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From the Executive Director: FBPE Represented at NCEES Annual Meeting

By **Zana Raybon**, FBPE Executive Director & FEMC President

The [NCEES](#) 2018 Annual Meeting was held in Scottsdale, Ariz., from Aug. 15-18. Representing the Florida Board of Professional Engineers were Board members Pankaj (PJ) Shah, PE, Dylan Albergo, PE, Scott Drury, PE, Walid Sobh, PE, Babu Varghese, PE, SI, Vice Chair Kevin Fleming, PE, Executive Director Zana Raybon, Assistant Executive Director Rebecca Sammons, and Board Counsel Lawrence Harris, Esq.



Along with saying goodbye to long-time NCEES CEO Jerry Carter, the council members spent four days participating in business sessions, reviewing officer and committee reports, and attending zone and practice sessions. Jerry, who will retire in October after 17 years with NCEES, will be replaced by David Cox, former executive director of the Kentucky Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Although Jerry will be missed, David brings to the position a tremendous amount of experience as both a leader of a state board and an active participant on NCEES committees for many years.

Some of the items considered during the business and zone sessions included approving a \$3-million contribution, over a three-year period, to [Engineers Without Borders](#); changing the term of the NCEES treasurer to a three-year term; a decision to discontinue offering the PE software exam; and lengthy discussions about the continued threat to professional licensure and regulation. It was also reported that there has been a marked increase in exam administrations for both the FE and the PE exams.

Each year, NCEES offers a law enforcement forum that is an interactive program for investigators, attorneys, board members, and member board administrators interested in learning about and sharing experience in enforcement. This year, FBPE Investigator Jeanne Jones attended the forum where participants took part in a roundtable discussion of enforcement topics and joined in a presentation by the [Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation](#), titled "Communication and the Art of Persuasion," and the National Certified Investigator and Inspector Training "Basic Interviewing Techniques." The forum also covered enforcement resources that are available on the [NCEES website](#).

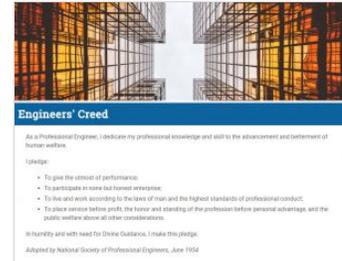
As always, FBPE was well represented by the Board members in attendance, and the annual meeting provided an opportunity to stay informed on engineering matters in other states that may affect professionals in Florida.

The NCEES 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., next August, and the Southern Zone Interim Meeting will be held jointly with the Western Zone in Boise, Idaho, in May.

Chair's Corner: Remembering the Engineers' Creed

By **Kenneth Todd**, PE, CFM, FBPE Chair (2018)

Not too long ago I brought up the Engineers' Creed to a young engineer, to which he replied, "I didn't know engineers had one." I said we did and that it has had an influence on many engineers, myself included, as to how we practice engineering. His comment reminded me that I, too, was unaware there was an Engineers' Creed as a young engineer until someone pointed it out to me. It was adopted by the [National Society of Professional Engineers](#) in 1954.



The Creed appears below for all of you young engineers, and possibly some older engineers, who didn't know there was one.

Engineers' Creed

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.

I pledge:

- **To give the utmost of performance;**
- **To participate in none but honest enterprise;**
- **To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;**
- **To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.**

In humility and with the need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

This pledge is related to good ethics, which was discussed in the [Chair's Corner](#) in last quarter's *Connection* newsletter. The Creed talks directly about honesty, working according to the laws of man, and the highest standards of professional conduct (ethics). However, there are three additional points made in this Creed that I would like to spend a few moments focusing on.

First, we are to give the utmost of performance in our practice. Second, we are to place service above profit. Finally, we are to put the public's welfare above all considerations. When professional engineers do all three of these points, along with practicing good ethics, we bring honor and standing to the profession.

This Creed reminds us to always do the very best job that we can in our work. We are paid for our expertise, and we should give our very best effort. Our clients and the public expect that. It also reminds

us that if we place good service above profit, the public will respect the profession. There is nothing wrong with making a profit; in fact, we should make a profit, but it is not good for the image of the profession when the public thinks that we are in it only for the money.

