

## State News for NSPE Members

### Are You Ready to Lead Within NSPE-NV?

NSPE-NV is seeking individuals to serve as vice president at the state chapter level and for the state foundation.

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### Governor Appoints Infrastructure Bank Executive Director

Governor Steve Sisolak recently appointed Asheesh S. Bhalla to serve as the first Nevada State Infrastructure Bank executive director. He began serving in this role on September 19.



Bhalla is a state prosecutor and former corporate defense attorney and previously served as the deputy attorney general for the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. He provided counsel to Nevada state agencies including the Cannabis Compliance Board, State Environmental Commission, Nevada Athletic

Commission, and the Real Estate Commission.

During Sisolak's State of the State speech in February, he promised to fund the previously unfunded State Infrastructure Bank with an initial \$75 million. In July, the bank started accepting applications for qualified infrastructure projects, including affordable housing, education, and other infrastructure projects.

### **Infrastructure Investments Website**

Governor Sisolak officially launched a website highlighting infrastructure investments coming to Nevada through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, [NevadaBuilds.com](https://www.nevadabuilds.com).

The website highlights money Nevada is investing into infrastructure projects from transportation to clean energy to high-speed internet access and the funding Nevada is intending on applying for future projects.

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## **NSPE-NV Meeting Recap—Ethics for Engineers**

NSPE-NV held a luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, September 20**, featuring **Steve Hiner, P.E.**, who works for the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as a compliance investigator. During the meeting, Hiner discussed the NSPE Code of Ethics, the public's perception of engineers, and Nevada engineering statutes and regulation.

### **Meet the Presenter—Steven Hiner, P.E.**



Steve Hiner, P.E., is a compliance investigator for the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and is the owner of L.S. Hiner Consulting PLLC.

Hiner previously worked for Rinker Materials, a national manufacturer of precast concrete pipe and box culverts, for over 41 years. Considered an expert in his field, he has held a number of positions at Rinker including sales engineer, plant manager, corporate engineer and director of product development.

Prior to joining Rinker Materials, he was a technical services engineer and

materials engineer for Martin Marietta Cement in the Washington, DC-Baltimore area. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and is also a licensed engineer in Texas.

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## Volunteer Opportunity

The [Just One Project](#) is seeking volunteers for its latest Pop Up & Give Mobile Market on **Saturday, September 24**, at various locations from 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to participate in this volunteer opportunity, you can [sign up](#) online. Please wear comfy closed toed shoes and bring water. Children 10 and older are welcome to participate.

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## Support Local Engineering Scholarships and STEAM Outreach

NSPE-NV Southern Nevada Chapter donates to local engineering scholarships and STEAM outreach in local schools. With your support and generous donation of \$10, we can ensure the continuation of making these opportunities possible for our local students and engineering community members.

A donation is optional, but would be greatly appreciated! Click [here](#) to donate. Please feel free to contact us with any questions via [email](#).

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## Licensing Board Meeting

The [Nevada Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors](#) has scheduled an interim board meeting on **Thursday, October 13**, at 9:15 a.m. Access meeting information [here](#). The meeting can be [attended virtually](#) or by dialing into the meeting: +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 8286438008

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## Moving the Society Closer to Our Vision

*By Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE, President 2022-2023*

What does NSPE mean to you? I'd like to try to tell you what it means to me. I began my career with a small civil engineering firm with a focus on



municipal engineering. After a few years, I moved to the public works department in Jefferson City, Missouri. This is the same city where my wife and I have raised our three children. As a result, I've had the privilege of working for the community that I have called home most of my career.

Like many of you, I was approached by another engineer early in my career and asked to join NSPE. I have moved through various leadership and volunteer roles at the chapter, state, and national levels. I could not be more humbled to be the president of NSPE. I never dreamed that I would be in this position. As I got involved with NSPE, I met and built friendships with many wonderful engineers within my community, around the state, and across this great country. Each time I get involved and want to give back, I seem to receive so much more than I give. Our founder David Steinman probably had similar thoughts. Steinman understood that the technical problems of the various engineering disciplines are different, but the interests of the profession are shared. He founded NSPE to unite the profession around those common interests. NSPE was created, and continues today, to be the single national professional society, with solidarity of purpose and concentration of strength, to provide for the professional interests of the engineering profession.

NSPE has adopted as our vision: A world where the public can be confident that the engineering decisions affecting their lives are made by qualified and ethically accountable professionals. Our vision statement is a simple statement, but a very powerful message. I heard once that the average engineer holds the lives of more people in their hands than any doctor could see in a lifetime. As I considered that statement, I couldn't help but think about the awesome responsibility we carry. NSPE was created and continues today to help all members of our profession fulfill that responsibility.

[Read more.](#)

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## **Nominations Open: Federal Engineer of the Year**

Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the [Federal Engineer of the Year Award](#).

Nominations for the award, which attracts

participation from more than a dozen federal agencies, are open until October 31.

The FEYA ceremony is scheduled for February 24, 2023, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tickets will be available for sale in January. [Apply or nominate a worthy engineer.](#)

### **The 2022 Federal Engineer of the Year**

**Robert Zueck, Ph.D., P.E.**, was named NSPE's 2022 Federal Engineer of the Year for his discoveries and contributions in the engineering field during a [virtual awards event](#) in February.

Prior to retirement, Zueck worked in the US Department of the Navy's Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), Expeditionary Warfare Center at Port Hueneme, California. He is heralded for applying his vibration research to military defense projects for which engineers can now design beyond the speed, agility, and stealth limitations of many military sensors, weapons, and platforms. Find out more about Zueck in a [PE article](#).



## **Access Free WORKability Wednesdays Webinars**

The reviews of the [Engineering: Addressing Unintended Consequences as a Professional](#) webinar are excellent. "Applicable to all engineering disciplines," says one attendee.

If you were busy this summer and missed it, there is time to watch this thought-provoking webinar at NSPE's PE Institute. All webinars in the [spring series](#) are available free to members. Watch for more information soon about what to expect in the fall series lineup!



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