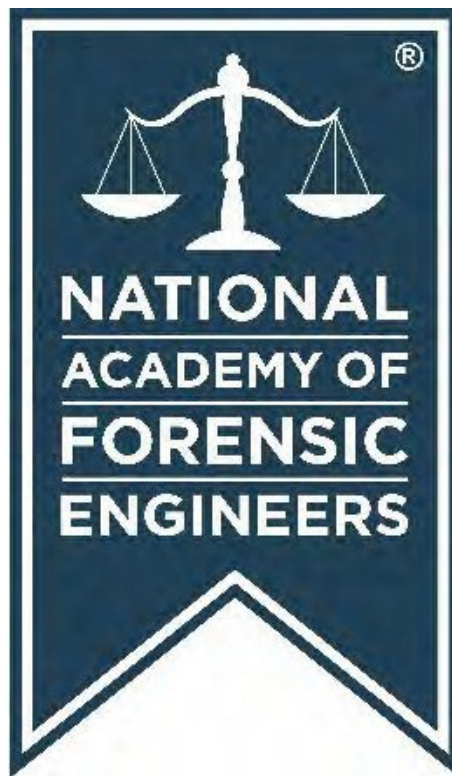


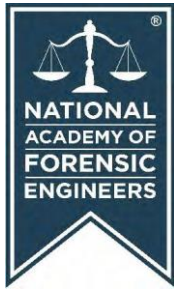
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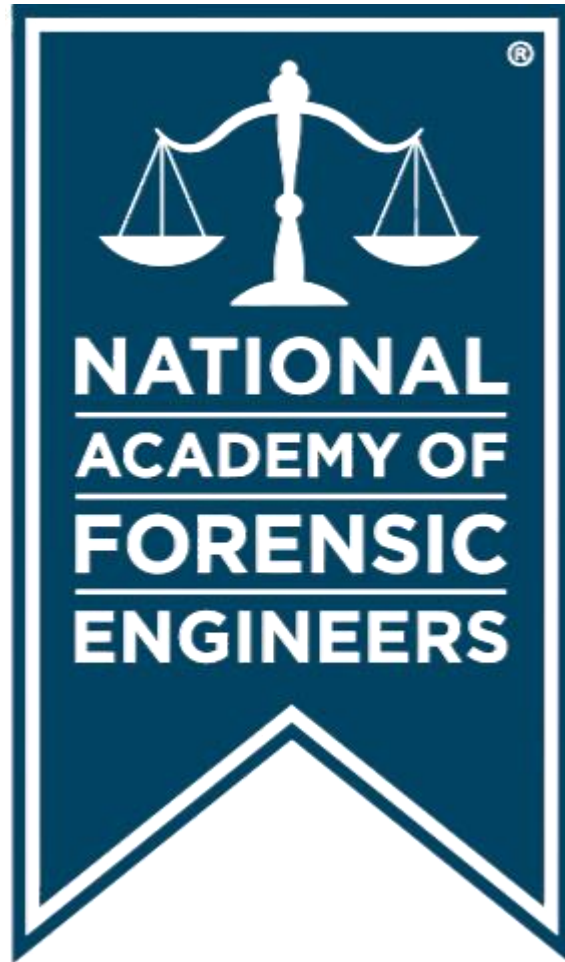
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BOARD ORIENTATION



NAFE Board of Directors Orientation

Mission

- Serving the public by advancing the ethical and professional practice of forensic engineering;
- Serving the jurisprudential system by certifying individuals having achieved expertise in forensic engineering;
- Serving Academy members and furthering the development of forensic engineers through education and the publication of peer-reviewed technical literature.

Governance & Board Responsibilities

As a member of the NAFE Board of Directors, you serve in a **fiduciary, governance, and leadership role** on behalf of the Academy, its members, and the public.

Your Legal Duties as a Board Member

Each Board member has individual legal responsibilities, including:

- **Duty of Care** – Participate actively, stay informed, and exercise sound judgment
- **Duty of Loyalty** – Act in the best interest of NAFE, placing the organization above personal or professional interests
- **Duty of Obedience** – Ensure compliance with laws, bylaws, and the Academy’s mission
- **Duty to Avoid Conflicts of Interest** – Disclose and appropriately manage any real or perceived conflicts

Board Authority & Responsibilities

Under the Bylaws, the Board:

- Governs and manages the affairs of the Academy
- Establishes committees and appoints committee leadership
- Sets application fees, dues, and assessments
- Determines eligibility for Academy benefits and recognitions
- Oversees member discipline

- Appoints and oversees the Executive Director or Executive Secretary
- Determines Board size, composition, and fills vacancies annually

Governance Framework

The Board operates within a defined governance structure, supported by:

- The NAFE Bylaws
- The Governance Primer (Page 6)
- Parliamentary procedure (Page 16) (Robert's Rules of Order) for orderly, fair decision-making

Directors are expected to review these materials and use them as reference tools rather than debate manuals.

Parliamentary Procedure (At a Glance)

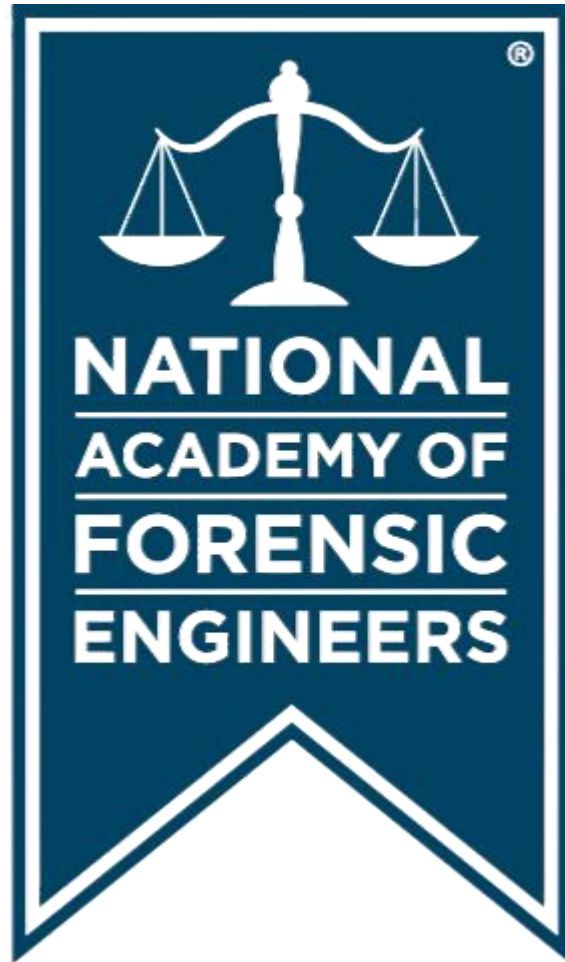
- Motions drive decisions
- One issue at a time
- Respectful debate is encouraged
- The Chair facilitates process; the Board decides outcomes
- Majority rules, with enhanced thresholds for certain actions

What Makes for an Effective Board Experience

Successful Board service at NAFE means you:

- Stay informed and prepared
- Listen actively and respectfully
- Focus on what is best for the Academy as a whole
- Use time efficiently and respect volunteer capacity
- Apply common sense and professional judgment
- Ask questions when unclear — early and often

NAFE GOVERNANCE



NAFE Governance Primer: A Summary of Volunteer Leader Duties

NAFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Association officers, directors, delegates, committee members, and others involved in an association's governance are often uncertain of their roles and responsibilities. And for good reason — some rights and obligations are determined by law, others by the association's articles of incorporation and bylaws, and still others by written policies and procedures or more informal arrangements.

The following brief is designed to clarify the delegation of duties; explain the fiduciary duties imposed by law on association officers, directors, and delegates; and suggest ways to protect volunteer leaders from personal liability.

Roles and Responsibilities

NAFE Board of Directors

The NAFE Board of Directors (the “Board”) is the governing body of the NAFE (the “association”), responsible for the ultimate direction of the management of the organization's affairs. The Board is responsible for policymaking, while employees (and to a certain extent, officers) are responsible for executing day-to-day management to implement Board-made policy. However, the ultimate legal responsibility for the actions (and inactions) of the association rests ultimately with the Board. The Board can act legally only by consensus (majority vote of a quorum in most cases) and only at a duly constituted and conducted meeting, or by unanimous written consent.

The Board may delegate authority to act on its behalf to others such as committees, but, in such cases, the Board is still legally responsible for any actions taken by the committees or persons to whom it delegates authority. An individual Board member has no individual management authority simply by virtue of being a member of the Board. However, the Board may delegate additional authority to a Board member, such as when it appoints Board members to committees. In a similar fashion, an officer has only the management authority specifically delegated in the bylaws or by the Board (although the delegated authority can be general and broad).

Committees

Committees have no management authority except for that delegated to them by the bylaws or by the Board. Furthermore, under most state nonprofit corporation laws, certain functions may not be delegated by the Board to committees. For example, in many states, the Board may not delegate to committees the power to elect officers, fill vacancies on the Board or any of its committees, amend the bylaws, or approve a plan of merger or dissolution.

Employees

Employees have no management authority except that specifically delegated to them in the bylaws or by the Board. For example, most associations' bylaws delegate to the chief staff executive the responsibility

for the day-to-day operations of the association's office(s), including the responsibility to hire, train, supervise, coordinate, and terminate the professional staff of the association, as well as the responsibility for all staffing and salary administration within guidelines established by the Board.

Members

Members have no management authority, as such authority is held by the Board. However, some state nonprofit corporation laws generally reserve to members the right to remove officers and directors and to amend the association's articles of incorporation, among other rights. Under some associations' bylaws, certain matters, such as the amendment of the bylaws or the election of officers and directors, must be submitted to the membership for a vote. However, most other matters generally are not submitted to the full membership, but rather are handled by the Board, one or more of its committees, or the officers or employees of the association.

Legal Duties

Fiduciary Duty

Those in positions of responsibility and authority in the governance structure of an association — both volunteers who serve without compensation and employed staff — have a fiduciary duty to the organization, including duties of care, loyalty, and obedience. In short, this means they are required to act reasonably, prudently, and in the best interests of the organization, to avoid negligence and fraud, and to avoid conflicts of interest. In the event that the fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, or obedience are breached, the individual breaching the duty is potentially liable to the association for any damages caused to the association as a result of the breach. This fiduciary duty is a duty to the association as a whole; even those who serve only on a particular committee or task force owe the fiduciary obligation to the entire association.