Lastly, the Engineers' Creed reminds us that when we put the public's welfare above all considerations, including profit, the public will feel they can trust engineers to do the right thing. They will feel this way because they will sense we have their interests and welfare in mind as we make business and technical decisions during our practice of engineering. Many of these concepts are found in our laws and rules. When we follow them, the result is that we will have dedicated our engineering knowledge and skill to the betterment of human welfare. This can only increase the standing of the engineering profession in the eyes of the public.

Renew Early and Save \$10

Professional Engineers who renew their Florida licenses early can save \$10 on their renewal fee.

Renew between Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, and Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, and pay \$88.75, rather than the usual \$98.75 fee. (Both totals include a mandatory fee to combat unlicensed activity.)

The discount is to encourage PEs to renew early and not wait until the last minute. After Jan. 15, 2019, the renewal fee returns to \$98.75.

The discounted rate does not apply to delinquent licenses. For information on renewing your delinquent license, visit [the License Renewal page](#) on the FBPE website.

Don't forget, your PE license will expire on Feb. 28, 2019, and you will no longer be able to sign and seal engineering documents beginning March 1, 2019. Also, Certificates of Authorization for engineering businesses also expire Feb. 28, 2019.



Log into Your Account Now in Preparation for Renewal

It's a good idea to log into your [DBPR online account](#) at myfloridalicense.com in the next few weeks, before the renewal period starts.

You want to ensure that you can access your account — and troubleshoot any problems that you may encounter — before trying to renew your Professional Engineer license.

Here are some common problems, and their solutions:

You are asked for an activation code. Your activation code is the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). For those renewing a Certificate of Authorization, the activation code is the last four digits of your Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). If you cannot access your account by using this information, contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:8505210500).

A message says that your email address is associated with another account. Contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:8505210500) to verify the email address on file with your account. If the email associated with your



account is no longer valid, we can reset your account so that a new email address can be linked to your record. But you will not be able to use the existing email address again with your account.

You forgot your password. If you attempt to sign into your account and have forgotten your password, select “Forgot My Password.” You will be prompted to “Create a New Password” by answering your security question. After creating a new password, you should be able to access your account.

You forgot the answer to the security question associated with your account. Contact the Board office at (850) 521-0500 or email renewal@fbpe.org. Once FBPE has retrieved the information, an email will be sent to you with the answer to your security question. However, it may take up to 24 hours to process your request. If you are sending a request to retrieve your answer, you must include your name, license number, and the email address linked to your account to complete the request.

If you run into any other errors, contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) for assistance.

Licenses to Be Available Online Only

A major change is coming with this licensure renewal cycle. Professional Engineer licenses and Certificates of Authorization will no longer be mailed. PEs must log into their account at myfloridalicense.com and print their license and CA from there.

The change provides PEs and CAs with immediate access to their updated license as soon as the renewal process is complete and renewal fees have been paid. You will no longer have to wait four to six weeks for your license to be delivered.

To help you with this change, FBPE will provide a step-by-step guide on its website that will walk you through the process of renewing and printing your Professional Engineers license.

Our one-page guide will show each step of renewal, from creating or updating your account to renewal options and paying your fees. A brief introduction will provide you with pertinent information you need before you begin.

You may want to keep the guide open in a separate browser window as you go through the renewal process at myfloridalicense.com.

The page, "PE Licensure Renewal: Step by Step," will go live shortly before renewal begins on Monday, Nov. 5. It will be updated as needed through the renewal period.

If you have any questions during the process, please call the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) and select “Renewal” to speak to a representative during regular business hours.

Licensure Renewal Information and Tips

All current Professional Engineer licenses and Certificates of Authorization are set to expire, Feb. 28, 2019. Beginning Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, online license renewal will officially open for the 2019-2021 biennium.

To assist you in renewing your license or certificate, FBPE is providing you with general information, helpful hints, and basic instructions for accessing your account and renewing your license online. We have also included information about license status changes and continuing education requirements.



Please read the information very carefully prior to renewing your license. If you have any issues accessing your account, please call the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) and select “Renewal” for assistance.

General Renewal Information

Renewal Fee: You can save \$10 if you renew your Professional Engineer license before Jan. 16, 2019. Renewal fees include a \$5 unlicensed activity fee, which FBPE must charge pursuant to [Chapter 497.140, Florida Statutes, Fees](#). If you fail to renew by the deadline you must pay a \$25 delinquent fee. Renewal fees are:

\$98.75: Regular renewal fee, applies Jan. 16 through Feb. 28, 2019.

