Thank You, Warren.

I would like to begin by thanking Warren Hahn, PE for having served as FBPE’s chairman for the last two years. As a business owner and practicing engineer, Mr. Hahn has devoted several days a month and scores of man-hours over the last two years to the licensees of the State of Florida. While serving as a member of the FBPE is demanding, serving as its Chair is even more so. FBPE’s Chair is required to attend FBPE Board meetings, FBPE committee meetings, the Florida Engineer’s Management Corporation’s meetings and NCEES’ twice yearly meetings. Chairmanship also requires attention to FBPE business matters and countless conference calls.

I am honored that FBPE’s Board has given me the opportunity to serve Florida’s licensees as FBPE’s Chairman for the upcoming year. I also look forward to continuing to work with such a committed team, to continue to build upon their momentum and the gains they have realized. Toward that end I am committed to further serving Florida’s licensees by promoting the FBPE’s Outreach Program. This program strives to address unlicensed activity as well as increasing professional involvement by working to develop relationships and interface with Florida licensees’ engineering associations and societies. For more information on the FBPE’s Outreach Program, please see the article within this newsletter located on page 9, titled The FBPE’s Outreach Program - Engineering Associations and Societies.

In closing, I encourage all of Florida’s licensed professional engineers to get involved with your engineering associations and societies and I encourage you to let the FBPE know what we can do to better serve you as licensees. We welcome all feedback, so your feel free to send and email regarding any questions or concerns you may have to board@fbpe.org.

For a full listing of FBPE and FEMC board members go to our website at www.fbpe.org and select About FBPE or About FEMC. If you think you would be interested in serving on the Florida Board of Professional Engineers please refer to the article, on the following page for information related to the current vacancies and how to apply.

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