

State News for NSPE Members

Licensing Board Meeting

The [DC Board of Professional Engineers](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, May 25**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Access the virtual meeting agenda [here](#).

Revised Plan for Union Station Expansion Project Scales Back on Parking

A revised plan for the Washington Union Station Expansion Project scales back on parking and adds a passenger pick-up and drop-off space underground, [DC News Now reports](#).

The \$9 billion project aims to transform the transit hub by adding a new train hall, expanding passenger capacity, upgrading concourses, widening the rail platforms, integrating the bus terminal and more.

However, a proposed six-level parking garage drew criticism from District leaders and neighbors, who claimed the plan was too car-centric. The original plan released by the Federal Railroad Administration in 2020 included a 1,600-spot parking garage, which is several hundred fewer parking spaces than the current garage has.

The revised plan scales that down to between 400 and 550 parking spaces, which will be on one level underground. It also adds space for passenger pick-up and drop-off underground. Bike storage and parking will also be available for up to 900 bikes. [Read more](#).

DC Partnerships Dedicated to Bringing Green Energy to Low Income Communities

Going green is great, but not everyone can afford it. However, there's a program in DC benefiting people who might otherwise not be able to take advantage of a new

green economy. That's where the Solar for All Program comes in. This is a partnership between DC Department of Energy, Jubilee Housing, Pepco, and New Partners Community Solar, [WUSA9 reports](#).

Here's how it works. Solar arrays are installed on space that's donated, like the rooftop at Pepco's DC headquarters. Power is then generated and diverted to benefit low-income housing residents. This helps reduce residents' electric bills by about 50%.

The solar arrays are provided thanks to New Partners Community Solar. Jeff Lesk, President of New Partners Community Solar, spoke about some of the benefits of this program. "The reason we like it so much is that it enables people who can't have their own solar arrays. Either they can't afford it, the roof isn't suitable, they live in a really shaded area -- but particularly the low-income side. They can't afford it, but [can] still benefit from this new green economy and not be left behind as the nation moves forward," Lesk said. [Read more](#).

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

Network and Learn at NSPECon23 (August 2-4)



NSPECon23 registration is now open! NSPE members, PEs, EITs, engineering students, and anyone interested in the issues facing the industry today are invited to attend NSPECon 2023 in Louisville, August 2-4. [Early-bird registration rates](#) are available until June 29. [Preview the preliminary program of sessions](#) designed to foster leadership skills, address industry trends, and to boost your career.

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Keynote Speakers



Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery, will open the NSPECon 23 meeting. Samuels, who helped design both the Gemini and Polaris missiles and became friends with the founding administrator of NASA, will talk about the, "Trials and Tribulations of a Failed Aerospace Engineer."



Megan Bendtzen, CEO and Founder of TheDoctorofFun.com, will completely shift your perspective, debunking the myths and mysteries of work-life balance and the pursuit of happiness during the keynote speech "P.L.A.Y. to Win: It Actually is All Fun and Games...The Secret to Increasing Profits, Positivity and Productivity."

Sponsor and Exhibit Opportunities

NSPECon23 offers sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities to put your company or organization in front of senior executives and other decision-makers from across the industry. Access the [Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus](#) for more information.



NSPE Welcomes New VP for Membership, State Engagement

NSPE recently welcomed **Rodneikka Scott, MSc, CAE**, as its new Vice President of Member and State Engagement. In this role, Scott will be responsible for executing NSPE's

strategic vision and the association's approach to membership, professional practice, and learning. She will also oversee NSPE's current state engagement efforts, the customer service center, and the ethics team.



Prior to joining NSPE, Scott spent four years as the Chief Membership and Diversity Programs Officer of the Endocrine Society. She played a crucial role in managing the organization's membership approach, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, and revamping the member value proposition to include a suite of new member benefits. Scott draws on more than 17 years of diverse experience in the membership, marketing, communications, volunteer relations, and education sectors to support member services and diversity programs. [Read more](#).

Get Involved – Volunteer for an NSPE Committee

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#). NSPE is committed to building valuable experiences for all our members by offering a variety of long term and short-term opportunities to get engaged. Visit the [Get Involved Page](#) to learn more about available opportunities. [Submit an application](#) for a 2023-24 committee by **June 2**.

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