\$88.75: Discounted renewal fee, *applies only Nov. 5, 2018, through Jan. 15, 2019.*

Certificate of Authorization Holders: A Professional Engineer who is the qualifying engineer for a firm/company providing engineering services in Florida, *must* renew his or her license before renewing the business’s Certificate of Authorization. If the qualifying engineer renews his or her license after the CA has been renewed, the certificate will not automatically renew. You *must* contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) and select “Renewal” to have this corrected. The fee to renew a CA is \$98.75, which includes a \$5 unlicensed activity fee, which FBPE must charge pursuant to [Chapter 497.140, Florida Statutes, Fees](#).

Online Printing of Licenses: Beginning with this renewal cycle, PE licenses and Certificates of Authorization are *only* available through your account at myfloridalicense.com. *Licenses cannot be mailed.* Check your licensure record prior to renewal to ensure that the email address and other information associated with your license is current and accurate. If any information is dated or incorrect, you risk not getting important notices from the Board.

Continuing Education Requirements: Professional Engineers licensed in Florida are required to obtain 18 continuing education hours to renew their licenses. For more information about the CE requirement, visit the [Continuing Education](#) section of FBPE’s website. Exceptions to the CE requirement include:

Some New Licensees: If you passed your Principles & Practice exam in April 2017, October 2017, or April 2018, and Florida is your first state of PE licensure, you are only required to pay the fee to renew your license. You do not need to complete the 18 hours of continuing education for this renewal cycle. However, effective with the 2021-2023 biennium, you must complete your continuing education hours and pay the renewal fee to renew your license.

Inactive Licensees: If your license is currently “inactive” and you want to become “active,” you can renew your license at myfloridalicense.com and pay the renewal fee (see above). Once that is complete, contact the Board office at [850-521-0500 ext. 113](tel:850-521-0500), to find out how to complete the status change. You may be required to show that you have completed the 18 hours of CE if your license has been “inactive” for more than a year.

Attestation Statements: Each licensee must attest to the accuracy of your licensure information, the completion of CE for the renewal period, and the reporting of any disciplinary action taken against your license in another jurisdiction. You cannot renew your license without providing a response to these statements.

Receipts: You should receive an automatic email from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation licensing system confirming that your renewal application has been received. This email will contain an Online Payment Summary in the form of a PDF attachment. This serves as a receipt.

Paper Renewal: Renewal is available online only. Should you have circumstances that prevent you from renewing your license online, you may contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:8505210500), and select “Renewal,” then request a hardcopy renewal application. *Please note: You must allow at least six weeks to process any renewal request using this method, which means your request must be received by FBPE no later than Jan. 21, 2019, to ensure that your license does not lapse and become delinquent. You will still be required to log into your myfloridalicense.com account to print your license. PE licenses can no longer be mailed.*

Replacement Certificates: Replacement certificates for PEs and Certificates of Authorizations can be ordered for \$25. Please allow four to six weeks for printing and mailing of a replacement certificate. (PE licenses will be available *online only* beginning with this renewal period.)

License Issues & Status Changes

Delinquent/Active License: If your license has a status of “delinquent/active” and you wish to renew your license, you *must* complete 18 hours of continuing education, including one hour of Florida laws and rules, and one hour of professional ethics, both from a Board-approved provider; and four hours related to your area of practice; and 12 hours related to any topic pertinent to the practice of engineering.

You also must pay a \$25 delinquent fee, as well as the fee for the past renewal cycle and the fee for the current renewal. If you do not renew before Feb. 28, 2019, your license will become “null and void.”

Null & Void License: If your license is “delinquent” and you do not renew in this renewal cycle, your license status will become “null and void” on March 1, 2019. A license status of “null and void” means that your PE license is no longer valid. To obtain a new Florida PE license, you must reapply through the endorsement process and be given a new PE license number. Information regarding the endorsement process can be found on [the Endorsement page](#) in the *Licensure* section of the FBPE website.

Active to Inactive License Status Change: To place your license in an “inactive” status during the current renewal period, you *must* pay the renewal fee (see above). You will not be required to take any continuing education hours. You must request that your license be placed in “inactive” status by submitting the *Application for Change of Status Form - Active to Inactive*. Go to [the Other Forms page](#) under the *Licensure* section of the FBPE website to download the application. Be sure to read and understand the requirements of [Rule 61G15-22.0002, F.A.C., Licensure Change of Status](#), regarding reactivating your license before your request an inactive status.

