	PATRICK I. BRANCH	010728	JOHN E. LARUE	013615	CHRIS M. SIDERIS
009562	HERBERT C. BRAUN	008514	GEORGE J. LATULIPPE	012213	TERENCE J. SMITH
015945	MARK L. BRECHER	016492	GREGORY O. LEITCH	007060	JOHN D. SOWERS
015263	JAMES A. BUCK	015406	GEORGE T. LEVO	016547	JAMES R. SPEICHER
009775	JERRY D. CANNEY	015540	WILLIAM T. LINDEMANN	016319	JAMES R. SPENCER JR
016665	RANDY M. CARROLL	015221	RONALD A. LOVE	007412	BARRY L. SPURLOCK
013600	BRADLEY F. CELLIER	014359	HENRY A. MAGNUSON III	009940	MARK T. STABLEIN
008229	WILROY G. CHEYNE	010375	TERRENCE P. MCGEE	011204	RICHARD A. STARR
009925	B. LEWIS COLLINGS JR	009317	ROGER E. MCHUGH	006095	JACK V. STEPHENS
012696	PATRICK O. CONROY	016493	ROBERT S. MCNIESH	009648	RANDALL C. STEPHENS
014621	PAUL B. CORMIER	013825	KEITH A. MICHAEL	015465	DUDLEY D. STONE
016465	CHARLES W. CORNETT	017485	BRANDON A. MOFFETT	016185	RAYMOND L. STOUTD
017476	JACOB C. CRAIG	017014	MARIANO D. MOLINA	015692	RONALD L. STRANDLUND
005137	JAMES D. CRUTCHER	012439	RICHARD N. MORTON	010122	DAVID L. SUMMERS
015148	DALLIS G. DAWSON	016099	LARRY S. MUIR	015577	NATHAN S. TANNER
011046	WILLIAM D. DEADWYLER	015708	RANDY J. MUSK	011675	CHARLES M. TAYLOR III
014690	WILLIAM E. DUMAS	016037	SHERMAN T. MYNATT	017164	PAUL A. THOMPSON
017079	WILLIAM E. DUNN	009867	DAVID G. NICHOLS	012475	RONALD S. TIMOTHY
011049	LESTER C. EHRESMANN	009273	GARY L. NICKERSON	015534	ALLEN Y. TOCHIHARA
007118	DOUGLAS N. ELLIOTT	015728	RUSSELL R. OFT JR	014667	JOSEPH F. TORTORELLA
017147	DANIEL J. FICHTNER	006915	NICK OLIVER	017111	DOUGLAS F. TRUMBOWER
010086	DONALD P. FINN	016124	SASAN PASHA	010394	THOMAS D. TRUSCOTT
014092	MICHAEL R. FLANNERY	016833	VINUBHAI F. PATEL	005180	JOSEPH R. TURNER III
017381	WILLIAM M. GERDING	012002	DONALD S. PEARSON	013174	MICHAEL S. TWINER
016986	ROGER W. GRIFFITH	011661	MICHAEL J. PETERSON	014064	DWIGHT E. URELIUS
005703	MORRIS L. GRIFFITHS	017015	MICHAEL D. PETTINI	006113	MURRAY WARNER
014215	JAMES M. GROSS	017188	ERIC L. PILCHER	014617	DAVID G. WEATHERLY
014988	NEAL J. GRUBER	007812	RALPH W. PLUMMER Phd	016738	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS III
008451	WILLIAM A. HARTMANN	009333	O. DAVID PRESTON	016271	CHRISTOPHER T. WILLIS
016176	BRUCE A. HELLMER	011313	BYRON H. PRICE	008938	PAUL WOJCIAK
014019	JOHN K. HENSHAW	016414	RACHEL B. PRINKEY	016661	BERNARD J. ZAVATONE
014645	ANDREW M. HLUSHKO	012898	DAVID R. QUICKSALL	007795	JOHN M. ZIMMER
015846	MARK B. HOOVER	005151	HERBERT H. REICH		
011360	RONALD L. HORVATH	013832	COLLEEN A. REZABEK		

**Lapsed Retired PE Licenses** – the following individuals did not respond to the 2008 Retired renewal and therefore their retired licenses lapsed as of September 30, 2008.

