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## From the Executive Director

### Change Can Be a Good Thing!

We are experiencing some exciting changes at the Florida Board of Professional Engineers. We began our new contract year in August of 2011 with an office relocation, some organizational changes, expedited the NCEES exam in October and 2012 is showing no signs of slowing down.

First, in January of this year, Governor Rick Scott appointed three new members to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers. They are William C. Bracken, P.E., S.I., Anthony J. Fiorillo, P.E.CGC, LEED AP, and Kenneth S. Todd, Jr., P.E. While these appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate, all three new Board members have begun fulfilling their duties by attending the recent Board meeting in Orlando, Florida. You can read more about our newest members in the *Noteworthy News* section of the newsletter.

Next, both the FEMC and FBPE Boards confirmed my appointment as the new Executive Director of FBPE during the December 6, 2011, meetings in order to fill the vacancy created by FBPE's former Executive Director, Mrs. Carrie Flynn, who retired on January 3, 2012. With a career spanning approximately 30 years with the engineering Board, Mrs. Flynn's knowledge and expertise will certainly be missed. On a personal note, I would have been woefully ill-equipped to handle the demands of the directorship without Mrs. Flynn's guidance and training during the past three years. Everyone here at FBPE wishes Mrs. Flynn the best in her retirement.

Other significant changes consist of the new FBPE website and office location. If you have visited our website in the past you may have noticed that we launched a new look & layout in September of 2011, about the same time our office moved to a new location – 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida. The new website is not only more aesthetically pleasing but is much easier to navigate and includes Board member photos and contact information. We hope you will visit our new site and provide feedback whenever possible.

Some of the changes FBPE has experienced will hopefully aid current and prospective engineers in Florida. We are hoping to extend the use of recently purchased record storage

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## Noteworthy News

## Governor Scott Appoints Three to Board of Professional Engineers

On January 30, 2012, Governor Rick Scott appointed three new members to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers. Please join us in welcoming FBPE's newest Board Members, William C. Bracken, P.E., S.I., Anthony J. Fiorillo, P.E, CGC, LEED AP, and Kenneth S. Todd, Jr., P.E. Mr. Bracken fills the vacancy created by the passing of member, H. D. Wallis, P.E. and is appointed for a term beginning January 30, 2012 to October 31, 2015. Mr. Fiorillo succeeds Zafar Hyder, P.E. and is appointed for a term of January 30, 2012 through October 31, 2014. Mr. Todd succeeds Bijay K. Panigrahi, P.E. and is appointed for a term beginning January 30, 2012 and ending October 31, 2015.



#### William C. Bracken, P.E., S.I.

Mr. Bracken is the President and Principal Engineer for Bracken Engineering located in Tampa, Florida. He is a licensed Special Inspector and Professional Engineer in the State of Florida as well as a licensed P.E. in 24 other states. Mr. Bracken is a registered Subject Matter Expert for the FEMA Search and Rescue Subgroup, the Florida Engineering Society and International Code Council of which he is also a Disaster Response Inspector.

In addition, he is certified with the Association of State Floodplain Managers Management and the Structural Certification Board. He is also registered with The National Council of Examiners in Engineering & Surveying and National Academy of Forensic Engineers.

Mr. Bracken possesses extensive training and experience within his discipline and his practice includes working as an engineer and a licensed general contractor on structural, building envelope, general civil floodplain and forensic engineering projects as well as urban search and rescue responses.

A graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor and Master's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and two years of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, Mr. Bracken is a published author and speaker for such organizations as the International Code Council, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, and the National Academy of Forensic Engineers to name a few. He is considered an accomplished engineer in his field, and recently developed and patented the "Interior Underpin Bracket and System and Method for Elevating a Structure", Patent 7,780,376 B2.



## Anthony "Tony" J. Fiorillo, P.E., CGC, LEED AP

Mr. Fiorillo is the President of ECS – Florida, LLC, and serves on the Board of Directors for its parent company, ECS, Ltd. ECS, Ltd was ranked by the Engineering News Record as one of the largest engineering firms in the country in 2010 and has approximately 1,100 employees.