To activate your license, you must submit the *Application for Change of Status Form - Inactive to Active* with all required documents, pay any additional licensure fees necessary to equal those imposed on an active status licensee, pay any applicable reactivation fees as set by the Board, and meet all continuing education requirements as defined in Rule 61G15-22.001, F.A.C.

Military Status: Pursuant to Section 455.02(1), F.S., any member of the U.S. armed forces may request that his or her PE license be placed in a military status, without paying dues or fees or performing any other act such as continuing education. This status will be in effect as long as the service member is on

active duty and for a period of six months after discharge from active duty, if he or she is not engaged in the licensed profession or vocation in the private sector for profit.

If you are a Professional Engineer licensed in Florida and meet these requirements, you must inform the Board and provide the military orders placing you on active duty. Once you are discharged from active duty, you must notify the Board within six months of discharge and submit a Form DD-214. No continuing education or fee is required to return your license to a current and active status. If you have any questions regarding an active military status, please contact the Board office at renewal@fbpe.org or call [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) and select "Renewal."

CE Rule Changes: How They Affect PEs and Providers

By Scott R. Drury, PE

It's about that time again... when approximately 41,000 licensed Professional Engineers in Florida will be completing their 18 required continuing education hours (CEHs) in order to renew their licenses. These CEHs are mandated under [Rule 61G15-22.001, Florida Administrative Code, Continuing Education Requirements](#).



Out of these 18 CEHs, two must be obtained through providers approved by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers:

1. One hour relating to Florida laws and rules of the Board (Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 61G15, F.A.C.); and
2. One hour relating to professional ethics.

According to Rule 61G15-22.003(2), F.A.C., *Qualifying Activities for Area of Practice Requirement*, CEHs obtained through courses, tutorials, webinars, or distance learning, offered through various delivery methods such as live, correspondence, recorded, Internet-based, or through attending seminars (including in-house engineering seminars), workshops, or professional and technical seminars at meetings, conventions, and conferences must be presented/sponsored by a provider or vendor with specific knowledge related to the licensee's area of practice approved under Rule 61G15-22.011, F.A.C.

But Rule 61G15-22.001 requires that CEHs satisfying the requirements for Florida laws and rules and for professional ethics must be from Board-approved providers. Rule 61G15-22.011 lists the various ways for a person or organization to become a Board-approved continuing education provider.

Rule 61G15-22.012, F.A.C., *Obligations of Continuing Education Providers*, outlines the various requirements for these providers to maintain their Board-approved status as a CE provider. These requirements include (with emphasis added):

1. Provide courses or seminars that enhance the education of engineers in the practice of engineering;
2. Require each licensee to complete *the entire course or seminar* in order to receive a certificate of completion;
3. Furnish each participant with an individual certificate of attendance;
4. Maintain an attendance record *for four years*, which is available for inspection by the Board and the Florida Engineers Management Corporation;

5. Ensure their *Board-approved provider number is listed* on all promotional materials for courses and seminars offered to Professional Engineers;
6. Allow only one CEH per one hour of instruction, being a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction or presentation;
7. Allow only one CEH per one hour of correspondence study, based on the average completion time of the course as established by the provider;
8. Provide a written examination to each participating licensee in correspondence study, and ensure the licensee signs and dates the examination and receives *a minimum grade of 70 percent*;
9. Notify the Board *within 14 days* of any change in address or telephone number of the provider;
10. Allow designees from FBPE and FEMC to have access to information concerning courses or seminars conducted by the CE provider; and
11. Make sufficient course information available to potential participants to allow a participant to clearly understand the course content, learning objectives and outcomes, and level of difficulty *prior to enrolling in the course*.

Providers should also note that, according to Rule 61G15-22.013, F.A.C., *Evaluation of Providers*, the Board or its designee may evaluate CE courses or seminars offered to engineers for credit through either observation or reviewing the files of the provider to gain any information about these courses.

So, there are four questions that may be asked:

How does a licensee know or ensure the CEHs are by a Board-approved provider?

The promotional material for the course or seminar must include the Board-approved provider number and sufficiently outline the course content, learning objectives, and level of difficulty.