Duty of Care

This duty is very broad, requiring officers and directors to exercise ordinary and reasonable care in the performance of their duties as well as exhibit honesty and good faith. Officers and directors must act in a manner that they believe to be in the best interests of the association and with the same level of care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. The "business judgement rule" protects officers and directors from personal liability for actions made in poor judgment, as long as there is a reasonable basis to indicate that the action was undertaken with due care and in good faith. The duty of care also imposes an obligation to protect any confidential information obtained while serving the association.

Duty of Loyalty

This a duty of faithfulness to the association. This means that officers and directors must give undivided allegiance to the association when making decisions affecting the association.

In other words, officers, directors and delegates cannot put personal interests, even the interests of any specific constituency they were elected or appointed to represent, above the interests of the association.

Personal interests may include outside business, professional, or financial interests; interests arising from involvement in other organizations; and the interests of family members, among others.

Officers and directors should be careful to disclose even potential conflicts of interest to the Board of directors, and should recuse themselves from deliberation and voting on matters in which they have personal interests. For pervasive and continuing conflicts — such as a director of the association concurrently serving on the Board of a competing association — resignation from the individual's association leadership post or from the outside conflicting responsibility may be required. Officers and directors can have business dealings with the association, but such transactions must be subject to considerable scrutiny. In such event, officers and directors must fully disclose any personal interests to the Board of directors, and the terms of any transaction must be fair to the association. In addition, state nonprofit corporation statutes frequently provide specific procedures for dealing with transactions in which officers or directors have conflicts of interest.

Duty of Obedience

This duty requires officers and directors to act in accordance with the organization's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and other governing documents, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

Conflict of Interest

Beyond the general legal duties, the importance of avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest is well grounded in law. If anything, recent changes in the wake of the WorldCom, Enron and the 2008 Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and ensuing financial market collapse have placed even stricter standards of scrutiny on conflict of interest obligations. The Sarbanes-Oxley financial reform bill put additional enforcement provisions and higher penalties in place for violations of these standards. The IRS has intensified compliance and enforcement actions and adopted a zero-tolerance attitude towards conflicts of interest through changes in the annual tax filings that not-for-profit organizations like NAFE and its state associations must make.

Most people understand the most obvious forms of conflict of interest: where direct financial benefits are involved. It doesn't take a law degree to know that it would be wrong for a director of the association to participate in a board decision that would financially benefit him or her directly. For example, if the association were considering a major asset purchase and you owned an interest in one of the company's competing for that sale, you have a clear conflict of interest. But there are other, more subtle conflicts that can from time to time arise, and volunteer leaders have a legal duty as well as an ethical obligation to be sensitive to them.

Duality of Interests

The reason this is such an issue is that none of us, as individuals, live lives so narrowly focused or categorically compartmentalized as to avoid constantly carrying a multiplicity of legitimate demands for our loyalty. We are, each of us, a bundle of different interests: we owe the same duty of loyalty not only to NAFE, but also potentially to other organizations in which we are involved. We have a duty of loyalty to our employer, to the community organizations we are involved in, to the church, school and civic boards we serve on. The list goes on and on. It would be unreasonable to expect any individual to divest him or herself

of any outside interests other than NAFE before allowing them to serve and impossible for any of us to comply if such a demand were made of us.

The good news is that while we all must live in a constant state of duality of interests (simultaneous duties of loyalty to two or more organizations), it is a relatively rare event when those dualities of interest actually come into conflict. Your obligations to your employer will very seldom if ever come into conflict with your obligations as a volunteer to NAFE. Even less often will your obligations to a community or civic organization come in conflict with your obligations to NAFE.

But it can happen. So you need to be aware and highly sensitive to the possibility of some specific issue or topic or action suddenly implicating two legitimate interests that demand your loyalty. When that situation occurs, you have a duty to both organizations to immediately make leadership aware so that conflict can be appropriately addressed and resolved.

That point is important enough to restate:

- Legitimate dualities of interest exist for each of us ... obligations to more than one organization that may or may not ever create an actual conflict.
- A duality of interest becomes a conflict whenever a volunteer has a direct or indirect interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of a matter involving NAFE.
- Whenever that occurs, the volunteer has a legal and ethical obligation to both organizations to bring that actual or perceived conflict to light, so that it can be appropriately resolved.

Remember, having a conflict of interest is not evidence of some moral shortcoming or ethical failure on your part. However, failing to act promptly to make leadership aware of the conflict so it can be appropriately addressed is a serious violation of your legal and ethical duties.

Remedies

When an actual or perceived conflict occurs, there are three remedies:

Disclosure. In a few cases, the conflict is so minor that simply disclosing it (and recording that disclosure in the official minutes) might be sufficient. For example, if the board was considering a large equipment purchase and you or your spouse owned a small amount of stock (a non-voting interest) in one of the company's competing for the sale, the board might very well determine that your financial interest is so small and your degree of control so slight that simply recording the disclosure in the minutes is enough.

Recusal. In a vast majority of cases, a conflict of interest is resolved by recusal --- or simply removing yourself from participating in any of the discussions or actions taken by the board or committee in a specific matter. Whenever the matter in which you have a conflict is discussed (including in any circulation of information in advance of the meeting), you are excused from the deliberations and leave the meeting.

Resignation. In a few, very rare cases, a conflict will arise that is so fundamental, you must make a choice. If you cannot, in good faith, serve the two masters simultaneously, you must resign from the service of one or the other. Again, such situations are rare, but there may be instances where one entity to whom you owe a duty of loyalty demands something from you that you cannot honor without violating your duty to another. For example, if you serve on one board that, for legitimate reasons, demands that certain proprietary

information be kept confidential, but withholding that information would be damaging to another organization on whose board you serve, you cannot simultaneously honor both demands.

Who Decides?

One additional and very important point. The individual does not get to decide if a conflict exists or what an appropriate remedy would be. The board or other governing entity makes that call. Your duty, as an individual, is to fully and promptly disclose any actual or potential conflict and to abide by the collective decision of the board or committee as to its resolution.

Finally, it is important to remember that a board's action to cure a conflict of interest is not a reflection on your trustworthiness or character. It is not a question of whether you can be trusted to act in the best interests of the association ... the legal standard is whether a reasonable person, looking at the matter with no special or inside information, might reasonably find cause to doubt that the decision was made exclusively in the best interests of the association, uncolored by any outside or individual concerns, if you participated in it.

Additional Considerations

Corporate Opportunities Doctrine

The duty of loyalty specifically prohibits competition by an association officer or director with the association itself. While officers and directors generally may engage in the same "line of business" or areas of endeavor as the association, it must be done in good faith and without injury to the association. One form of competition that is not permitted, however, is appropriating "corporate opportunities." A corporate opportunity is a prospect, idea, or investment that is related to the association's activities or programs and that the individual knows, or should know, may be in the best interests of the association to accept or pursue. An association officer or director may take advantage of a corporate opportunity independently of the association only after it has been offered to, and rejected by, the association.

Reliance on Experts

Unless an officer or director has knowledge that makes reliance unwarranted, an officer or director, in performing his or her duties for the organization, may rely on written or oral information, opinions, reports, or statements prepared or presented by: (i) officers or employees of the association whom the officer or director believes in good faith to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters which the officer or director believes in good faith to be within the person's professional or expert competence; or (iii) in the case of reliance by directors, a committee of the Board on which the director does not serve if the director believes in good faith that the committee merits confidence.

Willful Ignorance and Intentional Wrongdoing

Directors cannot remain willfully ignorant of the association's affairs. A director appointed as treasurer, for example, with limited knowledge of finance cannot simply rely on the representations and reports of staff or auditors that "all is well" with the association's finances. Moreover, officers and directors acting outside of or abusing their authority as officers and directors may be subject to personal liability arising from such

actions. Furthermore, officers or directors who, in the course of the association's work, intentionally cause injury or damage to persons or property may be personally liable, even though the activity was carried out on the association's behalf.

Reducing Personal Liability Risk

Association officers and directors can help minimize their risk of personal liability by doing the following:

1. Being thoroughly and completely prepared before making decisions;
2. Becoming actively involved in deliberations during Board meetings, commenting as appropriate, and making inquiries and asking questions where prudent and when such a need is indicated by the circumstances;
3. Making decisions deliberately and without undue haste or pressure;
4. Insisting that meeting minutes accurately reflect the vote counts (including dissenting votes and abstentions) on actions taken at meetings;
5. Requesting that legal consultation be sought on any matter that has unclear legal ramifications;
6. Requesting that the association's accountants assess and evaluate any matter that has significant financial ramifications;
7. Obtaining and carefully reviewing both audited and unaudited periodic financial reports of the association;
8. Attending the association's meetings and reading the association's publications carefully to keep fully apprised of the organization's policies and activities;
9. Reviewing from time to time the association's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and other governing documents; and
10. Avoiding completely any conflicts of interest in dealing with the association and fully disclosing any potential conflicts.

Liability Protection

If preventive risk management fails, the liability of association officers and directors can be limited through indemnification by the association, insurance purchased by the association, and state volunteer protection laws.

Apparent Authority

In the landmark 1982 case, *American Society of Mechanical Engineers v. Hydrolevel*, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that an association can be held liable for the actions of its officers, directors, and other volunteers (including actions that bind the association financially), even when the association does not know about, approve of, or benefit from those actions, as long as the volunteer reasonably appears to outsiders to be acting with the association's approval (i.e., with its "apparent authority"). The Supreme Court made clear that associations are to be held strictly liable for the activities of volunteers who have even the apparent authority of the association. Even if an association volunteer does not in fact have authority to act in a particular manner on the association's behalf, the law will nevertheless hold the association liable if third parties reasonably believe that the volunteer had such authority. The law thus requires an association to take reasonable steps to ensure that the scope of its agents' (e.g., officers,

directors, and committee members') authority is clear to third parties, and that agents are not able to hold themselves out to third parties as having authority beyond that which has been vested in them by the association — for example, by regulating access to association letterhead stationery.

