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Hawaii PE Installed as NICET Chair



Curtis Beck, P.E., F.NSPE, outgoing Big Island Chapter Director, is taking on a new top leadership role in 2019–2020: chair of the Board of Governors for the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies. Beck was installed at the Professional Engineers Conference in Kansas City in July.

NICET is a division of NSPE that certifies engineering technicians and technologists and [helps ensure a qualified engineering team](#).

Beck has been semi-retired since 2013; he previously was manager of the Hawaii Electric Light Company's Energy Services Department. He now works part-time as a consultant and construction manager for Bowers and Kubota Consulting of Waipahu. He is also a partner with Mahilani Partners LLC, of Hilo, which owns and manages a farming community and visitor center, and raises a variety of tropical products such as cacao and coffee. Beck was born in Ohio but has been a resident of Hilo since 1979 and raised a family there.

The professional engineer has been a member of NSPE since 1981, and has served his chapter, state, and national society in several officer and board roles, including as chapter president, state president, Professional Engineers in Industry chair, Board of Ethical Review chair, and NSPE Board of Directors member. He has also been active in MATHCOUNTS.

[Read about Beck's recent leadership on a PE requirement with the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers' Big Island Chapter.](#)

NSPE Leads Coalition To Protect Professional Licensure

NSPE bolstered its efforts to protect professional licensing with the creation of the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL), a new coalition of advanced professions dedicated to informing lawmakers and the public of the importance of rigorous professional licensing standards.

In this partnership, NSPE is leading the charge to educate policymakers on the importance of maintaining standards for complex technical professions like engineering that have a clear impact on public health, safety, and welfare. In addition to its ongoing efforts to defend the PE license, NSPE spearheaded this coalition to ensure that professional engineers and other advanced professions are represented amid the growing debate around licensing laws.

In its leadership position with ARPL, NSPE will highlight how professional licensing protects the public by ensuring a baseline of proven qualification and expertise that protects consumers from unqualified practitioners. This public awareness campaign aims to counter the anti-licensing interests that threaten public safety.

Joining NSPE in this coalition are the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of CPAs, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

[Learn more about ARPL at responsiblelicensing.org.](https://responsiblelicensing.org)

The How and Why of NSPE

NSPE's House of Delegates has approved a new strategic plan for the organization, examining both its *how* and *why*.

A year-long project with extensive stakeholder involvement, the work illustrated the desire for both continuity and change for the Society.

The new plan comprises a new vision, mission, values, and goals, starting from the idea of "a world where the public can be confident that engineering decisions affecting their lives are made by qualified and ethically accountable professionals."

And now the real work begins—by the NSPE board, other leaders, and individual members.