He is a licensed Professional Engineer and a Certified General Contractor in the State of Florida. In addition, Mr. Fiorillo is also a licensed P.E. in the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, as well as a LEED Accredited Professional.

Mr. Fiorillo holds a Master's of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He serves on the Leadership Advisory Committee and the Constructed Environment Council of the Florida Engineering Society and is actively involved in many commercial real estate associations. He is the Immediate Past President of the Central Florida Chapter of NAIOP and is on the Executive Committee for the state chapter. He has also been an active member of the Commercial Real Estate for Women, American Hotel and Lodging Association, International Council of Shopping Centers, Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors, among others.



#### Kenneth S. Todd, Jr., P.E.

Mr. Todd was born and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida and has over 35 years engineering experience. He currently works with Palm Beach County as the Water Resource Manager, and in this capacity he is responsible for coordinating all the water resource efforts with county departments and other government agencies. Prior to working for Palm Beach, he spent

11 years with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), serving as a Senior Supervising Engineer within the Regulatory Department, worked as a Design Engineer and Project Manager for several engineering consulting firms, and spent two years as the Assistant County Engineer for Martin County.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida where he also completed graduate coursework in Public Works Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Florida, as well as, a Certified Floodplain Manager by the Board of Regents of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

For more information about FBPE and FEMC Board members, please visit our website at **www.fbpe.org**.

## Chairman's Corner

#### COMPUTER BASED TESTING: WELCOME THE FUTURE FE



John C. Burke, P.E. FBPE Chair

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is transitioning the FE and FS exams to computer-based testing (CBT). At its 90th annual meeting, held August 24–27, 2011, in Providence, Rhode Island, the member licensing boards of NCEES approved a new pricing model for NCEES exams that will go into effect when the Fundamentals of Engineering exam shifts to computer-based testing in January 2014.

Some of the reasons for converting the exams to a computer-based format are to allow greater scheduling flexibility for candidates, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content. To increase access to exams, all examinees will complete their exams at their local Pearson VUE testing center. Pearson VUE testing centers use a patent-winning design that was

created specifically for high-stakes testing. The centers offer a carefully controlled, consistent testing environment.

The FE exam is designed for college engineering seniors who intend to pursue a P.E. license. Nearly 50,000 examinees took the FE exam nationally during the 2010–2011 academic year. In the past, the FE exam was offered only twice per year—in April and October. Under the new CBT platform, examinees will be able to register and sit for exams year-round. The final paper-and-pencil administration of the FE exam will take place in October 2013.

The new pricing model, which features an all-inclusive fee for the FE that covers the exam itself and administration costs, was a key step in the transition from paper-and-pencil testing to computer-based testing.

The PE exam, which engineering candidates are also required to take after completing work experience requirements, may transition to CBT in the future. NCEES committees are currently researching the feasibility of doing so.

For more information about NCEES computer based testing go to <a href="http://cbt.ncees.org/">http://cbt.ncees.org/</a>.

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and retrieval software and equipment that will allow for quicker processing of licensure verifications and, in the future, a more seamless application process. We have been using Laserfiche for the last year and a half to digitally scan permanent records and now recognize a wide range of benefits this program has to offer.

In addition, FBPE expects to provide for an easier renewal process this coming November by eliminating continuing education reporting. We want to encourage the use of the online renewal system, which will

allow for engineers to digitally sign a statement of completion for the required eight PDH hours of continuing education and then pay the renewal fee. Following renewal, a percentage of engineers will be subject to a random audit of their CE credits, so it is important that you maintain records of CE credits earned.

Lastly, be on the lookout for more involvement by FBPE staff at organizational conferences such as Florida Engineering Society (FES) and Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF), and at universities in the coming year to promote licensure among professionals and students.

