

State News for NSPE Members

Norwich University Moves South

This fall, Norwich University will open the first civil engineering program on the Mississippi Gulf Coast—yes, Mississippi. The program will be offered at will be offered at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, specifically designed for Seabees, [reports Mississippi's WLOX](#). Until now, the Navy would not let enlisted sailors in construction trades become Navy Civil Engineer Corps officers without leaving the service. The new program will be offered to civilians, but it is designed to accommodate the strenuous schedule of Seabees and their families.

“Engineering is not an easy program and it’s even harder if you’re active duty, and then you’re going to try to add on going to classes, finding a program that will accept your credits and how you’re going to get everything done,” said Kevin Beal of Norwich University. “Building this pathway and having it right here on base at NCBC Gulfport that we hope will lead to sailors’ success in the program.”

Keep Your Leachate Out of Our Drinking Water

Quebec legislators want Vermont to ban the discharge of leachate into Lake Memphremagog, which provides drinking water to more than 175,000 Canadians, [according to VT Digger](#). In the fall, PFAS chemicals were detected in the lake. Environmental groups suspect the source is a Coventry landfill, the only operating landfill in Vermont. Landfill owner Casella Waste Systems says there is no evidence of a link.

Quebec’s National Assembly voted 118-0 to ask the province’s government to take a stand on “permanently banning discharging treated leachate into the Lake Memphremagog watershed and to solicit the Vermont government to ensure this is done.” Julie Moore, secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has been in contact with Benoit Charette, the Quebec minister of the environment. ANR plans to collect data on PFAS concentrations throughout the Memphremagog watershed. “There isn’t a lot of data that’s available in order to have that kind of informed conversation,” she said of the debate around leachate in the lake.

A 'Monstrous Project'

A historic brick train depot in New Haven, built in the 1850s, will be moved to a new location about a mile away, [reports WCAX](#). The move is necessary to make way for an Amtrak route.

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

Register for the 2021 Virtual PECon

Registration is now open for NSPE's [Virtual Professional Engineers Conference 2021](#) (August 3–5). The [early bird registration](#) rate deadline is **July 15**.

Attendees will have access to up to 14 unique and insightful PDH sessions (live and on-demand sessions) and will have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and experts from across the country through morning “coffee chats” and Mastermind sessions. In the Mastermind sessions, attendees will address their most pressing professional issues and tap into the knowledge, experience, and advice of their peers and PE experts to help workshop solutions. There will also be virtual engineering facility tours and a celebration of [PE Day](#) (August 4).



PECon at a Glance

- [Bridging the Gap to Leadership: Connecting the Skills You Have with the Skills You Need](#) (Shelley Row, P.E., CSP, Leadership and Decision-Making Expert)
- [Florida International University Bridge Failure, A Study in Ethics](#) (Susan Sprague, P.E., F.NSPE, Senior Associate, and Eric Tappert, P.E., Consultant)
- [AI and the Evolving Role of the “Traditional” Engineer: An Engineer’s Perspective from NASA to Infrastructure and Beyond](#) (Kimberly Johnson, P.E., Founding Principal)
- [Reaching New Heights in Engineering](#) (Alan Mallory, P.E., PMP, Speaker,

Registration Options

A **Day Pass** for NSPE members is \$99 until July 15 and \$149 after July 15. The pass provides access to four PDH sessions, networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables of your choice each day, and evening post-session discussions.

The **All Access Pass** for NSPE members is \$249 until July 15 and \$299 after July 15. This pass provides access to 14 PDH sessions, access to daily networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables, and evening post session discussions.

Student members can register for a Day Pass or the All Access Pass for free until July 15. The rate for both passes is \$50 after July 15. Nonmembers can join NSPE for \$299 and receive member pricing.

Women in Engineering Event to Explore Gender and Racial Equity

DiscoverE and the Congressional Women in STEM Caucus will co-host an event on **June 23**, in celebration of [International Women in Engineering Day](#). The event will include a lively panel discussion exploring the factors that attract girls to engineering, why women persist in the field, and the role you can play in achieving gender and racial equity in engineering and technology.

NSPE Government Relations staff coordinated the participation of the Women in STEM Caucus for the event. The Women in STEM Caucus seeks to bring public and congressional awareness to policies, programs, and initiatives that support women in STEM fields, and develops the next generation of women leaders. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), and Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) serve as caucus co-chairs.

NSPE [recognizes](#) the benefits of a diverse population of licensed engineers in shaping the future of engineering. Diverse backgrounds foster unique contributions and capabilities and create an inclusive community ultimately leading to a more creative, effective and technically respected community.

[Register here.](#)

2021–22 Call for Volunteers

NSPE needs your knowledge, expertise, and time to help the Society carry out its [vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan](#) . Volunteer positions begin in mid-August and end at the 2022 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**
Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**
Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference meetings.
- **Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)–Ad Hoc Volunteer**
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

[Submit forms by July 9 to be considered for a 2021-22 term.](#)

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