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NCEES honors Minnesota professional engineer Merlin Williams for service

Merlin Williams, P.E., of Waseca, Minnesota, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Williams was recognized during the organization's annual meeting business webinar held on July 1, 2020. He will be honored in person at the organization's 2021 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Williams has been a contributor and mainstay on the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam for the past 33 years. His dedication to ensuring that the exam constantly advances and improves can be seen through his ideas and insights on how to write quality items for the exams. He holds paramount the quality of items on the exam, as demonstrated in his role as an item writer for the morning breadth section of the FE exam before it converted to computer-based testing.

Williams served as a member, consultant, and resource of the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers from 1987 to 2001. From 2004 to 2009, he served as module chair for the morning portion of the exam (breadth) and the afternoon general module of the committee.

During his long career of supporting and promoting the importance of licensure, Williams had many affiliations and accomplishments. His 50 years of experience included working at Boeing, Olympic Scientific, E.F. Johnson, Owatonna Tool Company, and M.E. Williams and Associates, Inc. He was a member of the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, and Landscape Architecture from 1985 to 1993. He was chair of the Minnesota chapter of the ASM International from 1982 to 1983, and he served on the Professional Examination Committee for the Metallurgical Society of the AIME from 1988 to 1997. Williams also served on the Minnesota Governor's Pipeline Commission.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.