WV PE #	NAME	WV PE #	NAME	WV PE #	NAME
0004435	SAM BOLIAN JR	0015327	STEVEN P. FRANKS	0004676	JOHN C. RUSSELL
0014500	ROBERT S. BRUNS	0014293	JOHN W. LITTON JR	0010874	LEIV N. RYDLAND
0004143	SANTOKH S. CHAWLA	0007391	ROY G. MEADOWS	0010174	GEORGE I. STABER JR
0007076	CHESTER A. CROMER	0007975	HENRY C. MURRAY	0012576	JENNY B. TENNANT
0016089	NIRMAL S. DOGRA	0010376	ERIC A. NEWCOMB	0010596	JAMES A. WALKER
0009849	DOUGLAS R. FARR	0005813	CLYDE R. ORR	0012171	EDWIN I. ZIEGLER
0008790	DANIEL P. FISHER	0003863	ROBERT B. POWER		

**Lapsed COAs** – the following companies did not respond to the 2008 COA renewal and therefore their Certificates of Authorization lapsed as of September 30, 2008.

WV COA #	NAME	WV COA #	NAME
C02257-00	ADR & ASSOCIATES, LTD.	C03102-00	MINE CONSULTANTS
C02448-00	AUSTIN AECOM CONSTRUCTORS, INC.	C02461-00	MYERS, HOUGHTON & PARTNERS, INC.
C02997-00	BAILEY STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING	C01639-00	NEILL AND GUNTER INCORPORATED
C01332-00	BARRY E. ISETT & ASSOCIATES, INC.	C01398-00	NICHOLS & SLAGLE ENGINEERING, INC.
C00034-00	BENATEC ASSOCIATES	C02389-00	R. A. KAMM & ASSOCIATES, INC.
C02915-00	BOYD ENGINEERING		DBA KAMM CONSULTING, INC.
C01789-00	BURNS ENGINEERING, INC.	C01548-00	R. STUART ROYER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
C02650-00	C. J. BROWN ENERGY, P.C.	C01889-00	RADIAN COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.
C02440-00	CARROLL ENGINEERING, INC.	C02812-00	RANDALL C. STEPHENS, PE
C00112-00	CFW ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS, INC.	C00431-00	ROBBINS ENGINEERING, INC.
C02544-00	CLARENCE E. WRIGHT, JR.	C03190-00	ROBERT C. GILLESPIE, PH.D., PE
C02574-00	DAVID E. BROWN PE	C02912-00	ROBERT E. EPLER
C03079-00	DEAN STEEL BUILDINGS, INC.	C02919-00	ROBERT H. SMITH
C02737-00	DESIGNSYNERGY, PA	C03122-00	ROGER W. GRIFFITH
C02226-00	DONALD M. BRAFFORD, PE CIVIL ENGINEER	C00489-00	S. E. A. ENGINEERS, INC.
C02292-00	DUTCHLAND, INC.	C01688-00	S/D ENGINEERS, INC.
C02782-00	EDWARD J. KUIPERS, PE	C01343-00	SAEED ASSOCIATES, CHARTERED
C02122-00	ENGINEERING ECONOMICS, INC.	C01801-00	SECOR INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED
C00960-00	EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC.	C01327-00	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.
C02492-00	FMC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	C02279-00	STAR CONSULTANTS, INC.
C00189-00	FULLER, MOSSBARGER, SCOTT & MAY ENGINEERS, INC.	C00459-00	STARR ENGINEERING
		C02970-00	STRATEGIC CONSULTANTS, PLLC
C02707-00	GARLAND PATTERSON JR PE	C03248-00	STREAMLINE DESIGNWORKS, PLLC
C01341-00	GREG RILEY, PE, STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.	C02474-00	SYMBIONT DESIGN BUILD CORPORATION
		C03023-00	THE NIELSEN-WURSTER GROUP, INC.
C00223-00	H. H. REICH ENGINEERS	C00583-00	THOMAS W. HOWARD, INC.
C03063-00	JEFF SHARPE	C02839-00	TIMOTHY ENGINEERING
C01930-00	JENNY ENGINEERING CORP., INC.	C03010-00	TRADE EASTERN, INC.
C02418-00	JORGENSEN & CLOSE ASSOCIATES, INC.	C01431-00	TURMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
C03139-00	K2 CONSULTING	C02311-00	UNITED CONSULTING GROUP, LTD
C01638-00	KIPCON, INC.	C01890-00	VANTAGE POINT SOLUTIONS, INC.
C00701-00	KIRBY, KOPLET & ASSOCIATES, INC.	C02899-00	WEAVER BOOS CONSULTANTS
C02856-00	KRW CONSULTING GROUP, LLC		NORTH CENTRAL LLC
C03121-00	MARK MAGRANN ASSOCIATES, INC.	C03045-00	WHITESTONE ASSOCIATES, INC.
C02483-00	MC CLOY CONSTRUCTION	C02606-00	WILLIAM P. BLAKE, PE
C02875-00	MICHAEL J. SCHMIDT	C01134-00	WOOLPERT-KZF WEST VIRGINIA, PLLC
C02913-00	MICHAEL RAY FOSTER		

