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DAPE NEWS

President's Message

BY Vincent Fazio, P.E.

This month, we celebrated and recognized the DAPE staff and volunteers at our annual volunteer appreciation event for their dedication and countless hours of service. This year's Distinguished Service Award went to Charles McCallister, PE. It was an honor recognizing Charlie and hearing about his contributions throughout the years with DAPE. Charlie has truly made an impact on our profession and in our community.

Nationally, the engineering community is taking significant steps to promote license mobility. At the NCEES annual meeting in August, NCEES and the UK Engineering Council signed a mutual recognition agreement. The agreement sets up a framework for engineering license mobility between both countries. This is a big step for our profession and likely just the beginning of a movement to enhancing licensing opportunities internationally.

As always, the DAPE Council and Committees are hard at work promoting licensure, enforcing our law, and administering licenses. Committee chairs were appointed in the October Council meeting and are now working on finalizing the lists of committee members. If you are a licensed Engineer here in Delaware and have an interest in getting involved in one of the committees, please reach out to the office at office@dape.org.

Please mark your calendars and save the date for PE Night, which will be Thursday, June 5th. Join us for a night out of networking and fun at the Wilmington Blue Rocks Stadium. I look forward to seeing and meeting you there!

Executive Director's Message

BY JENNIFER WOOTTEN

I learned many lessons in the 55-1/2 years I got to spend with my Dad, but two rise to the top: 1) Give everyone the benefit of the doubt and 2) use your powers for good by volunteering. Lesson #1 probably deserves its own future message (related to our Law Enforcement & Ethics Committee). This month I am focused on lesson #2. One of my all-time favorite messages from my dad was an email he sent to congratulate me the night I was inducted as a PTA President at my children's elementary school. That level of civic involvement made him so proud. This is all an overly-sentimental way for me to say that I have always admired volunteers, and strive to be a volunteer, especially when I see a worthy cause where my skills will help. That is why my favorite DAPE event of the year is our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all of DAPE's many volunteers, serving on the Council and multiple standing committees. Several of our Council members also serve on NCEES committees, contributing to the direction of national standards for professional licensure. DAPE's primary purpose has always been to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Our volunteers use their power for good, steering the DAPE ship towards this goal.

In the spirit of volunteer appreciation, please keep reading this newsletter to learn more about this year's DAPE Distinguished Service Award winner, Charles McAllister, P.E. He is the epitome of a dedicated volunteer!

DAPE Council Officer Elections

The DAPE September Council meeting always starts with officer elections. While we are thanking volunteers, big thanks go out to our now Immediate Past President, Mike Clendaniel, for steering our ship for the last two years. Here is a full list of the Officers that were elected to serve through August 2025:

- Vincent Fazio, P.E., President
- Theodore Thomson, P.E., Vice President

- Michael Clendaniel, P.E., Immediate Past President

We also had to say goodbye to two outgoing Council members. Luckily, they both plan to continue volunteering on committees. Thanks to Karen Maxson, P.E. and Jason Hastings, P.E., for their time on the DAPE Council.

2024 Distinguished Service Award: Charles McAllister, P.E.

Charlie earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delaware in 1970. A licensed PE since 1981, he worked in industry from 1970 until retiring in 2013, when he opened his own consulting firm. Charlie began his DAPE service as a member of the Law Enforcement & Ethics Committee in 2004. He was elected to DAPE's Council and served from 2006 through 2014 and again from 2015 to 2023. During his years with DAPE, Charlie has held every Executive Committee officer position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President).

Charlie chaired the Law Enforcement & Ethics (LEE) Committee for many years and continues to serve on both LEE and the Finance/Employee Benefits & Compensation Committee. He has also served on DAPE's External Affairs Committee and proctored many FE and PE exams in Delaware over the years. He has represented DAPE on the State of Delaware's Green Better Building Advisory Committee, and also served on New Castle County, Delaware's Licensing Inspection Review Board.

