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NCEES passes engineering education resolution

At its 87th Annual Meeting held August 13–16 in Minneapolis, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) passed a resolution to investigate the potential impact of the additional education requirements adopted by the Council in 2006. The requirement calls for engineering licensure candidates to complete 30 credits of additional coursework in the form of a master's engineering degree or its equivalent before taking the NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam for licensure.

The resolution describes a number of concerns held by some Member Boards and others in the engineering profession related to implementation of the additional education requirements for licensure. As a result of the adopted resolution, NCEES will charge the 2008–09 Engineering Education Task Force with providing a written analysis of

- 1) the potential educational, professional, regulatory, and economic impact of the master's or equivalent requirement; and
- 2) any alternative solutions that could potentially address the challenge of better preparing engineering licensure candidates to enter the profession.

At the Annual Meeting, the Council also passed a motion that will push implementation of the master's or equivalent requirement to 2020 from the originally scheduled 2015.

The full text of the resolution can be found at www.ncees.org. All other motions passed by the Council will appear in the published minutes of the meeting, which will be available in October.

About NCEES

NCEES is a national nonprofit organization composed of engineering and surveying licensing boards representing U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia. An accredited standards developer with the American National Standards Institute, NCEES develops, scores, and administers the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States. NCEES also provides services facilitating professional mobility for licensed engineers and surveyors. Its headquarters is located in Clemson, S.C.

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