

State News for NSPE Members

NSPE-CA Meeting: Licensure Q&A Session

Questions about engineering licensure?



Please join **NSPE-CA** and the **Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists** for a Q&A regarding licensure on **Thursday, October 28** at 12 p.m. (PT).

Mike Donelson, P.E., Natalie King, P.E., and BPELSG staff will be participating in the Zoom meeting. The registration fee for NSPE-CA members is \$10 and \$25 for nonmembers. Access registration for the meeting [here](#).



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Meet the NSPE-CA Leadership Team

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Joseph Quinn is the owner of Materials FACT, a failure analysis consulting business located in Los Angeles. He holds three degrees in the fields of materials science and engineering and has provided well over 1,000 investigations on metallic and non-metallic

(glass, plastic, rubber, and composite) materials or products in litigation, subrogation, insurance claims, and industrial incidents. Quinn is very active in technical societies and industry organizations and is a licensed metallurgical engineer in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Washington.

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Michael Ozatalar has been with Parsons for 30 years and has held several key leadership roles within the company. Currently, he is the manager of engineering and is responsible for all engineering staff and services in Parsons Federal Systems, which performs over \$1 billion in annual revenue for the federal cyber and intelligence; infrastructure and environment; logistics, security, and training; and engineering and technical services markets.

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Ken Discenza is a licensed civil engineer with over 40 years in the land development field. He has provided project engineering and management during the planning, design, and construction phases of numerous projects involving residential, commercial, and industrial development. Discenza has worked in Southern California as a professional engineer since 1980 when he established Site Design Associates Inc. He has been a volunteer for MATHCOUNTS for more than 30 years.

Staff

Jeanne Marie Tokunaga

Executive Director, NSPE-CA and CSPE Education Foundation



Jeanne Marie Tokunaga is an associations professional with more than 25 years of experience in the areas of program management, communications, and executive management. She has a bachelor of arts in journalism and began her career as a daily newspaper journalist.

Governor Signs Military Licensure Reciprocity Bill

Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation ([AB 107](#)) that permits licensing boards in California to issue temporary licenses to military personnel, veterans, and military spouses/domestic partners within 30 days of receiving required documentation.

Starting on July 1, 2023, boards operating under the Department of Consumer Affairs can provide the temporary licenses for one year if the applicant holds a current license in another jurisdiction and is in good standing with the licensing entity. The temporary license can be revoked if the licensee engages in unprofessional conduct or any act that requires discipline by a board.

An applicant seeking a temporary license as a civil engineer, geotechnical engineer, structural engineer, land surveyor, professional geologist, professional geophysicist, certified engineering geologist, or certified hydrogeologist must successfully pass the appropriate California-specific examination or examinations required for licensure by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists.

Earlier this year, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying began allowing active-duty military and their spouses to transmit their [NCEES Record](#) to a state licensing board at no charge when military orders require them to relocate to that state.

The NCEES Record is a verified compilation of an individual's official academic transcripts, full employment history, professional references, and exam results. Once established, the Record includes most—if not all—of the materials needed to apply for comity licensure in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and

the US Virgin Islands.

Historic Power Plant Transformed into Educational STEAM Museum in Sacramento

A 119-year-old power station on the banks of the Sacramento River has been transformed into the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Museum of Science and Curiosity in a \$52 million project, [Comstock Magazine reports](#).

The registered historic building sat vacant for over 50 years; the museum is scheduled to open this fall. Its mission is to teach children and people of all ages about the wonders of math, science, engineering, and art through hands-on learning. The project is the result of a public-private collaboration and is envisioned to be part of the transformation of Sacramento's waterfront.

More information on the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity is available on the museum [website](#).



NSPE's **Job Board** is your one-stop resource for professional engineering employment. Whether you are on the hunt for your next career move or looking for today's top engineering leaders and talent, you will find it here.

The latest California jobs are pulled from the NSPE Job Board and appear on the NSPE-CA website. New career opportunities are also posted through NSPE-CA social media profiles on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#).

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Volunteer Leaders Make a Difference – Are You Ready?

Do you want to influence the future of the profession? Are you a young professional looking to advance your career? Have your professional achievements created a desire to give back and serve?

Join NSPE leaders Tricia Hatley, Megan Schultz, and Craig Sisco on **November 1** (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET) as they explore the rewards, benefits, and requirements of volunteer service. NSPE President Rick Guerra will serve as the moderator during this **free webinar**.

Attendees will learn about the opportunities available and gain an understanding of the skills and abilities desired for these positions. The panelists will also share real-life stories of how volunteer service with NSPE has improved their careers and provided fulfillment of their goals and aspirations. [Register now](#).



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Delaware Improves Licensure Mobility for PEs

Legislation designed to expand licensure mobility for professional engineers in Delaware was signed by Governor John Carney on September 17. Members of the Delaware Engineering Society let state legislators know of their support for the bill through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#), a critical factor in gaining support for its passage.

The amendments to the state's PE law provide multiple licensing opportunities. Individuals with an NCEES Record or who qualify as a Model Law Engineer will now find it easier to obtain a PE license in Delaware. The law was also amended to recognize applicants who are graduates of an engineering educational program approved by an accrediting agency that is a signatory to the Washington Accord. The accord covers 21 countries, including Australia, Canada, China, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

An applicant with a minimum of five years of continuous and verifiable experience as a professional engineer can also apply for comity licensure. These applicants must also submit five references, three of which must be from professional engineers licensed in the US, Canada, or an International Professional Engineer registrant under the International Engineering Alliance.

The law's new provisions also eliminate the requirement that licensees can use only an embossed seal, making way for use of a digital seal.

Challenges Facing the Profession



NSPE Immediate Past President Tricia Hatley, P.E., F.NSPE, offers her advice on how engineers can get the most satisfaction from their careers in a four-part series featured in *Machine Design*.

In the first article installment, [Challenges Facing the Profession](#), Hatley discusses the value of professional engineering licensure and the challenges the profession faces—population growth and urbanization, the recent pandemic and its short and long-term effects on society, the need for diversity to increase the ranks of engineers, and advances in technology.

Member Benefit: Build Your Financial Future with BHG

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- Credit cards that offer low rates, cash back, and elite rewards, designed for professionals.

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