

LES MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NOTE: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1990, NSPE MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL QUALIFIED MEMBERS.

DUES

New member rates cover national, state and chapter dues. Dues include subscription to the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, *Engineering Times*, and applicable practice division newsletter. Payments may be deductible under Internal Revenue Code, but are not deductible as charitable contributions.

LES student members shall pay the full year's dues regardless of the date of membership.

The State Office bills Annual Dues at the member's anniversary date. First billing will be emailed to the member if they have a current email address on file. The second dues bill will be mailed to the member and will include a letter from the Secretary-Treasurer advising that they will be dropped from the rolls if payment is not received by the due date.

PLEASE REFER TO ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP FOR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.



LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - INDIVIDUAL/CORPORATION

Please check one: Individual Corporation/Organization

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: _____
First M.I. Last

Mailing address: Work: () Home: ()

Company Name (Area Code) Phone number

Address (Area Code) Fax number

City, State, Zip code Email address

CORPORATION MEMBER INFORMATION:

Corporation/Organization Name: _____

Mailing address:

Name of contact person (Area Code) Phone number

Company/Organization Address (Area Code) Fax number

City, State, Zip code Corporation website address / Contact email address

The Louisiana Engineering Society Board of Direction voted to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society to add a new membership grade, the Sustaining Member. A Sustaining Member is defined as an individual, corporation, society or entity who would like to contribute to the well being of the Society. A Sustaining Member shall have no voting privileges nor be able to hold office.

This classification was created for firms and groups that currently support our society through business card advertisement in the *Louisiana Engineer & Land Surveyor Journal*. LES will receive a tax break by collecting funds through membership dues rather than advertising fees. These additional funds made available to LES can be used to help better serve the members of our society. The benefit for the company is that Sustaining Member dues may be 100% tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses as allowed by the IRS.

Member Grade and Dues Schedule

All new sustaining members will receive 12 months of membership. Corporation sustaining members will be recognized with a business card advertisement in the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*.

Individual Sustaining Membership: \$65.00 Corporation Sustaining Membership: \$280.00

Payment

Membership services will begin upon approval of application and receipt of full payment. Please make checks payable to LES.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Please check one: Check Visa Mastercard

Card number: _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Date Joined: _____ Bill Date: _____

NSPE Bylaw 9—Membership

Any individual shall be qualified for membership in NSPE, if they meet the requirements of one of the following Membership grades:

(1) *Licensed Member*—A Licensed Member shall be defined as a person holding a valid license or certificate of registration as a professional engineer, issued under the laws of any state, territory, possession, or district of the United States, or the equivalent as defined under the laws of any other country, or a retired engineer who obtained and retained a valid license or certificate while in active practice in the profession until retirement.

(2) *Member*—A Member shall be defined as a person holding a valid Engineer-In-Training or Engineering Intern certification, issued under the laws of any state, territory, possession or district of the United States, or the equivalent under the laws of any other country. A Member shall automatically advance to the Licensed Member grade as soon as eligible by licensure.

(3) *Graduate Member*—A person who has graduated with a bachelor's degree or higher from an engineering curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or from an engineering or pre-engineering program that leads to engineering licensure shall be granted provisional status as a Member for up to two years to achieve the full requirements for the Member grade. Graduate Members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be allowed to hold office in NSPE. Graduate Members shall become full Members immediately upon successfully meeting the requirements for Member status.

(4) *Student Member*—A Student Member shall be defined as a person who is enrolled full-time in an ABET-accredited engineering program or an engineering or pre-engineering program that has an articulated or transfer agreement with ABET or an accredited program. A student enrolled full-time in a graduate level engineering program may choose any grade for which eligible, including student member.

(5) *At-Large Member*—A person may join NSPE as an At-Large Member if they meet all the requirements for Licensed Member or Member status as defined above and the person either (a) resides outside the United States, its territories, possessions, or districts, or (b) resides in a State where that State Society offers State-Only membership but chooses not to be a member of that State Society. If an At-Large Member moves to a State where the individual is eligible for membership, and the State does not offer State-Only membership, then the individual must join the State Society upon their annual renewal date to retain membership in NSPE.

