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PE Corner Art Nordlinger, PE, Senior Member The Steps to Professional Licensure, Part 3

Last month I discussed the experience necessary to qualify to apply to become a Professional Engineer. Now I'll address the last piece of the PE puzzle, the Principles and Practices of Engineering exam, also called the PE exam, and the final steps to licensure.

Recent Florida statute changes "decoupled" the experience requirement from qualifications to take the PE exam, removing the potential four-or-more-year time lag between graduation and taking the exam. That leaves only receiving an accredited degree and passing the FE as a hurdle to sitting for the PE, and paying the \$375 exam fee, of course.

As I discussed previously, the FE exam is now exclusively computer based, given in a designated testing center, and no longer restricted to a twice-per-year schedule. The PE exam is moving that way as well. The exams are being converted to computer-based gradually, with all intended to be so by 2023. The schedule for exams being converted to computer-based is on the NCEES website. The electrical exams are now computer-based. More information may be found on the Board's website at

https://fbpe.org/licensure/application-process/ principles-practice-examination/

The PE exam is discipline specific, and most disciplines include sub-disciplines. For example, the Electrical and Computer exam includes three sub-disciplines: Computer Engineering, Electrical and Electronics, and Power. The NCEES website includes statistics for each sub-discipline exam, including the number of people who took it and the pass rate, both for first-time examinees and repeat examinees. This may be found at: http://ncees.org/engineering/pe/

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The PE exam format is 8 hours long, given in two 4-hour sessions. Each session has 40 multiple choice questions and you must answer all of them. Like the FE exam, a reference book is provided for use during the exam. No other materials other than an approved calculator are allowed. Only certain calculators are allowed, a list of which is on the NCEES website. Exam grades are typically available about 7-10 days after the exam is taken. Examinees are notified by the Board if they pass, or provided information on retaking the exam if they don't. The Florida Board allows an examinee three tries to pass the exam. If the examinee fails three times, the board will typically require the examinee to take some classes at the college level in the appropriate subject matter before another attempt.

With the PE exam decoupled from the experience requirement, the potential licensee, having obtained a qualified degree, passed both exams, and obtained the required experience will submit all of this information to the Board, along with the required personal and professional references. The Board will then evaluate the submittal and if everything passes muster, the Board will certify that the licensee has completed all the requirements, and issue their license number.

To learn more about the examination and application process for the FE and PE exams go to the *Application Process* page under the *Licensure* section of FBPE's website at *www.fbpe.org*. Questions regarding licensure may be directed to the Board office at (850) 521-0500. Ask to speak to someone in the *Licensure* department.

Whether you are a PE looking to attain required CEHs, or an engineer looking to learn something new or keep current with the latest trend in the profession, IEEE has seminars that will meet your needs.

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Update for the Year 2022

IEEE FWCS PES/IAS Leadership:

Robert DeMelo, Chair // Ryan Copley, Vice-Chair // Kayla Allemang, Secretary



Looking back at the 2021 calendar year for the IEEE FWCS PES/IAS Chapter, a lot of great work was done in continuing to bring value to the IEEE community even amidst the restrictions surrounding the pandemic. The picture to the left is a glimpse into the planning meeting that occurred this past December as we looked back at what was accomplished in 2021 and what is already in the works for 2022. If you are an IEEE Member and part of the FWCS PES/IAS and want to get more involved in volunteering time for the IEEE community, please email:

robert.demelo@ieee.org

We would greatly appreciate your willingness to assist and contribute to the chapter. The IEEE FWCS PES/IAS team meets the last Saturday of every month at the Village Inn in Tampa, details/registration available in vTools.

2021 Year-In-Review:

- ◆ 12 in-person FWCS PES/IAS ExCom Meetings
- 14 webinar events totaling 471 in attendance
- Partnered with SE Michigan and Orlando chapters, as well as industry

Upcoming Events in 2022 – Be on the lookout in future Signal publications and on Vtools:

- February 9th Lunch & Learn Free Basics of Grounding Modeling and Design
- ◆ February 24th Lunch & Learn Free Current Transformer ("CT") Basics for System Protection
- March 22nd Continuous Monitoring of Switchgear and Motors/Tour of Armature Works
- ◆ April 22nd Tour of FPL's 400 MW Manatee Battery Storage Facility
- May date TBD Artificial Intelligence ("AI") for DER Dispatch/Control 4 hour CEUs will be offered
- ◆ June date TBD Arc Flash 4 hour PDHs will be offered
- ◆ July/August date TBD *Motor Protection* 4 hour PDHs will be offered

