

# BLACKLINES

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## Florida Engineering Society



A Century of Innovation



**FBPE**  
 FLORIDA BOARD OF  
 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

*"Committed to protecting the interest of  
 public health and safety by properly  
 regulating the practice of engineering"*

On **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**, all current licenses for Florida professional engineers and certificates of authorization will expire.

On **Monday, November 7, 2016**, online license renewal will officially open for the 2017-2019 biennium.

The cost of renewing your current license for the 2017-2019 biennium is **\$98.75**, which includes the renewal cost of \$93.75. There is also a \$5.00 fee for unlicensed activity, which FBPE must charge pursuant to Chapter 497.140, F.S., Fees. This fee is collected by the State of Florida to combat the unlicensed practice of engineering.

- If you have a DBPR account that was set up during a previous renewal, you do not need to set up another account. Simply go to [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com) and log into your existing account.
- If you have never renewed your license online, please be advised that you are required to have your social security number in DBPR's licensing system in order to set up your account. If the number in the database is incorrect, the system will not allow you to set up your account. If you experience any problems, please call the Board office at (850) 521-0500 and select "Renewal" to speak to a representative.

### \*\*\* ATTENTION NEW LICENSEES AFTER APRIL 2015 \*\*\*

If you obtained your Florida PE license **AFTER** the April 2015 exam cycle, 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 2017-2019 biennium, you will be responsible for completing your continuing education hours and paying the renewal fee to successfully renew your license.

# President's Message

*Hello Treasure Coast Chapter !*

I hope everyone had a very nice Halloween and a Happy Thanksgiving! As usual, I ate too much turkey and “fixins”, but boy was it worth it. I would like to say a big thank you to all those that joined us for the first (perhaps annual) “Party in the Park.” We had a beautiful day in an amazing setting and I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to also express my gratitude to my fellow board members for all their help in making the event a success. Now onto some business...



October was membership renewal time and unfortunately, at last report, many (over a 1/3) of our members have not renewed. Please do so as soon as possible. As I've mentioned before, a portion of your dues paid to State FES is returned to your Chapter to help fund activities such as MATHCOUNTS and our Scholarships. If you're unsure if you've paid your dues, shoot me a quick email and I can let you know. As time waits for no one, March will be upon us before we know it and so will our PE license renewals. The FBPE no longer tracks PDH's, so now would be the time to review your records and ensure you've obtained the required amount. If not, there's still some time so get those classes/courses scheduled.

Don't forget to bid on our silent auction! This is a great opportunity for you golfers out there to play a very, very exclusive course. If you're not a golfer, I'm sure you know someone that is and what a great Christmas or Hanukkah gift this would make!! If you have any questions regarding the auction or the foursome, feel free to contact me.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the venue hosting our beer brewing evening, Longneck Brewing Company, has closed their doors. So, we're again scrambling to try to get something together for December. We have some ideas; keep an eye on your emails as more details will follow soon. In January we will be hosting our annual Shrimp Boil at Indian Riverside Park. The date is tentatively set for Friday, January 27th, so mark your calendars. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!! Stay safe!

*Heath*



"Party at the Park" Sandsprit Park, Stuart

Sat., Nov. 12, 2016

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Florida Engineering Foundation Inc. Funds  
\$30,000 in Engineering Scholarships for the  
2016-2017 School Year!

We want you to be the next scholarship recipient!  
Visit [www.fleng.org/scholarships.cfm](http://www.fleng.org/scholarships.cfm) today to see  
what scholarships you can apply for.

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The Florida Engineering Society scholarships are generously funded by the Florida Engineering Foundation Inc. (FEF). Established in 1986, FEF is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit entity whose mission is to encourage and assist students in pursuing engineering careers and to educate the public about engineering. Furthermore, the Florida Engineering Foundation Inc. promotes and enhances engineering education in Florida in order to position our state as a technological leader in the global economy. This year, FEF is pleased to announce that it will fund up to \$30,000 for available scholarships!

Florida Engineering Society scholarships inspire and encourage the pursuit of an education focused on engineering. These scholarships are made possible by the generous tax deductible contributions of Florida Engineering Society members, private companies and the general public to the Florida Engineering Foundation Inc.

Florida Engineering Foundation Inc. contributions can be made online at [www.fleng.org/donate.cfm](http://www.fleng.org/donate.cfm) or by sending your tax deductible check made payable to the Florida Engineering Foundation Inc. to the following address: Florida Engineering Foundation Inc, P.O. Box 750, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0750.

# Calendar of Events



## 2017 MATHCOUNTS

MATHCOUNTS 2017 is finalized and on the calendar for March 23 & 24, 2017 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa (1000 PGA Tour Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082); 904-285-7777.



## Florida Engineering Society – Energy Committee

Energy – “google it” and you’ll receive 1.33 billion hits! It’s a topic sure to inspire a wide spectrum of passions – from global warming to sustainability in design....to resource preservation. And, yet, there is so much to be done and – many would say – so little time to do it.

We are the Energy Committee of the Florida Engineering Society – we represent nearly 3,500 engineers – from rocket designers to nuclear power researchers to wind/solar renewable implementers. And, we need you – and your fresh passion for energy initiatives.

No previous experience necessary – only a desire to join a network of engineers seeking improvements in our “energy profile” for the state of Florida.

