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DAPE NEWS

President's Message

BY Vincent Fazio, P.E.

Greetings Delaware Engineers,

Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy and momentum for our profession. As you update your spring to-do lists, I encourage you to add a few important PE items to the mix.

First and foremost, 2026 is a PE renewal year, and the renewal is OPEN. Please take a moment to review your professional development hours to ensure you have met all requirements and have the proper documentation. If you're looking for an easy way to stay organized, I highly recommend using the NCEES CPC tracking feature. Simply create a MyNCEES account at www.ncees.org and follow the link for CPC tracking.

You may also notice a major update when you visit the DAPE website **— our new site is officially live.** This project would not have been possible without the dedication of the Ad Hoc Website Committee and the leadership of our Executive

Director, Jen Wootten. To access your PE Dashboard the first time, you will need to create a new password. Visit dape.org and select the “User Account Setup to access PE Dashboard” tile under News & Updates for a step-by-step video guide. DAPE sent out emails and postcards with your new User ID.

Once your renewal is on the calendar and your dashboard is set up, be sure to mark **Thursday, June 4th** for **PE Night at the Blue Rocks.** It’s a great opportunity to enjoy baseball, connect with colleagues, and spend time with family. Additional ticket information is included in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, DAPE Council and committees are preparing for the upcoming **NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting,** scheduled for May 14–16. Attendees will hear updates from NCEES leadership, task forces, and committees in advance of the annual business meeting. We look forward to sharing key takeaways with you in a future update.

Our community was recently shaken by the devastating loss of three Local 401 Ironworkers in the partial collapse of a parking garage under construction in the Grey’s Ferry neighborhood of Philadelphia. While the cause remains under investigation, this tragedy is a solemn reminder that safety must remain paramount in our designs and on every construction site. As Professional Engineers, we are bound by our code of ethics to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, through a high standard of integrity, skills, and practice in the profession of engineering.

Thank you for your continued commitment to these principles and to the engineering profession.

Executive Director’s Message

BY JENNIFER WOOTTEN

We are two weeks into our 2026 PE renewal season, and nearly 20% of our licensed PEs have already successfully renewed their licenses through June 30, 2028. While the new website/licensing software is mostly performing well, we are still uncovering a few issues. This renewal is the first real test of the live system.

With two full-time and two part-time staff members, DAPE appreciates your patience as we return emails and phone calls to address your questions. Since everyone needs to create a new login on our website, there are definitely more questions than usual this year. There are more than 9000 of you, and only 4 of us!

We really do appreciate the licensees that have sent screen shots of any problems they've run into, as that helps us work with the web developer to correct them quickly.

Here is a link to step-by-step instructions for setting up your account. It's just a few minutes long, and addresses most of the frequently asked questions we've been getting.

On a related note, we also get many questions about CPC requirements as we approach the June 30 deadline. Remember to always go to the Regulations/Resources section of www.dape.org for the current version of CPC requirements, the Delaware Professional Engineers' Act, and other reference materials. I am sure it is tempting to ask AI for a summary of the CPC requirements, but definitely safer to go to the original source to get the current documents!

Finally, while our March 2026 ethics training was in person only, we are hoping to have an online version of this available in the fall. If you still need your 2 PDHs in ethics, the 2025 training is still available on our website. Return the PDH assessment form available on that page to receive a certificate.

PE Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks

Tickets are available for Delaware Professional Engineers' Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Thursday June 4. The gates will open at 5:45 PM, dinner starts at 6:00 PM, and the game starts at 6:35 PM. Tickets are $10 each and include a buffet dinner with non-alcoholic beverages. Parking at the stadium is free. This event is open to DAPE members, Certified Engineer Interns, and their families.

Look for the DAPE will-call table at the stadium entrance to pick up your tickets. Questions? Email office@dape.org.

You can find more details and a link to purchase tickets here**.**

If you plan to join us, please be sure to review the stadium's bag policy. Reach out to office@dape.org before purchasing tickets for anyone ages 6 and under.

Examining Committee Update

DAPE's Examining Committee, led by Chair Ken Tadler, has been busy over the past year revising application review requirements, updating the education review form, and making recommendations for proposed legislative amendment in conjunction with reviewing PE and Certificate of Authorization applications each month. The Committee is now tasked with reviewing the Law and Ethics Questionnaire (which is incorporated into every PE application), so be on the lookout for potential changes coming soon.

In addition, each year DAPE's Examining Committee is tasked with reviewing the Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines and making recommendations to the Council if they believe any changes are needed. As such, this is a reminder that both PE and Certificate of Authorization renewal deadlines are fast approaching on June 30 and September 30, respectively. Remember that we will be conducting a random CPC audit in January 2027 so be sure to have your PDH log form and documentation organized. You don't need to send or upload the documentation at the time of renewal, but you should be sure you have it before renewing. A DAPE PDH Assessment form is available for use if adequate documentation is not provided from training. Please take a moment to review the Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines on DAPE's website to ensure a successful renewal process.

