



# **THE PELS NEWS**

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## **THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

by Heather Richardson

### **Completion of Building Renovations 2016-2017**

Our building built in 1955 and purchased by the Board in 2005 has received much needed repairs and renovations. Phase 1-Exterior Repairs, was completed in June 2016 and included a new roof and windows. Phase 2-Interior Renovations was complete in August 2017 and included improvements to the areas of Life

Safety, Building Envelope/Energy Savings, Accessibility/Barrier Removal, Plumbing Codes, Mechanical and Electrical. The Board and staff are enjoying the updated space and we encourage our licensees to visit. The Board is planning an Open House to be held in conjunction with the January Board meeting, details will be forth coming.

### **Governor Hutchinson makes New Appointments in July 2017**

Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed Kyle Salyer, P.E & P.S. as an Engineer Member, replacing Ronnie Hawkins, P.E & P.S. The Governor also re-appointed Engineer Member, H. James Engstrom P.E. The terms of both Members will expire in 2021.

Kyle graduated from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville with a B.S. Civil Engineering degree in 2000. He has been a Professional Engineer in Arkansas and Oklahoma since 2004 and a Professional Surveyor in Arkansas since 2009. Kyle began his engineering career as a Summer Engineer Intern with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) from 1998 to 1999. He joined Hawkins-Weir Engineers as a Staff Engineer following his graduation in 2000. In 2009, Kyle became a partner of Hawkins-Weir and is currently a Director and Vice-President with the Firm. Kyle has previously served as the President and Chairman of the Van Buren Municipal Auditorium Commission and a Director for the American Public Works Association (Arkansas). He has also served on various committees, including the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors, Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, Leadership Crawford County, and American Council of Engineering Companies.



### **Ronnie Hawkins Retirement from the Board**

On a final personal note, I'd like to express gratitude and wish a happy retirement to Ronnie Hawkins P.E & P.S. He was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe in 2009 as the dual member. He has served as Vice-President and President of the Board, and he also served on the Complaint and Building Committees. He provided outstanding guidance, service and commitment to the Board, staff, licensees, and the public. Best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

## **Board Members**

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# Board Elects New Officers for 2017-2018

At its May 2017 meeting, the Board elected Scott Bennett, P.E., and Brian Moore, P.E. as President and Vice-President, respectively.



## **PRESIDENT Scott Bennett, P.E., Little Rock, Arkansas**

Scott graduated from the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville with B.S. and M.S. Civil Engineering degrees in 1989 and 1994 respectively. He has been a Professional Engineer since 1994.

Scott began his career with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) as a summer employee from 1985 to 1988. Upon graduation, he was hired as a Civil Engineer I – Planning Division. He's held the positions of Planning Engineer, Transportation Engineer, Section Head of Technical Services, Assistant Division Head of Planning and Research, Assistant Division Head of Programs and Contracts, Division Head of Planning and Research, and Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning. In 2011 he became the current Director of the Department.

Scott has also been appointed by Governor Hutchinson to serve on the Governor's Working Group on Highway Funding.

Scott is an Engineer member of the Board, appointed in 2015, and his term will expire in 2019.



## **BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT Brian Moore, P.E., Springdale, Arkansas**

Brian graduated from the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1994. He has been a Professional Engineer in Arkansas since 2000. He also maintains P.E. licenses in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Brian began his engineering career at Engineering Services, Inc. (ESI) in 1992 while working on his B.S.C.E degree. Upon graduation he became full-time and he is currently Vice President and part owner of ESI.

Brian was one of *Northwest Arkansas Business Journal's* "Forty Under Forty" in 2003, and was named the 2005 Young Engineer of the Year by the Northwest Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE). He has previously served as president of the Northwest Chapter of ASPE and the Arkansas Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). He has served on the board of directors for several organizations, including the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, Springdale Rotary Club, and the United Way of Washington County. He has also served on numerous committees, including the Springdale Enhancement Project, the Springdale Growth Task Force, the Utilities Committee of the Springdale City Future Program, the Governance Council of Springdale Tomorrow, and the Springdale Sports Authority.

Brian is an Engineer member of the Board, appointed in 2015, and his term will expire in 2019.



