

TO: NSPE Board of Directors

cc: NSPE Committee, Task Force, Council, and Interest Group Chairs
State Society Presidents and Presidents-Elect
State Society Executives Council
NSPE Past Presidents
House of Delegates

FROM: Monika Schulz, CAE
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DATE: December 2, 2022

RE: Board Update: November 1-30, 2022

November was an exciting month for NSPE as we continue on our transformational journey of building member value and engagement at every level of the federation. As leaders in the federation, we need your voices to continue to build momentum and excitement for current and future members.

November Member Engagement: As I mention every month, member recruitment, engagement, and connection are critical to the NSPE community. November was the launch of new messaging for the [“I AM NSPE”](#) membership recruitment campaign. NSPE is a community made up of dedicated individuals. We are connected, inclusive, committed to ethical practice, and so much more.

As a leader we are asking you to share your own story thru social media and use the hashtag [#IAMNSPE](#) to encourage others through your story to renew or join. The member value proposition research clearly showed that community was the number one reason individuals joined. They are looking to be part of a professional community that helps them build their career, learn from each other, and engage with other PEs. Personal engagement is the best way to get others to join this community. Take this holiday season time to connect with your network. Talking about the reasons you are part of the NSPE community and what it has meant for your career is a great way to encourage others to become members.

Upcoming Deadlines

January 9: [BOD Officer Nominations](#)

January 31: [NSPE Award and New Professional Award Nominations](#)

March 1: [NSPE Fellow Nominations](#)

March 31: [Engineering Education Excellence Award](#)

Save the Dates

February 19-25: 2023 EWeek

February 24: FEYA Ceremony

August 2-4: NSPECon23
(Louisville, Kentucky)

August 2: PE Day 2023

A few other highlights include:

- 1) The NSPE Board of Directors met in early November. President Britt Smith posted an update in the online leader community.
- 2) In the area of sustainability and resilience, identified by the member value research as a priority issue for PEs, NSPE distributed content specific to PEs from the [COP27](#) conference. As you know, NSPE believes licensed PEs should be good stewards of the environment to preserve and protect our world for future generations.
- 3) NSPE hosted a webinar addressing election results. Remember that as a member you can view the webinar for free thru NSPE's online [PE Institute](#). It is a great member benefit to access learning on your own schedule.
- 4) "Giving Tuesday" was held on November 29. If you haven't made a charitable donation yet, and you want to support the future generation of PEs, give today to the [NSPE Education Foundation](#). Thank you to all donors.
- 5) Finally, content focused on areas that are of interest to PEs is an important member value component. Examples of NSPE member content includes highest quality standard documents specifically written for infrastructure projects in the United States thru EJCDC (NSPE members receive a 50% discount), information thru *PE Magazine* available to members only on trending issues, Board of Ethical Review case studies that help PEs with ethics questions, and access to on demand learning that can be used as a resource including such topics like What Separates Good Engineers From Great Engineers.

As always, more details for upcoming deadlines and important program updates are outlined below. Thank you, thank you for all you do! We wish you all a healthy, safe, and happy holiday season.

Driving Growth

I Am NSPE. I Am the Future: NSPE is a society made up of dedicated individuals who each bring a unique story and perspective to the engineering profession. NSPE members are leaders. They are connected, inclusive, committed to ethical practice, and so much more. You have established your career as a PE, but what's next? Learn how your peers have strengthened their professional toolkits and [share your own story](#) through social media. #IAMNSPE



Shaping Public Policy

Federal

US Elections: Elections were held across the nation on Tuesday, November 8.

- **US Senate:** The Democrats will hold at least 50 seats (at the moment, retaining control by virtue of Vice President Kamala Harris' tie-breaking vote). There is a runoff election in Georgia on December 6. Early voting started on November 26.
- **US House:** The Republicans won enough seats to retake the House. There are several seats still to be determined. House Democrats will see a major change in leadership for the first time in decades after both, Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer have stepped down from leadership. Hakeem Jeffries won the nomination on November 30 to lead the Democrats.
- **2024 Presidential Campaign:** Former President Donald Trump has filed to run for president again in the 2024 election.
- **Governorships:** At least four governorships will be held by different parties. Democrats will take control in Arizona, Maryland, and Massachusetts, while Republicans won in Nevada. Additionally, there will be at least eight new governors and there will be a record number of female governors (12).
- **State Legislatures:** With wins in Minnesota and Michigan, Democrats will control their state legislatures. Half of all state legislatures will now have veto-proof majorities.
- **State Control:** There will be at least 10 states with split control (governor is in one party and the state legislature is controlled by another party): Wisconsin, Nevada, Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.
- **General Takeaways:** Since Congress will be split, we will likely see more movement on legislation at the state level. It remains to be seen whether House Republicans will work with the new House Democrat leaders. Finally, there is an opportunity and a need to begin meeting with new members to advance NSPE's advocacy goals.

The PCC Focus on Federal Legislation: The Professional Certification Coalition is focused on moving the [Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act](#) and getting the Rebuild National Skills Act introduced in Congress.

State

State Advocacy Outreach: The NSPE Government Relations team and the Director of State Relations continue to meet with state society chapters to discuss their advocacy efforts and build stronger relationships.

