

State News for NSPE Members

Upcoming NSPE-NV Meeting: Ethics for Engineers

NSPE-NV will hold an in-person luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, March 21** (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) featuring a presentation on ethics. **Steve Hiner, P.E.**, who works for the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as a compliance investigator is the featured speaker. Hiner will discuss the [NSPE Code of Ethics](#), the public's perception of engineers, and Nevada engineering statutes and regulations. A virtual attendance option is available (must register by March 20 at 5:00 p.m.). Access meeting information and registration [here](#).

Meet the Presenter – Steve 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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Nevada Licensing Board to Hold Public Workshops on Regulations

The [Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors](#) will hold public workshops in Reno and Las Vegas on **Monday, March 27** (12:00 p.m.) to receive comments pursuant to [Executive Order 2023-003](#). Access the meeting agenda and information [here](#).

On January 12, Governor Joe Lombardo issued Executive Order 2023-003 directing boards to review regulations under their purview and identify at least 10 regulations for removal and also propose amendments that would improve or clarify any existing regulations and consider amendments that would speed the licensing process.

The purpose of this workshop is to do the following:

- Receive public comment on the board's recommendations as set out in [Attachments A and B](#); and
- Identify any other regulatory changes that workshop participants feel are worthy of consideration by the board.

Public Workshop Locations

- 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 258, Reno, NV 89502
- 241 W Charleston Boulevard, Suite 130, Las Vegas, NV 89702

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](#).

NSPE-NV MATHCOUNTS Activities and Events

The state MATHCOUNTS competition will take place on **Saturday, March 25**, at the UNLV School of Engineering (SEB) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thank you in

advance to our volunteers! The winning Nevada team will participate in the national MATHCOUNTS competition May 14-15 in Orlando, Florida.

Coming Soon: 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!

Nevada Plans for 'Aggressive' Approach to Economic Development

Amid the national transition to more renewable sources of energy, Governor Joe Lombardo's economic development office has released an [updated five-year strategic plan](#) focused on expanding the state's electric vehicle production, technological innovation, and new infrastructure.

The plan is aimed at growing the state's economy, including a push to make Nevada the "lithium capital of North America," funding for new industrial parks (such as the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center) and expanding the state's broadband and 5G cell network infrastructure, [The Nevada Independent reports](#).

"Nevada is positioned to be ground zero for the energy transition and to play a key role in securing the energy independence and security of the United States," the report authors wrote.

The new economic strategy — titled "Realizing Nevada's Electric, Innovative and Connected Future" and drafted by staff at the SRI International Center for Innovation Strategy and Policy — aligns with goals Lombardo shared during his January State of the State address to make Nevada "the most entrepreneurial-friendly state in the nation" and restore Nevada's reputation as a "pro-business, pro-development state." [Read more](#).

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](#).

TVA Engineer Named 2023 FEYA Winner

Stephen Craven, Ph.D., P.E., was named [NSPE's 2023 Federal Engineer of the Year](#) for his innovative work securing Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) substations and developing improved communication architecture. Now in its 44th year, the Federal Engineer of the Year Award is the only one of its kind to solely recognize outstanding engineers employed in the federal government. Federal agency winners were honored during a ceremony held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on February 24.



Stephen Craven is a third-generation TVA engineer, serving at the agency's Power Service Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among his accomplishments, Craven has helped secure substations against cyber-attacks, designing ways to keep critical equipment disconnected from external attackers and yet still be remotely monitored for anomalies. He was also instrumental in the development of a new communication architecture that is faster, more reliable, and less expensive than previous schemes. [Read more](#) .

FEYA ceremony photos can be accessed on the NSPE [Flickr album](#) .

WORKability Wednesdays Are Back!

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—"WORKability Wednesdays"—to support members with their professional development goals. The series covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession. The spring season sessions kicked off on March 8 with [Understanding the New Requirements for Cybersecurity Insurance](#) . Register now at [NSPE's PE Institute](#) and invite a colleague to attend.

Upcoming webinars

- **March 22**—[Using Construction Manager at Risk Project Delivery to Manage the Current Challenges in Constructing Projects](#)
- **April 12**—[Doing Bad Things for Good Reasons: An Examination of Unethical Pro-Organizational Behavior Among Professional Workers](#)
- **Save the date for webinars on April 26, May 17, and May 31**

Take the Milton F. Lunch Ethics Challenge!

Match your wits and knowledge of engineering ethics with experienced professional engineers and engineering students throughout the country! All current NSPE individual members and NSPE chapters (including student members) are invited to participate in the [2023 NSPE Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest](#) . Contest submissions are due by **May 12**. [View past contest winner entries](#) .

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