



December 8, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor  
State of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

The SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies (SCCESS) has completed the evaluation process for interviewing candidates for nominations to you as specified in Act 58 of 2007, for the position on the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, currently held by Mr. Gene Dinkins, PE, PLS.

After reviewing the applications, the Council is pleased to recommend that Mr. Gene Dinkins, PE, PLS, be re-appointed to the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Mr. Dinkins' resume is enclosed for your information.

The SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies is composed of professional and technical engineering and surveying organizations representing thousands of engineers and surveyors throughout the state. The Council currently consists of the following organizations:

- American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina (ACEC-SC)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers – South Carolina Section (ITE-SC)
- South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (SCSPE)
- South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors (SCSPLS)
- Structural Engineers Association of South Carolina (SEASC)
- Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

These organizations' representatives serve on the Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies, which advertised for interested engineers and surveyors to come forward for consideration. These advertisements were through the various engineering and surveying organizations' newsletters, e-mails, and websites. Additionally, advertisement was made on the SC Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation's website.

I look forward to hearing from you on this appointment. If you have any questions or seek further information on the Council or the nomination, please contact me at 803-509-6605 or by e-mail at [Edward.Owens@hdrinc.com](mailto:Edward.Owens@hdrinc.com).

Sincerely,

Edward J. Owens Jr., P.E.  
President



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August 24, 2015

Mr. Ed Owens, P.E.  
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Re: SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies Appointment

Dear Mr. Owens:

I would like to request consideration for recommendation for re-appointment from the South Carolina Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies for another term on the South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

I have been heavily involved statewide, nationally and internationally in engineering and surveying licensure for many years, most recently serving as President of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Over the years, I have also participated and led numerous national committees and task forces in the development and enhancement of national surveying and engineering exams. Most recently, I was awarded the NCEES Distinguished Service Award on August 21, 2015.

As President of Cox and Dinkins, Inc., I have been in responsible charge of engineering and surveying projects for over 30 years. I have attached my resume' for your review.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene L. Dinkins".

Gene L. Dinkins, PE, PLS  
President

Enclosures

## BIOGRAPHY

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### GENE L. DINKINS, P.L.S., P.E.

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Gene Dinkins is President of Cox and Dinkins, Inc., a consulting engineering and land surveying firm based in Columbia, South Carolina. The firm has been in business for over fifty years. He is a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, and is a Professional Land Surveyor in South Carolina.

Mr. Dinkins was graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering. He was also graduated from the University of South Carolina in with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering and with a Master of Engineering Degree.

Mr. Dinkins has served as a member of the South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors since 2004. During this time he has served the Board as Secretary, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman. He is also a member of the Midlands Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors, South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors, South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, and American Society of Civil Engineers. He has received the South Carolina Engineer of the Year Award from the SCSPE and has been a recipient of the Life Service Award from the SCSPLS.

Mr. Dinkins has been very active nationally in the engineering and surveying professions through the NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying). He was elected in 2007 to serve a two year term as Vice- President, then served two years as Treasurer, and recently concluded his term as President of the NCEES. He has served on numerous committees and task forces over the years and has also been involved internationally. Over the last several years he has been in Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Turkey assisting with their examination process. Most recently he was awarded the 2015 NCEES Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service to the engineering and surveying professions.

In addition he is active in various community activities. He has been active in the development and land planning field for many years in South Carolina and has served as Chairman of the Richland County Planning Commission and as Chairman of the City of Columbia Planning Commission.

Mr. Dinkins has conducted many seminars on professional land surveying and civil engineering topics throughout his career. He has conducted seminars at the University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia Board of Realtors, South Carolina Bar Association, Lorman Education Services, Half Moon, LLC, and National Business Institute.

## Gene Dinkins

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**From:** NCEES <noreply=ncees.org@cmail2.com> on behalf of NCEES <noreply@ncees.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3:50 PM  
**To:** Gene Dinkins  
**Subject:** Congratulations to the 2015 NCEES service award winners



### **Congratulations to the 2015 NCEES service award winners**

- Distinguished Service Award with Special Commendation: Jon Nelson, P.E.
- Distinguished Service Award: Gene Dinkins, P.E., P.L.S.
- Distinguished Examination Service Award: William Bathie, Ph.D., P.E.

To find out more about each award winner, visit [ncees.org/service-award](http://ncees.org/service-award).

We will honor the contributions of the award recipients and the NCEES board of directors at the Awards and Installation Gala on Friday, August 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m.