Antitrust

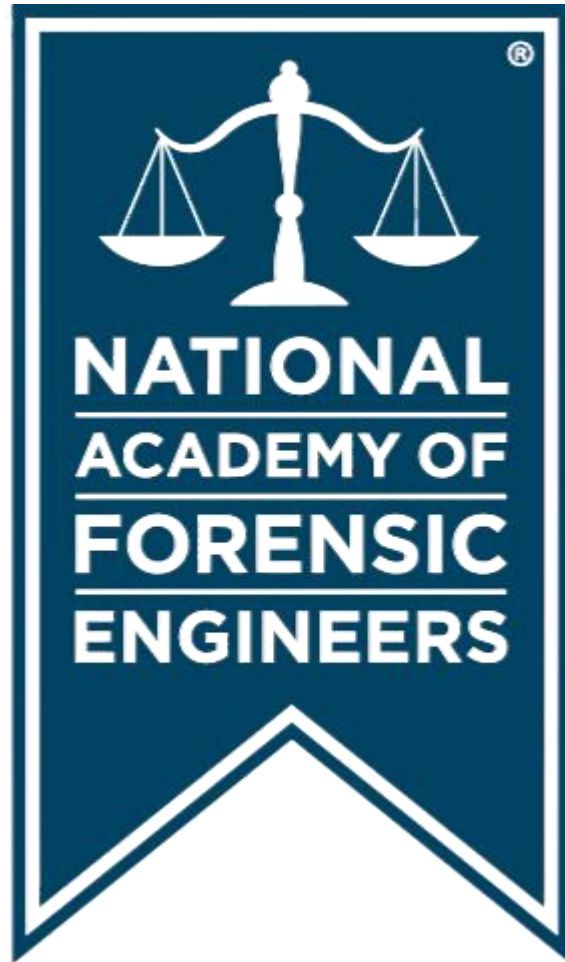
Associations are subject to strict scrutiny under both federal and state antitrust laws. The Sherman Act, the principal federal antitrust statute, prohibits “contracts, combinations, or conspiracies ... in restraint of trade.” By their very nature, associations are a “combination” of competitors, so one element of a possible antitrust violation is always present, and only some action by the association that unreasonably restrains trade needs to occur for there to be an antitrust violation. Consequently, associations are common targets of antitrust plaintiffs and prosecutors.

The consequences for violating the antitrust laws can be severe. A conviction can carry stiff fines for the association and its offending leaders, jail sentences for individuals who participated in the violation, and a court order dissolving the association or seriously curtailing its activities. The antitrust laws can be enforced against associations, association members, and the association's employees by both government agencies and private parties (such as competitors and consumers) through treble (triple) damage actions. As the Sherman Act is a criminal conspiracy statute, an executive who attends a meeting at which competitors engage in illegal discussions may be held criminally responsible, even if he or she says nothing at the meeting. The executive's attendance at the meeting may be sufficient to imply acquiescence in the discussion, making him or her liable to as great a penalty as those who actively participated in the illegal agreement.

Common antitrust claims against associations include price-fixing (any explicit or implicit understanding affecting the price of a member's product or service is prohibited, even if the understanding would benefit consumers), group boycotts / concerted refusals to deal, customer allocation or territorial division, bid-rigging, and illegal tying arrangements. Antitrust-sensitive areas of association activity include membership restrictions, standard setting, certification and self-regulation, statistical surveys, and information exchange programs, among others.

To avoid antitrust liability, associations should adopt a formal antitrust compliance program, and this policy should be distributed regularly to all association officers, directors, committee members, and employees. The policy should require, among other conditions, that all association meetings be regularly scheduled — with agendas prepared in advance and reviewed by legal counsel — and that members be prohibited from holding “rump” meetings. Above all else, members should be free to make business decisions based on the dictates of the market — not the dictates of the association. Any deviation from this general principle, such as adoption of a Code of Ethics that infringes on members' ability to make fully independent business decisions, should be approved by legal counsel.

KEY RULES OF ORDER

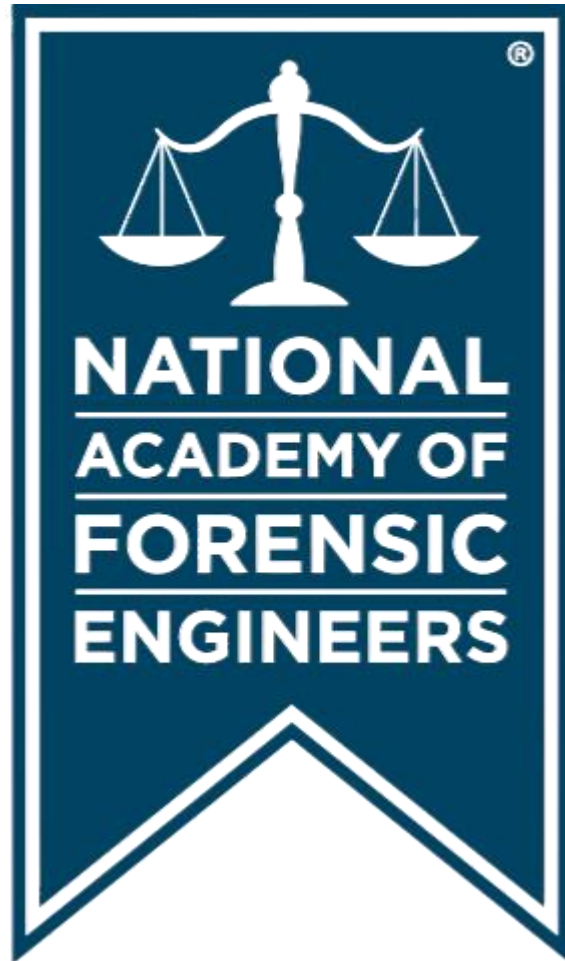


NAFE Board of Directors

Key Rules of Order

1. *The presiding officer shall rule on all questions pertaining to the NAFE Bylaws, rules of order, and interpretations of parliamentary procedure.*
2. *Individuals who desire to address the NAFE Board of Directors shall approach a microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. When recognized, the speaker shall give his or her name and affiliation. Each speaker shall address comments to the presiding officer.*
3. *In all cases, the maker of a motion or resolution shall be entitled to speak first. The presiding officer will then ask for those who wish to speak in favor and then those who wish to speak against the motion or resolution to address the board in alternating fashion. This procedure will continue until there are no persons desiring to speak on one side of the question or the other, at which time debate will cease and the issue will be voted on. The presiding officer may impose a reasonable time limit per speaker if circumstances warrant. The presiding office may also rule a speaker's comments to be redundant to those of prior speaker(s) and ask the current speaker to be seated.*
4. *A Consent Agenda may be presented to the board members for adoption without debate. Upon request of a single member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration and action by the NAFE Board of Directors as an item on the Main Agenda.*
5. *An affirmative vote of two thirds of votes cast by the NAFE Board of Directors present and eligible shall be required to adopt amendments to the NAFE Bylaws.*
6. *Motions proposed by committees, task forces, and the NAFE Board of Directors prior to the start of the Board Meeting do not need a second. These motions will be included in the meeting agenda. A motion proposed by a member does require a second.*
7. *Should any member have an emergency that requires early departure from the NAFE Board of Directors meeting, the member shall notify the NAFE Secretary.*

PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE



NAFE Board of Directors

Parliamentary Procedure Primer

Parliamentary procedure supports the efficient, fair, and orderly conduct of meetings. When used correctly, it helps meetings run smoothly, ensures all voices are heard, and enables clear decision-making. This primer provides general guidance for using parliamentary procedure during a NAFE Board of Directors meeting.

What Is Parliamentary Procedure?

Parliamentary procedure is a structured set of rules that governs how meetings are conducted. These rules ensure orderly discussion, equal participation, clear decision-making, and reduced confusion.

Parliamentary procedure originated in early English Parliaments and was brought to America by early settlers. In 1876, Henry M. Robert codified these practices in *Robert's Rules of Order*. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is now widely used by professional associations and serves as the primary reference for presiding officers.

Why Is Parliamentary Procedure Important?

Parliamentary procedure is essential because it:

- Promotes democratic decision-making and fairness
- Protects the rights of all participants
- Has been tested and refined over time
- Is adaptable to organizations of any size

How Is Parliamentary Procedure Used?

Parliamentary procedure is applied throughout meeting planning and execution, including preparing and following an agenda, establishing a quorum (the minimum number of members required to conduct business legally), and making, debating, and voting on motions.

Motions

A motion is a formal proposal that the Board take a position or action. Motions follow a structured process: they are made, seconded, debated, and voted upon.

Types of Motions

Main Motions

Main motions introduce business for the Board's consideration. Only one main motion may be considered at a time. Main motions yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.

Example:

"I move that the NAFE Board of Directors approve the proposed NAFE Professional Policy."

Subsidiary Motions

Subsidiary motions (commonly amendments) modify a main motion or affect how it is handled. Amendments must relate directly to the main motion.

Example:

"I move that the proposed NAFE Professional Policy be amended by striking the word 'the' in the first sentence and replacing it with 'a.'"

Privileged Motions

Privileged motions address urgent matters unrelated to pending business.

Example:

"I move that the NAFE Board of Directors adjourn."

Incidental Motions

Incidental motions address procedural questions arising from other motions and must be resolved before returning to the pending motion.

Example:

"I move to suspend the rules for the purpose of..."

When Is a Motion "In Order"?

A motion is considered in order if it relates to current business, is made at the appropriate time, and is not frivolous, obstructive, or in conflict with the NAFE Bylaws.

Most motions require a second, meaning another Board member agrees the motion should be considered. This prevents time being spent on matters supported by only one member.

Substitute Motions

A Substitute Motion replaces a main motion entirely. The Board temporarily considers two competing motions, may amend either, and then votes on which motion will proceed. The selected motion is then debated and voted upon.

Example scenario:

A motion is made to repaint a barn red within 30 days. A substitute motion proposes

repainting the barn blue within 90 days. Amendments adjust both timelines to 60 days. The Board votes on which amended motion to consider, then votes on the selected motion.

Debate and Voting Thresholds

Most motions are open to free and open debate, though some privileged and incidental motions are not debatable. Most motions require a simple majority vote. Motions affecting Board or member rights typically require a two-thirds vote.

A motion to reconsider allows a previously decided motion to be revisited and must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side.

Methods of Voting

The Board may vote by voice, by show of voting signs, by roll call, by ballot, or by general consent.

Voice votes are the most common. Members vote “aye” or “no,” and the presiding officer determines the outcome. Any member may request a count.

A show of voting signs involves raising voting cards and tallying weighted votes, often to clarify a voice vote.

Roll call voting records each member’s vote individually and is used when a record is required.

Ballot voting allows for secrecy, either on paper or electronically.

General consent may be used when opposition is unlikely. If any member objects, another voting method must be used.