Zana Raybon FBPE Executive Director



### Mark Your Calendar

March 13, 2012

Completed Application Review (Board review of all applications received to date for NCEES October Exam)

March 13, 2012

Probable Cause Panel Meeting
Tallahassee, Florida

March 14, 2012

Rules Committee Meeting

Tallahassee, Florida

March 22 – 24, 2012

FAMU & FSU ASCE Southeast

Student Conference

http://www.eng.fsu.edu/asce2012/

March 23, 2012
Ratification Conference Call

April 11, 2012 FEMC Board Meeting Orlando, Florida

April 11-12, 2012 FBPE Board Meeting Orlando, Florida

April 19 – 21, 2012 NCEES Southern Zone Meeting

http://www.ncees.org/ Supplemental Pages/ Zone interim meetings/Zones/ Southern Zone interim meeting.php

May 11, 2012 Initial NCEES Exam Application due (for NCEES Exam on October 26, 2012 & October 27, 2012)

May 15, 2012

Completed Application Review
(Board review of all applications received to date for NCEES
October Exam)

May 15, 2012

Probable Cause Panel Meeting
Tallahassee, Florida

May 24, 2012 FEMC Board Conference Call

May 25, 2012
Ratification Conference Call

June 22, 2012

All complete submitted NCEES

exam applications and re-exam

applications due

(for NCEES Exam on October 26,

2012 & October 27, 2012)



### *Licensure* » » »

### What's Going on With Exams?

The Florida Board's Application and Licensure section has just wrapped up scheduling for the April 13 - 14, 2012, Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice exams.

Licensure Analysts have successfully scheduled **558** Principles and Practice candidates and **1233** Fundamentals of Engineering candidates. The registration deadline for the April 2012 NCEES exam was February 23, 2012.

The Fundamentals of Engineering Application Analyst is assigning EIT (Engineering Intern) certifications for the October 2011 examination passers who have a final transcript on record with the Board. This is an important step as certification of the EIT status is highly regarded in the industry as these interns enter the workplace and begin their careers in engineering. These applicants are seen to have all the requirements to become competent and successful engineers. Passing the Fundamentals of Engineering examination is the first step to licensing and allows the passers to enter the workplace and gain valuable experience working for and with licensed Professional Engineers in the field. This experience will be used in the application process for the Principles and Practice exam to demonstrate four years of experience as a part of the eligibility to sit for the exam.

Passers of the Principles and Practice exam are being issued their licensure numbers and will receive the license card and wall certificate in the next few weeks. We congratulate these new licensees and wish them success in their profession. To review the list of those individuals that most recently passed the FE and PE exams go to page 10 of this newsletter. We look forward to serving these and all licensees through their career as licensed Professional Engineers in Florida.

For applications, more information on obtaining licensure in the State of Florida, or making current license changes, please visit the *Licensure* Section of our website at **www.fbpe.org**.

## 2012 ASCE SOUTHEAST STUDENT CONFERENCE

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers has been invited to participate in this year's ASCE Southeast Student Conference. The ASCE Student Chapter and Conference Committee at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering are hosting this year's conference scheduled for March 22-24, 2012, in Tallahassee, Florida. The Board will have Licensure and Enforcement team members attend the conference to help judge competitions and lend logistics support to the participants. The Board will also have an information table set up to help attendees and to answer student's questions concerning licensure as a Professional Engineer in Florida.

The conference theme this year is "Breaking the Mold". There will be several competitions at the conference including: \*Concrete Canoe \*Steel Bridge \*Balsa Tower \*Concrete Beam \*Hydraulic Rocket \* and many more. These competitions bring students from throughout the Southeast together to showcase their skills and knowledge in achieving these feats of engineering. It is always an interesting and engaging competition that is appreciated by all who participate. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers looks forward to attending and helping in this great venture.

For more information about this event, the participating schools and registering please visit <a href="http://www.eng.fsu.edu/asce2012/">http://www.eng.fsu.edu/asce2012/</a>.