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## Service Awards

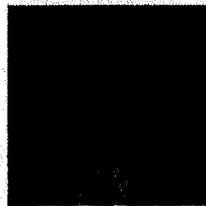


NCEES will honor the contributions of three 2015 service award recipients at its annual meeting Awards and Installation Gala on Friday, August 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### Distinguished Service Award with Special Commendation

This award is the Council's highest honor. It recognizes NCEES members who have exceeded the high qualifications for the Distinguished Service Award. After years of service to NCEES, their boards, and their communities, these individuals continue to step into leadership roles, participate on committees, and educate the public about licensure.

#### 2015 Winner: Jon D. Nelson, P.E.



Jon Nelson, P.E., received the Distinguished Service Award in 2007 for his many contributions to NCEES, including serving as president and Southern Zone vice president. Since receiving this award, he has continued to serve his profession with distinction.

An emeritus member of the Oklahoma Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors since 2007, Nelson remains committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors. He has served on the NCEES B+30 and Engineering Education task forces, and he has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Council Activities since 2012. He also serves on the PE Civil Exam Development Committee.

Nelson represented NCEES on the board of directors of the American Association of Engineering Societies. During this time, he served as board chair and as chair of several committees and the Licensure Working Group. In 2011, AAES awarded him the Kenneth Andrew Roe Award for his service.

Nelson is actively involved in the work of several other engineering organizations. He currently represents the National Society of Professional Engineers on the ABET board of directors and is a member of the ABET Global Council. A distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, he has served on a number of ASCE committees related to licensure, engineering education, and technologist credentialing.

As part of his commitment to the engineering profession, Nelson has given a number of presentations and written articles on engineering licensure, the NSPE Body of Knowledge, raising the bar for civil engineering education, and paraprofessionals in civil engineering.

### Distinguished Service Award

These recipients are an integral part of the Council, their boards, and their communities. They form the backbone of NCEES committees and are actively involved in board events and outreach activities.

#### 2015 Winner: Gene L. Dinkins, P.E., P.L.S.



Gene Dinkins, P.E., P.L.S., has been a member of the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors since 2004. During this time, he has served as board chair and vice chair. He attends legislative committee meetings for proposed board statutes, regulations, and bills affecting the engineering and surveying professions, and he reviews and evaluates work experience for licensure candidates.

Dinkins served on the NCEES board of directors from 2007 to 2014 while fulfilling his terms as president, treasurer, and Southern Zone vice president. During this time, he served as board liaison to a number of NCEES committees and task forces, including the Examinations for Professional Engineers and Finance committees and task forces for mobility, computer-based testing, and sustainable buildings. He most recently served as a member of the 2014–15 Advisory Committee on Council Activities and Committee on Nominations. He has also volunteered with the NCEES Surveying Exam Development Committee and traveled to Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Turkey as an observer for exam administrations.

A strong supporter of advancing the professions of engineering and surveying, Dinkins has served as NCEES representative to the American Association of Engineering Societies and as a member of the AAES board of directors. He is a member of the Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration and worked on the development of its photogrammetry exam. He is a past recipient of the Engineer of the Year Award from the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers and a recipient of the Life Service Award from the South Carolina Society of Professional Surveyors, as well as a member of both organizations.

#### **Distinguished Examination Service Award**

This award recognizes the tremendous contributions of our exam volunteers. Its recipients are committed to the NCEES exam program. They are leaders in the efforts to advance our licensing exams and improve the exam development process.

#### **2015 Winner: William W. Bathie, P.E.**



William Bathie, P.E., began volunteering with the Principles and Practice of Engineering Mechanical Exam Development Committee in 1979 and has attended almost all of its meetings over the last 35 years. Throughout the 1980s, he was one of only four to six members on the committee, demonstrating a deep commitment to the NCEES exams and the licensure process. He has participated in a variety of

exam-related activities, including writing and reviewing questions, assembling and grading exams, and participating in studies to update specifications and to establish passing scores. He has been a prolific item writer, writing a substantial number of the Thermal and Fluid Systems module's questions and many of the PE Mechanical exam's breadth questions.

Bathie's service and leadership were key during two major transitions for the PE Mechanical exam. He served as vice chair of the exam's development committee from 1993 to 1998, during the exam's transition from essay to a combination of essay and multiple-choice questions. He then served as chair from 1998 to 2003, during which time the exam changed to a complete multiple-choice exam with depth and breadth sections.

Bathie has helped with recruiting and training new members of the committee. He continues to be a resource and mentor for new leaders on the Thermal and Fluid Systems subcommittee.

Today, he remains an active member of the PE Mechanical Exam Development Committee. This includes serving as "exam champion" for the Thermal and Fluid Systems module for two exams, which involves working with an exam from assembly through administration to the review of final performance statistics to ensure consistency.