

State News for NSPE Members

NSPE-GU April Luncheon Meeting Recap

NSPE-GU hosted a luncheon meeting on April 18 featuring a presentation by Dr. Bert Johnston on the *2022 Guidebook to Development Requirements on Guam*. Johnston is the education director at the [GCA Trades Academy](#), a nonprofit, nongovernmental education institution established to provide construction-related craft training.

Johnston is an NCCER master trainer and assessment administrator. His prior work experience includes general manager of Guam Waterworks Authority, corporate personnel manager of MV Pangelinan Enterprises, assistant manager of Dobbins Jewelry, and American Red Cross Water safety instructor trainer. He holds a bachelor's degree in education, a master's degree in public administration, and a doctoral degree in business administration.

[Access the 2022 Guidebook to Development Requirements on Guam.](#)

Guam MATHCOUNTS Team Gets Ready for National Competition

Congratulations to the Guam mathletes who will compete 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 Guam team includes the following student members and coach:

- **Samuel Guo** (8th grade) Harvest Christian Academy-Mangilao, GU
- **Donggeon Kim** (6th grade) St. John's School-Tamuning, GU
- **Sujin Oh** (8th grade) St. John's School-Barrigada, GU
- **Kailee Wong** (8th grade) St. John's School-Dededo, GU
- **Becca Guerrero** (Coach) St. John's School-Barrigada, GU

NSPE-GU supports the next generation of PEs through engagement in the MATHCOUNTS program. 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 Guam at the national level.

Reminder: Annual PE License Renewals

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) announced that **annual registration for licensees will expire on April 30**.

Access more information about the renewal process and registration fees [here](#). Registrants can renew online and also access digital certificates and pocket registration cards through the [Professionals Dashboard](#).

Guam Closer to 100% Renewable Energy Goal

The Guam Power Authority is optimistic about its goal of achieving full renewable energy capacity sooner than expected, according to utility leadership who spoke at the Guam Clean Energy Transition Symposium at the 14th University of Guam Conference on Island Sustainability on April 10, at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Guam's target for renewable energy is to achieve 50% by 2035 and 100% by 2045, as stated in Public Law 35-46, the [Saipon Tribune reports](#). The goal is to reduce the island's dependence on imported fossil fuels and promote the adoption of clean and renewable energy sources. According to GPA, the island will achieve 50% renewable capacity by 2030.

GPA is a partner of the UOG CIS and the Guam Green Growth (G3) initiative. GPA general manager John Benavente's presentation also highlighted the energy projects that will enable Guam to reach the halfway point soon, including the commissioning of the Mangilao solar farm and the grid-scale 40-megawatt Energy Storage Systems in Hagåtña and Talofofo. These projects are all integrated into the island's Clean Energy Plan (Integrated Resource Plan), according to Benavente. [Read more](#).

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Don't Hesitate to Share Your PE Story

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

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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