

## State News for NSPE Members

### Save the Date: 2022 Engineers Week Finale Banquet

NSPE-NV is happy to announce that the **2022 Engineers Week Finale Banquet** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 7** at The Gold Coast Hotel & Casino. Stay tuned for registration information on the NSPE-NV [website](#) and in the next issue of *PE Matters*.

#### Event Program

5:00 PM: Order of the Engineer

6:00 PM: Hosted cocktails

7:00 PM: Dinner and awards

An after party will follow the awards ceremony.

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### NSPE-NV Meeting Recap—North Las Vegas, Today and the Future

On February 15, NSPE-NV held an in-person/virtual meeting to highlight the recent economic development and the future of the City of North Las Vegas. **Mayor John J. Lee** served as the featured speaker at the event held at Lawry's The Prime Rib. Since taking office in April 2013, Mayor Lee has transformed the City of North Las Vegas into an economic powerhouse and fulfilled his pledge to diversify Southern Nevada's economy.

#### Meet the Presenter—Mayor John J. Lee



Mayor John J. Lee is the kind of man you want in charge—a former Eagle Scout who is intelligent, fiercely driven, and guided by a love of his city and state. His vision for growth knows no bounds. In just four years, he has recruited multiple Fortune 500 companies and high-tech startups to North Las Vegas, including Amazon, Fanatics, The Honest Company, Hyperloop One, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Under his leadership, thousands of jobs have been created, 14 million square feet of commercial and industrial space is in development, and more than \$1 billion has been invested in North Las Vegas.

Mayor Lee and his team have expanded and enhanced the city's libraries, parks and recreation facilities, hired more than 100 public safety personnel and supported the development of hospitals and charter schools in the city.

On a personal note, Mayor Lee and his wife, Marilyn, have been married happily for 42 years and have seven children and 30 grandchildren. They reside in North Las Vegas and are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In what little free time he has, Mayor Lee enjoys mountain biking, babysitting his grandchildren, and collecting menus from his favorite restaurants to decorate his office walls.

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## Nevada Statutes and Ethics for Engineers

NSPE-NV members can [access the presentation](#) of last month's virtual luncheon meeting that focused on ethics. The meeting featured **Steve Hiner, P.E.**, who works for the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as a compliance investigator. Hiner discussed the [NSPE Code of Ethics](#), the public's perception of engineers, and Nevada engineering statutes and regulations.

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## Volunteer and Outreach Opportunities

### Introduce A Kid to Engineering

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, February 19** and **Saturday, February 26** (8 a.m.–3p.m.) at **UNLV (TBE)**. The address is 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154. Please RSVP to [brook.demitropoulos@jacobs.com](mailto:brook.demitropoulos@jacobs.com) if you are able to volunteer!

### MATHCOUNTS State Competition

Graders and STEAM volunteers are needed on **Saturday, March 12** (9 a.m.) at the **UNLV Science & Engineering Building** (4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154). Please RSVP to [claire@aztechmaterials.com](mailto:claire@aztechmaterials.com) if you are able to be a volunteer!

### Mobile Market Distribution Project

The **Mobile Food Market** distribution project will take place on **Saturday, February 26** (7:45 a.m.-11 a.m.) This month's project will be held at a new location: **Hyde Park Middle School** (900 Hinson Street, Las Vegas, NV 89107). If you can volunteer, please send an RSVP to Brook Demitropoulos [via email](#) or call 702-336-9896. If you can't make it to this location, you can still [register online](#) for a different location.

### 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.

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## Mentor a Future Professional

The **Rebels Forward Mentorship Program (Engineering)** is looking for

engineering industry professionals to mentor UNLV College of Engineering students. Mentors are asked to provide one-on-one engagement for at least a one-hour meeting per month. Access more information and sign up [here](#).

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## Licensing Board Meetings

The [Nevada Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors](#) will hold an interim board meeting on **Thursday, February 17** at 9:15 a.m. Access the agenda [here](#). The meeting can be [attended virtually](#) or by dialing into the meeting: +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 8286438008.

The board will also hold a Legislative Committee meeting on March 2 and a Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting on March 9.

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

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## Virtual Federal Engineer of the Year Award Ceremony



The 2022 Federal Engineer of the Year Award winner will be announced on February 24 (noon) during a virtual awards event on NSPE's website and [YouTube](#) channel. The Society recently announced the [top 10 finalists](#) who have made extensive contributions to their organizations and also to the public that PEs ultimately serve.

The Federal Engineer of the Year Award, sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, honors engineers employed by a federal agency with at least 50

engineers worldwide.

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## Education Foundation Gifted \$30,000 for Diversity Scholarship

The [NSPE Education Foundation](#) is honored to announce a \$30,000 donation from NSPE member Om P. Popli, P.E., PLS, the president and founder of Popli Design Group in Penfield, New York. This generous donation will establish a new scholarship to promote diversity in the profession by encouraging and supporting minority female students pursuing an engineering degree.

The *Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship* will be a multi-year scholarship, providing \$5,000 each year for the recipient's four-year education. Applicants must be a female high school senior from an ethnic minority pursuing a degree in engineering at an ABET-accredited program.

The scholarship recipient will be required to reconfirm eligibility at the beginning of each year of study via a minimum GPA and proof of enrollment. This requirement not only establishes eligibility each year, but also serves as a continual “touch point” for the Education Foundation and the student, allowing for additional support and relationship-building throughout the student's academic career.

### Supporting the Future of the Profession

The NSPE Education Foundation is dedicated to fostering the next generation of engineering talent through its scholarship program. This new scholarship is a generous addition to other Education Foundation scholarships focused on creating a diverse profession. It also reaffirms the commitment of NSPE, the Education Foundation, and NSPE members to promoting diversity and tomorrow's engineer.

A new [online submission platform](#) for the 2022 scholarships is now live. All applications must go through this platform for consideration. Students can apply for the following scholarships by **April 1**:

The *[Maureen L. and Howard N. Blitman, P.E., Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Engineering](#)* is awarded annually to a high school senior from an ethnic minority who has been accepted into an ABET-accredited engineering program at a four-year college or university.

The *[Auxiliary Legacy Scholarship](#)* is awarded annually to a female undergraduate entering or continuing their junior year of a four-year ABET-accredited engineering program.

The *[Steinman Scholarship](#)* is awarded annually to undergraduates entering or continuing their junior year in a four-year ABET-accredited engineering program.



The [George B. Hightower, P.E. Fellowship](#) is awarded annually to a current engineering undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in, or graduated from, an ABET-accredited engineering program.



## Reimagining the Possible During EWeek

As a member of the DiscoverE coalition, NSPE's mission includes outreach to young students and a call to engage, educate, and inspire more children and young adults to consider a career in engineering.

Visit NSPE's Engineers Week [web page](#) for information and links to all of the various programs happening for this year's celebration. This page also provides access to downloadable resources for individuals, state societies, and chapters to assist in planning and promoting events. Some of these items include program logos, ads, printable posters, and an Engineers Week Zoom background featuring the NSPE and DiscoverE logos.

NSPE will also be featuring women members/engineers on its social media channels to celebrate Girl Day ([Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day](#)) on February 24. This event is an excellent way to highlight the work and voices of female PEs to highlight them as role models for girls interested in engineering as a career. If you know of any women engineers who would be good to feature, please contact [Stacey Ober](#) or [Sean Woods](#).

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