Charlie served on the NCEES Outreach Task Force in 2013/2014. Charlie (along with his wife Marlene) has attended countless NCEES Zone meetings and Annual meetings as a DAPE delegate, strengthening ties between Delaware and other Northeast Zone member boards. With a focus on Law Enforcement & Ethics, Charlie has advocated and helped plan training for DAPE Committee members, Council members, and all Delaware PEs.

Council and Committees for honoring me with the 2024 Distinguished Service Award. It has been my privilege to serve our community by sharing my knowledge and talents as a Council or Committee member for the past 20 years. I have been honored to be elected to Council in the past by this outstanding organization. ¶

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Thank You, ¶

Charlie McAllister P.E. ¶



2023 Award winner Carmine Balascio presented the award to Charlie at this year's event. Below is a group shot of many of our volunteers who gathered to honor Charlie.



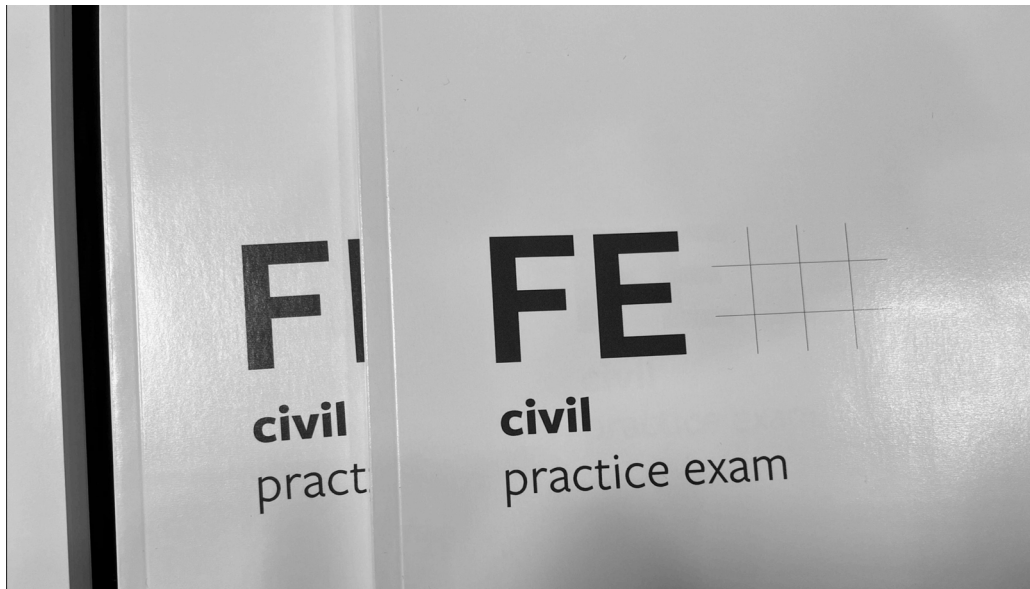
Welcome Delaware's Newest PEs

PE Number	Name	PE Number	Name
27845	Sina Abbasgholipour	29953	Michael A. Markakis
29289	Michael Davis Ashworth Jr	27025	Nimish K. Naik
29397	Daniel I. Brown	29225	Nicholas Pawlikowski
29461	Vincent J Char	30126	Andrew J. Sabine
29939	Colin K Child	29659	Shray Saxena
29668	Callan Daley	30038	Abby E. Schaefer
29907	Caleb D. Demree	30229	Lena T. Schwarzenberg
30218	Matthew Haigh	28989	Jeanne M Sinclair
29823	Albert Hanan	29846	Christian Norbert Viniarski
30068	Matthew Houtmann	29872	Ian Patrick Warner
30027	Ben Koford	28552	Meredith Katherine Wickersham
29423	Paul Joseph Leary III	29639	Theodore Zirkle

University of Delaware Outreach (and beyond)

This fall, DAPE continued our effort to encourage senior engineering students at University of Delaware to register for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. In addition to sponsoring and attending a welcome back event hosted by the College of Engineering early this semester, DAPE representatives were at UD for an “FE Exam Rally,” helping students to register for the exam. We also made presentations to the Senior Design class and the student IEEE group. NCEES has increased outreach efforts as well, and now offers FE Exam Cords for graduates that have passed the FE. They also launched interactive practice exams for the FE.