**Invalidated COAs** – the following companies' Certificates of Authorization were invalidated/revoked for failure to name an Active WV PE in responsible charge as required by WV Code.

WV COA #	NAME	WV COA #	NAME
C02092-00	HOCH ASSOCIATES, P.C.	C02931-00	MARIANO D. MOLINA PC
C01851-00	STELLAR DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.	C03054-00	MICHAEL BAKER ENGINEERING, INC.
C01848-00	CIVES CORPORATION	C00355-00	MONALOH BASIN ENGINEERS
C02273-00	CIVES ENGINEERING CORPORATION	C03069-00	PRICE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
C02104-00	CTA, INC.	C01666-00	ROBERT SILMAN ASSOCIATES, PC
C01746-00	DALLIS DAWSON & ASSOCIATES	C02425-00	STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING & CONSULTING

Former registrants whose PE licenses or COAs 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, please visit our website and review the Checklist and Statement of Understanding at [www.wvpebd.org/reinstatement.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/reinstatement.htm) for individuals or [www.wvpebd.org/companies.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/companies.htm) for companies. All relevant fees can be found at [www.wvpebd.org/fees.htm](http://www.wvpebd.org/fees.htm).

**Invalidated/Revoked PE Licenses** – the following individuals failed to respond or submit acceptable PDH documentation for the required continuing education audit; therefore their licenses were invalidated and revoked as of December 2008.

WV PE #	NAME
016084	DAVID L. BARTEL
016557	JEFFREY B. CHRISTIAN
015913	CHADWYCKE L. CLARK
009132	MICHAEL K. GLEMAN
017105	WAYNE P. GROTH
016886	FRED A. HAZBOUN
013351	DAVID A. HUGHES
013571	HAMPTON E. HUNTER
014312	RICHARD W. MCCOY
010524	ROBERT J. RACE
016838	STEVEN J. SMITH
012733	GEORGE R. UNDERHILL

**Invalidated COAs** – the following companies' Certificates of Authorization were invalidated for failure to name another Active WV PE in responsible charge as required by WV Code after their named WV PE failed to respond or submit acceptable PDH documentation for the required continuing education audit; therefore their COAs were invalidated/revoked as of January 2009.

WV COA #	NAME
C03137-00	BHA GROUP, INC. D/B/A GE ENERGY
C02438-00	CHRISTIAN ENGINEERING, INC.
C02289-00	FOSSIL ROCK, LLC
C02243-00	H. EUGENE HUNTER, PE
C01941-00	MILLER-MCCOY, INC.
C02178-00	WALLTEK DESIGN, INC.

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

# EXPOential Opportunities in 2009

**WV Expo 2009 - The 30th Annual WV Construction & Design Exposition**  
Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009 and Thursday, March 26, 2009



EXPOential opportunities await you at the WVEXPO 2009 as the upcoming industry-wide show includes something for everyone involved with engineering, surveying and architectural industries as well as construction and utilities. The annual lineup of educational seminars, organizational meetings and over 500 exhibit booths represent an unparalleled learning opportunity for attendees. Approximately 6,000 people from across

the United States came to EXPO 2008 to see new products, talk to knowledgeable exhibitors and attend valuable seminars, most of which offer continuing education credit for little or no cost to participants.