**REPORT ON DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**  
**Taken by the Board since October 2016**  
 By Grant Grigg

**CASE NUMBER** #2013-13, In the matter of Robert Allan Callicot, P.S.

**COMPLAINT:** Robert Callicot was paid \$1000 by his client Charles McGowan and never provided Mr. McGowan with a survey.

**RESOLUTION:** On March 14, 2017 Robert Callicot entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Board and was assessed a civil penalty of \$1000 for violations of Arkansas Code §17-42-205(a)(1)(K) & §17-42-205(a)(1)(E).

**CASE NUMBER** #2017-03, in the matter of John Millett, Non Renewed P.E.

**COMPLAINT:** John Millett conducted engineering services without an active license. Mr. Millett failed to renew his license and provided engineering services on three separate occasions while his license was non-renewed.

**RESOLUTION:** On August 11, 2017 John Millett entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Board and was assessed a civil penalty of \$250 for each violation of Article 1.A of the Rules of the Board and for a total Civil penalty of \$750

**CASE NUMBER** #2017-05, in the matter of Jason Needham, P.E.

**COMPLAINT:** Alleged misconduct in practicing engineering. Mr. Needham was convicted of a felony in Federal court in the Western District of Tennessee

**RESOLUTION:** On August 6, 2017, Needham entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Board and surrendered his professional engineer license. Needham was found in violation of Article 14(A)(3) of the Rules of the Board as well as a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(2)(A).



<b>2017</b>	Oct	27-28	NCEES PE/SE exams
	Nov	10	Veterans day – State offices closed
		14	Meetings of the Complaint Committee & Board
		23-24	Thanksgiving – State offices closed
		TBD	Special Board Meeting (Conference call)
Dec	25-26	Christmas Eve & Day – State offices closed	
<b>2018</b>	Jan	1	New Year's Day – State offices closed
		1	Cut-off date for PE applications for April 2018 exams
		9	Meetings of the Complaint Committee & Board
		15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday – State offices closed
	Feb	19	President's Day – State offices closed
		TBD	Special Board meeting
	Mar	13	Meetings of the Complaint Committee & Board
	Apr	13-14	NCEES PE/SE exams
	May	8	Meetings of the Complaint Committee & Board
		TBD	Special Board Meeting (Conference call)
		28	Memorial Day – State offices closed
	July	4	Independence Day – State offices closed
		10	Meetings of the Complaint Committee and Board
	Aug	TBD	Special Board meeting
	Sept	3	Labor Day – State offices closed
11		Board meeting	

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# Rule and Exam Changes.....

- **Surveyor Rules:**

The sunset period outlined in a 2009 Rule change (surveyors could qualify for licensure by experience only) ended January 1, 2017.

In 2009, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 392, changing the licensure qualifications for Surveyor Intern (SI) and Professional Surveyor (PS) applicants effective January 1, 2017. This was soon followed by the Board adopting Rules which incorporated the Act 392 licensure changes.

The most significant change to the Rule, for a SI or PS applicant, was that after January 1, 2017 there would no longer be a path to licensure by experience only. Their qualifications would be based upon a combination of education and experience. You may read about this change in Article 8 of the Board Rules at <http://www.pels.arkansas.gov/rulesregsstandards>.

Every surveyor's qualifications are unique and if you have any questions about the different paths to licensure please feel free to contact the Board staff.

- **Arkansas State Specific Surveyor Exam**

There is no change to the Part 1 and Part 2 exam schedule for the Arkansas State Specific Exams offered in paper and pencil at the State Fair Grounds in October 27, 2017 and April 13, 2018. Please contact the Board office for more information.

- **NCEES Exams in Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Format.**

Many NCEES exams are already administered in CBT format. They are the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE), Fundamentals of Surveying (FS), and Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exams.

Effective January 2, 2018 the NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Chemical exam will also be administered in CBT format. .

The CBT format allows for year round testing at a Pearson Vue test center and gives examinees the freedom to pick the exam time, date and location. Examinees are provided an exam specific electronic copy of the NCEES Reference Handbook which is the only reference material that can be used during the exam. Examinees usually receive their results 7-10 days after the exam. For more information on registering for CBT exams or what to expect on exam day, download the [NCEES Examinee Guide](#).