Members may abstain from voting. Abstentions are not counted as votes cast; approval is based on the number of affirmative votes.

Common Procedural Motions

A motion to table temporarily sets aside a motion to address urgent business. The motion may be taken from the table before adjournment.

A motion to postpone indefinitely disposes of a motion without a direct vote for or against it and is often used when a motion is poorly framed.

Parliamentary Procedure Summary

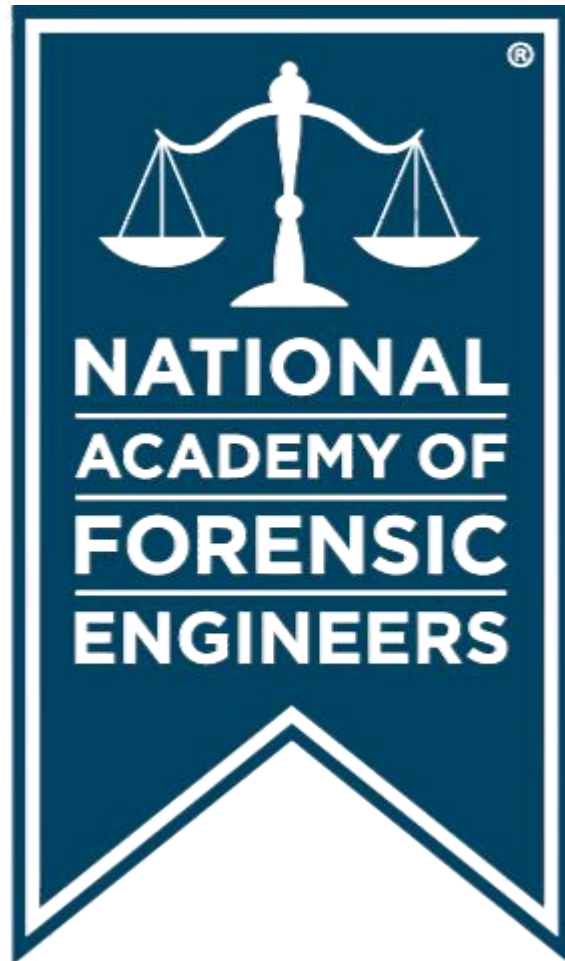
1. A motion must be on the floor before discussion begins.

2. The presiding officer restates the motion and asks for a second. If there is no second, the motion fails.
3. The presiding officer invites discussion, beginning with the motion's maker.
4. Members are recognized to speak, alternating for and against the motion.
5. Discussion must remain relevant to the motion.
6. When discussion ends, the presiding officer restates the motion.
7. A vote is taken and the motion passes or fails.
8. Amendments should be addressed before voting on the main motion.

Handling substitute motions:

- Main motion introduced and discussed
- Substitute motion introduced and discussed
- Both motions may be amended
- Vote to determine which motion proceeds
- Vote on the surviving motion

MISSION STATEMENT



Mission of NAFE

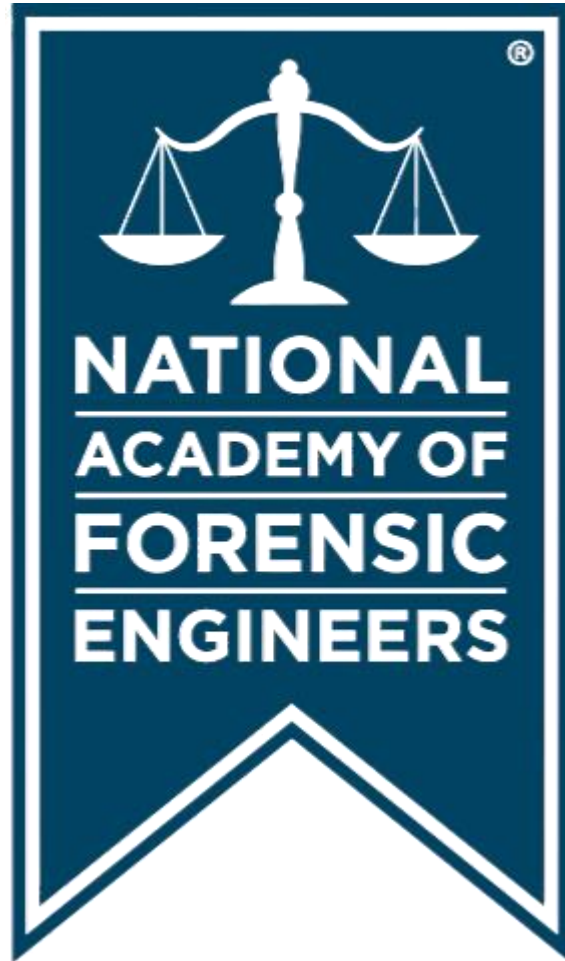
- Serving the public by advancing the ethical and professional practice of forensic engineering;
- Serving the jurisprudential system by certifying individuals having achieved expertise in forensic engineering;
- Serving Academy members and furthering the development of forensic engineers through education and the publication of peer-reviewed technical literature.

Objectives

The Objectives of NAFE are set forth in Article II of our Articles of Incorporation. These are:

- a) To serve the public by advancing the skill and art of engineering analysis, investigation, consultation, and expert testimony in judicial and administrative proceedings which involve the use of engineering evidence, or the rendering of opinions based on engineering knowledge or judgment.
- b) To establish criteria for and further the education of forensic engineers through formal studies, seminars, and publication of literature on the subject.
- c) To engage in research and the publication of papers, books, and articles on the art and science of forensic engineering.
- d) To elevate standards and the ethical concepts governing the practice of forensic engineering.
- e) To cooperate with and assist other professions and organizations engaged in the administration of justice and resolution of disputes.
- f) To certify individuals having acceptable experience in Forensic Engineering.

MEETING AGENDA



NAFE Board of Directors

Friday, July 17, 2026

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Registration Required

Friday Schedule

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM, Board Welcome and Orientation

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Board Meeting

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM, ASTM Committee E58 on Forensic Engineering Meeting

Board Meeting Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
- III. BOARD WELCOME – Tonja K Marking, PE
- IV. BOARD ORIENTATION – Amanda Hendley, Executive Director
- V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of the Board of Directors
 - i. NAFE Board of Directors Meeting dated February 2026
 - ii. NAFE General Membership Meeting dated January 2026
 - iii. NAFE Board of Directors Meeting dated January 2026
 - B. Committee Reports
 - i. Admissions – Couture
 - ii. Audit – Couture
 - iii. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation – Gordon
 - iv. Education - Alvi
 - v. Ethics - Sudler
 - vi. Finance – Railsback
 - vii. Inspector of Elections and Audit - Ray
 - viii. Insurance – Wiers
 - ix. IT Committee - Maifeld
 - x. Legislative - Couture
 - xi. Long-Range Planning – Railsback
 - xii. Membership – Couture
 - xiii. NAFE1 – Stichter
 - xiv. Public Relations – Rice
 - xv. Publications and Technical Review – Ilove
 - C. MOTION TO APPROVE: Consent Agenda
- VII. DISCUSSION ON ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS
- VIII. MAIN AGENDA
 - A. Officer Reports
 - i. Executive Director – Hendley
 1. Strategic Plan
 2. Review of 2027 Committees and Task Forces Documentation
 3. Membership Audit
 - ii. Secretary – Ray
 - iii. Treasurer – Wiers
 - iv. President – Marking
 - v. MOTION TO APPROVE: Officer Reports

B. Topics for Discussion

- i. Nominating – Aitken
- ii. Conference
 - 1. Conference Coordinator – Couture
 - 2. Conferences 2027 and 2028 – Hendley
- iii. ASCE Forensic Engineering Congress (October 22-25, 2026) Partnership - Marking
- iv. National Academies Committee Service and Expert Witness Qualifications – Marking
- v. Letter to the Florida Board of Engineering - Paul Tucker
- vi. Membership – Membership Requirements and International Membership
- vii. CPD Report – Joe Leane

IX. XXXV. ADJOURNMENT

Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance

The following is a handy table for use at NAFE Board of Directors Meetings

Parliamentary Procedure At A Glance		Here are some motions you might make, how to make them, and what to expect of the rules.					
<i>To Do This:</i>	<i>You Say This:</i>	<i>May You Interrupt the Speaker?</i>	<i>Do You Need a Second?</i>	<i>Is It Debatable?</i>	<i>Can It Be Amended?</i>	<i>What Vote is Needed?</i>	<i>Can It Be Reconsidered?</i>

ADJOURN MEETING	“I move to adjourn.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
CALL AN INTERMISSION	“I move to recess for...”	NO	YES	NO ¹	YES	MAJORITY	NO
COMPLAIN ABOUT HEAT, NOISE, ETC.	“I rise to a question of privilege.”	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF AN ISSUE	“I move to lay the motion on the table.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO ²
END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS	“I move the previous question.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	YES ³
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME	“I move to postpone the discussion until...”	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
GIVE CLOSER STUDY OF SOMETHING	“I move to refer the matter to committee.”	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES ⁴
AMEND A MOTION	“I move to amend the motion by...”	NO	YES	YES ⁵	YES	MAJORITY	YES
INTRODUCE BUSINESS	“I move that...”	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
THE MOTIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE... BELOW, THERE IS NO ORDER...							
PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT	“I rise to a point of order.”	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE ⁶	NO
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR	“I appeal from the chair’s decision.”	YES	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY	YES
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY	“I move to suspend the rules so that...”	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER	“I object to consideration of this motion.”	YES	NO	NO	NO	2/3 ⁷	YES ²
VERIFY A VOICE VOITE BY HAVING MEMBERS STAND	“I call for a division,” or “Division!”	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
REQUEST INFORMATION	“Point of information...”	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED	“I move to take from the table...”	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
RECONSIDER A HASTY ACTION	“I move to reconsider the vote on...”	YES ⁸	YES	YES ⁹	NO	MAJORITY	NO

NOTES:

¹ Unless moved when no question is pending.

² Affirmative votes may not be reconsidered.

³ Unless vote on question has begun.

⁴ Unless the committee has already taken up the subject.

⁵ Unless the motion to be amended is not debatable.