We would like to take a moment to extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to the DAPE staff for their hard work and determination in launching the new website and application process. The new system provides a refreshing appearance and user experience when navigating through the site whether to access applications for review, updating your contact information, or printing a current wallet card.

DAPE Code of Ethics Amended

This year, DAPE's Law Enforcement & Ethics Committee was charged with reviewing the Code of Ethics and suggesting amendments if necessary. The last time the Code of Ethics was amended was in August of 2022. The Committee was prompted to start this review at the request of a licensee who questioned the outdated practice referred to in paragraph 4 of the preamble: "Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine as well."

Over several months and many discussions, the committee proposed amendments in several areas:

- Removing paragraph 4 of the preamble and replacing pronouns throughout the document with Engineer/Engineer's.
- Modifying the use of the words shall/ must/may throughout the document (Following guidance from the State of Delaware).
- Revising Canon 6 to clarify disclosure requirements and update the list of crimes determined by Council to be substantially related to the practice of engineering. We used the Board of Architect's list as a guide to expand the existing list.

The Committee's recommendations to amend DAPE's Code of Ethics were reviewed and approved by Council on April 8, 2026.

For those interested in taking a deep dive into the revisions, you can find a comparison of the August 22, 2022 Code of Ethics with the April 8, 2026 Code of Ethics here.

NCEES PAKS Surveys

NCEES is seeking nuclear engineers to participate in a professional activities and knowledge study, or PAKS, for the **PE Nuclear exam**. The results of this online survey will be used to update the content of the PE exam, a process that occurs every six to eight years.

NCEES requires a cross section of engineers practicing in the nuclear field—including those working in industry, consulting, the public sector, and academia—to complete the survey. The survey is estimated to take 20–40 minutes and is open to licensed and non-licensed nuclear engineers.

Click here for access to the online survey: https://ncees.org/NuclearPAKS

The survey will be open until **June 8, 2026**. Please help us spread the word about this important study by sharing this email with engineering colleagues who work in the nuclear field. NCEES sincerely thanks you for your contribution to ensure that the PE Nuclear exam reflects the current practice of nuclear engineering.

The American Nuclear Society (ANS.org) has agreed to award a professional development hour (PDH) for time spent taking the survey. The survey results will remain anonymous, but the survey will allow you to opt in by entering an email address where your PDH certificate can be sent.

NCEES is also seeking industrial and systems engineers to participate in a PAKS for the **PE Industrial and Systems** exam.

The PE Industrial and Systems exam survey is open to licensed engineers only. The survey is estimated to take 20–30 minutes.

- PE Industrial and Systems Exam Survey Link: https://ncees.org/IndustrialPAKS

The PE Industrial and Systems survey will be open until **June 12, 2026**.

The Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE.org) has agreed to award a professional development hour (PDH) for time spent taking the surveys. The survey results will remain anonymous, but each survey will allow you to opt in by entering an email address where your PDH certificate can be sent.

Welcome Delaware's Newest PEs

PE Number	Name	PE Number	Name
33169	Daniel R Bolton	33168	Alexander Henderson
33088	Nampol Chaowalittrakul	33188	Kane O'Connor
33134	Adam Sobhi Chidiac	33171	Jeanju Paeng
33185	Daniel Eskinder	33186	Shivang H. Rana
33187	Amanda Feeman	33127	Skylar T. Vilaychith
33135	John C. Healy	33172	Qingzhong Zeng

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- Theodore Thomson, P.E., Vice President
- Kenneth Tadler, P.E., Secretary
- James Puddicombe, P.E., Treasurer
- Michael Clendaniel, P.E., Immediate Past President

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- Daniel Barbato, P.E., New Castle County (8/31/26)
- Joseph Jakubowski, P.E., LEED AP, Civil Engineering (8/31/26)
- Mark Scarborough, P.E., Industry Seat (8/31/26)
- Chad R. Lingenfelder, Esq., Sussex Co. - Appointed (10/6/26)
- 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)
- Michael Rasmussen, Kent Co. - Appointed (6/18/29)
- Anthony Ingram, New Castle Co. - Appointed (6/20/29)
- Anthony Kline, P.E., Other Engineering (8/31/29)
- Stacy McNatt, P.E., Government Seat (8/31/29)
- Melanie A. Smith, P.E., Chemical Engineering (8/31/29)

DAPE Staff

- Jennifer Wootten, Executive Director
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