

Louisiana Engineering Society Board of Direction Meeting
February 27, 2024 – 6:30 PM
Hilton Garden Inn/Cajundome – Lafayette Room

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| 1. Call to Order | Jim Ellingburg |
| 2. Invocation | Jeff Pike |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance | Melanie Caillouet |
| 4. LES Vision & Mission Statement | Melanie Caillouet |
| 5. Acceptance of Agenda | Jim Ellingburg |
| 6. Acceptance of November 2023 meeting minutes | Jim Ellingburg |
| 7. President’s Report | Jim Ellingburg |
| 8. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report | |
| a. Financial Reports of 1/31/24 | Clinton Patrick |
| 1) LES P&L statement | |
| 2) LES Balance Sheet | |
| 9. Executive Director’s Report | Mary Claire Ruckert |
| 10. Old Business | |
| 11. New Business | |
| a. Report from Membership Committee | Kalyn Partin |
| b. Update on JESC | Luke Miller/Mary Claire Ruckert |
| c. Alexandria Chapter & Membership Report | Kory Moss |
| d. Baton Rouge Chapter & Membership Report | TJ Stokes |
| e. Bayou Chapter & Membership Report | Kevin DeZarn |
| f. Lafayette Chapter & Membership Report | Justin Schexnayder |
| g. Lake Charles Chapter & Membership Report | Kalyn Partin |
| h. Monroe Chapter & Membership Report | Morgan McCallister |
| i. New Orleans Chapter & Membership Report | John Jackson |
| j. Shreveport Chapter & Membership Report | Linsey Olivier |
| k. PEC | Stan Whitney |
| l. PEE | Jeff Pike |
| m. PEG | Ali Mustapha |
| n. PEI | Jennifer Gemar |
| o. PEPP | Alan Krouse |
| 12. Announcements | |
| a. The next LES Board of Direction meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024 in Monroe, LA (Location TBA). | |
| 13. Adjournment | |

Executive Director's Report

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JESC Updates:

- All speaker opportunities have been filled
- 49 exhibitor booths have been sold; 1 remains
 - Tier One booths sold: 15 of 15 (sold out)
 - Tier Two booths sold: 22 of 22 (sold out)
 - Tier Three booths sold: 13 of 13 (sold out)
- We have 1 bar sponsor, 1 lanyard sponsor, 4 event sponsors, 3 silver sponsors, and 1 gold sponsor
- Conference registration totals as of February 20: 400 individuals
 - Registrants – Full Conference: 269
 - Registrants – Wednesday Only: 13
 - Registrants – Thursday Only: 6
 - Alexandria – 20
 - Baton Rouge – 64
 - Bayou – 19
 - Lafayette – 104
 - Lake Charles – 29
 - Monroe – 14
 - New Orleans – 12
 - Non Resident – 11
 - Shreveport – 15
 - Exhibitor Representatives: 97
 - Speakers: 45
 - Admin: 3
 - (Duplicates: -15)

Architecture-Engineering Task Force:

The Architecture-Engineering Task Force has met monthly since August to discuss the civil engineering exemption. Our most recent meeting was held on February 7 where we, as a group, decided that we are still very far apart on what any legislation curtailing the “civil exemption” should look like. Prior to the meeting, the engineering side of the Task Force shared some proposed square footage thresholds that we were comfortable with, but the architects were not in agreement about these numbers. They want to continue to pursue sunseting or ending the civil engineering exemption. They shared that they will be putting forth legislation this year, but they don't know yet what that looks like. The LES representatives serving on the Task Force are Chris Richard, Alan Krouse, and Mary Claire Ruckert, and the other engineering representatives are Chris Knotts, Byron Racca, Brett Bayard, Barker Dirmann, Donna Sentell, Scott Landry, and Joe Harman.

Honors & Awards Presentation:

We held our Honors & Awards Presentation on Saturday, February 3 at the City Club of Baton Rouge. The event was sold out and well-attended, despite some inclement weather we had in the area.

Critical Issues Summit:

It was suggested to our office that next year we serve as a sponsor for the Critical Issues Summit. The cost for a sponsorship began at \$500 this past year and will likely be the same next year. Organizations like ACEC and AIA are listed as collaborators instead of sponsors.

