

NSPE-California President's Update: Connecting California

Dear California Engineers,

As we look ahead to the NSPE PE Conference in Las Vegas July 18-22, we are closing our first year of rebuilding NSPE-California to continue bringing your needs as a member into the core of our activities and communications throughout the year. Some of the things you can look forward to as we head into our new fiscal year beginning July 1:

- Formally establishing new member-centric regions, including the addition of the Greater Los Angeles Region, for NSPE-California local events close to where you practice.
- Continuation of our emerging technology themed NSPE-California Lunch Breaks, virtual sessions with improved ease of connectivity, to discuss technological themes at the intersection of engineering, ethics and public well being.
- Leveraging our partnerships with other local professional organizations to bring cross-functional and cross-discipline exposure to your own fields of practice.
- Continued emphasis on talent pipeline, from MATHCOUNTS and student NSPE-California chapter activities to career-centric emerging engineering professionals.

In addition, if you are seeking to broaden your own career development with a chance to grow your own leadership skills, our call for NSPE-California volunteers will also go out this July, so stay tuned there as well!

If you will be attending this year's annual meeting in Las Vegas, look for a post on our [online members-only community](#) on an informal meetup to get to meet other NSPE-California members face to face during the conference.

Thanks as always for all you do to support NSPE-California and the engineering profession as a whole.

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NSPE-California President (2017-19)
Your NSPE Society in California

NSPE-California Members in Monterey Region - May 17 Event & Plant Tour

The Monterey Region of NSPE-California is hosting its May General Meeting on Thursday May 17. The event includes a tour of the Pure Water Monterey Facility as well as a preview of the new Advanced Water Treatment Facility which is under construction (so please bring your PPE!)

For more details or to RSVP, please reach out to [Kacey Held](#)

Engineering, Law, & Technology (EL&T)

NSPE's Monitoring Page for legislation that may negatively impact professional licensure is [here](#).

CSPE Community!

As a valued member of CSPE, we invite you to participate in our new [online members-only community](#) discussion board for California Engineers. We'll be using this spot for introductions and discussion topics ranging from artificial intelligence, PEs and emerging technologies, and other local issues important to California Engineers.

NSPE Champions Federal QBS Provision

NSPE successfully advocated for the inclusion of a provision in the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 4) to strengthen qualifications-based selection requirements for airports.

The Society partnered with other engineering and construction associations and sent a [letter](#) to Bill Shuster (R-PA), chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, urging the incorporation of a bipartisan amendment offered by Rep. Bruce Westerman, P.E. (R-AR) and Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL).

The Westerman-Lipinski amendment clarifies existing rules to ensure that airports follow a uniform QBS process for airport projects that use Airport Improvement Program funds. The House of Representatives approved the FAA reauthorization on April 27 by a vote of 393 to 13. The focus now shifts to the Senate, where companion legislation is being drafted.

Enhance Your Professionalism With NSPE's Spring Webinars

As engineering disciplines become more specialized, continuing education becomes more crucial to managing a rising career. NSPE's webinars can help PEs stay current on a variety of topics.



Members receive a discounted rate on the following webinars:

- [Engineering Career Development: How to Manage and Retain the Future Workforce](#)
May 23 at 2 p.m. ET
- [License to Succeed: Compliance for Architecture, Engineering, & Construction Firms](#)
June 13 at 2 p.m. ET

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Show Your NSPE Pride!

NSPE members recently received Tech Tattoos in the mail. These are vinyl decals designed to remove in one piece and with no adhesive transfer. You can personalize your tech devices, water bottles, office windows, or more with the stickers.

Put your NSPE membership on display! Share a photo of where you put your NSPE Tech Tattoo on social media and tag it with #NSPEpride.



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