

State News for NSPE Members

Save the Date: Luncheon and Membership Meeting

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) will hold its next luncheon and membership meeting on **Tuesday, September 19**. Stay tuned for more details.

12th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

GSPE is hosting its **12th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser** on **Saturday, October 21**, to support the MATHCOUNTS Guam chapter program.

The **MATHCOUNTS** program helps to promote middle school mathematics achievement. A significant portion of the funds raised will help to finance the Guam team's participation at the prestigious national level. Access the event flyer for participation costs and additional details [here](#).

For more information and registration, please contact or send e-mail to any of our golf committee:

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Licensing Board Meeting

The **Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors** will hold its next board meeting on **Thursday, August 31**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

Legislation Seeks to Bar Nuclear Power on Guam

A trio of lawmakers proposed legislation that would ban nuclear power on island. The measure was introduced in July after a town hall meeting regarding plans to build a missile defense system on Guam, which included discussion on microreactors, [The Guam Daily Post reports](#).

The possible installation of these reactors on island raised concerns following news that the Senate version of the fiscal year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act directs a briefing on the potential for using microreactors on Guam.

Bill 151-37, introduced by Senators Sabina Perez and Chris Barnett and Speaker Therese Terlaje, would prohibit the production and use of nuclear energy on Guam.

"No nuclear fission power plant, small modular reactors (SMRs), or nuclear microreactors shall be constructed, imported, or used, and no radioactive material shall be disposed of on Guam," the measure states.

Bill 151 also contains a lengthy portion on legislative intent that goes over the challenges with disposing of nuclear waste and examples of major nuclear disasters. [Read more](#).

NTT Supports Guam Network Infrastructure Rebuild

NTT Group recently announced the companies will provide support toward Guam's disaster recovery efforts through the provision of NTT network engineers and repair equipment in the wake of Typhoon Mawar, according to a [Business Wire release](#). Damage to the island's infrastructure by the May typhoon has caused widespread, ongoing loss of power for residents and businesses as well as considerable damage to IT and communications infrastructure.

At the request of Guam's governor, NTT will deploy 10 network engineers and 12 bucket trucks from the company's headquarters in Japan to assist with recovery after the typhoon caused major outages among Guam's telecommunications operators. [Read more](#).

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

Vermont PE Rises to Top Leadership

William (Bill) Atkinson, P.E., F.NSPE, was installed as NSPE's 2023–24 president during a ceremony at NSPECon23 in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 3. He has



spent most of his career volunteering for NSPE and various engineering organizations that hold true to his passion for protecting the public through licensure and ethical engineering decision making.

Atkinson serves as the engineering manager and lead engineer at Vermont Mechanical Inc., a mechanical and plumbing design build contractor that focuses on healthcare and commercial construction (where he has been employed since 2001). He currently directs the service and engineering departments.

Throughout his engineering career, Atkinson has taken on various volunteer and leadership positions within NSPE, the Vermont Society of Professional Engineers, ASHRAE, and NCEES. He served on the Vermont Board of Professional Engineers and the University of Vermont College of Engineering Advisory Board. He has also served as an ABET observer and as the president of the Clarkson University Vermont Alumni Chapter. He is a licensed professional engineer in New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

Atkinson lives in Essex, Vermont, with his wife, Kim Atkinson, P.E., and two young active sons. When he and his wife are not working they are often found coaching or enjoying the outdoors in all seasons.

Honoring Excellence in the Profession

NSPE members were recently honored for their outstanding contributions to the profession during NSPECon23 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Engineering Education Excellence Award

This award recognizes licensed engineering faculty who have demonstrated the ability to link engineering education with professional practice. It is sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Higher Education (PEHE) interest group.



Waterloo Tsutsui, Ph.D., P.E., is a senior research associate in the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University where his primary aim is to provide a rigorous education that nurtures an engineering mindset among students and empowering them to analyze, communicate, and solve complex problems. He ensures students derive maximum advantage from meticulously designed educational experiences integrated into their curriculum, fostering lasting knowledge and capabilities that extend far beyond the confines of the classroom

for the ultimate benefit of students. As an example, Tsutsui implemented virtual labs and visualization in lab courses as an innovative way to link engineering practice to education.

New Professional of the Year Award

This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and the community during the early years of one's career.



Sri Kumar, P.E., is the president and CEO of Connico, a national consultancy serving the aviation, civil, and transportation markets. In his current role, he is responsible for outlining the company's strategy for the future, ensuring the company continues to execute its goals, and delivering excellence to clients from Tampa to Seattle. He is also committed to building Connico's employee-focused culture and is passionate about developing a strong, diverse, and uniquely talented team who work each day on solving some of the nation's most complex infrastructure challenges.

Emerging Leaders Program Seeks Candidates



The [NSPE Emerging Leaders Program](#) is seeking the next group of engineering change-makers. Candidates with 5–8 years of professional experience in the engineering field who are prepared to think strategically about their career and begin taking on leadership roles are [invited to apply](#).

The 2024 ELP syllabus and related time-commitments are available and the application for the program is due by **Thursday, August 31**.

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