Upcoming Board Elections:

We will be running the upcoming board elections through MembershipWorks to ensure that only eligible members are voting and that they can only vote once. You will receive a sample ballot in early March so that we can test the new functionality in our database.

Also, if you know of anyone interested in being on the ballot in the upcoming board election, please direct them to me so that we can get their information together in time.

Louisiana Engineering Society – Baton Rouge Chapter

February 2024 State Board Meeting: Chapter Update

By: TJ Stokes, P.E.

The Baton Rouge Chapter has been very busy since the last board meeting. In December, we had Chad Winchester, the Chief Engineer with DOTD, speak on his plan for the department over the next few years and in January, we had Fred Raiford with the City of Baton Rouge provide an update on the MOVEBR program.

In January, we awarded 10 local schools with STEM grants and were excited to be able to present a majority of the awards in person at the winning schools.

February has been a very busy month. We awarded the Wintz memorial scholarships to 4 local students from LSU and Southern. These were presented at the E-week awards lunch where we also honored all of the Baton Rouge Chapter Honors and Awards winners.

In Early February, we organized and facilitated the local MATHCOUNTS event and wrapped up the month with an E-week cocktail party where we were joined by ASCE. It was a very well attended event.

In the early part of March, we will begin planning for our annual Wentz Memorial Golf Tournament to raise funds for the scholarships we award.



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MONROE CHAPTER February Update

MEMBERSHIP (AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024)

| Monroe Chapter 2023-2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----|
| Membership Type | Status | July | August | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | YTD |
| Governmental | Paid | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | Free | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Corporate Sustaining | Paid | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| EI | Paid | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | Free | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| EI Under 30 | Paid | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | | | | | |
| | Free | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| Honorary | Free | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Individual Sustaining | Paid | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Life | Free | 16 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | | | | | |
| PE | Paid | 53 | 49 | 50 | 52 | 53 | 51 | 50 | 51 | | | | | |
| | Free | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | | | |
| Students | Free | 19 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | | | | | |
| Monthly Total | | 113 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 115 | 114 | 113 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Gain/(Loss) From Prev. Month | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**We are pleased to have growth in our local membership,
and have emailed each one welcoming them to the LES Monroe Chapter.**

MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS 2023-2024 (AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024)

September 14, 2023 | Matt Mixon | Wetlands Unlimited | NEPA/EA

October 12, 2023 | Tom Malmay | Malmay & Associates | Flood Hazard Mitigation

November 9, 2023 | Jeff Pike | Retired LA Tech Professor | Ethics

December 14, 2023 | Sandy Marshall | Gainey's Concrete Products | Detecting and Preventing Fraud

January 11, 2024 | Brandon Faciane | ADS High Performance Polypropylene Pipe (HPPP)

February 8, 2024 | Foy Gadberry | LA State Representative | Legislative Update

March 14, 2024 | Bill Coleman | ICE | HeadLight Inspection & Certification Platform

April 11, 2024 | Chris Cothron | NEI Corporation | New Technology

May 9, 2024 | Brett Robinson | Office of AG Jeff Landry | Louisiana Public Bid Law

(Average Attendance: In-Person = 23 & Online = 4)

ADVERTISEMENT BUDGET VS ACTUAL

2023-2024 BUDGET = \$3,000

2023-2024 ACTUALS (TO DATE) = \$5,725

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER –February 2024 Meeting

Updates

By Linsey Olivier Kincaid, PE

The Shreveport LES Chapter kicked off 2024 with a couple of great speakers. The first chapter meeting was hosted by ASCE on January 25th, and we had Richard Aguirre with Gulf States Engineering present Cla-Val Control Valves. We had our local MATHCOUNTS competition at LSU-S on February 3, and we had a lot of volunteers from the LES Shreveport Chapter. Our second meeting was on February 14th, and we had Liz Swaine with the Shreveport-Bossier Advocate talk about news, journalism, and business in the Shreveport Bossier area and the impacts they have on each other. Jeff Pike will be presenting Ethics and Professionalism in Engineering to our chapter and the local ASCE branch on March 20th. We've had great turnouts at these meetings and hope this momentum continues throughout rest of the year.