

State News for NSPE Members

Leadership Considers Governance Changes

WYSPE leadership has been working on proposed amendments to the bylaws and constitution of the organization. The governing documents haven't been updated for many, many years, and we are working to make them reflect the realities of the organization today.

As a WYSPE member, you'll have an opportunity to vote on these amendments later this spring. You'll be receiving more information in April. Stay tuned!

Congratulations to the newly installed WYSPE state board! Travis Conklin is president (having been president-elect). Eric Nunn is president-elect (president in 2020-21), John Eddins continues as Treasurer, Katie Creasey continues as Secretary, Erin Gates is in the second year of a two year term as House of Delegates Director, and Garret Martin has been elected as a Director.

New Tools Available for PE Advocates

As "occupational reform" bills spring up across the country and put professional licensing at risk, an NSPE-formed coalition has prepared a useful resource kit that can be used by PE advocates to set the record straight.

The [Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing](#) is working to remind lawmakers that highly complex and technical professions, like engineering, rely on a rigorous system to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. It's this rigor that clearly sets these professions apart from the vocational occupations that lawmakers often cite in defense of their efforts to weaken licensing requirements.

You can learn more about the threat in an ARPL-produced [webinar](#) covering the organization's background, its work on behalf of highly technical licensed professions, and the state advocacy tools it's created.

You'll also find advocacy and messaging resources on the [main page](#) of the public Drop Box, titled "State Partner Tools and Resources (ARPL)." On this page, you'll see folders for Key Messages and Talking Points, Lawmaker Outreach Handouts, Public Opinion Research, Sample Letters to the Editor and Op-Eds, Social Media, State Specific Folders, Video Files, and a folder for the webinar.

In addition to NSPE, alliance members include the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

If you have questions, please contact Margaret Edwards at medwards@nspe.org.

Pioneer, Engineer, Power Couple

Fans of Wyoming history may already be familiar with the name Bellamy, perhaps even recognizing it from the Bellamy Chapter of WYSPE. The chapter gets its name from Charles Bellamy, P.E., the [first licensed professional engineer](#) in the country. But the name Bellamy may also be familiar because Charles's wife, Mary, was the first woman elected to the Wyoming Legislature. In 1910, she was elected to the state House of Representatives.

Read the Casper Star Tribune's [article about Mary](#) that coincided with Women's History Month.

Superintendent Calls for Changes to Education

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow wrote in a February 5 opinion piece that state education policies have failed to adapt to a changing society, according to the [Oil City News](#). One problem, she notes, is that the lack of integrated teaching of science, technology, engineering, and math. "Each subject, minus engineering, is funded separately. Other states have already met the modernization challenge and created more relevant expectations for student learning in state law."

Climate Change Special Issue

As climate change effects proliferate, professional engineers are taking on the crisis. They're working to

provide solutions as part of their responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

The [March/April issue of PE magazine](#) includes three articles highlighting PEs' work in this area:

- [“Climate Changers”](#) –Young engineers feel a responsibility to take action on climate with their work—and they’re increasingly choosing to work for companies that share this perspective.
- [“Harsh Realities Drive Adaptation”](#) – Cities are targeting climate-change impacts with comprehensive policies. Professional engineers and AEC firms are showing that their expertise can help bring these plans to fruition.
- [“A Grand Challenge Needs to Inspire Grand Solutions”](#) – Professional engineers have an abundance of opportunities to invent creative, innovative solutions to issues surrounding environmental sustainability and resilience.



Share Your Views on the Engineering Profession

Do you support the elimination of state licensure exemptions? Should states align their licensing requirements to help PEs easily practice in multiple jurisdictions? Does your place of employment welcome diverse perspectives?

These are just some of the issues facing the professional engineering community. NSPE encourages you to provide your perspectives on these topics and more by participating in the [2020 Engineering Outlook & Salary Survey](#).

The 15-minute survey is open to NSPE members, engineering students, and engineering professionals. Participants will be eligible to enter a drawing for one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards.

The results of the survey will be made available to participants and will also be shared in *PE* magazine and other NSPE publications.

[Access the 2020 Engineering Outlook & Salary Survey.](#)

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