

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thank You for Your Input & Assistance

With the formalization and implementation of its Community Outreach program, the FBPE has been actively seeking input and assistance from Florida's licensed engineers. You've obviously heard us and are beginning to respond. To date we have received questions on various topics and had a number of outdated rules brought to light. In response the FBPE will be creating a number of new committees as appropriate to address those items brought to our attention.



The Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) utilizes numerous administrative and technical committees to help conduct its business. These committees meet on alternate months from the full board meetings and currently include: the *Application Review – Experience Committee*, the *Application Review – Education Committee*, the *Rules Committee*, and the *Education Rules Committee*. These committees, along with those to be created, afford Florida's licensed engineers the opportunity to participate and provide input through their respective organizations and as individuals.

A number of items have been identified as warranting further consideration and will be either assigned to one of our existing committees or one not yet created: The following are some of the items to be reviewed and addressed:

- The role of the Engineer of Record (EOR) and the delegated/specialty engineer regarding the design of post-tensioned concrete system;
- The role of the EOR and the manufacturer's engineer regarding the design of steel joist system;
- The design of pumps within water based fire protection systems;
- The signing and sealing of commissioning related documents and what falls subject to the practice rules for engineering;
- The issue of references to differing versions of the Florida Building Code found throughout our existing rules;
- The issue of Practicing Engineers for purposes of work experience verification;
- The circumstances under which foreign engineering experience is acceptable and foreign licensed engineering references are acceptable;
- The issue of CEU providers and the quality of the courses being accredited; and
- Review of FBPE materials and message to ensure consistency.

All FBPE Board and FBPE Committee meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in finding out more information about how to participate on the Board's committees send an email to board@fbpe.org.

William C. Bracken, PE, SI, CFM
FBPE Chair

To view a listing of upcoming meetings access the Calendar on the Board's website at www.fbpe.org.

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To fulfill our obligations to Florida's licensed engineers we need your continued support and assistance.

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