As we have done for the last decade, our agency will serve as one of the indoor exhibitors where Board members and staff will welcome the opportunity to interact and provide valuable licensure information to attendees from the engineering and construction industry. During this two-day event, the WV Board will again present a two-hour seminar focusing on key licensure topics, annual renewal updates, FE and PE exam administration information, enforcement activities, and much more. Each year our crowd grows, and with nearly 120 participants present

for our session last year, we anticipate another record breaking event.

In addition to the wide variety of seminars, EXPO has become a meeting ground for numerous trade associations, founder engineering societies and industry professional groups. If you take on an active leadership role in one or more of these organizational meetings with technical content, you could possibly be afforded additional credit toward your continuing professional competency requirements. If you are interested in learning about new technologies, participating in hands-on demonstrations or talking with industry experts, visit the WV EXPO website for additional details on event hours, pre-registration, exhibitor line up and course offerings at [www.wvexpo.com](http://www.wvexpo.com).



## WVSPE and the WV PE Board Team Up To Honor Successful Examinees

Immediately following the WV PE Board's 2008 EXPO session on the Centennial Milestone in Engineering Licensure, we joined the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers in honoring the individuals who passed either the April or October 2007 NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam or the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam in West Virginia.

Although this joint ceremonial recognition had been discussed a variety of times over the years, we always struggled with the appropriate venue and timing due to the nature of when the exam scores were released and the need to issue the EI and PE certificates as soon as possible. Due to the grand opportunities that the WV EXPO offers to these new professionals, it was decided that this annual gathering in the capitol city was the most appropriate. Not

only would our newest professionals be recognized by our engineering leadership, they would have the opportunity to mingle with other professionals, attend continuing education seminars and learn about some new innovations within the industry.

In early 2008, each of our successful 64 PE examinees and 181 FE examinees received an invitation from the two organizations inviting them to attend the inaugural event as well as the "After Hours Reception" immediately

following. Although only a small number of the 245 eligible examinees were able to participate in this first-of-its-kind recognition ceremony, the event was considered a success! Both President Leonard Timms, Jr., PE (WV PE Board) and President Mark Trimble, PE (WVSPE Board) addressed the group, along with some of the examinees' family members and friends, acknowledging their accomplishments to date and providing a vision for their professional future.



**Attention 2008 Successful WV FE and PE Examinees!**  
Watch your mailbox in February/March for your invitation to join us!

*The WV Board again extends their appreciation to the WVSPE Board of Directors, membership and staff for their joint sponsorship of this event. A special thanks to Meredith Gainer for her invaluable assistance and sharing her photographs documenting the event.*

# Congratulations to Our Successful 2008 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 2008 exam administrations. The WV PE Board salutes these individuals on their professional accomplishments to date and wishes them continued success in their professional engineering careers.

## APRIL 2008 PASS

Robert W. Britton	James S. Hollen III	Ryan D. Rinker
William E. Cotton II	James C. Kerns	Jonathan G. Saunders
Derrick W. Crane	Yoo Jae Kim	Dustin L. Sawyers
Cynthia L. Darlington	Christopher R. Lopez	Christopher R. Sprankle
Linthotage C. Fernando	James A. Lusk	Thomas C. Staats
David E. Gaskin	Denton B. McDerment	William E. Steele III
Matthew J. Griffith	Bryan D. Morris	Brigida F. Van Doornik
Wesley D. Hevener	Rebecca Y. Morris	Elijah K. Wagoner
Jonathan R. Hoffman	Jessie O. Parker, Jr.	

## OCTOBER 2008 PASS

Noah B. Accord	Chad A. Griffith	Nathan L. Parks
William S. Anderson	Roy L. Hall, Jr.	Sean P. Rafferty
David R. Bond	Jeffrey W. Hawk	Jonathan M. Rice
Dencil E. Brown, Jr.	Jimmy B. Hudson	Eric N. Stewart
John W. Cole	Nathan W. Hunt	Jeffrey E. Teagarden
Joshua R. Cook	Thomas A. Jones	Corey D. Tharp
Heather N. Dougherty	Ronald D. Lane	Quanxi Wang
Jason R. Esser	Elijah Laramée	Nicolas P. Webb
Stacy A. Fike	Xiaoting Li	Randall S. Whitescarver
Courtney P. Fint	Daniel H. Lipscomb	Stuart A. Williams
Jason B. Freeman	John R. Long	Joseph K. Wissmar
Lora B. Freeman	Willie E. Morgan	

