

Free & Discounted Member Benefits

Use your free & discounted benefits -- and membership pays for itself!

- OSPE works to keep Ohio's PE license fee among the lowest in the nation! (See "Legislative Accomplishments")
- OfficeMax & Office Depot office supplies (up to 81% discount!)
- UPS - Save up to 28% on express air & up to 14% on ground shipping (discounted!)
- Health insurance (5-10% discount!)
- Errors & omissions insurance (discounted!)
- Sequent HR and payroll service (10% discount!)
- Workers' comp insurance (group discount!)
- Seminars for CPD credit (30%-50% discount; many free!)
- Guidance on CPD auditing & license laws (free!)
- CPD Law Pocket Reference Card (free!)
- Stamps & embossers for PEs & PSs (lowest prices!)
- E-Advertisements & "Help Wanted" ads (discounted!)
- Member Placement Service (free!)
- CareerBoard (10% off!)
- Ethics guidance (free!)
- Writing tips (free!)
- New Member Orientation (free!)
- Awards -- Get professional recognition (free!)
- CD-Rom/Video Lending Library (free!)
- Networking and making contacts (free!)
- Members-Only Notepads
- Lenovo - up to 30% off technology products and services (with NSPE membership)
- Victor O. Schinnerer & Company - up to 5% off select insurance solutions (with NSPE membership)
- Geico discount (with NSPE membership)
- Rental car discounts (with NSPE membership)

- 15 hours of free webinars (with NSPE membership)
- Contract documents discount (with NSPE membership)
- MasterSpec® discount (with NSPE membership)
- PE online networking communities (with NSPE membership)
- NSPE Bank America Card Cash Rewards Visa Signature Card (with NSPE membership)

Save 30%-50% on State-Compliant CPD seminars

- "The Engineer as Leader" leadership training
- Ohio PE Legislative Day
- Spring CPD Conference
- EFO's Fall CPD Conference
- EFO's December Seminars
- Refresher Courses

On-Line Website Resources

- www.ohioengineer.com
- www.nspe.org

Career Transition Package -- Find a job!

- CareerBoard
- Member Placement Service
- Engineering firm & industry databases
- Membership dues waiver if you lose your job
- Resume referrals at nspe.org/employment
- Fully-paid fellowship to "The Engineer As Leader"

Certificate Ceremonies

- OSPE sponsors Ohio's nationally-known Certificate Ceremonies for Ohio's new PEs.

Publications keep you up-to-date:

- "Ohio Engineer" magazine -- Important Ohio news and licensure updates for the professional engineer.
 - "State Board of Registration Email Update" -- Detailed news from Ohio State Board of Registration meetings--every month!
 - "Ohio Legislative Email Update" -- Hear from our lobbyists on legislation affecting your PE license.
 - "Administrative Email Update" -- News you need from OSPE & EFO about member benefits, CPD programs, etc.
 - "Daily Designs" -- Email newsletter of daily news. *
 - "PE" magazine -- News from across the country. *
- * with NSPE membership

Event Schedule:

- Summer:** Leadership Retreat (1-2 CPD hours)
NSPE Annual Convention
- Fall:** Certificate Ceremony
Fall CPD Conference (15 CPD hours)
Joint Societies Meeting
EFO Benefit Golf Outing
- Winter:** December Seminars (6 CPD hours)
National Engineers Week
Engineers Leadership Institute (10.5 CPD hours)
Imagine Engineering
Scholarship Committee Workshop
- Spring:** Certificate Ceremony
MATHCOUNTS
Ohio PE Legislative Day (5 CPD hours)
Spring CPD Conference (12.5 CPD hours)
OSPE & EFO Annual Meetings