DAPE encourages students and young professionals to reach out to our office if they have any questions about topics such as registering for the exam, decoupling the PE exam, tracking experience, creating an NCEES record, and becoming a Certified Engineer Intern. We also encourage them to sign up for this newsletter, to keep up on potential changes to licensure requirements, so please feel free to share this with your colleagues.



The DAPE public outreach committee is also available for presentations at professional societies and to firms that are trying to increase licensure among their employees. Reach out to office@dape.org if you'd like to arrange a presentation.

2024 Renewal Season &

Even-numbered years are the busiest at DAPE, since we have both PE renewals due June 30 followed quickly by Certificate of Authorization renewals due September 30. DAPE has made an effort in the last few years to minimize the number of “delinquent” licensees (those that don’t renew in time), with postcard and multiple email reminders, along with encouraging licensees that have not met the renewal requirements to switch to inactive status until they do meet the requirements.

This year we started the PE renewal season with approximately 8,750 active PEs on our roster. On July 1, that number was down to 8,035. Today, it’s back over 8,400. There are always some licensees that choose to let their Delaware PE lapse due to changes in employers and work opportunities, and our roster is also growing by about 50-60 new licensees each month.

We started the Certificate of Authorization (COA) renewal season with approximately 1,600 licensed firms. On October 1, we had 1,440 active COAs, and that number is close to 1,550 now (including about 30 new COAs that have been approved since the renewal window opened).

Since 2018, our roster of active licensees (PEs and COAs combined) has increased 20%, while average annual penalty fees have decreased 82%.

Now that the renewal season is over, this is a good time to remind licensees of two things:

1) Check the active rosters to be sure you and your firm are there (if the firm is offering or providing engineering to the public in Delaware):

[PE Roster](#)

[COA Roster](#)

2) Remember that we’ll be conducting a random CPC audit in January 2025. Be sure your PDH Log form and documentation are organized, so that if you are selected, this will be a quick process.

Council Executive Committee

- Vincent Fazio, P.E., President
- Theodore Thomson, P.E., Vice President
- Kenneth Tadler, P.E., Secretary
- James Puddicombe, P.E., Treasurer

Council Members (Term Expiration Date)

- Ronald D. Smith, Esq., Kent Co. – Appointed (8/31/23)
- William Gamgort, Esq., New Castle Co. – Appointed (8/31/23)
- Michael A. Clendaniel, P.E., Gov't Employment (8/31/25)
- Jeremy Kalmbacher, P.E., “Other” Engineering (8/31/25)
- Melanie A. Smith, P.E., Chemical Engineering (8/31/25)
- Daniel Barbato, P.E., New Castle County (8/31/26)
- Joseph Jakubowski, P.E., LEED AP, Civil Engineering (8/31/26)
- Chad R. Lingenfelder, Esq., Sussex Co. - Appointed (10/6/26)
- Industry Seat (OPEN) (8/31/26)
- Vincent Fazio, P.E., Electrical Engineering (8/31/27)
- James Puddicombe, P.E., Kent County (8/31/27)
- Theodore A. Thomson, P.E., Private Consulting (8/31/27)
- Diane Calloway, P.E., Sussex County (8/31/28)
- David Reinhold, P.E., Education (8/31/28)
- Kenneth Tadler, P.E., Mechanical Engineering (8/31/28)

DAPE Staff

- Jennifer Wootten, Executive Director
- Kathy Davis, Executive Assistant
- Beth Baughman, Administrative Assistant
- Katy Steimling, Investigation and Outreach Assistant



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