- **NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exams**

NCEES announced that there will be changes to the following exams effective April 2018: Architectural Engineering, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Structural 16-hour, and Civil-Construction and Structural modules. Visit <https://ncees.org/engineering/> for more details.



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## **CONGRATULATIONS to those who passed NCEES exams!**

New licenses issued October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

### **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS - PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING**

Harvie M Attwood 17404	Charles L Hudson 17423	Kendall White 17441	Trevor S Grout 17715
Tyler R Avery 17405	Robert T Hudson, III 17424	Jason K Williams 17442	Bharathi P Gundurao 17716
Brian R Bettinardi 17406	Casey McDaniel Jones 17425	Temper R Williams 17443	Elizabeth S Heiles 17717
Shawn M Biggs 17407	Prashant Kansal 17426	Yina Zhang 17444	Robert B Hill 17718
Jennifer C Bingaman 17408	D Kuppuswamy-Gajendran 17427	Evan Bowers 17701	Christopher W Howell 17719
Jarrold Brightwell 17409	Jerry T Martin 17428	April M Brown 17702	Christopher T Karamales 17720
Corey W Bryant 17410	Benjamin D Marts 17429	Zachary B Brownlee 17703	Allen D Lewis 17721
Samuel T Clark 17411	John T Metrailler 17430	Daniel W Bullock 17704	Christopher L Lindsey 17722
Kathryn A Dial 17412	Jared Parr 17431	Justin K Carter 17705	Caleb J Mudford 17723
Chester E Duffield, III 17413	Colby T Post 17432	Bharathi Chigurupati 17706	Alex R Roofe 17724
Fred R Frasier, PhD 17414	Aric W Reed 17433	Tavis B Clemmer 17707	Mangesh V Sapre 17725
Dillon G Goins 17415	Steven R Roderick 17434	Logan A Coger 17708	Ryan P Schoppe 17726
William M Graves 17416	Claire Gauthreaux Schoppe 17435	Christopher J Colgan 17709	Stephen C Smedley 17727
Seth H Halford 17417	Paul T Semones 17436	David M Cook 17710	Christopher J Smith 17728
Anna J Keogh 17418	David O Smith 17437	Brandon D Davis 17711	Nathaniel J Sobin 17729
Jessica M Hart 17419	Jessica R Temple 17438	Eric S Endsley 17712	Andrew R Tilley 17730
Jacob L Hohnbaum 17420	Bryan E Walker 17439	Mary K Fair 17713	Jacob T White 17731
Daniel C Hollinger 17421	Seth A Walters 17440	Joshua E Gatlin 17714	Troy L Wilson, Jr. 17732
Seth O Holt 17422			Alexander N Jackson 17860