#### EES Latest News from the

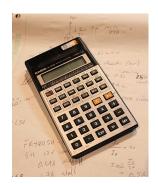
#### National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying

This page contains a brief overview of recent news releases by NCEES concerning items that may be of interest to our engineering community. These updates published here are intended to be only a brief description so we encourage you to visit www.ncces.org for full releases and their latest and most up-to-date information.

#### 2012 Approved Calculator List Announced

NCEES has approved the following list of calculators for use in the April and October 2012 exam administrations:

- ⇒ Casio: All fx-115 models. Any Casio calculator must contain fx-115 in its model name.
- ⇒ **Hewlett-Packard:** The **HP33s** and **HP 35s** models, but no others.
- ⇒ Texas Instruments: All TI-30X and TI-36X models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either TI-30X or TI-36X in its model name.



Calculators not included within the above descriptions are not permitted in the exam room. Examinees possessing unapproved calculators during the administration of an exam are subject to dismissal from the exam site. Examples of specific calculator models from the approved list and other exam-related information are available at

http://www.ncees.org/Exams/Exam-day policies/Calculator policy.php.



**National Engineers Week**, which occurred February 19–25 2012, celebrates the positive contributions engineers make to society. This year's theme "7 *billion people*, 7 *billion dreams*" was designed for Engineers Week 2012 to acknowledge the contributions engineers make globally and how engineers are making a world of difference to every individual's life.

Founded in 1951, Engineers Week is one of the oldest engineering outreach efforts in the United States. It focuses on increasing public understanding and appreciation of engineers' contributions to society. EWeek includes New Faces of Engineering, the Future City Competition, Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, and Discover Engineering Family Day.

Two new initiatives were added to this year's lineup of annual activities:

- ⇒ The DiscoverE Educator Recognition Award Program which commemorates educators who are helping students discover engineering. The program gives engineers and engineering students the opportunity to nominate teachers in grades 6–12 who are helping their students excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects.
- ⇒ New Faces of Engineering: College Edition which was sponsored by NCEES along with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers. The program launched April 3, 2011, through Facebook (facebook.com/collegeedition) and focuses on recognizing the best and brightest 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th year engineering students.

NCEES is a longtime sponsor of the EWeek foundation and to find out more about this year's events and winners, go to <a href="eweek.org">eweek.org</a>.

#### ANSI Recognizes Model Law Structural Engineer Standard

On February 7, 2012, the American National Standards Institute recently approved the *Model Law Structural Engineer (MLSE) Standard* developed by NCEES.

This standard outlines the requirements for attaining licensure as a Structural Engineer, or S.E. Its criteria are divided into education, professional experience, and examinations. The standard is used by NCEES as a guideline for its member licensing boards, which grant licensure to engineers and surveyors in all 50 states and several U.S. territories.

For more information about the new standard visit the NCEES website at <a href="https://www.ncees.org/About">www.ncees.org/About</a> NCEES/News.php.

## **Changes to Civil Construction & Civil Structural PE Exam Design Standards**

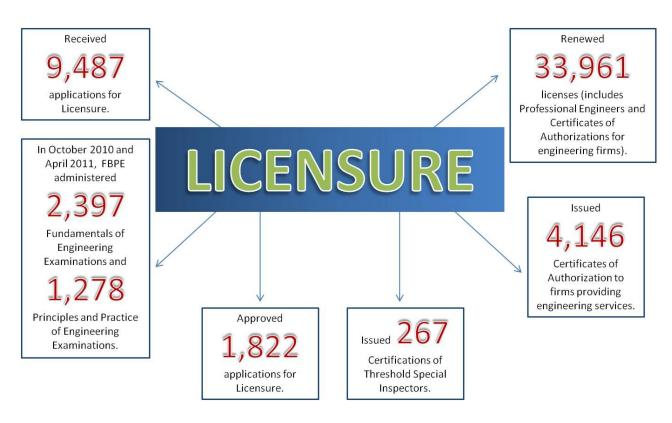
Effective December 19, 2011, the design standards for the Civil Construction and Civil Structural PE exams have been updated. If you downloaded the previous version of the codes, you will need to replace those files with newer copies. See below for the most recent codes.