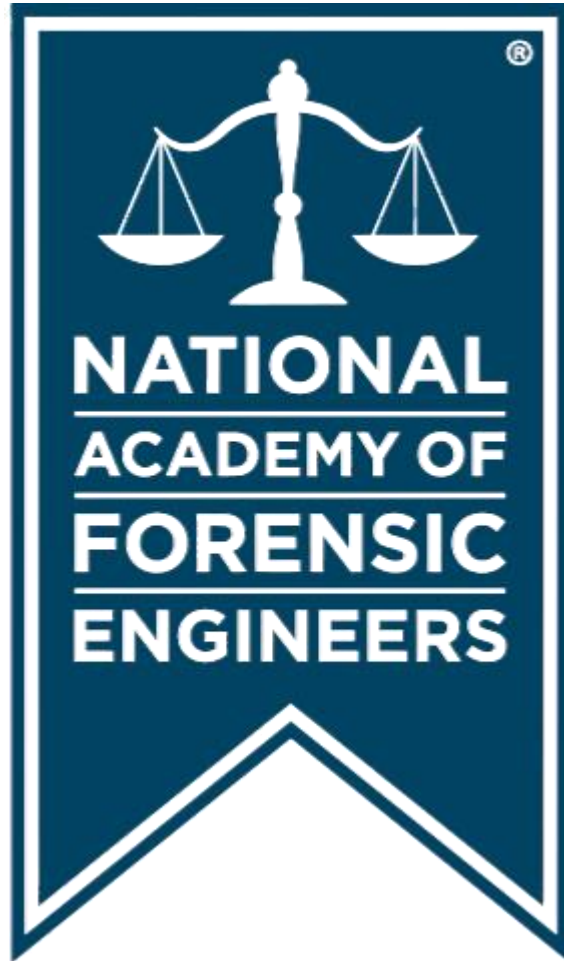
⁶ Unless the chair submits to the Board for decision.

⁷ A 2/3 vote in negative is needed to prevent consideration of the main motion.

⁸ Only if the speaker has the floor but has not actually begun to speak.

⁹ Unless the motion to be reconsidered is not debatable.

PAST MEETING MINUTES





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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NAFE Board Meeting Monday, February 9, 2026
1:00 pm EST By video call

Call to Order

President Tanja Marking called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm EST, February 9, 2026
A quorum of the Board was present

Members in attendance:

Tonja Koob Marking (President)
Dan Couture, (President Elect)
Ben Railsback (Senior Vice President)
Greg Boso (Vice President)
Not Present - Bruce Wiers, (Treasurer)
Shawn Ray (Secretary)
Paul Tucker (Director at Large)
Michael Stichter (Director at Large)
Michael Aitken (Past President)
Steve Pietropaolo (Past President)
Not Present - Joe Leane (Past President)
Amanda Hendley – Executive Director

Discussion

New Business

Proposed Florida PE Board Rule.

The board supports Paul Tucker's position regarding the Proposed Rule.

Tanja Marking, Greg Boso & Amanda Hendley draft a letter by 2/24/26.

Close

The meeting Closed by Tanja Marking at 1:44 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Ray

NAFE Secretary



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**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
THE ACADEMY OF FORENSIC ENGINEERS
2025 SUMMER MEETING IN Ottawa, ON**

[1/18/2025]

The general membership meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by President Micheal Aitken

President Aitken welcomed members and thanks to ACCA for sponsoring breakfast. Thanks to Julia Harrod NSPE president for attending.
Recognition of Dan Coulter for President's Award winner and as Pres elect.
Recognition of Fellows
Audit of members and reminders to stay current with CPD hours
Audit of NSPE and technical committee requirement

President Aitken provided information and an update on the business of the Academy, including finances and budget is good.
Committee need volunteers to operate and run the Academy.

Past/Future events – Summer Conference – Ottawa was a success. The location of the 2026 Summer conference will be held in Portland, Maine.

1. Installation of the 2026 Board of Directors
 - a. Sam Sudler introduced the 2026 NAFE Board of Directors
 - i. President Tonja Marking
 - ii. President Elect Daniel Couture
 - iii. Senior Vice President Ben Railsback
 - iv. Vice President Greg Boso
 - v. Treasurer Bruce Wiers
 - vi. Secretary Shawn Ray
 - vii. Director at Large Paul Tucker
 - viii. Director at Large Michael Stichter

2. Adjournment at 12:22 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted,

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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WINTER 2026 MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA
(1/16/2026)**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM, Board Welcome and Orientation

8:00 AM -10:30 AM, Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. BOARD WELCOME – Micheal Aitken, Board President, NAFE at 8:09 am

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

A quorum of the Board was present.

Board Members in attendance:

Michael Aitken, PE, DFE (President)
(remote) - Tonja Koob Marking, PhD, PE DFE D.WRE (President Elect)
Ben Railsback, PE, DFE (Vice President)
Bruce Wiers, PE, DFE (Treasurer)
Shawn Raty PE, DFE (Secretary)
Paul Tucker, SE, PE (Director at Large)
(absent) - Greg Bozo, PE, DFE (Director at Large)
Steve Pietropaolo, PE (Past President)
Joe Leane, PE, DFE (Past President)
Sam Sudler, PE, DFE (Past President)

Also in Attendance

Amenda Hendley (Executive Director)
Mitch Maifeld
Robert Peruzzi

By zoom

Ch

II. BOARD ORIENTATION –

by Amanda Hendley, Executive Director:

1. NAFE Mission
2. Legal duties of the individual board members

Roberts Rules - procedures

3. Duties and powers of the Board

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to Accept the Agenda by Joe Leane, Seconded Steve Pietropaolo (Unanimous)
CARRIED

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Accept the Agenda by Steve Pietropaolo, Seconded Paul Tucker (Unanimous)
CARRIED

NAFE Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 16, 2025 also via ZOOM

Schedule:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Board Welcome and Orientation

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Board Meeting

2:00 AM - 4:30 PM, ASTM Committee E58 on Forensic Engineering Meeting

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
- 3) BOARD WELCOME – Michael Aitken, Board President, NAFE
- 4) BOARD ORIENTATION – Amanda Hendley, Executive Director
- 5) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 6) CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) Minutes:
 - i) NAFE Board of Directors Meeting dated July 19, 2024
 - ii) NAFE Board of Directors Meeting dated January 17, 2025
 - iii) NAFE General Membership Meeting dated January 18, 2025
 - b) Committee Reports:
 - i) Admissions – Marking (Page 42)
 - ii) Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation – Gordon
 - iii) Conference Coordinator – Daniel Couture
 - iv) Continuing Professional Development – Leane (Page 47)
 - v) Contract Documents – Bowman (Page 50)
 - vi) Education - Alvi
 - vii) Ethics - Gailor

- viii) Finance – Marking (Page 54)
- ix) Inspector of Elections and Audit - Ray
- x) Insurance – Couture (Page 58)
- xi) Legislative - Aitken
- xii) Long-Range Planning – Murphy (Page 61)
- xiii) Membership – Couture (Page 63)
- xiv) NAFE1 – Stichter
- xv) Nominating – Pietropaolo (Page 66)
- xvi) Public Relations –Peake
- xvii) Publications and Technical Review – Icové (Page 69)
- xviii) IT Committee – Maifeld (Page 71)
- xix) Discipline Specific
 - (1) Accident Reconstruction - Railsback
 - (2) Biomechanical and Biomedical - Lee
 - (3) Civil-Structural - Storensund
 - (4) Fire Investigation - Icové
 - (5) Marine – Certuse
 - (6) Products Liability – Metzler

7) MAIN AGENDA

a) Officer Reports

- i) Executive Director – Hendley (Page 80)
- ii) Secretary – Ray (Page 82)
- iii) Treasurer – Wiers (Page 84)
 - 1. Cash increase, expenses decrease. Case reserves are strong.
 - 2. Bruce Weir to step down after 2026 – looking for replacement / transition
- iv) President – Aitken (Page 98)
 - 1. Committee reviews, updates, Audits – are required.
 - 2. Secretary to takeover Chair of By-Laws Committee.
 - 3. NSPE Pres – address dues
- (ii) Exec Director Amanda Hendley Strategic Plan – Focus Areas
 - 1. 6-month operating reserves (OK)
- (iii) DISCUSSION ON ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS
- (2) Membership Audit

- (i) Letter to Members to update NSPE + Technical society membership
- (ii) MOTION to approve letter with modification – Joe L / Sam S.
Approved – Unanimous
- (3) NSPE Fellow nominations
- (4) Vice President Nomination
 - (i) Greg Boso – accepted
 - (ii) Motion Steve Pietropaolo/2nd Sam Sudler
Carried – Unanimous
- (5) Bank signatures
 - (i) Motion – update documents for Tres/Exec Dir as signature rights
Approved
- (6) Ethics Committee – NAFE1 posts
 - (i) Committee to address and statement to be provided
 - (ii) Resolution proposal – rule enforcement formalization
Motion – Paul Tucker/ 2nd Joe Leane
Carried - Unanimous
- (7) NAFE Fellowship of Shawn Ray.
 - (i) Unanimous approval
- (8) Daniel Coulter – Presidents Award Recipient.
- (9) Next Conf Portland, Maine
 Winter 2027 Austin, Houston, Pheonix, San Juan Puerto Rico
 Summer 2027 – Canada, PNW
- (10) NAFE Documents – Records
 - (i) Stored at Executive Director (35 boxes)
 - (ii) Document reduction plan - paper files to be addressed

b) New Business - none

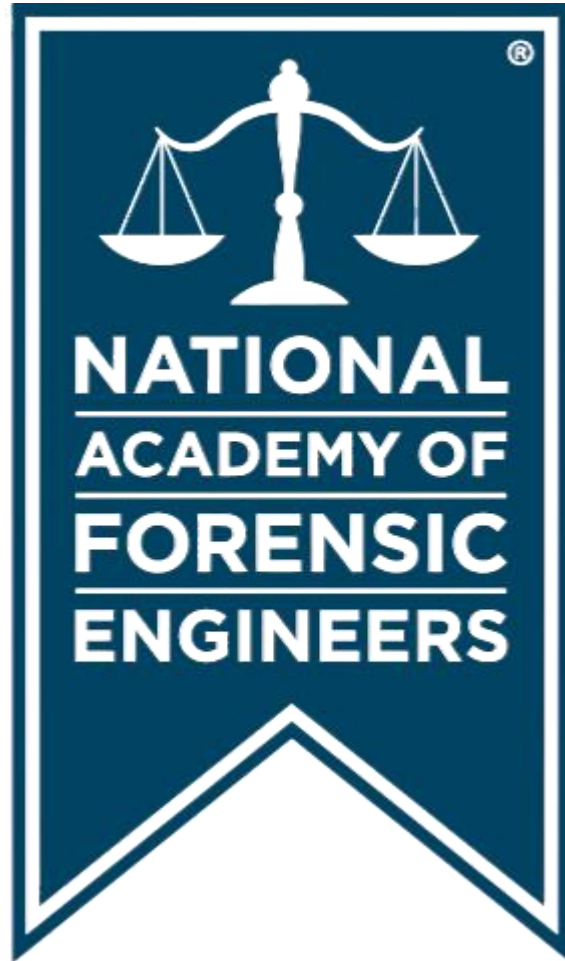
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn 10:30 am (Unanimous) CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Ray, P.E.
NAFE secretary

