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## Executive Director's Message

Pat Christians

It was my pleasure to attend the NSPE Annual Meeting in Boston last month. At this meeting, we said goodbye to the "old" method of governance and greeted with excitement NSPE's newly-founded method of governance: "Governance Lite", if you will! Also attending the meeting was newly installed State President George Hamilton PE (Huntsville), State President-elect Harold Hite PE (Birmingham) and his wife, Donna, and State Delegate Lamar Hawkins JD PE (Birmingham) and his wife Elaine.

The following notes were provided by Arthur Schwartz, NSPE Deputy Executive Director and Legal Counsel, to all State Executive Directors. This is what he had to say about the new governance and proceedings:

### 2006 NSPE Annual Meeting Highlights

\* The inaugural NSPE House of Delegates meeting convened on July 11, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts. Under the new governance structure, NSPE state and territorial societies, the NSPE Board of Directors and NSPE interest groups have representation within the NSPE House of Delegates. The NSPE House of Delegates has the authority to adopt NSPE's vision, mission and goals, establish NSPE's Strategic Plan, Code of Ethics, Professional Policies, elect the NSPE Officers and the NSPE Board of Directors, and amend the NSPE Bylaws.

\* The NSPE House of Delegates elected Ken Rigsbee, P.E., F.NSPE as NSPE President 2008-2009. The House also elected Ed Racila, P.E., F.NSPE to the office of NSPE Director at Large as well as a NSPE Board of Directors slate. A complete list of the NSPE 2006-2007 Board of Directors may be found at: <http://www.nspe.org/aboutnspe/ab1-off.asp>

\* NSPE's leaders met with representative of the National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers (NABIE) and discussed various issues including joint efforts to improve professional standards of practice, ethics, licensure, continuing education, specialty certification and the image of professional engineers.

\* NSPE leaders met with Claudio Dall'Acqua, (Eng.), President of the Pan American Association of Engineering Societies (UPADI), and representatives from ASCE and ASME to discuss plans for the 2006 UPADI Conference scheduled for September 19-22, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. NSPE, ASCE and ASME are working with Georgia Technological University in hosting and promoting the conference.

\* The NSPE Board of Directors agreed to an implementation schedule presented by NSPE staff at the NSPE Board of Directors meeting. Regular dues invoicing including a more efficient and redesigned NSPE invoice, improved data cleansing and netForum upgrades are scheduled to be completed by September 1, 2006.

\* State societies and NSPE agreed to send letters to state engineering licensure boards encouraging NSPE members on those boards to support the additional education for professional practice initiative that will be discussed and debated at the upcoming NCEES Meeting on September 13-16 in Anchorage, Alaska.

\* NSPE Licensure and Qualifications for Practice Committee urged the NSPE President to make greater uniformity of state mandatory continuing education requirements a major initiative during his 2006-2007 administrative year.

\* NSPE approved a comprehensive report analyzing various engineering-related

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educational programs to encourage pre-college students to consider careers in engineering.

\* NSPE approved signing a "Combating Corruption in Engineering and Construction Charter", an industry document to address international corruption within the design and construction industry.

\* NSPE approved a plan to increase state society participation in the NSPE Fellows Program nominations process.

\* NSPE asked the NSPE Board of Ethical Review to review the NSPE Code of Ethics and consider categorizing the provisions of the Code into "mandatory practices" and "recommended practices."

\* The NSPE Board of Directors and NSPE House of Delegates received updated reports from the NSPE Implementation Task Force and the NSPE Metrics Oversight Task Force on NSPE's progress toward tracking, achieving and measuring the goals and objectives outlined in the 2005 NSPE Future Directions Task Force Report.

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## Upcoming Meeting Information

- ASPE Board of Directors meetings for 2006-07 TBA soon.
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ASPE Ethics Day is Oct 6, 2006** from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, and will provide each attendee 4.0 pdh's of Ethics Training, which is required in many states for license renewal. Mark your calendars now.....More information to come soon!

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## Chapter Updates

### Auburn

26 members

### Birmingham

158 members

Meets for lunch every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, west side Business Wing, 1150 Tenth Ave South, UAB Campus  
Contact: Timothy Bryant PE [tlbryant@southernco.com](mailto:tlbryant@southernco.com) 205-992-5567

### Huntsville-Decatur

78 members

Meets for lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
Contact: Connie Gipson PE [cgipson@csc.com](mailto:cgipson@csc.com) 256-885-7786

### Mobile

104 members

Meets for lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Z Technology Center, Hank Aaron Stadium  
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### Montgomery

59 members

Meets for lunch every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Downtown Farmer's Market  
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### Muscle Shoals

35 members

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It's the quickest and easiest way to let us know what's new with you!

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## NSPE Updates

**1. Notice:**

**The 1-888-384-4295 Licensure, Ethics, and Legal Hotline is Now Up and Running!**

**2. Notice: NSPE/Kaplan FE and PE Review Courses**

Have you heard about the success of your colleagues who have been hosting the NSPE/Kaplan FE and PE Review Courses? Now's your chance to earn that extra non-dues revenue. The NSPE exam review courses are slated to begin around September 7, in time for the next FE and PE exams being held October 28 & 29, 2006. Now is the time to begin recruiting instructors and planning your promotions. Contact Mary Maul, NSPE Director of Education for information on how to get started: 703-684-2833 or [mmaul@nspe.org](mailto:mmaul@nspe.org).

**3. Notice: Accessing State/Chapter Membership Information**

Questions concerning State and Chapter Officers gaining access to the NSPE database should be directed to Hannah Besanceney at 703-684-2834 or at [hbesanceney@nspe.org](mailto:hbesanceney@nspe.org). Once access is approved by the State Society Executive Director, access will be given and an e-mail with log-in information, a link to the database and detailed instructions will be sent.

**4. Notice: NSPE Fall 2006 Online Seminars.....Check this out!!!**

<http://nspe.org/education/lqpcfreeseinarregform.doc>

**5. Notice: ExxonMobil New Speakers Bureau**

ExxonMobil would be glad to hear from states and chapters who would like a speaker for their meeting. Please contact Ronita Hook for more information.

ExxonMobil Speakers Bureau  
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**6. Notice: The online Membership application is now correct and reflects appropriate membership questions. Questions? [msevitelli@nspe.org](mailto:msevitelli@nspe.org)**

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