

State News for NSPE Members

From the NSPE-DE President

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On June 15, we held our 2022 Delaware Engineering Celebration. Usually held during Engineers Week, this event celebrates everything engineering. Thank you to all who were in attendance and supported the event! It was great to be back in person for the first time in over two years. Hopefully you had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

I want to once again congratulate our scholarship winners, the newly licensed PEs with DAPE, the Engineering Excellence Awards winners with ACEC Delaware, our Young Engineer of the Year—Nicholas Dean, P.E., and our Engineer of the Year—Holly Rybinski, P.E.

Please save the date for next year's Engineers Week banquet to be held on February 23, 2023. Here are some other key dates to add to your calendar:

- Young Engineer of the Year and Engineer of the Year award nominations are due by November 1, 2022.
- Scholarship applications for high school seniors are due by December 1, 2022.
- The MATHCOUNTS state competition will be held in March 2023. Please consider volunteering for this great event for Delaware middle school students.

And one last thing, [NSPECON 2022](#) is being held in Philadelphia this year from August 1-3. Hope to see you all there!



Additional \$101M Coming to Delaware for Army Corps Projects

US Senator Tom Carper, chair of the Senate Environment of Public Works Committee, and US Senator Chris Coons and US Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester (all D-DE) recently highlighted the Delaware projects funded in the Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan for the Army Civil Works Program in the 2022 fiscal year, according to a [Coastal Point article](#).

The Army Corps of Engineers maintain Delaware's critical infrastructure, shore up coasts and fortify waterways. The funds are in addition to the nearly \$70 million already secured for Delaware under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law earlier this year.

"So much of Delaware's vital infrastructure is protected or maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers," said Carper. "The Corps is a critical partner to our state by supporting the many projects that drive our economy. These activities include maintaining access to our port and navigable waterways which support our flow of commerce, protecting our communities from the growing threats of climate change with critical flood risk reduction measures, and maintaining our five-star beaches to support our expanding tourism industry."

Delaware projects funded under the 2022 Appropriations and Work Plan include:

- \$4 million for the beach nourishment project at Fenwick Island to protect the community and support the local tourism economy.
- \$1.2 million for the Indian River Inlet Sand Bypass Plant operations, which nourishes the beach on the north side of the inlet that protects a stretch of Delaware Route 1 highway.
- \$7.65 million for the beach nourishment project that protects the city of Rehoboth Beach and the town of Dewey Beach while also maintaining the beach for tourism.

State Lawmakers Consider How to Translate Infrastructure Spending into Careers

State lawmakers are considering a proposal to give labor organizations a more direct hand in setting working conditions and hiring on public works projects, according to a [Delaware Public Media report](#).

State Representative Larry Lambert (D-Claymont) says with more than a billion dollars in federal infrastructure investments coming to Delaware, his bill would help

create apprenticeship and career opportunities for Black Delawareans and women, who are substantially underrepresented in the building trades

The bill would require agreements between the state or private contractors and labor unions on large public works projects. The agreements would set working conditions and reserve apprenticeships and jobs for women and other underrepresented groups.

Contractors could reserve 10% of jobs for their crew with the other 90% filled through union referrals. Labor attorney Ray Heinemann says that would also help ensure out-of-state contractors hire locally.

"If they're coming from Pennsylvania, they're not bringing their entire workforce in," he said. "They are going through the local union halls here in Delaware and we're getting referrals. Through our apprentice programs, we're developing a local construction workforce in Delaware communities." [Read more.](#)



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NSPECon 2022 Open for Registration

Engineers from all disciplines are invited to register for the [2022 Professional](#)

[Engineers Conference](#) (NSPECon 2022) in Philadelphia, August 1-3. Early-bird registration is available until June 30.

Invited speakers will address sustainability, emerging technology, the post-covid workplace and even, construction on the moon. Licensed professional engineers and those aspiring to be one are invited to join this multi-discipline community to engage with colleagues and hear more about relevant engineering topics.



Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

Prospective conference sponsors and exhibitors will see [newly created opportunities](#) to highlight their companies and organizations throughout the conference. Sponsors can welcome attendees to the “Feel the Philly Love” opening reception, support a conference education track featuring seven unique sessions, or demonstrate how their solutions help clients overcome specific challenges by exhibiting.

PE Day

On the final day of the conference, attendees can celebrate [PE Day](#) in person and raise awareness about the importance of PEs as qualified and ethical professionals. Before attending, everyone is invited to gear up with [PE Day logo wear](#) to show PE Pride at the conference.

Call for 2022-2023 Volunteers

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#) and essential to helping the Society carry out its [vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan](#) . Volunteer positions begin in mid-August and end at the 2023 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**
Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**
Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference

meetings.

- **Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)–Ad Hoc Volunteer**
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

[Submit an application by July 15 to be considered for a 2022-2023 term.](#)

House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly and Annual Meeting

The House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly will be live streamed on [NSPE's YouTube channel](#) for members on **June 30** (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST). Following the live stream of the General Assembly, NSPE members will have an opportunity to ask questions and talk with President-Elect Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE, and CEO Monika Schulz through a Reddit style AMA (Ask Me Anything) format in the [Annual Meeting online community](#) . All members are welcome.

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