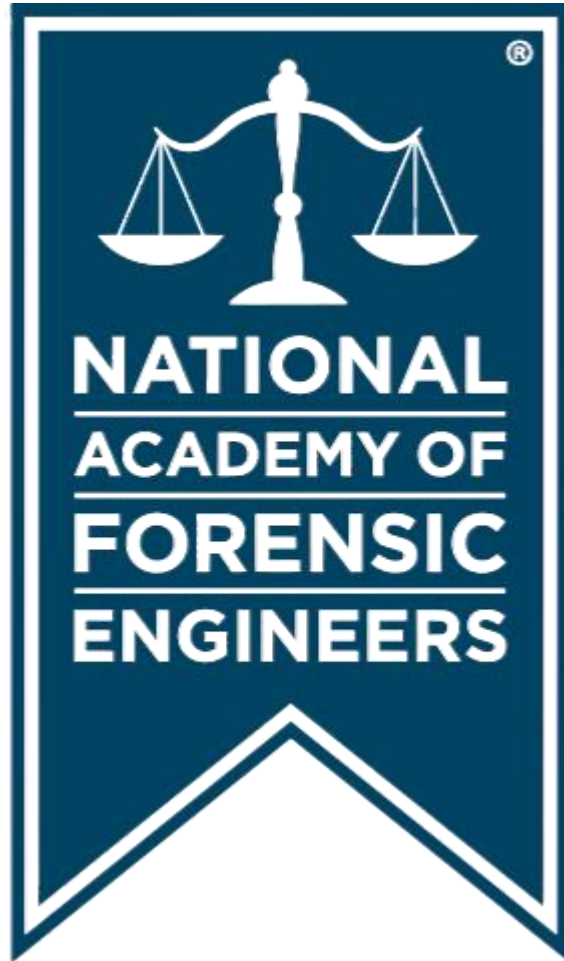
ADMISSIONS



Admissions

- There have been 40 applications received by staff and processed by the Admissions Committee since January 2026. Of these, 30 were approved, with 2 applications pending payment and 8 applications pending information such as references or testimony lists. The number of resolved applications was 27, and 3 were Closed for various reasons. There were no petitions received in this period for elevation to Fellow, which would require approval by formal vote of the Board of Directors.
- We are turning around the applications quite quickly, with an average days from receipt to approval of less than a week if we get all information.
- As Chair, the assistance of at least one other member must be obtained to approve an upgrade to Senior level. We had one of those during the period.
- The process is relatively quick once the documents (c.v., court testimony record, NSPE proof, Tech Society proof, and two references of good character) are received. We have several outstanding that are waiting for document submittal.
- Although a telephone call has traditionally been the last step before granting admission, the Chair has seen only limited availability to accomplish this task. The acceptance letter and certificate conveyance to successful candidates are under the wise supervision of headquarter staff.
- Admissions committee is looking forward to guidance from the Board about the approach to qualifying international applicants, using all the regular criteria plus a form of recognition of 'professional engineer' status from their home country, province or state. This would mean that vetting has proceeded by other Boards, removing an onus on NAFE and complying with the CESB requirements.

AUDIT





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Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee has not received any requests or matters requiring action during the first half of 2026. As a result, the committee has had no formal activity to report.

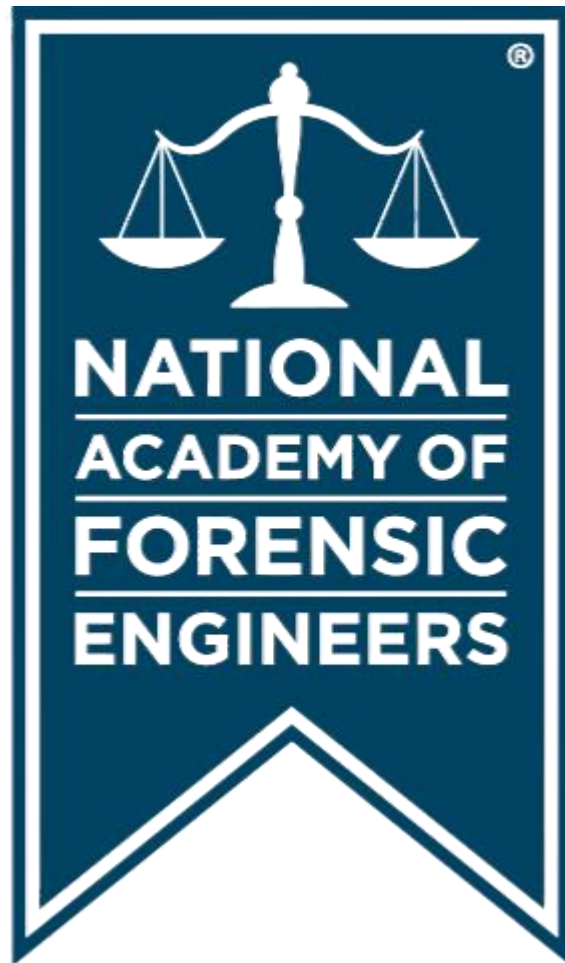
The committee remains available to address any matters referred by the Board and will continue to fulfill its responsibilities as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Couture

Audit Committee Chair

BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION





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June 8, 2026

Ms. Amanda Hendley
Executive Director
National Academy of Forensic Engineers
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Dear Ms. Hendley,

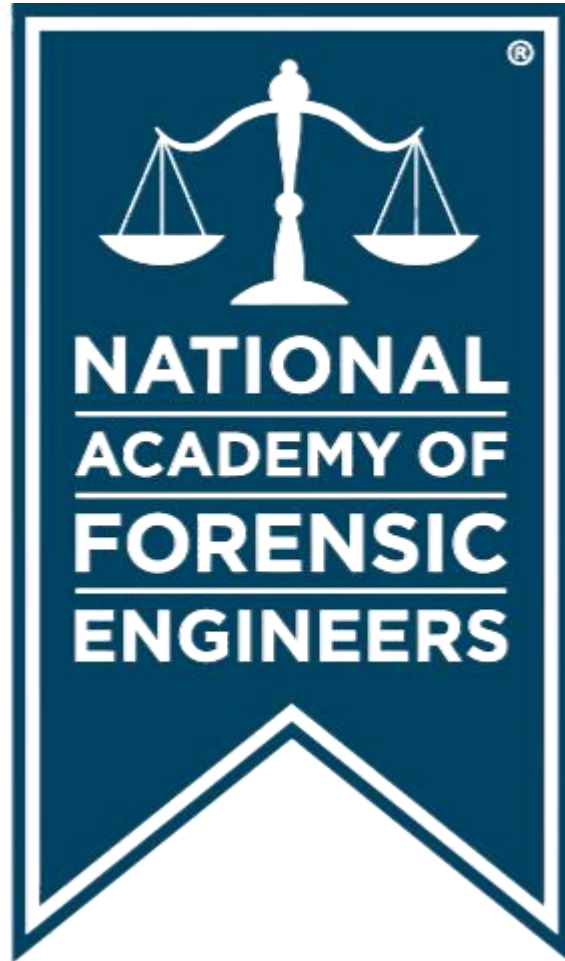
Per our conversation, there have been no motions or other requests to update or add to our Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation Committee since our January 2026 meeting in New Orleans. The committee remains ready to assist upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "M. E. Gordon, PE", is shown above a light blue rectangular stamp.

Prof. Martin E. Gordon, PE, DFE, F.NSPE, F.NAFE, F.ASEE
Past-President, NAFE (2018)
Professor and Director for External Academic Relations
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July 9, 2026

To: To NAFE Board of Directors
From: Zohaib A. Alvi, M.Eng., P.E., ENV-SP, DFE
Re: Education Committee Report

The 2026 Summer Conference Educational Program came together with immense help from EdCom and our membership who volunteered their time to help come up with a diverse set of presentations. The program this year includes seven total presentations, totaling seven hours of education, which includes one presentation from myself. It is anticipated that this will be well received by the audience. Although there is currently an issue with our status as a Sponsor Organization through PIE, I am confident that the board and executive director will resolve this issue in a timely manner so we can review and approve all the presentations before the conference. Once the issues with PIE have been resolved, I will review and work on approving both the Saturday and Sunday sessions for CE credits. The spreadsheet based on PIE requirements will continue to be utilized.

I plan on attending the 2026 Summer Conference and I am looking forward to the feedback from the presenters and attendees so that NAFE can improve on future offerings.

