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Society of Piping Engineers and Designers May 2018 SPED Update Newsletter

Hello SPED member! Finally, the return of SPED Update after a long hiatus. We've switched to a mailing service called MailChimp to simplify the creation and delivery of the newsletter. If you'd care to not receive any more of these, just click the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this message.

There've been some personnel changes at the SPED board of directors since the last issue many months ago and we'll be featuring some mini bios in future newsletters...

William Beazley, Executive Director
Kevin Noakes, President
Paul Bowers, Executive Vice President
Kerry Millen, Treasurer
James Lindlof, Director
Jacques De Fortier, Director
Carol Pauly, Director
Clarence Wynter, Director
Catherine VD Walt, Operations Manager

Three simple words: BUY SPED STUFF!

Thanks to [Lee Jewell](#), [Richard Rice](#) and [Ron Waldon](#) of the Louisville Chapter for their contributions to SPED. Ron is also SPED's most recent past president.

Congratulations to recent new PPDs

PPD Level 1

Joseph Schmitt
Jacqueline Goodwin
Leslie Phipps
Tonderai Tsokodayi
Alejandro Rodriguez

PPD Level 2

Mark Fitzgerald

PPD Level 3

Casey Burns
Devendra Jogi
Vikash Kumar
Prasad Dalvi
Deepak Paranjape

PPD Level 4

Casey Burns
Devendra Jogi
Tim Gray
Devendra Jogi

Piper BootCamp (PBC) Course Completion

Besnik Raci
Tonderai Tsokodayi
Corey Creel
Patrick Gonzales
Michael Fletcher

Process Piping Layout (PPL) Course Completion

Elliott Boyd

Highlights from the Board Minutes Meeting April 7, 2018

The SPED Board of Directors meeting was presided over by Kevin Noakes, SPED President, and attended by Paul Bowers, James Lindlof, Kerry Millen, Jacques De Fortier, William Beazley, Carol Pauly, Clarence Wynter, Catherine VD Walt. The highlights are:

- SPED is completing the transition away from Nationwide Tax To Rieger CPA as SPED's Accountant. The books are transitioned and corrections are being made.
- William G. Beazley announced his intention to offer a licensing of his SPED PPD courses to SPED on a permanent basis. He said transitioning the courses to SPED will give the society full control over current and future course development. Dr. Beazley is the author of the SPED training videos.
- SPED is working with the University of Houston to determine the need for a 4 year degree in piping design. There is no such program in place and UH/D did offer a 4 year degree in the past.
- PPD Exam question bank quality control is nearing completion. SPED's question bank for the various PPD levels contains over 1300 questions which are randomly assembled for each student's exam session. Each PPD exam contains approximately 100 questions.
- SPED Chapter Reports were made for, Louisville, Ontario, Calgary, Houston, Spain and India. Activities varied with local economic conditions. Chapter meetings held were reported as well attended. Most Chapters report signs of job market improvement.

The Next Board meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2018.



SPED's website appeal for technical articles from the membership has resulted in the first submission from Timothy Ivory on brownfield piping design. Head over to spedweb.com to see what Tim has to say. And [consider writing some](#)

[technical material yourself on a subject you are familiar with](#) - it looks great on a resume! Ideally the finished result would be about 1000 words and SPED can help with editing.

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Sample PPD Level I Question. Do you know the answers?

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

It's a Plant Operator, of course.



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