Are the four CEHs relating to my area of practice, and the other 12 hours relating to any topic pertinent to the practice of engineering required to be from a Board-approved provider?

No. However, the four CEHs must related to areas of practice in the PE exam offered by NCEES as defined in Rule 61G15-22.022(1), F.A.C.; and the 12 CEHs must relate to any topic pertinent to the practice of engineering as defined in Rule 61G15-22.002(8), F.A.C.

I have already taken a professional ethics course from a provider who is not a Florida Board-approved provider. Will this be acceptable to meet the professional ethics requirement?

No. It has been the Board's intent for this rule to require the professional ethics course to be administered by an FBPE-approved provider. Unfortunately, the language of the rule was not clear during previous renewal periods, which is why the Board previously accepted any professional ethics course. The Board's intent was clarified in an amendment to Rule 61G15-22.001(1), F.A.C., which took effect on Aug. 1, 2018, and applies to the upcoming renewal period. Therefore, all licensees must comply with the current adopted rule, which requires the professional ethics course to be from a Florida Board-approved provider.

What are the obligations of a Board-approved provider?

A Board-approved CE provider needs to comply with all requirements set forth in Rules 61G15-22.012 and 61G15-22.013, F.A.C. If the CE provider offers courses in professional ethics or in laws and rules, then the provider must also comply with the requirements set forth in Rule 61G15-22.0105, F.A.C.

Also, as a reminder to CE providers, please reference Rule 61G15-22.014, F.A.C., *Duration of Provider Status*. Status as a Board-approved provider is only approved for the biennium in which applied. Providers must reapply for approved status 90 days before the start of the biennium for continuing education providers, which begins June 1 of each odd-numbered year. This means to prevent a lapse in provider status, reapplications must be received by March 1, 2019.

If you have any questions concerning continuing education or Board-approved providers, please contact FBPE's licensure department at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:8505210500), or email board@fbpe.org. Current [versions of Florida's laws and rules](#) as they relate to the practice of engineering are available on *Legal* section of [the FBPE website](#).

Longtime FBPE Member Resigns From Board

Longtime board member Dr. Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry, P.E., resigned from the Florida Board of Professional Engineers in August. Dr. Rambo-Roddenberry was appointed to the Board in March 2012, where she filled the Education seat.

Dr. Roddenberry is associate dean for Student Affairs & a professor at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering in Tallahassee, Fla. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in civil engineering from Florida State University, and her Ph.D. in civil engineering from Virginia Tech. She has seven years of previous experience as a bridge engineer and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Florida.

At FAMU-FSU, she has taught "Senior Design Project," an engineering professional issues course, and structural engineering courses, including concrete design, bridge engineering, and pre-stressed concrete. Her research is primarily in concrete failure behavior and bridge engineering, particularly pre-stressed concrete bridges, analysis, in-field measurements, and load rating.

Based on Dr. Roddenberry's work with the "Senior Design Project" course, her department is the past winner of the NCEES Engineering Award Grand Prize for the "Connecting Professional Practice With Education." She is an active member of the Florida Engineering Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Aside from normal academic service activities such as reviewing technical journals and National Science Foundation proposals, she is involved in service to the community and students through her work in K-12 outreach, MathCOUNTS, the regional science fair, advising the FAMU-FSU ASCE-FES Student Chapter, and hosting the annual Order of the Engineer ring ceremonies for students and engineering professionals. She is also author of several technical journal articles and conference papers.

Dr. Roddenberry served on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying's Committee on Education and is a former chair; served as a judge for the NCEES engineering award in 2014, 2015, and 2016; and participated with the team awarded the first-ever NCEES Engineering Award grand prize in 2009.



Dr. Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry, PE, (left), and FBPE Executive Director Zana Raybon

We wish to express our gratitude for the invaluable service Dr. Roddenberry provided by serving on the Board, and to her dedication to the engineering profession. We wish her continued success in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

Is Your Contact Information Up-to-Date?

With each newsletter email distribution, new license mailing, or renewal reminder campaign, FBPE receives a number of returned communications due to bad email addresses, invalid mailing addresses, lack of forwarding information, etc.



You jeopardize receiving important information regarding policy/law changes, deadline notifications, receipt of certificate replacements, and much more if you aren't keeping [your contact information updated](#).

