

**Louisiana Engineering Society Board of Direction Meeting**

**April 12, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

**Monroe, LA**

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | Jim Ellingburg      |
| <b>2. Invocation</b>  | Jeff Pike           |
| <b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>  | Melanie Caillouet   |
| <b>4. LES Vision &amp; Mission Statement</b>  | Melanie Caillouet   |
| <b>5. Acceptance of Agenda</b>  | Jim Ellingburg      |
| <b>6. Acceptance of February 2024 meeting minutes</b>   | Jim Ellingburg      |
| <b>7. President's Report</b>  | Jim Ellingburg      |
| <b>8. Secretary-Treasurer's Report</b>  |                     |
| a. Financial Reports of 3/31/24   | Clinton Patrick     |
| 1) LES P&L statement  |                     |
| 2) LES Balance Sheet  |                     |
| <b>9. Executive Director's Report</b>   | Mary Claire Ruckert |
| <b>10. Old Business</b>   |                     |
| <b>11. New Business</b>   |                     |
| a. Report from Membership Committee   | Kalyn Partin        |
| 1) Dues Discussion  |                     |
| b. Handbook Edits for Board Discussion  | Melanie Caillouet   |
| c. Board Meeting Structure  | Melanie Caillouet   |
| d. Alexandria Chapter & Membership Report   | Kory Moss           |
| e. Baton Rouge Chapter & Membership Report  | TJ Stokes           |
| f. Bayou Chapter & Membership Report  | Kevin DeZarn        |
| g. Lafayette Chapter & Membership Report  | Joey Krefft         |
| h. Lake Charles Chapter & Membership Report   | Kalyn Partin        |
| i. Monroe Chapter & Membership Report   | Morgan McCallister  |
| j. New Orleans Chapter & Membership Report  | John Jackson        |
| k. Shreveport Chapter & Membership Report   | Linsey Olivier      |
| l. PEC  | Stan Whitney        |
| m. PEE  | Jeff Pike           |
| n. PEG  | Ali Mustapha        |
| o. PEI  | Jennifer Gemar      |
| p. PEPP   | Alan Krouse         |
| <b>12. Announcements</b>  |                     |
| a. The next LES Board of Direction meeting is scheduled for <b>May 16, 2024 at 3:30 PM at Carter Plantation in Springfield, LA.</b> |                     |
| <b>13. Adjournment</b>  |                     |

## **Executive Director's Report**

April 12, 2024

### **Membership Update:**

As of April 1, 2024, we have 2,107 members:

- New Licensees (LAPELS) - 464
- PEs – 1,139
- Els - 447
- Governmental Employees - 12
- Life Members - 229
- Corporate Sustaining Members (Business Card Ads) - 83
- Individual Sustaining Members - 42
- Honorary Members - 6
- Student Members - 149

Last year as of April 1, 2023, we had 2,080 members

### **Legislative Update:**

We are having a very active legislative session this year. Bills of note for us are HB 396 (civil exemption), HB 716 (universal licensure), SB 60 (universal licensure), and HB 959 (licenses and licensing boards). The Legislative Committee, chaired by Miles Williams, has been working with our lobbyists, ACEC, and LAPELS on these bills, and we have issued several legislative calls to action. The political climate in the legislature is certainly changing, and we are navigating our new normal while doing our best to protect the industry at large.

### **Board Elections:**

Please be sure to encourage your chapter members to vote in our board elections this year! The ballot is available through MembershipWorks. Voting members have received an email link to cast their ballot. Ballots are due April 26, 2024.

## Louisiana Engineering Society – Alexandria Chapter April 2024 State Board Meeting: Chapter Update

By: Kory Moss, P.E.