Ever wondered where to look for upcoming events within the Florida West Coast Section or across IEEE, check out the link below and save it to your Favorites! https://events.vtools.ieee.org/



Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 Time: Webinar: 12:00PM – 1:00PM (EST/EDT) Speaker: Biren Patel, PE, MBA, PMP – Biren Patel Engineering Keith Wallace, PE - Director and Principal Engineer for Safearth Americas Location: Online – meeting invitation will be emailed to attendees prior to seminar Cost: Free CEH Credits: No CEH's provided for this event. Florida provider #0003849. RSVP: Online at: https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/294841 Questions: Robert DeMelo - robert.demelo@ieee.org

Abstract: The Basics of Grounding Modeling and Design - lunch & learn - will go over the basics of grounding design for substations applications. The webinar will review what happens during a fault, the risk to personnel, what goes into a typical grounding model, and how to interpret the results. The lunch & learn will also introduce the various types of testing techniques to serve as inputs for grounding models as well as post installation verification of models and safe touch and step potentials. While this lunch & learn presentation isn't supposed to be a complete how-to guide to complete a design or test, it will introduce utility engineers about the grounding study process, and how to interpret the results of a grounding report, and help them understand the often underrated importance of testing.

Speakers:

Biren Patel, PE, MBA, PMP - Biren is a Substation Design Engineer with 16 years experience working on high voltage transmission substations for electric utilities. Biren graduated with a BSEE from Ga Tech in 2005 and an MBA from UGA in 2012. He is a PE in 15 states, a certified PMP, and an IEEE member since 2003. In 2011, he left his first substation engineering job at Burns & McDonnell to start the poorly named company, Biren Patel Engineering.

He, his wife, and two kids live in Macon, GA. According to his wife, the only reason he does these presentations is because he loves to hear himself talk and thinks he's a lot funnier than he really is.

Keith Wallace, PE - Director and Principal Engineer for Safearth Americas, a specialized electrical engineering company providing world-recognized expertise in safe power system grounding and lightning protection systems. Keith's professional history includes 28 years with Southern Company, having risen to the position of Principal Grounding Engineer. There, he developed programs for utility management of Substation Grounding, Temporary Protective Grounding, Lightning Protection, Arc Flash and Minimum Approach Distance, including implementation of training across multiple operating companies and staff at all levels. During his career he has been an industry leader in the field of power system grounding, live line work rules, and safety. He has led the industry having contributed to IEEE standards 80, 81, 1048, 516 and 998 for over 30 years. Keith was an integral part of the development of the 2012 and the 2017 National Electric Safety Code. He is an engaging speaker who has delivered training domestically and overseas.

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Current Transformer ("CT") Basics for System Protection Lunch and Learn

Date: Thursday – February 24th, 2022

Time: Seminar: 12:00PM – 1:15PM

Speaker: Mallur Satyanarayan, PE: Lead Engineer - System Protection Engineering & Design Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Location: Webinar/Lunch & Learn (lunch is not provided) Link will be provided to registrants

Cost: No Cost

PDH Credits: No PDH's provided for this webinar. Florida exempt provider #00015.

RSVP: Online at https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/294046

Questions: Robert DeMelo at robert.demelo@ieee.org

Abstract: Are you new to the field of system protection or have you ever been curious as to the difference between your typical "step-up" or "step-down" transformers used in substation/switchyard utility applications as compared to current transformers used for metering and relay inputs?

This lunch and learn presentation will cover the following as it relates to current transformers, also known as "CTs:

a.A basic introduction to Current Transformers,

- b.How Current Transformers are different from "Regular" Transformers,
- c.A brief overview of the characteristics of Current Transformers as applied to a relay protection scheme, and
- d.Selection of Current Transformers with respect to core saturation for relay/protection scheme applications

Speaker: Mallur Satyanarayan – "Satya" – obtained his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Bangalore University, India and an MS in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Kentucky.