<u>Civil Structural Design Standards</u> (pdf) <u>Civil Construction Design Standards</u> (pdf)

Read more about NCEES exams at <a href="http://www.ncees.org/">http://www.ncees.org/</a> Exams.php.

## FBPE & FEM C Accomplishments for 2010 — 2011

In support of FBPE's efforts to handle licensing engineers in the State of Florida and enforcing engineering licensing laws, FEMC accomplished the following during the July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 contract year. You can find more information about our contract requirements, accomplishments, quarterly and annual reports in the *Corporate* section of our website at <a href="www.fbpe.org">www.fbpe.org</a>.





Processed 187 complaints regarding engineering practice, of which 169 were found to be legally sufficient.

Filed 43 Administrative Complaints in cases where the Probable Cause Panel found probable cause to believe a violation of the Engineering Practice Act had occurred.

Issued 32 Final Orders against Professional Engineers.

Imposed \$107,174.07 in Fines and Costs. Dismissed 47 cases with a finding of no probable cause.

Dismissed 8 cases with a Letter of Guidance.



## Legal»»»

## Going Forward with Computer Generated Seals

The Board recently amended the "Seal" Rule (Rule 61G15-23.001), which became effective February 2, 2012. The Rule already allowed P.E.'s to use a rubber or composite stamp form of seal that leaves the information required by the Rule (the P.E.'s name, license number, and fact of licensure) on a hard copy document. A P.E. could also use the older embossing seal (Rule 61G15-23.001(2)) even though that seal does not create an opaque impression.







The new Rule now adds one method of "sealing" a hard copy document that was not allowed previously. The Rule now explicitly permits the use of "computer generated seals" so long as the computer generated representation of the seal includes the data that was required to be found on the old embossing seals and the more recent ink stamp seals. Moreover, just as with the

ink stamp, the Board does not prescribe any color of ink or computer generated ink representation, although it suggests blue or black as being easier for the reader.

The Rule's allowance of the use of computer generated "seals" <u>does not change</u> the other requirements that must be met before a document is considered to be ready for issuance. P.E.'s, using their own handwriting, will <u>still have to physically sign and date each page of design plans or the cover/index sheet/signature page of calculations, specifications and reports, as applicable (see Rule 61G15-23.002).</u>

The use of the computer generated seal representation should greatly aid P.E.'s who will generate hard copy documents as part of their professional services. However, it must be remembered that this Rule only applies to hard copy documents that will be personally signed by the P.E. before issuance. Electronically and digitally signed documents are governed by Rule 61G15-23.003 and the new Rule does not affect the requirements for the signing of such documents.

## How Can 1 Tell if an Engineer Has Been Disciplined?

At times, the public may find it necessary to determine whether a Professional Engineer has been disciplined by the Board. If you visit <a href="www.myfloridalicense.com">www.myfloridalicense.com</a>, you may see various closure methods for complaints filed. Below is a list of closure methods and what they mean:

Cease & Desist – when an unlicensed individual or company has either practiced engineering without a license or a company has offered engineering services without a Certificate of Authorization a "Cease & Desist" will be issued advising the offender to cease the activity. If a second complaint for the same activity is filed after a "Cease & Desist" has been issued, the Board will generally forward those cases to the State Attorney's office in the county where the individual or business resides for criminal prosecution.

Citation – a "Citation" is issued in lieu of disciplinary action for certain relatively minor transgressions, which the Board has determined can be resolved by the payment of a fine and compliance in the future. For instance, if a Professional Engineer or Certificate of Authorization holder either practices engineering or offers engineering services without a proper license/certification for a short period of time, a "Citation" can be used to penalize the Professional Engineer or Certificate of Authorization holder and resolve the matter without further Board action provided the licensee brings their license/certificate current.

<u>Legally Insufficient</u> – a complaint that has been filed and reviewed can be deemed to be "Legally Insufficient" when:

- (1) no facts were found to justify investigating the complaint or,
- the complaint alleged a violation of law that was outside the purview of the Board to take action.