(6) *Grandfathered Member*—A current member who has maintained membership in NSPE, but is no longer eligible for membership due to changes in membership criteria, shall be allowed to maintain their membership in good standing. If the membership of said member lapses, they will not be permitted to re-join NSPE without first meeting the then current membership requirements.

(7) There shall be two ceremonial titles of memberships as described below:

(a) *Fellow Member*—A Fellow Member shall be a Licensed Member who has been approved by a peer review of Fellows to receive this honor, as set forth in the Operating Procedures. State Societies shall be permitted to offer a similar membership at the State Society level.

(b) *Honorary Member*—An Honorary Member shall be an individual, whose knowledge and accomplishments deserve special recognition for contributions to the licensed practice of professional engineering. An Honorary Member shall not have voting privileges, may not hold office, and shall be exempt from paying dues. An Honorary membership shall be awarded upon the approval of two-thirds of the Executive Committee. At no time shall there be more than ten living Honorary Members of NSPE. State Societies shall be permitted to offer a similar membership at the State Society level.

(8) NSPE members (i.e., those who pay NSPE dues) shall have the following rights and responsibilities:

- (a) All members other than Graduate Members, Honorary Members, and Student Members shall have voting privileges in NSPE.
- (b) All individuals shall secure membership in both NSPE and a State Society unless the individual qualifies for At-Large membership.
- (c) Members may transfer their membership from one State Society to another without affecting their status in NSPE.
- (d) A member shall be considered in good standing if dues are remitted prior to the member's dues renewal date. A member failing to remit dues by their dues renewal date shall be delinquent. Unless provisions for the deferral of dues has been granted by NSPE and their State Society, the delinquent member shall be dropped from the membership rolls of NSPE and their State Society three months after the date on which remittance is due.
- (e) Members shall be permitted to hold membership in more than one State Society.
- (f) A member may be expelled from NSPE or otherwise disciplined for cause as provided in Bylaw 10.

NSPE Bylaw 11—Dues

The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of annual dues for membership in NSPE. State Societies shall have authority to set membership dues for their State Society in accordance with the NSPE's published Operating Procedures.

- 1) Dues are for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, and shall become due on the member's anniversary date.
- 2) Dues incentives for new member recruitment may be recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Any approved dues incentive programs shall be incorporated into an Operating Procedure.
- 3) A member may become eligible for life-member dues status or retired member dues status if the person is at least 65 years of age and meets other requirements set forth by the Board of Directors. These requirements along with the annual dues rate for each dues class shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and defined in an Operating Procedure. Application for life-member status or retired-member dues status may be made by the member, the member's chapter, or the member's State Society.
- 4) A member in good standing may be eligible for a waiver or deferral of dues in circumstances of disability or condition of hardship as set forth in the Operating Procedures.

5) Individual member dues, except for State-Only members, shall be collected by NSPE unless the member's State Society determines that they will administer billing and collection. If dues are collected by NSPE, the member State Society shall receive payment for their portion within 45 days of the receipt of funds. If dues are collected by the member State Society, the NSPE portion of dues collected shall be forwarded to NSPE Headquarters within 45 days of the receipt of funds. Any funds withheld either by NSPE or any member State Society beyond 45 days shall be assumed to be a loan, and interest will be assessed at an annual rate of 1.5% above prime rate. A member State Society which requests NSPE to collect member dues shall be solely responsible for promptly advising NSPE of any changes to the State and chapter dues to be collected from each member. NSPE will provide an accounting of member payments, with each remittance of dues to a member State Society. NSPE shall not assess a fee against payments due to the State Society for the cost of administering the billing and collection for a member's State Society and chapter dues. Similarly, any State Society that chooses to administer billing and collection themselves shall not assess a fee against payments due to NSPE for the cost of administering the billing and collection of national dues.

6) All changes to the amount of mandatory dues and voluntary contributions affecting NSPE membership for the following administrative year must be made by the conclusion of the NSPE Board of Directors Meeting at the Annual Meeting. No changes after the adjournment of this meeting will be permitted.

7) State Societies shall set their state and chapter dues rate annually. Notification of any changes in the amount of mandatory dues and voluntary contributions at the state and chapter level shall be submitted to NSPE in writing, by the State Society's secretary or president. NSPE will adjust the dues rate for such changes within 30 days of receiving written notification.