Montana's Red Tape Relief Initiative: The NSPE Government Relations team continues to monitor activities around Montana Governor Greg Gianforte's Red Tape Relief Initiatives for the 2023 legislative session. The Montana Department of Labor & Industry held three information sessions on the initiatives this year and the last one will take place on December 15.

Other Activities

UN Climate Change Conference 2022 ([UNFCCC COP 27](#)): This conference was held November 6-18 (with two days added to achieve a loss-and-damage agreement). NSPE provided [five updates](#) for members during the conference.

The 2023 Legislative Session and Ethics: SSEC Secretary Travis Lowe, Brandon Schall, and Sean Woods participated in the [Election Recap: How Can PEs Prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session](#) webinar on November 30. NSPE ethics lectures were presented to NSPE-Ohio and NSPE-Nebraska.

Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL)

ARPL hosted a state partner webinar on November 29 to recap 2022 coalition successes and preview the 2023 legislative landscape. Access presentation slides [here](#).

Building Resilient Action Coalition (BRAC)

NSPE will be working with BRAC to comment on relevant regulatory activity. Also, member organization AIA has been moving forward for several years to improve transparency and documentation of the safety of incorporated materials.

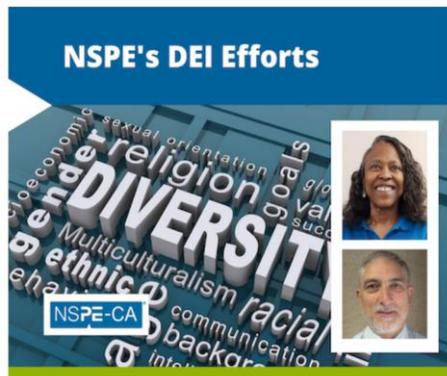
Educating for the Future



Take Advantage of Professional Development Opportunities:

It's not too late for NSPE members to access the 2022 lineup of WORKability Wednesdays webinars. The presentations address various topics of interest to professional engineers including on emerging technologies, ethics, and preparing for the future of engineering. Access these [FREE webinars](#) and earn PDHs before the end of the year.

Promoting Diversity and Tomorrow's Engineer



DEI Virtual Presentation: On November 18, NSPE-CA hosted a free lunchtime Zoom presentation on how NSPE is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the engineering profession. The interactive session featured Jacquelyn Brooks, P.E., former Chair of NSPE's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, and Ken Discenza, P.E., treasurer of NSPE-CA, and a former member of the DEI Advisory Committee.

Engagement and Governance

2023-24 Vice President and 2023-25 Treasurer Nominations: NSPE is seeking nominations for the officer positions of Vice President and Treasurer. The Vice President serves four years (first as Vice President, then subsequently as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President). The Treasurer serves two years and is eligible for a consecutive two-year term. NSPE officers will be elected by the House of Delegates at their General Assembly in June 2023, for terms commencing on July 1.

For more information on nomination requirements, qualifications, time, and financial commitments please see the following posting in the membership open forum community: [Call for Nominations NSPE 2023-25 Treasurer and 2023-24 Vice President](#). The deadline for receipt of nominations is **January 9**.

NSPE Fellow Nominations: NSPE is seeking members who demonstrate a pronounced commitment and support to the federation for consideration of the title, NSPE Fellow. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to NSPE through past roles in national, state, and local activities, and be held in high regard by fellow members. All state societies are encouraged to submit nominations by **March 1**. More information about the fellows program and application can be found [here](#).

Tier Specific Meetings: These meetings for full service and premium tier states offer the opportunity to build community through a series of quarterly discussions. Watch for an invitation to join the conversations on benefits and services, membership recruitment activities, and best practices for engaging members.

Leadership Toolbox Updates: Updates to the toolbox are coming soon. Links to documents will remain the same.

NSPE Calendar of Events: Post your state conferences and events on the NSPE website to help market your event. Access the calendar of events page [here](#).

Requests for Officer Visits: NSPE national leadership is committed to fostering strong partnerships with state societies by facilitating visits by a national officer or staff person. These visits are a meaningful way to meet face-to-face with state leaders and members, learn about best practices, share recommendations, and resolve issues of concern. In order to plan for these visits, state representatives should [complete a submission form](#) as far in advance of meetings and events as possible. Do not wait for every detail of your meeting to be finalized. You can provide additional details as they become known.

State Leadership Contact Info Updates: Please report new leadership or recent changes in leadership. The state leadership rosters are used to inform many communication channels and are a critical way messages reach the correct audiences. Please submit the names [here](#).

Honor Your Colleagues: Please consider nominating an NSPE member for the following honors:

- [NSPE Award](#) (January 31, 2023)
- [New Professional Award](#) (January 31, 2023)
- [Engineering Education Excellence Award](#) (March 31, 2023)

The current iteration of [NSPE's Strategic Plan](#) represents *both* continuity *and* change: continuity with the Society's unchanging goal of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare; and a recognition that we needed change in order to achieve more impact, through strategies backed by resources that will deliver real-world results.

The NSPE [Leadership Toolbox has numerous resources](#), including [talking point](#) scripts and presentations for use by NSPE officers, board members, and other leaders during state visits, chapter meetings, or other venues to promote NSPE and its activities.

The [State and National Leaders](#) community page is not only a direct means of engaging, sharing ideas, and asking for advice from leadership across the country, it is a resource for data, reports, and analysis on membership, programs and activities to better inform and support leadership at the national, state and chapter levels.