

State News for NSPE Members

NSPE-NV April Luncheon Meeting Recap

NSPE-NV held a luncheon meeting on April 18 featuring a presentation on "**Say What? Five Key Communication Tools for Your Success**" by Jason Gardner, the manager of organizational Change for Southwest Gas.

Meet the Presenter – Jason Gardner



Jason Gardner, CPTD, is the manager of organizational change for Southwest Gas, a natural gas transportation and distribution company with over 2300 employees across a three-state service territory. In this role, he strategizes and delivers expert organizational change management leadership and support for department-level and large-scale organizational change projects across the Southwest Gas enterprise. Gardner's team focuses on addressing the people side of change projects (e.g., process, technology, organizational structure, and culture changes), and collaborates with groups and levels across the organization including project teams in integrating change management activities into their business and project plans.

Gardner participated in a two-year job rotation where he oversaw the

organizational change activities for the largest transformation project in Southwest Gas' history: the Customer Information System conversion to SAP. The changes included providing enhanced customer self-service and delivering faster and more accurate information.

Gardner is one of the first Certified Professionals in Talent Development in Southern Nevada, achieving this certification in 2009. He is also a past-president of the local chapter of the Association for Talent Development (formerly ASTD).

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Nevada MATHCOUNTS Team Gets Ready for National Competition

Congratulations to the Nevada mathletes who will represent the state during the upcoming **2023 Raytheon Technologies MATHCOUNTS Competition** finals that will take place May 14–15 in Orlando, Florida. Access more national competition information [here](#).

The Nevada team includes the following student members and coach:

- **Julian Kuang** (7th grade) Davidson Academy-Reno, NV
- **Liam Reddy** (8th grade) Davidson Academy Online-Las Vegas, NV
- **Max Tsai** (6th grade) Davidson Academy Online-Las Vegas, NV
- **Lucas Wu** (8th grade) Davidson Academy-Reno, NV
- **Darren Ripley** (Coach) Davidson Academy-Reno, NV

And a special thank you goes out to our coordinators and volunteers!

- Jennifer Davis (Southern Nevada coordinator)
- Claire Kohatsu (Southern Nevada coordinator)
- Seena Drapala (Northern Nevada coordinator)
- Kenneth Albright (exam room proctor & Countdown Round announcer)
- Linda Carvolth (exam runner)
- Venu Kalakuntla (photographer)
- Molly Marks (UNLV event coordinator & UNLV student support)
- Brook Demitropoulos (head grader)
- Exam Graders: Jess Brown, Gari Lindsey, Julia Rabello, Mary Clyburn,

Andrew Howard, Christian Livingston, Steve Cox, and Michael Feuerstein

- ASCE YMF – STEAM Activity Volunteers: Michael Feuerstein, Trent Hanson and Jessica Reyes

NSPE-NV supports the next generation of PEs through engagement in the MATHCOUNTS program. Each March, middle school students from across our state come together for the Nevada MATHCOUNTS Competition. These students are some of the most capable and hardworking young mathematicians in our state, and the top scoring students earn the prestigious honor of representing Nevada at the national level.

MATHCOUNTS Sporting Clays Tournament & Fundraiser

The MATHCOUNTS Sporting Clays Tournament & Fundraiser (a 50-clay shoot) will take place on **Friday, May 5**, at the Pro Gun Club located in Boulder City. Food and beverages will be provided by a taco food truck. Stay tuned for more event and registration details!

2023 Engineers Week Finale Banquet

This year's **Engineers Week Finale Banquet** will be held on **Saturday, May 13** (starting at 6:00 p.m.) at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. The banquet will be followed by an afterparty. Stay tuned for more information on registration and sponsorships the NSPE-NV [website](#).

Licensing Board Meeting

The [Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors](#) is holding a [virtual public meeting today \(Thursday, April 20\)](#). Access the meeting agenda [here](#).

Nevada Secures \$63.5 Million to Upgrade Drinking Water Infrastructure

Nevada has secured more than \$63.5 million in federal funding to upgrade drinking water infrastructure around the state, according to a [News 3 report](#).

The funding comes from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund established by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to US Representative Dina Titus. "I supported and voted for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law because of investments like this one which will help ensure access to safe, clean drinking water for my constituents and communities across Nevada," Titus said in a statement.

Nevada is one of several states to receive funding via the EPA's fund. The agency found in its seventh infrastructure needs survey and assessment that the 20-year national need for states is estimated at \$625 billion.

Are You Ready to Lead Within NSPE-NV?

NSPE-NV is seeking individuals to serve as vice president at the Southern Nevada chapter level and secretary for the state society/foundation boards.

Please contact Trisha Sakaguchi (Trisha.Sakaguchi@atkinsglobal.com), Christian Herrera (Christian.Herrera@swgas.com), Martin Jensen (MJensen@UniversalEngineering.com) or Bob Thomsen (Bob.Thomsen@gesnevada.com) if you are interested.

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

Don't Hesitate to Share Your PE Story

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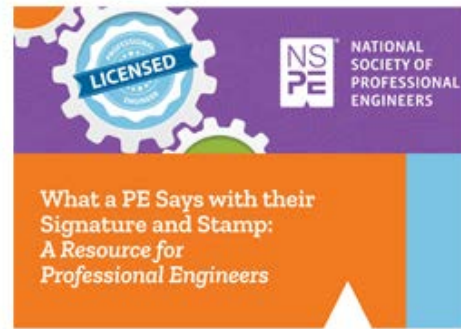
Have you ever thought about how many people will ever need to hire an engineer? Probably not very many. But as engineers, we have a huge impact on their lives and in countless ways. For example, we all expect clean water to come out of the faucet, the lights to come on when we want, the bridge we cross on the way to work to be safe, the air we breathe to be clean, and the products we buy for our kids to be safe. When engineers do their best work, most people don't even notice. Yet, as a profession we strive to make everyone's life better.

The work of our profession by design affects the lives of many people—likely tens of thousands on a daily basis. In my case, I work in the public works department in the community that I reside and that means the decisions I make don't just affect nameless strangers. The people in this community are my neighbors, my friends, and my family. [Read more.](#)

New Policy Documents: The Signature and Stamp, Key Issues for the PE

The Committee on Policy and Advocacy has

released the “[What a PE Says with their Signature and Stamp](#)” document. The document provides a general awareness of the PE signature and stamp process and includes best practices and lessons learned for those considering developing or improving their own process. The committee recently updated and released the documents, “[What is a PE?](#)” and “[Key Issues for the Professional Engineer.](#)” Updated position statements can be accessed [here](#).



QBS Awards Program Accepting Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominations for the 2023 QBS Awards. The [QBS Awards program](#) promotes and recognizes the exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process.

Award winners [serve as examples of how well the QBS process works](#), and they help NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use, or underuse, QBS to procure engineering services. A maximum of one QBS Award may be presented to the federal government sector, the state government sector (includes all governmental units under the state level), and nongovernment sector.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 1** (close of business). Access the awards information and nomination form [here](#).

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