He is a PE and has more than 30 years of experience in the electrical power industry in India, the Middle East and the USA in Utilities and Consulting Engineering.

His are area of expertise is power system protection and he has also taught protection courses in industry and academia.

He is presently with Seminole Electric Cooperative in Florida.

Senior Member Elevation Program

Greetings to all Members and welcome to the 2022 year of Senior Member Elevations for FWCS-SMEC

So we came to the end of the 2021 year with a very successful closing at the Senior Member Elevation Committee (SMEC) of the Florida West Coast Section and we have some very impressive achievements to talk about.

To begin with, we closed the year with an unprecedented elevation of 269 new Senior Members comprising R3 Life Senior Members, R3 Young Professionals, Florida West Coast Members, Women in Engineering and FWCS Life Members. Considering that the Admissions and Advancement Committee Review Panel regular meetings receive an average of 800 worldwide applicants from all 10 regions, SMEC contribution to each submittal accounted for anywhere from 5% to 10% of the worldwide A&A Senior Member Elevations, a very impressive achievement, wouldn't you think?

In our January Signal P.5-Senior Member Article, Sharlene Brown, R3 2021 Senior Member Elevation Coordinator reported that the goal of Region 3 was to elevate 220 members to the rank of Senior Member for the year 2021 but this goal was surpassed, and 428 members were elevated to the rank of Senior Member, the equivalent of 194.5% of the goal set for 2021 and our Senior Member Elevation program had a big part to play in this effort. It is worth noting that all the participants in this program came from all sections in Region 3 but additionally, I am very proud to inform you all that we had the participation of at least fifteen countries from around the world who came to be part of the elevation process at FWCS-SMEC.

In an additional effort the month of October 2021 was proclaimed "Women in Engineering Month" by SMEC and we invited all Women Engineer Members to submit their documentation for advancement to the rank of Senior Member receiving a very good response, encouraging us to do this again in cooperation with the FWCS Women in Engineering group during the current year 2022.

As you may expect, we still have hundreds of Senior Member Candidates to elevate to the rank. Many of them do not know that they are eligible to advance so we offer the opportunity to do so. Just ask yourself: "Why have I not requested Senior Member Advancement?" And the answer would be that many do not know three Senior Members or Fellows who would support their nomination, but we are providing this opportunity in a 30 minute interview with your assigned Reference Providers.

The Admissions and Advancement Committee Review Panel meets only six time a year and they have already issued their schedule for 2022, and the A&A Review Panel will meet on February 19th, 23rd April, 25th June, 13th August, 1st October and 19th November to review the applications of all IEEE Candidates that request advancement and I hope yours will be there.

The Senior member Candidate Interviews will be programmed based on these dates and will be published in the next issue of the Signal

We wish to extend our appreciation to everyone for your contributions to the Elevation Process. To the Senior Member Reference Providers Team goes our recognition and thanks for without their support our program could not serve the members the way if has done it to this date.

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PES/IAS ExCom Meeting – Last Saturday of the Month Village Inn, 215 Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33609 Saturday, February 26, 8:00 am – 9:00 am





"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." Carl Sagan

The Pinellas Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held at the: Countryside High School Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to serve as a judge at our fair. We will evaluate projects from public and private middle and high school students. Twenty-four projects may be chosen to represent the Pinellas Region at the State Science and Engineering Fair in Lakeland. Of course, many projects will be selected to receive "special awards" and category awards ranging from 4th Place to Best of Fair! Won't you please consider sharing your expertise by helping us make these very important decisions? The added dimension of the interaction the students will have with a professional of your prominence will prove to be a valuable experience for their individual growth in academic studies as well as assisting them in future career decisions. It is our hope that you will share our enthusiasm regarding the quality of research being accomplished by our students.

If you are able to participate as a judge please email Ms. Pamela Himmel to request the 2022 Judging Category Form. You can then fill it in and send it back to Ms. Himmel. Also, please tell us if your firm or organization would consider offering a "special award" at our fair. After receiving your affirmative reply, judging criteria and further information will be emailed to you. I thank you for your consideration and help in encouraging an investigative spirit among our young citizens. I hope to see you in February!

Ms. Pamela Himmel PRSEF Fair Director 8th Grade Honors & 8th Grade Advanced Science NJHS Advisor Carwise Middle School himmelp@pcsb.org

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