This method of closure is most often used when a complaint is filed regarding something that is not in the Board's jurisdiction, for example, a complaint that an engineer is practicing another profession, or a complaint for unlicensed activity when no unlicensed activity has occurred, or a complaint for an issue that is not a violation of the Board's laws and rules.

<u>Closing Order</u> – when a complaint is legally sufficient, has been fully investigated and reviewed by the Probable Cause Panel, and found to have no violation of the Board's laws and rules, a "Closing Order" will be issued.

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## Recent Engineer Disciplines

In the last three months, the Board has formally approved the following enforcement cases based on the Florida Statutes and Rules applicable at the time of the violation. Included is a brief description of the licensee's violation and discipline imposed by the Board.

Abbas Borujerdi, P.E. License No. 38553 Case No. 2009017619

Licensee was charged with one count of negligence in the practice of engineering. This negligence resulted from Mr. Borujerdi's signing and sealing documents that contained erroneous information therefore, he failed to use due care in performing in an engineering capacity.

**Ruling:** A Final Order and Settlement Stipulation was approved by the Board imposing reprimand, costs, appearance, successful completion of the *Intermediate* Professionalism and Ethics course and study guide.

**Violation:** 471.033(1)(g),F.S. and Rule 61G15-19.001(4) F.A.C.

**Stuart Holtz, P.E.**License No. 61122
Case No. 2011001628

Licensee was charged with one count of negligence in the practice of engineering. Mr. Holtz's negligence charge was the result of his failing to perform proper inspection of shoring and re-shoring for the Berkman Garage Project that conformed to acceptable standards for engineering principles for such an engagement.

Ruling: A Settlement Stipulation was proposed and a Board approved Final Order was issued imposing a reprimand, appearance, fines and costs, successful completion of the ACI Inspector Certification Program: Concrete Construction Special Instructor; probation for two years, and completion of the Professionalism and Ethics course and study guide.

**Violation**: 471.033(1)(g), F.S. and 61G15-19.001(4) F.A.C.

*Kelly Lyons, P.E.*License No. 56191
Case No. 2010040757

Licensee was charged with one count of negligence in the practice of engineering. This negligence resulted from Mr. Lyons' signing and sealing drawings that were materially deficient and filed for public record, therefore, he failed to use due care in performing in an engineering capacity.

**Ruling:** The Board approved a Final Order accepting the Settlement Stipulation imposing fines and costs, appearance, successful completion of the Professionalism and Ethics course and study guide.

**Violation:** 471.033(1)(g),F.S.

Mohammed Partovi, P.E. License No. 41143 Case No. 2011034724

Licensee was charged with being adjudicated guilty of a crime which directly relates to the practice of engineering or the ability to practice engineering, and engaging in misconduct in the practice of engineering by being convicted of a crime directly relating to the practice of plans examination and building inspection.

Ruling: A Final Order was approved by the Board accepting the Settlement Stipulation imposing appearance, reprimand, and suspension of license for two years followed by appearance to Board to lift suspension. The Board reserved the right to impose additional terms and probation at that time. Licensee must also successfully complete the *Advanced* Professionalism and Ethics course and study guide.

**Violation:** 455.227(1)( c) F.S., 471.033(1)(d), F.S., 61G15-19.001(6)(h), F.A.C. and Rule 61G15-19.001(7)(b) F.A.C.

**Douglas Stitgen, P.E.** License No. 64531 Case No. 2009050310

Licensee was charged with one count of negligence in the practice of engineering. This negligence resulted from Mr. Stitgen signing and sealing materially deficient documents submitted for permitting that were not in compliance with applicable code requirements or acceptable engineering principles.

Ruling: The Board accepted the proposed Settlement Stipulation and issued a Final Order imposing a reprimand, payment of fines and costs, appearance, probation for two years with project reviews at six and 18 months, successful completion of the Professionalism and Ethics course and study guide.