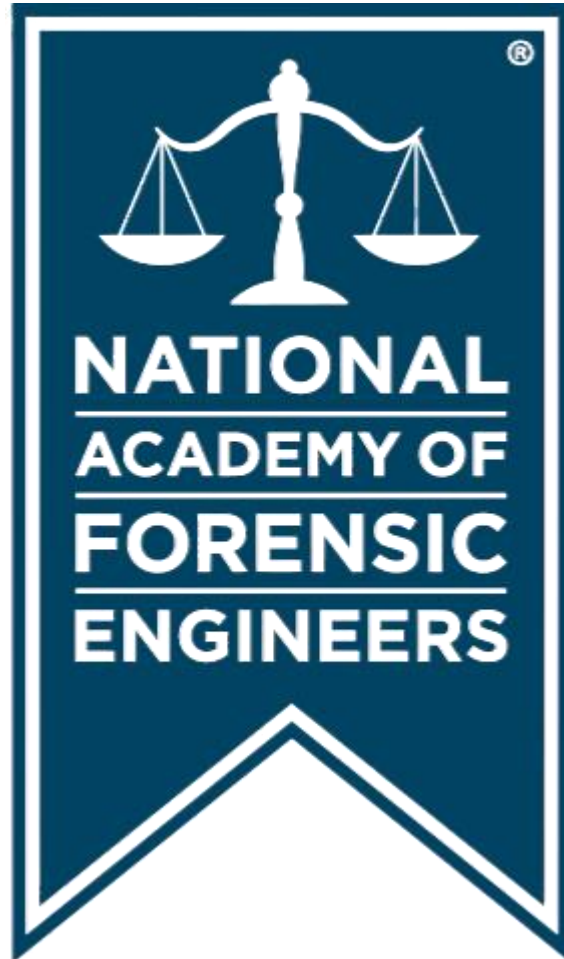
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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FORENSIC ENGINEERS

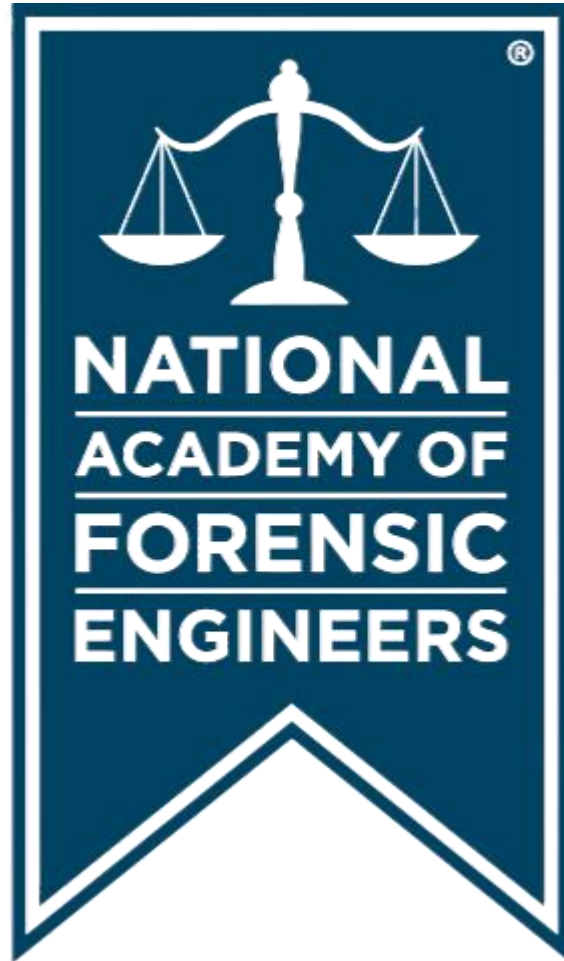
Zohaib A. Alvi, M.Eng., P.E., ENV-SP, DFE

Education Chair

ETHICS



FINANCE



NAFE Finance Committee report

June 29, 2026

National Academy of Forensic Engineers Finance Committee Report

Dear Board of Directors,

The Finance Committee has not formally met since the prior Board meeting. However, the Committee has considered the prior Finance Committee reports, Treasurer's reports, budget summaries, and management reports from July 2024 through January 2026, presented to the Board. Based on those materials, the Academy remains in a strong and improving financial position.

The Academy's financial performance has improved materially over the past two fiscal years. At mid-year 2024, the Academy had returned to positive net income after several years of negative results. By year-end 2024, the Academy reported a positive net income of approximately \$61,955 and a cash balance of approximately \$205,951. The positive trend continued through 2025, with year-end net income of approximately \$83,143 and cash balances increasing to approximately \$294,394 as of December 31, 2025.

Conference and seminar activity continues to be the principal driver of the Academy's improved financial position. The 2024 and 2025 conferences produced strong registration revenue, and seminar income increased in 2025 compared with 2024. The prior reports also indicate that conference expenses have been relatively well controlled, although food and meeting-related costs remain an area requiring close monitoring. The Committee expects these costs to remain a significant budget pressure for 2026.

The primary area of concern is membership dues revenue. Although the Academy's total cash position has improved, the historical materials indicate that membership dues have not returned to the strongest prior levels. The January 2026 report specifically noted the need to continue monitoring headcount and membership dues, and the Finance Committee concurs. Maintaining and growing membership should remain a financial priority because dues provide recurring support that is less dependent on conference attendance and seminar profitability.

For 2026, the Committee expects the Academy to remain financially stable if current membership levels are maintained or improved and if conference/seminar revenue remains

consistent with recent performance. The Committee recommends that the Board continue to budget conservatively, particularly with respect to food, meeting room, and conference-related expenses. The Committee further recommends continued attention to membership recruitment, retention, and dues collection; continued tracking of seminar profitability by event; and continued comparison of actual results against the approved operating budget.

Subject to receipt of the current Treasurer's report and updated year-to-date financial statements, the Finance Committee does not identify any immediate financial concern requiring Board action. The Academy appears to be in a stronger financial position than it was several years ago, with improved cash reserves, positive net income, and manageable operating expenses. The Board should continue to preserve that position through conservative budgeting, active membership development, and careful control of conference costs.

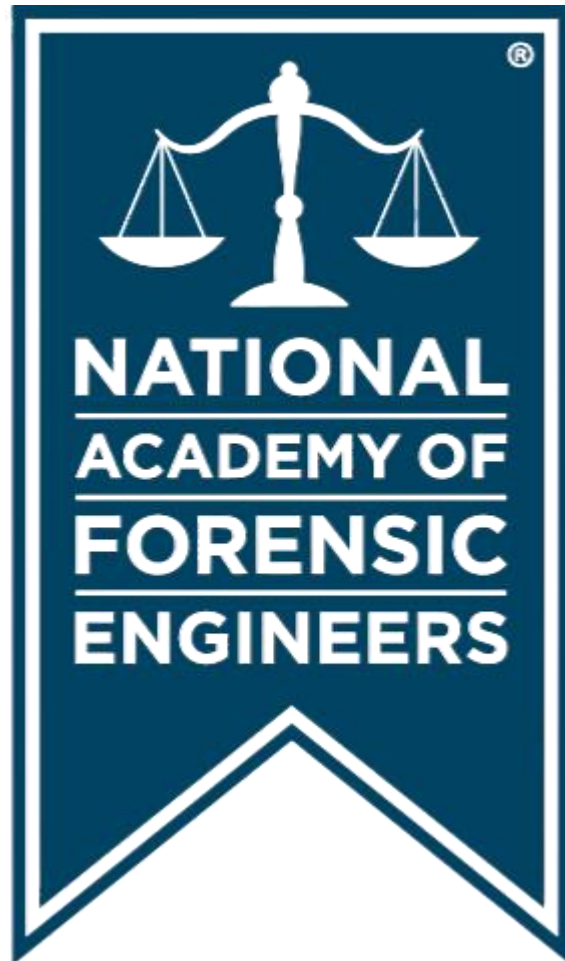
Respectfully submitted,

Ben T. Railsback, M.S., P.E., F. NSPE, DFE

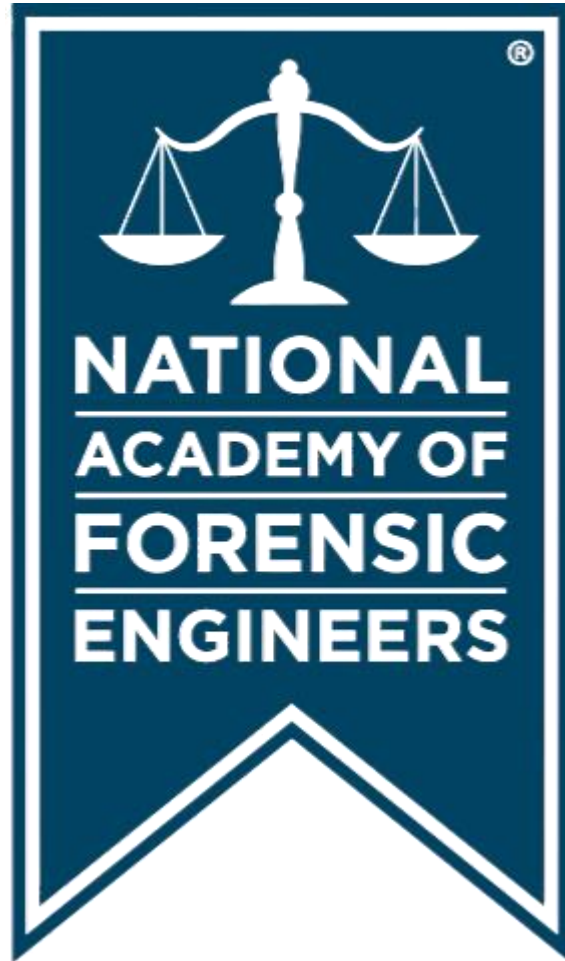
Chair, Finance Committee

National Academy of Forensic Engineers

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS



INSURANCE





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July 1, 2026

To: NAFE BOD

From: Bruce Wiers, NAFE Insurance Committee chair

Subject: Insurance Committee Report

Committee:

Bruce Wiers

Daniel Couture

Ben Railsback

Tonja Marking

The Academy has maintained policies through Intercity Agency since I've been the Treasurer. (2018)

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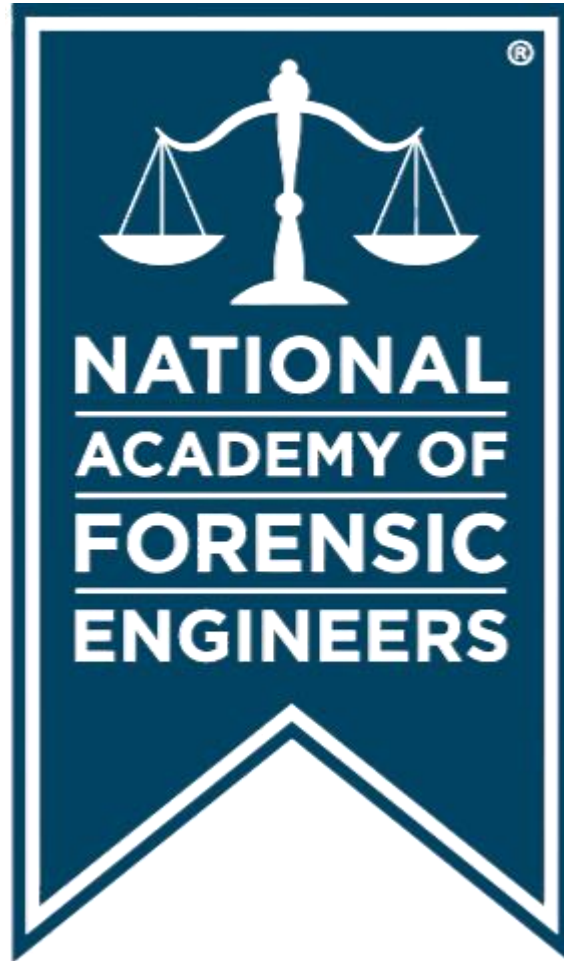
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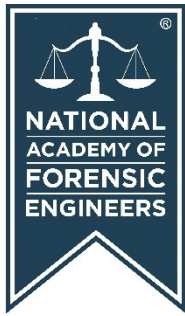
The academy has a Directors and Officers policy through Philadelphia Insurance and a Business owners policy through CNA. The policies are paid in full for 2026 in the amount of roughly \$2,650.