Our past 2 meetings were held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For March, we had Mrs. Jennifer Gemar with Dis-Tran Steel presented on Design and Detail Considerations for Steel Fabrication and Construction. For April, the QSM group presented Chris Harris with Newterra. Chris presented on TIGG Pressure Vessel Systems. Our turnout was about the usual for our meetings, averaging 16 attendees.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Cole Vanderlick with Louisiana 811. The meeting will be held at the AEX conference room located at the Alexandria International Airport. If you will be in the area, please consider attending. One of our members will be frying fish for our last meeting.

At our May meeting, we hope to finalize our new board members for the chapter. Also, a discussion about venue locations will be addressed as the AEX conference room will now charge \$250 per meeting.

We will be hosting a golf tournament as a fundraiser for the chapter. The golf tournament will be at Links on the Bayou in Alexandria. The date is August 30<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be sent out in an email.

## Louisiana Engineering Society – Baton Rouge Chapter

April 2024 State Board Meeting: Chapter Update

By: TJ Stokes, P.E.

The Baton Rouge Chapter slowed down a little during the period from Engineer's week until the beginning of April. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we hosted Mary Anne Wolf who presented on what types of engineering documentation could be discoverable in court.

Behind the scenes, the board has been very busy in organizing the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Wentz Memorial Golf Tournament where we already have 75 registered golfers and all sponsorships aside from a few tent locations signed up. We are also in the process of selecting the LES representative to the East Baton Rouge City/Parish selection committee.

In April, we'll host Billy Williamson at Juban's on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Wentz Memorial Golf Tournament on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and follow that up with an ethics presentation from Chris Knotts at Walk-On's on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be holding new board member elections at the end of April and beginning of May.

It's been a great year so far and looking to finishing on a strong note!

Lake Charles Update:

- March meeting hosted Port of LC Engr director, Nick Pestello.
- April meeting was joint with ASCE Lafayette, but only had 2 ASCE attendees. McNeese ASCE Student Chapter gave a presentation on their conference competition results.
- May and June meetings still scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Looking to potentially move that reoccurring day for next fiscal year due to availability of the venue.



# Louisiana Engineering Society

## MONROE CHAPTER April Update

### MEMBERSHIP (AS OF APRIL 10, 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	1	1			
	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Corporate Sustaining	Paid	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2			
EI	Paid	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1			
	Free	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1			
EI Under 30	Paid	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	8			
	Free	4	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	4			
Honorary	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Individual Sustaining	Paid	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Life	Free	16	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19			
PE	Paid	53	49	50	52	53	51	50	51	52	50			
	Free	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3			
Students	Free	19	17	17	16	19	19	19	19	18	18			
<b>Monthly Total</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Gain/(Loss) From Prev. Month</b>		<b>0</b>												

**We have seen a slight decline in overall membership; however, we have seen a slight increase in meeting participation (in-person and remotely).**

### MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS 2023-2024 (AS OF APRIL 10, 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 LATEch 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 | Morgan McCallister | City of Monroe | Management on the Fly

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

### ADVERTISEMENT BUDGET VS ACTUAL

2023-2024 BUDGET = \$3,000

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

### SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

MAY 18, 2024 @ OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE PUBLIC RIFLE RANGE | 10AM-2PM

5-PERSON TEAMS | \$250/TEAM | 2 ROUNDS OF 25 SHOTS/INDIVIDUAL

# **SHREVEPORT CHAPTER – March 2024 Meeting Updates**

By Linsey Olivier Kincaid, PE

The Shreveport Branch hosted another joint meeting with ASCE in March for our annual Ethics & Professionalism in Engineering presented by Jeff Pike, which was our biggest meeting of the year. Our April meeting was this past Wednesday on April 10, and we had Industrial Fabrics present on their Concrete Canvas product. We are participating in Artbreak this weekend, April 12-14, where we will have a booth for STEM activities which will give everyone an opportunity to interact with the students and promote our field to the community. Our last session of the year will be another joint meeting with ASCE in May. ASCE is hosting a ceremony to recognize the McNeil Pump Station in Shreveport, so we will have the ceremony, a tour of the facility, and provide lunch.