**Violation:** 471.003(1)(g), F.S. and 61G15-19.001(4), F.A.C.

You can access the final orders for these cases and other recent engineer disciplines on our website under the Legal section at <a href="http://fbpe.org/legal/disciplinary-action">http://fbpe.org/legal/disciplinary-action</a>. If you are unsure if an engineer has been disciplined you can verify their license on <a href="mayleotricense-com">myfloridalicense.com</a>. Also refer to the article on page 7, "How Can I Tell if an Engineer has been <a href="Disciplined?">Disciplined?"</a> for more information on understanding the discipline process.

**Disclaimer:** FBPE would like to note that every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of discipline information; however this should not be relied upon without verification from the Board office or website. It is possible that names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who <u>HAVE NOT BEEN</u> disciplined or had compliant actions taken against them, so we encourage you to review licensee information on <u>myfloridalicense.com</u> or contact our office or make a public records request should you have any specific questions regarding disciplinary actions. Public records requests can be sent to <u>publicrecords@fbpe.org</u>.

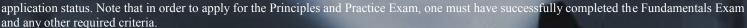
## Employee Spotlight

In an effort to better inform you on how engineer licensing and the legal processes work here in Florida, we will highlight an employee each issue explaining their responsibilities and acknowledge them for their contributions and outstanding work that makes this organization a success.

In this issue, we introduce *Ms. Lisa Simmons*. Lisa is a Licensure Analyst in the Applications and Licensure Department. She has been with FBPE since 2007, where she started as a temporary employee assisting with the renewal process. Following renewal, she was asked to join the FBPE team permanently as a Licensure Assistant and then eventually moved to an analyst position handling the Fundamental Exams. After serving two years in that position, she now manages the Principles and Practice Exams for the organization.

The Principles and Practice Examination is required for all of those individuals desiring to become a licensed engineer in the State of Florida. The exam is currently conducted two times a year and all files are prepared and scheduled according to the NCEES exam deadlines

Lisa begins accepting and preparing applications approximately six months prior to the NCEES exam date. It is important to note that the receipt, preparation, reviewing and Board approval of an application takes about three months from start to finish. Assuming all appropriate information has been provided with the application, potential candidates are notified via email within 30 days after receipt of their application with the current





- ⇒ Failure to include complete contact and email information, and supporting documentation (i.e, transcripts, proof of FE completion, proper photo identification, etc.); and
- ⇒ Submitting incorrect payment of exam fees. The current fee for the exam is \$230.00. When submitting your application, a check or money order payable to FBPE in that <u>exact amount</u> is due. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PAYMENTS FOR MORE OR LESS THAN THAT AMOUNT**. Submission of the wrong amount will result in the application and funds being returned and thereby further delaying the application process.

In the last exam cycle, Lisa processed over 550 applications for the NCEES Principles and Practice Exam. WAY TO GO!!!! But the process still goes on as she is currently accepting and preparing applications for the October 2012 exam. All candidates seeking to take the exam in the next cycle must submit their completed applications by May 18, 2012. To obtain an application and instructions please visit the Licensure section of our website at <a href="www.fbpe.org">www.fbpe.org</a>, or contact Lisa at <a href="lisimmons@fbpe.org">lisimmons@fbpe.org</a>.

We thank Lisa for her continued professionalism and all her efforts in providing timely and quality service to those entering the engineering community in the State of Florida.

## >>> Information Accuracy Depends on You!

It is the responsibility of the licensee or certificate holder to notify the Board of any change of vital information previously submitted, such as a name or address change, change of employer, or change of P.E. in responsible charge for a firm. This information should be provided within 30 days of when the change occurs to ensure proper delivery of licensure correspondence and uninterrupted Board service. We also encourage licensees to provide the most current email address as well since we routinely provide special notices, information and the quarterly newsletter electronically.

To submit your changes you can simply complete the interactive form located at <a href="http://fbpe.org/licensure/other-forms">http://fbpe.org/licensure/other-forms</a> or email the new information to <a href="https://bpe.org/licensure/other-forms">board@fbpe.org</a>.