### **ENGINEER INTERNS - FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING**

Eric Endsley 8657	Chad Fulgham, Lt. 8678	William Wehmeyer, Jr. 8699	Megan Land 8720	Joshua D Norton 8771
Daniel Allison 8658	Joshua Clyde 8679	Istiaque Mahmud 8700	Matthew Wendel 8721	Irene J Makune 8772
Michael Hicks 8659	Saipavan Rallabhandhi 8680	A M Feroze Rashid 8701	Kevin Johnson 8722	Nathan D H Ward 8773
Stephen Shatzer 8660	Joshua Perry 8681	Yi Zhao 8702	Braden Stevens 8723	Nazmul H Chowdhury 8774
Joseph Mulnik 8661	Cody Bennett 8682	Cory Cotter 8703	TRACIE OLOO 8724	Joseph Jabo 8775
Kenneth Fuentes 8662	Jeffrey Madden 8683	Kenneth Pasley 8704	Lance Payerli 8725	Arun Kumar Rajagopalan 8776
Michael Hansing 8663	Kyle Zulkosky 8684	Frank Maloy 8705	Andrew Townsend 8726	Ethan Baker 8777
Mojtaba A Mohammadi 8664	Seth Cagle 8685	Brianna Ovuoba 8706	Joseph Conatser 8727	Rebecca Zapata 8778
Hussam Saleem 8665	Andrew Griffin 8686	Bonesphore Nsengiyukuri 8707	Robert Digby 8758	Patton S Conroy 8779
Caleb Taylor 8666	Quinton Humbard 8687	Kyle McCraw 8708	Corey B Bevis 8759	Travis D Buckneberg 8780
Bryce Reeks 8667	Wesley LeMonier 8688	Michael Steele 8709	Josh Chatham 8760	Chad C Collins 8781
Miguel Caro-Rodriguez 8668	Andrew Morgan 8689	Tapaka Pringle 8710	Jason W Lea 8761	Tanner Harris 8782
Joshua Gatlin 8669	Ryan Watson 8690	Jean Pamphile N Kunda 8711	Chase Webb 8762	Taylor E McBride 8783
Samuel Jenkins 8670	Kyle Crane 8691	Tyler Brafford 8712	Reed A Hill 8763	Mohammad B Ahsan 8784
Martin Garcia 8671	James Vaughan 8692	Eric Winston 8713	Chris Bridges 8764	Haley L McLaughlin 8785
Scott Harrison 8672	Alexander Halloran 8693	Blandine T M Kemayou 8714	Derek K Gilstrap 8765	Kashoua Thor 8786
Gregory Pinkston 8673	Clovis Desrochers 8694	Rashawn Burrows 8715	Jason T Norwood 8766	Mark Z Kelloms 8787
Tyler Feemster 8674	Josilyn Mitchell 8695	Christopher Tompkins, IV 8716	Patrick R Phillips 8767	Mohammad Alqudsi 8788
Evan Schrodel 8675	Michael Deschenes 8696	Joshua Tompkins 8717	Kelly B Vance 8768	Kylie J Farrar 8789
Andrew Dugan 8676	Patrick Barnes 8697	Hannah Tyler 8718	Joshua K Buchner 8769	Curtis A Morace 8790
Zachary Smith 8677	Garrett Dunnam 8698	Weston Conard 8719	Andrew C Leblanc 8770	Aaron K Hamilton 8791
				Rami S Fares 8792

### **SURVEYOR INTERNS - FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEYING**

Brian Watson 694  
Wesley Luker 695  
Kenneth Springer, Jr. 696  
Nathan Xiques 697  
Joshua Bembenek 698

Nancy Barnett 1810  
John Dennis, PhD 1811  
William Gaston 1812  
Lilly J Robert 1813  
Carroll Moreland, Jr. 1814

Daniel Phillips 1815  
Justin Taffner 1816  
Brandon Wood 1817  
Darby Spurlock 1823  
James Williams 1824

Brian D Atchley 1825  
Heath Myers 1826  
Kyle Brownsberger 1831  
Jeffrey Cannatella 1832  
Justin Cody 1833

Clayton Crotts 1834  
Monica Frey 1836  
Joshua Neely 1841  
James Newton 1842



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## **News and Updates**

NCEES launched a new full service database on June 20, 2016. According to NCEES, the MyNCEES was designed to focus on their customers, whether state licensure boards or examinees. From the website, the customer is able to register for exams, download/purchase exam prep materials, apply for an NCEES Record, develop a licensing record, or credentials evaluated for a board.

This year's NCEES Annual Meeting was held in Miami Beach, Florida on August 23-26, 2017. The Arkansas Board was well represented by Vice President Brian Moore, David Beasley and Ivan Hoffman. Some of the highlights of the meeting include reduction in FE and FS exam prices beginning in 2018, decoupling exams and licensure, and the development of a NCEES U.S. Public Lands Survey System (PLSS) exam module.

Due to the success of the Computer Based Test (CBT) fundamentals exams and the Principles and Practice of Surveying examination, NCEES has notified the Board that they are in the process of converting all exams to CBT. NCEES will offer the first CBT for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Chemical examination in January 2018. This exam will now be offered year round with 4 test cycles. The remaining NCEES Principles and Practice Engineering exams will be offered paper and pencil at the state fairgrounds October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

If you have any questions or comments for NCEES, please contact them directly through their website [NCEES.org](http://NCEES.org), online at MyNCEES, or call 1-800-250-3196.

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