



# Maine PE News Flash

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## AUDIT SEASON!

Over the next week or so, some licensees will be notified that they have been randomly selected for an audit of the professional development hours (PDH) they completed before the last renewal. The board audits 1.5% of licensees who renew by the Dec 31, 2021 deadline, and 5% of licensees who renew from Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2022. All licensees renewing after Mar 31 are audited before their renewal is processed. Active-duty military and first renewals are now exempt from PDH requirements, and will not be audited.

When you renewed, you attested that you fulfilled all PDH requirements. Requirements include completing 30 hours of PDH and maintaining records “supporting evidence of attendance” such as certificates of completion, or proof of payment or registration. Prior to renewal you could request a waiver for “extenuating situation, hardship, or disability.” Please be aware that a request for a waiver after being audited is unlikely to be approved. Failing to respond to the audit, failing to complete PDH, failing to maintain records, and failing to update your contact information may each be a violation of Maine law.

We recommend using the free NCEES CPC registry: <https://ncees.org/cpc/> to track your PDH and your renewals. Alternatively, you will submit a completed [PDH Activity Log](#) and supporting documentation directly to the Board at [professional.engineers@maine.gov](mailto:professional.engineers@maine.gov). We will contact you if there are any issues with your submission and give you the opportunity to correct it.

If you are claiming any carry-over from the prior renewal period, you must provide complete documentation from the prior renewal period so we can see the evidence of the carry-over. Maine law requires that each licensee maintain their records for 3 years; the board does not maintain any records of your prior PDH. Please watch for the audit notice and respond accordingly!

## Engineering Expo Rocks — by Brent M. Bridges, PE, Chair

As we head into fall, I think back to this past spring when I had the opportunity to attend the Engineering Expo at Thompson’s Point in Portland. You can never start your career in engineering too early and as I stood at our booth watching the families and students pass by, I could see the excitement in their eyes. Every stop they made at a booth was an opportunity to explore the possibilities that a career in engineering could bring and the variety of things they could do.

We had some of the best ambassadors for the profession at the booths, representing many areas of work. You could feel the energy and enthusiasm along with the smiles and the laughter. It was truly a family affair for many with younger siblings watching their older brothers and sisters explore the options, experiments, and experiences that a career in engineering can offer. We all agreed there needed to be more engineers in the world and that engaging our youth in this hands-on fashion was the best way to build the pipeline of the future. By all measures, the Expo was a great success.

## Francis Crowe Would Be Proud — Brent M. Bridges, PE, Chair

I attended last May's Francis Crowe Society ceremony at the University of Maine which recognized the students' entrance to the Society in addition to their graduation. I was able to congratulate every new grad and to provide recognition pins for all those that passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

Nationwide and locally over the past few years, the number of students taking the FE exam has been declining. We need to provide more outreach to explain not only the benefits of licensure but the also important value in taking the FE exam at the end of your college studies. We all know it is a much harder exam the farther away you get from your college years, and everyone should encourage new graduates to take the exam when they are most likely to pass.

One never knows what path we end up taking in our careers and to have one leg up by having taken the exam early helps. All those I congratulated were very happy to have taken it and to get it behind them and I reinforced what a great choice they made. I also took the time to talk to some of their parents and extend my appreciation to the hard work that all their families put into creating another engineer.

## Stakeholders Meeting

For several years, the Board has been meeting in the Fall with stakeholders, including PE societies, engineering firms, and individual engineers. The Board has received valuable input and support resulting in positive legislative outcomes. The Board is moving the Stakeholder Meeting to the March board meeting to better coordinate with the legislative schedule. If you or your organization want to attend, please contact the board office for an invitation.

## Current PE Board

Seat	Name	Position
1	VACANT	Member
2	Jude Pearse, PE	Member
3	Joyce Taylor, PE	Vice Chair
4	Brent Bridges, PE	Chair
5	Mandy Holway, PE	Member
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7	VACANT	Member



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