## Go On-Line In 2009!

### *Overwhelming SUCCESS! Over 93% of our WV Licensees Logged On*

Beginning in late May 2009, our secure on-line renewal service will once again be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This renewal enhancement has been accepted by our engineering community with open arms. Over 93% of our renewal respondents did so via electronic submission. Professional Engineers (94%), Retired PEs (92%), and companies holding a Certificate of Authorization (93%) enjoyed what some described as “the crème de le crème” of paperless renewal via on-line payment. **Depending on the number of continuing education entries a PE has, and his/her typing speed, our PEs are able to complete the renewal process in 3-10 minutes on average. For company COA holders, the on-line renewal process takes even less.** In addition, if a working email address is provided on the payment page, a confirmation

of your renewal responses and successful payment transaction is emailed back to you in seconds. This email should also serve as your documentation of your carryover hours for the upcoming year.

As described in previous editions of our newsletter, this privilege of e-government and e-commerce is due in large part to the cooperative agreement between the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office (WVSTO). As we continue to be a remarkable success story of the e-commerce potential the WVSTO has to offer even its small agencies, Boards and commissions, it is important to note this on-going pilot project has been fully supported by the State Treasurer to date and the WV Board

is evermore grateful for these complimentary services. The WV Board staff would once again like to recognize State Treasurer John Perdue along with three outstanding IT gurus on his staff (Matt Ellison, James Doughty and Eric Tolbert) for their invaluable assistance!

*As many of you can now attest, 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, RENEW ON-LINE in 2009!**

## A Work in Progress that is Really Working!



*Paper Renewals – Are They Really A Thing Of The Past?*

Recall from our newsletter last year, the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers unveiled a 3-year plan in 2007 to continue the progress and smooth transition to a paperless process to reduce costs, minimize paper processing problems, and streamline the immense manual data entry by staff.

In late May 2008, in lieu of an on-line submission, anyone could request a paper renewal form to renew the WV PE license or company Certificate of Authorization. However, if you wanted the paper renewal form to complete by hand, you had to detach the postcard contained in the renewal flyer, complete it in its entirety, and immediately return it to our office. Staff then mailed a paper copy of your renewal form to the address of record. With over 9000 renewals mailed in May 2008, only 6% of our PEs and COA holders requested paper and most of those requests were due to their intent to go to Inactive status, which requires a written signature.

*This special request paper renewal processing required a small surcharge (\$5 in 2008, \$10 in 2009) to be paid in addition to the annual renewal fee for the PE or company possessing the COA to offset a portion of the cost incurred by our office and the State of West Virginia to process a paper transaction.*



## Moving? Changing Jobs?

*Address Changes or  
Employment Updates Wanted*

It is the responsibility of the licensee or certificate holder to notify the Board of any change in information previously submitted to the Board, such as name change, 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. Please visit the Board's website at [www.wvpebd.org](http://www.wvpebd.org) to submit your personal changes with a click of your mouse by using the on-line "Change of Address" form.

## Calendar of Events - 2009

January	23	FE & PE Application Deadline for April 2009 Exam Administrations
	27	Board Meeting & University Visit, WVU Evansdale Campus, Morgantown, WV
February	15-21	National Engineers E-Week - various Board activities and speaking engagements
	19-21	NCEES Board Presidents Assembly, Atlanta, GA
March	24	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
	25-26	WV EXPO & Continuing Education Seminars, Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV
April	16-18	NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting, Norfolk, VA
	24	PE Exam, Charleston, WV
	25	FE Exams, Morgantown and Charleston, WV
May	19	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
July	21	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
	24	FE & PE Application Deadline for October 2009 Exam Administrations
August	12-15	NCEES Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY
September	15	Board Meeting, WV PE Board Office, Charleston, WV
October	23	PE Exam, Charleston, WV
	24	FE Exam, Morgantown and Charleston, WV
November	18	Board Meeting & University Visit, WVU Institute of Technology, Montgomery, WV



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