- jot a note of your interest to:

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or

Don Voigt, PE Chair, Energy Committee

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## NSPE Honor Awards

Nomination time is here. NSPE Honor Awards promote the professional engineer’s contributions to society and recognize the achievements of the profession’s very best. Take a look at the awards briefly summarized below and nominate someone today:

**NSPE Award:** Is the highest award given to an individual by the Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. NSPE Membership is not required for this award.

**NSPE Young Engineer Award:** Recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the Engineering Profession and community during the early years of one’s career.

**NSPE Distinguished Service Award:** Recognizes an NSPE Licensed Member for exceptional contributions to the Engineering Profession, to one’s community, and specifically to NSPE.

Applications for each award are at: [NSPE.org/award](http://NSPE.org/award). Submission deadline is January 31, 2017.



## The BOD voted to abolish FPER practice section

– if you have this practice section in any of your materials – please remove. The retired engineers prefer overwhelmingly to remain in their original practice section.

## FES Membership Renewal is Past Due

FES is **your** professional association. Your support and dedication is what helps us continue to build a stronger association. By renewing your membership, you will be a part of the team working to protect and celebrate the profession. [Login](#) to pay or call Janice/Jane at 850-224-7121.

## FES PDH Day

Friday, December 16, 2016  
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

- Half day packages available
- Morning Participants receive Continental Breakfast and morning coffee break.
- Afternoon Participants receive afternoon coffee break
- 4 PDHs
- Full day registrants receive:
  - Continental Breakfast and All-Day Coffee Breaks.
  - 8 PDHs

*1 complimentary Florida Laws & Rule/Professional Ethics online course - Meets requirements for 1 PDH Laws and Rules and 1 PDH Ethics.*

[Register Online](#)

## NSPE Fellow Member Nominations for 2017- Deadline February 1

The NSPE Fellow Program is a national program intended to recognize deserving professional engineers who have demonstrated long term professional service at the chapter, state and national levels of NSPE. The NSPE Board of Directors established the Fellow recognition program to honor those licensed members who have demonstrated

exemplary service to the profession, the Society, and the community.

To be considered for [Fellow Membership](#), all nominees must be current dues paying NSPE national and state members or Life members.

Instructions for completing the nomination form now include a description of what constitutes "involvement in NSPE" and "national service." **Please read these instructions very carefully as this is the most critical information to be included on the nomination form. Nominees must have held at least one elected office at the chapter, state or national level. It is recommended that the nominee have ten (10) years or more of active service and involvement at all levels, i.e., national, state, chapter/local.**

[Fellow Member Nomination Instructions & Form](#)

[Fellow Nominations Allowed Per State for 2017](#)

[Nomination Requirements/Packet Check List](#)

## 3rd Annual Winter Water Seminar

**January 18, 2017 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**January 19, 2017 7:30 a.m. - Noon**

**FSU Conference Center**

555 W Pensacola Street

Tallahassee, FL 32306

[Register Here!](#)

### 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities

#### **Professional Engineer Legislative Days**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 8:15 AM - 12:00 Noon

*Hosted by the Florida Engineering Society and the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers*

Professional Engineer Legislative Days is the foremost legislative conference for Florida's engineering industry. It offers professional engineers the opportunity to promote and defend key issues at the Capitol. During this event, you will have a chance to visit the Capitol and meet with your Florida Representatives and Senators. You will gain political allies who will produce legislative results for engineers statewide.

Registration will be available in December 2016.

[Book your hotel room now!](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)

[FES/FICE PE Legislative Days \(Video\)](#)

## FICE Transportation Conference

**May 10-11, 2017**

[Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport](#)

- Learn the latest news and trends in Florida Transportation
- Network with over 350 of your peers

Interact with FDOT decision makers from all districts

## Up Coming Events

**November 29-30, 2016**

[4th Annual Florida Automated Vehicles Summit, Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa](#)

**December 16, 2016**

[FES PDH Day - Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront](#)

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CAPTEC ENGINEERING ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED COMMITMENT TO FES!



# NSPE Code of Ethics

Engineering is an important and learned profession. As members of this profession, engineers are expected to exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Engineering has a direct and vital impact on the quality of life for all people. Accordingly, the services provided by engineers require honesty, impartiality, fairness, and equity, and must be dedicated to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Engineers must perform under a standard of professional behavior that requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct.

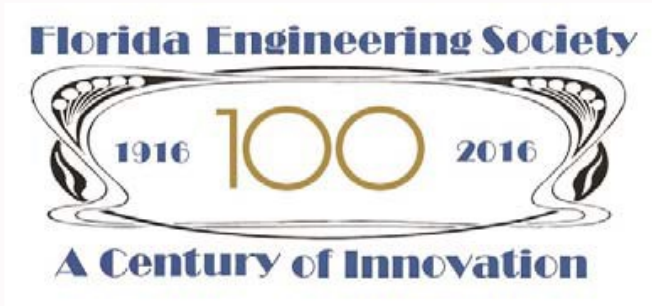
## Fundamental Canons

Engineers, in the fulfillment of their professional duties, shall:

1. Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.
2. Perform services only in areas of their competence.
3. Issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner.
4. Act for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees.
5. Avoid deceptive acts.
6. Conduct themselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so

## The FES Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Engineering Society is to support engineering education, advocate licensure, promote the ethical and competent practice of engineering and enhance the image and well-being of all engineers in the state of Florida; and furthers the public's knowledge and understanding of the importance of the profession.



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