



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!
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% 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
Victor O. Schinnerer & Company - up to 5% off select insurance solutions
Geico discount
Rental car discounts
15 hours of free webinars

- Contract documents discount
MasterSpec® discount
PE online networking communities
NSPE Bank America Card Cash Rewards Visa Signature Card

Save 30% on State-Compliant CPD seminars

- "The Engineer as Leader" leadership training
Ohio PE Legislative Day
All-Ohio Engineering 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
Engineering firm & industry databases
Membership dues waiver if you lose your job
Career Center at nspe.org/resources/career-center
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.
"Regulatory Update" -- Detailed e-newsletter from Ohio State Board of Registration meetings--every meeting!
"Legislative Update" -- Monthly e-newsletter (during legislative session) from our lobbyists on legislation affecting your PE license.
"Administrative Update" -- Monthly e-newsletter from OSPE & EFO about member benefits, CPD programs, and more.
"Daily Designs" -- Email newsletter of daily news.
"PE" magazine -- News from across the country.

Event Schedule:

- Summer: Leadership Retreat (1-2 CPD hours)
All-Ohio Engineering Conference (12.5 CPD hours)
OSPE & EFO Annual Meetings
NSPE Annual Convention
PE Day
Fall: Certificate Ceremony
Fall CPD Conference (15 CPD hours)
Joint Societies Meeting
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
EFO Benefit Golf Outing
Ohio PE Legislative Day (5 CPD hours)

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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.
- 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, House Bill 87, Senate Bill 138 & Senate Bill 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 PEs from the Ohio **Private Investigator Laws** so PEs can investigate construction projects, saving PEs the \$405 PI license 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.
- Support state referenda **creating thousands of engineering research and construction jobs** through bonds involving billions of dollars to fund capital improvements.
- OSPE supports reinstating the **PE requirement** for ODOT director and key deputy directors.
 - > OSPE encouraged Ohio's governor to hire the first **PE 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 to be verified by the board at the next available meeting.

Protecting the Profession....

- OSPE helped lead a powerful coalition that secured passage of **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 has successfully opposed several legislative efforts to 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 several bills which would have hindered the **PE's authority to select piping materials** appropriate for the job.
- OSPE supported House Bill 17, which provides **civil immunity protections for PE volunteers** during declared emergencies.
- OSPE successfully supported House Bill 236, which reinforces **ethical professional practice**.
- OSPE successfully supported the defense of **Ohio's Statute of Repose** by filing a *Friend of the Court* brief to protect design professionals from facing liability more than a decade after performance.



OSPE....

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