With licensure renewal opening Nov. 5, 2018, it is imperative that Professional Engineers and Certificate of Authorization holders confirm that their licensure records are current.

As a PE or a CA holder, it is *your* responsibility to keep your licensure records updated. This includes information such as name, mailing address, email address, and name of the PE 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 since we routinely provide special notices, information, and the quarterly newsletter electronically.

Did you unsubscribe to FBPE emails? Please keep in mind that if you have unsubscribed from FBPE emails and newsletters sent via Constant Contact, *you will no longer receive important notices from the Board*, such as information and reminders about licensure renewal. Please visit the [FBPE Email Subscription page](#) to re-authorize FBPE to send you email.

For Engineers

Professional Engineer licensees can make changes to their licensure records via two methods: by submitting changes through DBPR's online portal, or by submitting a request to FBPE to have your records updated.

You can access your account by going to myfloridalicense.com and selecting *Licensee Login* (at the top right of the page). Should you receive a message, such as "this account is linked to another email" or "enter an activation code," while trying to access your account and you need assistance, please contact the Board office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500) and select the option to speak to someone in FBPE's Licensure department.

To submit your changes to FBPE, select the [Change Contact Information](#) page under the *Licensure* section and complete the online form. You can submit changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email address using this form.

If you experience problems using either of these methods, email board@fbpe.org with your change request. Note: When emailing FBPE with your request to update your records with new information,

you *must* include your full name, license number, old *and* new addresses, old *and* new phone numbers, and old *and* new email addresses.

For those individuals needing to change their name, you *must* submit a copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order, along with the [Order Form for Duplicate Licenses and Certificates](#) and the relevant fee. The order form can be found on the [Other Forms](#) page under the *Licensure* section.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board's office at [\(850\) 521-0500](tel:850-521-0500).

For Certificate of Authorization Holders

Per Section, 471.023, Florida Statutes, *Certification of Business Organizations*, should a company's qualifying engineer change, it is the company's responsibility to submit a [Certificate of Authorization \(Change of Engineer\) application](#), along with the relevant fee, to FBPE within 30 days to request a new qualifying engineer. If the qualifying engineer no longer wishes to qualify a company, it is the engineer's responsibility to advise FBPE in writing of his/her desire to no longer act as qualifying engineer for the company.

If a company changes its name, it is the company's responsibility to submit a [Certificate of Authorization \(Change of Company Name\) application](#), along with the relevant fee, proof of registration, and other accompanying documentation, to FBPE within 30 days.

These forms are located on the [Certificate of Authorization](#) page under the *Licensure* section and *Application Process*. Should you have any questions regarding the forms, or changing the qualifying engineer or company name, please contact the FBPE office at [\(850\) 521-0500 ext. 110](tel:850-521-0500 ext. 110).

FEMC 2018 Annual Report Highlights

The [Florida Engineers Management Corporation](#) produces an annual report as required by Section 471.038(3)(1), Florida Statutes.

The report is submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Florida Board of Professional Engineers, and the Florida Legislature by Oct. 1 each year. It reports on the status of the corporation, including information concerning FEMC programs and funding, as well as information regarding licenses and complaints handled by FEMC.

A copy of the [2018 FEMC Annual Report](#) is available for download on the [Annual Reports page](#) of the *Corporate* section of the FBPE website.



Below are some highlights from the Annual Report from Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018):

- 55** – Number of [FBPE Board](#), [FEMC Directors](#), and committee meetings administered
- 39,191** – Average number of licensees receiving FBPE's [Connection newsletter](#) each quarter

Licensure Statistics

- 5,226** – New applications received for licensure
- 2,870** – Applications for licensure approved
- 1,310** – Applications processed, approved, and registered for the [Fundamentals of Engineering \(FE\)](#)

[exam](#)

1,142 – Applications processed, approved, and registered for the [Principals & Practice of Engineering \(PE\) exam](#)

570 – [Certificates of Authorization](#) issued for firms to provide engineering services in Florida

858 – Professional Engineer licenses and Certificates of Authorization renewed

22 – Certifications of [Threshold Special Inspectors](#) issued

Legal Statistics

310 – [Complaints](#) regarding engineering practices received, of which **261** were found to be legally sufficient

\$75,168.50 – Fines and Costs imposed

112 – Administrative Complaints filed in cases where the Probable Cause Panel found reason to believe a violation of the Florida *Engineering Practice Act* had occurred

30 – Final Orders issued against Professional Engineers

47 – Cases dismissed with a finding of No Probable Cause

28 – Cases dismissed with a Letter of Guidance

0 – Licensure Revocations issued

5 – Licensure Suspensions issued

1 – Licensure Restriction issued

3 – Voluntary Licensure Relinquishments issued

In addition to [FEMC Annual Reports](#), copies of [FEMC's Quarterly Reports](#) are also available online.

