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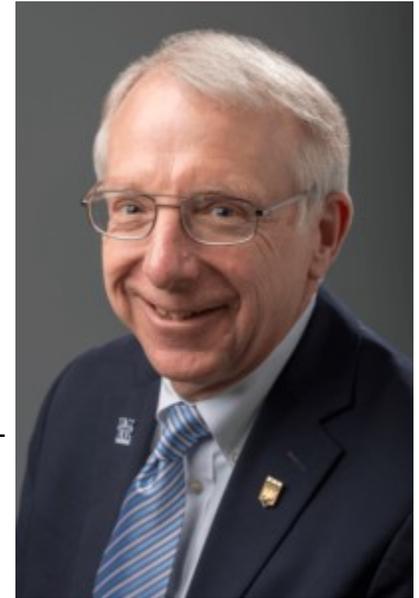
## Thank You to Dean Dana Humphrey

When Dean Dana Humphrey, Ph.D., P.E. retires later this summer, after serving for 16 years as the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Maine, we will miss his dynamic presence as a strong and vocal champion of the engineering profession.

We cannot think of anyone else who has so graciously devoted so much of their time to educating students and the public about the benefits that engineers bring to society. Dean Humphrey's energy is infectious when he talks about the exciting developments at the University of Maine, the significant impact of engineering on diverse aspects of everyday life, or about how engineering is one of the most powerful drivers of economic progress in Maine.

Saying Dana is tireless in his promotion of the engineering profession seriously understates his effort. All of us at the P.E. Board have had the opportunity to get to know Dana, and our ongoing tribute to him will be to attempt to carry on his practice of inspiring young minds and educating the public on the wonder, value, and benefits of being an engineer.

We wish Dana the very best in his retirement and congratulations on a job well done!



**Dana N. Humphrey, Ph.D., P.E.**  
Dean, College of Engineering  
University of Maine, Orono

## Board Members Available to Speak

Whether in person or remotely, PE Board members would love to talk with your group. Meeting with groups allows the board to share information about the requirements and benefits of professional engineering licensure, but it also gives the board valuable insights into your thoughts and concerns, as well as barriers or challenges you may face.

This year board members have challenged themselves to speak to at least 20 groups to help identify issues for discussion with other PE boards regionally, at NCEES meetings this spring and summer, and with the stakeholders group this Fall. We look forward to hearing from you.

# DECOUPLING LAW PASSES IN MAINE

On March 16, 2022, Governor Janet Mills signed into law the Board’s proposed statute, LD 1810, “An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-Interns.” The law takes effect 90 days after the current legislative session ends. LD 1810 allows PE candidates to decide for themselves when they are best prepared to take the PE exam. There is no longer a set time for candidates to wait before taking the PE exam, and candidates will no longer apply to the Board for permission to take the exam.

Candidates will register directly with NCEES for the PE or SE exam. When they register, they must attest to having a degree that qualifies under Maine law for PE licensure. They are also required by Maine law to pass the FE exam before taking the PE exam. NCEES allows candidates to sit for an exam up to 3 times in 12 months. Once candidates achieve a passing result on the PE exam, they will apply for PE licensure with the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers. PE licensure will be granted only when all licensure requirements are met, including the experience requirement.

This change highlights the importance of PE References and Engineering Employment Verifications. In completing these forms, licensed PEs evaluate the performance and verify the employment and dates of service of the engineers they mentor. We appreciate the assistance of licensees in completing these forms and remind them that all applications submitted to the Board are public records.

LD 1810 was sponsored by legislators from both parties and was submitted by the Board with support from stakeholders, including professional engineering societies and engineering firms in Maine. The bill passed both legislative chambers prior to being signed by the Governor.

## Pending PE Applications

Those who previously filed PE licensure applications for permission to sit for the PE exam have five years from the date of original application to complete the licensure process; otherwise the application terminates by operation of law and they will need to re-apply.

All pending open PE applications will be held open at least until the end of 2022. If you have any questions about a pending PE application, please contact board staff.

## 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
6	VACANT	Public member
7	VACANT	Member



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