For those individuals requesting to change their name and obtain a new copy of your license, <u>you must submit</u> new photo identification and a copy of a marriage certificate or divorce decree along with the appropriate order form and the \$25.00 fee. The order form can be downloaded from our website under "Order Form for Duplicate Licenses and Certificates" at <a href="http://fbpe.org/licensure/other-forms">http://fbpe.org/licensure/other-forms</a>.

Additional forms can be located on this page such as requests to change license status, verification of licensure and delinquent renewal forms. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Board's office.





FBPE would like to congratulate all of the candidates that successfully passed the October 2011 NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice Exams.

We wish them much success as they move towards the next step in their engineering careers!!!



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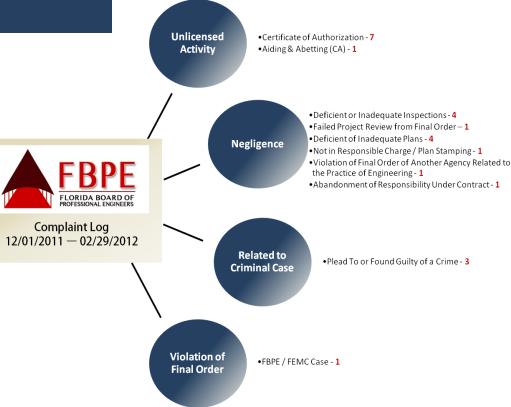
# FBPE Complaints Inventory Update

See the chart on the right for a snapshot of the number and types of complaints received from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012 that were added to the current FEMC complaint inventory:

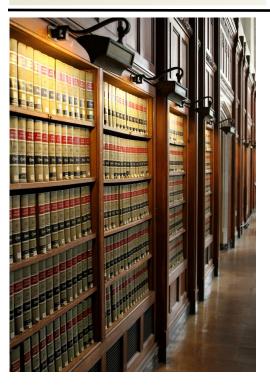
The descriptions given are based on the allegations as received by Complainants and reflect only complaints opened during the specified time period not the total inventory. Also please note that this does not reflect what an individual or company may be charged with after the full investigation of the allegation contained in the complaint.

In addition to the receipt of 24 new complaints, the following list identifies the number of cases closed during the December 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012 time period and their closure status:

<b>Closure Method</b>	# of Cases
Legally Insufficient	11
Closing Order	5
Closing Order w/ Letter of Guidance	2
Cease & Desist	7
Closed After Legal Review	1
Citation	1



For more information on the complaint process or if you feel that a licensee, firm or individual has violated the provision of law outlined in Chapter 455, F.S., Chapter 471, F.S., and Chapter 61G-15, Florida Administrative Code and want to file a complaint, go to our website at <a href="http://fbpe.org./legal/complaints">http://fbpe.org./legal/complaints</a>. If inquiring on a filed complaint, please be aware that some case information may be in private status which would not be subject to public record.



#### Legal - » » »

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Letter of Guidance – a "Letter of Guidance" will be issued when there is probable cause for the PCP to believe that a violation of the Board's laws and rules occurred, that the violation is relatively minor and, in the PCP's opinion is such that it does not rise to the level of having an "Administrative Complaint" issued. A "Letter of Guidance" generally gives the Professional Engineer a written warning of certain behaviours to avoid in the future. A "Letter of Guidance" does not constitute discipline of a P.E.'s license.

<u>Final Order</u> – a "Final Order" means that disciplinary action has been taken against a Professional Engineer or a company that holds a Certificate of Authorization. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, the penalties and terms imposed may vary.

Current cases are summarized and posted on the Board's website until the offender completes probation and other PCP recommended penalties imposed by the Board are met.

If you are aware of an engineer that has been disciplined but cannot locate them on the current list under the *Legal* section of our website, you can submit a public records request at <a href="mailto:publicrecords@fbpe.org">publicrecords@fbpe.org</a>.



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