Public Records Disclaimer

Article I, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution establishes a constitutional right of access to public records made or received in connection with official business, except for records for which a specific exemption exists. Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, effectuates this constitutional right, and ensures that state government and the Florida Board of Professional Engineers, which also falls under this requirement, are open and transparent, and that the public has access to non-exempt official records and information in its possession. At the same time, both state and federal laws provide exceptions that serve various needs, including the privacy of individuals.



Information collected at the FBPE site becomes a public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public, unless an exemption in law exists. The listing of Florida's Professional Engineers contains the licensees' email addresses, and no public records exemption exists for email addresses. The list for engineering companies and engineer interns does not contain email addresses. Professional Engineers are *not* licensed by discipline in Florida, so a list of Florida licensees will not contain the area of practice for engineers.

The public records laws in Florida place no restrictions on the commercial use of information provided in response to a public records request, including use of Board compiled listings of Florida licensees and their contact information, including email addresses. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers ***in no way*** endorses or sanctions the use of information obtained through a public records request in any way, whether for sales, marketing, surveying or polling, or other activities.

Former FBPE Chair Dies

Former FBPE Chair Henn Rebane, PE, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, in Tampa. He was 84.

Mr. Rebane served on the Florida Board of Professional Engineers from 2000 to 2008, and was its 2006-2007 chair.

He was also the 2008-2009 president of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. He was the 1975-1976 president of the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers, and of the Consulting Engineers Council of Florida in 1973.



Henn Rebane

NCEES Names New CEO; President Begins Term

During its annual meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., in August, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying named B. David Cox its chief executive officer beginning Oct. 1, 2018. James Purcell, PE, began his term as 2018-19 NCEES president at the conclusion of the meeting.

As CEO, Cox will serve as secretary of the NCEES corporation and as chief employed officer of the Council, with authority over its daily operations.

Cox is currently the executive director of the Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, a position he has held since 2001. During this time, he was also active in the work of NCEES. He served 10 terms on the organization's Committee on Finances, including two as chair. He also served as a member of the Committee on Member Board Administrators, the Advisory Committee on Council Activities, the Governance Task Force, and the Licensure Qualifications Oversight Group. In 2014, NCEES awarded him the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the organization and the professions of engineering and surveying.



B. David Cox

Cox holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Kentucky and is licensed as a certified public accountant in Kentucky.

Cox replaces Jerry Carter, who is retiring after serving 11 years as CEO of the organization. The board of directors has named Carter chief executive officer emeritus in honor of his dedicated service, and he will continue to assist with NCEES initiatives as needed.

"The board of directors expects the threats to licensure across the country to continue and feels that NCEES needs a CEO with David Cox's knowledge and experience in dealing with legislatures," said 2017-18 President Patrick Tami, PLS. "We feel confident that the future trajectory of NCEES, with the addition of David to our excellent staff, is on course to effectively advance licensure for engineers and surveyors."

Incoming NCEES President Purcell is a resident of Lawrenceville, N.J., and has been a member of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors since 2005, including a stint as board chair.

Purcell replaces Tami, who will remain on the NCEES Board of Directors as immediate past president.

Also during the annual meeting, NCEES members elected Dean Ringle, PE, PS, of Ohio, as president-elect for the 2018–19 term.

NCEES welcomed Brian Robertson, PE, of Colorado, and Marlon Vogt, PE, of Iowa, to its board of directors as well. Robertson and Vogt will serve two-year terms as vice presidents of the Western Zone and Central Zone, respectively.

Rounding out the board of directors are three members serving the second year of their terms: Timothy Rickborn, PE, of South Carolina, returns as treasurer for 2017–20; Christopher Knotts, PE, of Louisiana, returns as Southern Zone vice president; and Paul Tyrell, PE, PLS, of Massachusetts, continues as Northeast Zone vice president.



James Purcell, PE

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