Protecting the Profession

Protecting the PE license through vigilant government relations

- By working closely with the State Board of Registration, OSPE has helped maintain the lowest PE registration fee in the nation. Most states are 10-14 times higher than Ohio's \$40 biennial fee.
- Secured passage of the **Ohio Engineers Title Act**, which protects the title "engineer" from being used by non-engineers.
- OSPE pursues **Engineering Title Act violators!** OSPE initiated the first defense of the law in 1993.
- OSPE played a crucial role in enacting **House Bill 337**, which **strengthens Ohio's engineering laws** & increases penalties for violating Ohio's Engineering Practice Act.
- Stopped House Bill 345, HB 87, Senate Bill 138 & SB 156, all of which would have eroded the **practice of engineering**, allowing interior designers, home inspectors, landscape architects & industrial hygienists to "perform engineering services."
- Defeated the **consolidation of Ohio's licensing boards** into one "super board," which would have resulted in massive increases in PE license fees and plummeting service to PEs.
- Successfully amended House Bill 87 to **remove engineering conflicts** in the definitions of industrial hygienists and safety professionals in Ohio law.
- Prevented an **onerous continuing education** proposal, then led the effort to enact an easy-to-use continuing professional development law.
- Stopped a proposal to change the "**gross negligence**" standard in the Ohio Engineering Practice Act to "simple negligence," which would have led to lawsuits and jeopardized PE licenses.
- Stopped a proposal to license **geologists** and add them to the State Board of Registration.
- OSPE led efforts to **strengthen PE exam** requirements by eliminating "alternate" paths to licensure in House Bill 337, such as through a "related science" degree, reinforcing the value of your engineering degree.
- Fought to keep the engineering firm "**certificate of authorization**" requirement in Ohio's law.
- Defeated the **elimination of PEs** in responsible charge of engineering firms in House Bill 322.
- Fought to keep the law requiring engineering firms to be owned by a **majority of licensed design professionals**.
- Supported House Bill 741, protecting engineers & surveyors from **trivial trespass accusations**.
- Amended House Bill 383, exempting PE's from the Ohio **Private Investigator Laws** so PE's can investigate construction projects. Also saved PEs the \$250 PI exam fee.

- Helped Ohio enact a new, **responsible consumer protection law** that strikes a good balance between protecting consumers and not driving engineering employers out of Ohio.
- Supported **State Issue 1**, which is creating thousands of engineering research and construction jobs through a \$2 billion initiative.
- OSPE supports reinstating the **PE requirement** for ODOT director and key deputy directors.
 - > OSPE encouraged Ohio's governor to hire the first **P.E. ODOT director** in nearly a decade.
- OSPE led the effort to get the State Board of Registration to **streamline its CoA-approval process**. Companies that meet the qualifications can now be approved by State Board staff and will be verified by the board at the next available meeting.
- OSPE has successfully supported bond initiatives to fund capital improvements.

Protecting the Profession....

- OSPE is part of a powerful coalition that secured passage comprehensive **tort reforms** including a 10 year statute of repose, restrictions on junk lawsuits and protections for retired PEs and industry from extreme liability claims.
- OSPE successfully opposed Senate Bill 160, which would extend Ohio sales tax to engineering services.
- OSPE helped secure a **victory in the Ohio Court of Appeals** by filing a *Friend of the Court* brief, protecting PEs who provide expert testimony.
- **Challenged "look-alike" seals** that illegally imitate PE seals being submitted to government agencies showing detailed site plans, grading plans, sediment control devices, changes to storm drainage structures and other engineering features.
- OSPE helped remove part of House Bill 26, which would have allowed "**low bidding**" in sanitary sewer districts.
- OSPE helped stop House Bill 214, which would have hindered the **PE's authority to select piping materials** appropriate for the job.
- OSPE successfully supported House Bill 17, which provides **civil immunity protections for PE volunteers** during declared emergencies.
- OSPE successfully supported House Bill 236, which underlines the importance of **ethics and rules in professional practice**.



OSPE....

- *Protecting the PE*
- *Increasing the value of the PE license*
- *Eliminating Low Bidding*
- *Stopping Encroachment on Engineering*
- *Eliminating Extra Exams & Fees for PEs*