Respectfully on behalf of the committee,

Bruce Wiers

IT





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Date: July 17, 2026
Subject: IT Committee Report

Current Status

After 6.5 years on euler, we are now completely on hopper and have been upgrading software package installations.

Virtual Private Server

The biggest change this term is moving out of the older VPS package of euler with 6 cores, 12 GB RAM, 222 GB NVMe disk (74% used) with CentOS 7. We started euler in September 2019 and averaged \$60/mo since. Our new package for hopper is 8 vCPUs, 16 GB RAM, 260 GB NVMe disk at about \$30/mo plus \$25/mo for 5 cPanel licenses since they are now charging for what used to be free¹. It runs a LAMP stack of AlmaLinux v8.10.0 with cPanel 134.0.41, Apache 2.4.68, MariaDB 11.4 and importantly PHP 8.5. Being stuck on older versions of these was keeping us from updating software as we would like. Hopper also implements a reverse proxy called NGINX² in front of the Web server Apache for caching to make our services faster. To prevent getting stuck again, we are investigating using Docker containers.

Help Desk

Customer service software called FreeScout keeps metrics for us and runs three email mailboxes for: help@nafe.org to assist members, correspondence about each conference via conference@nafe.org and for interested parties (like “pre-sales”) to “Discuss with a Member” on discuss@nafe.org.

Our average time to a first response is 6.5 hours for the first half of 2026. We can resolve issues in an average of 29 hours. The most-productive responder is Samantha Magouirk, who closed 399 issues across 95 different customers³. In the first half of 2026, NAFE had 894 conversations with 255 customers.

¹ <https://www.cpanel.net/pricing>

² <https://nginx.org/en/>

³ <https://help.nafe.org/reports/productivity?period=custom&from=2026-01-01&to=2026-06-30>



Similar to these help issues, we currently have 33 membership applications in-process, dating back to 2021: 17 are Open (need checked), 6 of them Need Info (something needed from applicant), 8 are Pending Payment, and 2 need a membership letter⁴.

NAFE1 Email Discussion List

GNU Mailman v2 comes free with our server management software and currently handles several dozen messages per month. The email address to use for NAFE1 is: nafe1@nafe.org. Current moderators are Michael Stichter and Rune Storesund. Rules and instructions are available at: <https://nafe.org/nafe1>. Be sure to review your personal settings, such as receiving a daily digest or receiving acknowledgement of your messages, at (change Mitch's email address to yours): https://nafe.org/mailman/options/nafe1_nafe.org/m.j.maifeld@ieee.org

Journal

The NAFE Journal staff will expand upon Journal stats in their own report, but from a server traffic perspective, our Open Journal Systems (OJS) handled nearly 25,000 Article views in both May and June. As usual, this is driven by 1800 views of "Use of the Repairability Assessment Method for Evaluating Asphalt-Composition Shingle Roof Repairs" by Chad Williams in Vol. 37 No. 1 (2020).

Since starting sales of articles on OJS in November of 2020, we have sold 111 PDFs to non-members (or members who did not/could not take advantage of them being free) at \$25 each, with 1 of those since the last conference (winter 2026).

Groupware

Our groupware solution called Nextcloud is available to our leaders at <https://cloud.nafe.org>. After our server migration, we are now at a more-recent version of 30.0.17 (Hub 9). There are some new features and a new look to Nextcloud!

Education

To facilitate NAFE's expansion into online education, we have the domain <https://education.nafe.org> running software called Moodle, a learning management

⁴ <https://www.nafe.org/civicism/report/instance/56?reset=1>



n.b.; The Total just above does not double-count the number in the Life Status⁷ row as those members are counted within their base member grade.

Future Work

Building on the work of the last years as outlined above, the IT Committee is exploring these paths forward into the future:

- Ongoing Maintenance
 - manage disk space
 - upgrade software packages
 - support stakeholder training, education, and outreach
 - optimize mobile experience across platforms: nafe.org, journal.nafe.org
 - configure Docker containers for all software
- Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) operations for current and prospective members with CiviCRM
 - member directory search by tags: geography/discipline/subject and profiles/connections for referral/networking using SearchKit and FormBuilder
 - CPDs restructured on dashboard and SearchKit results
 - Membership application reference letters submit via Webform
 - NSPE Audit - pseudo-random selection and Webform for content uploads
 - Conference sign-in per-session and per-state-license
- Content Management System (CMS) improvements
 - Drupal 9/10 upgrade
 - Theme updates and redesign
- Extend and support journal management system (Open Journal Systems)
 - upgrade for Crossref
- Single Sign-On: retain authorization for all member functions (Journal, etc.)
 - OpenLDAP with phpLDAPadmin on identity.nafe.org using keycloak

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Maifeld, PE
Dr. Michael Stichter, PhD, PE
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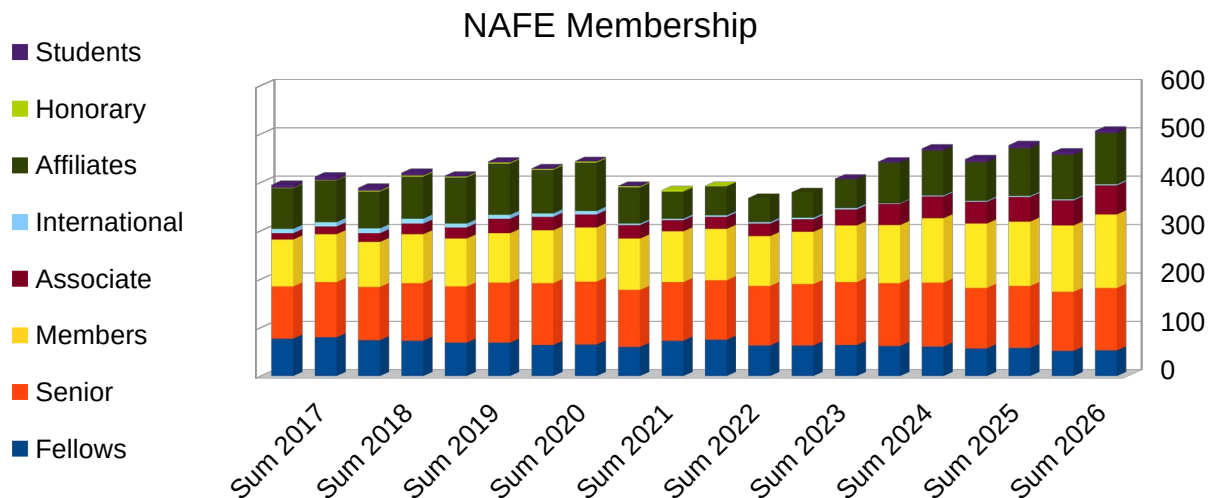
⁷ <https://nafe.org/civicrm/report/instance/52?force=1&reset=1>



system (LMS). There, we host one free seminar⁵ and four paid seminars which cost \$35 each, all delivered from our YouTube channel⁶. If we may use one of your presentations for additional content, please contact the education chair at education@nafe.org.

Database

From a recent Pandemic low of 368 in mid-2022, we are now at an all-time high membership of 507! This is driven from the low end of member grades with 14 new Affiliates, 8 new Associates, and 15 new Members since the start of the year!

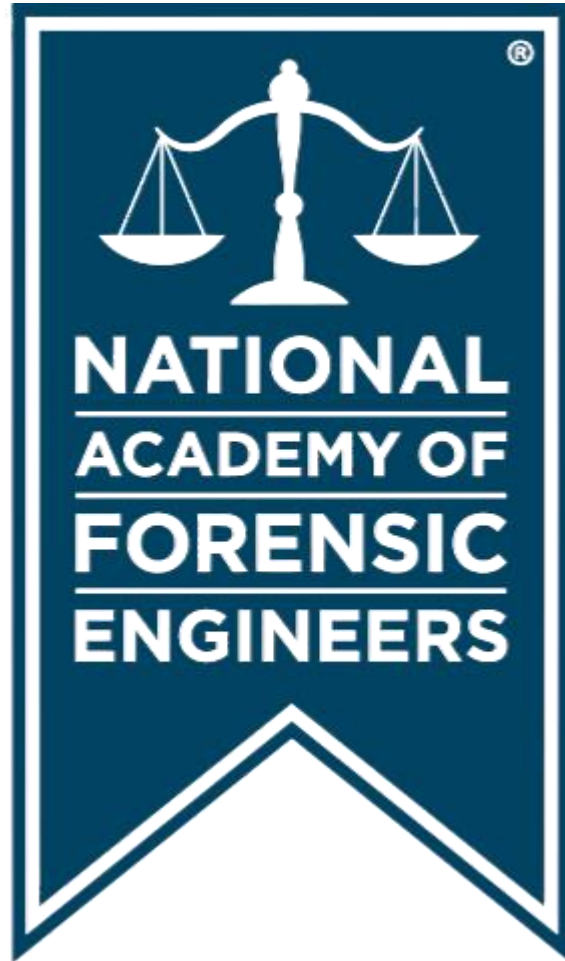


	July 2026	Jan 2026	July 2025	Jan 2025	July 2024	Jan 2024	July 2023	Jan 2023	July 2022	Jan 2022	July 2021	Jan 2021
Fellows	53	52	58	57	61	62	64	63	63	75	73	60
Senior	129	122	128	125	132	130	130	127	123	123	121	118
Members	152	137	133	133	133	120	117	108	103	106	105	106
Associate	60	52	51	45	45	44	33	26	26	25	23	28
International	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3
Affiliates	106	92	99	80	93	84	60	53	50	60	56	75
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Students	5	5	6	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Life Status	47	46	44	44	45	43	42	37	26	32	48	30
Total	507	462	477	448	470	443	408	380	368	393	385	424

⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8X5BKNSZd8>

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LEGISLATIVE



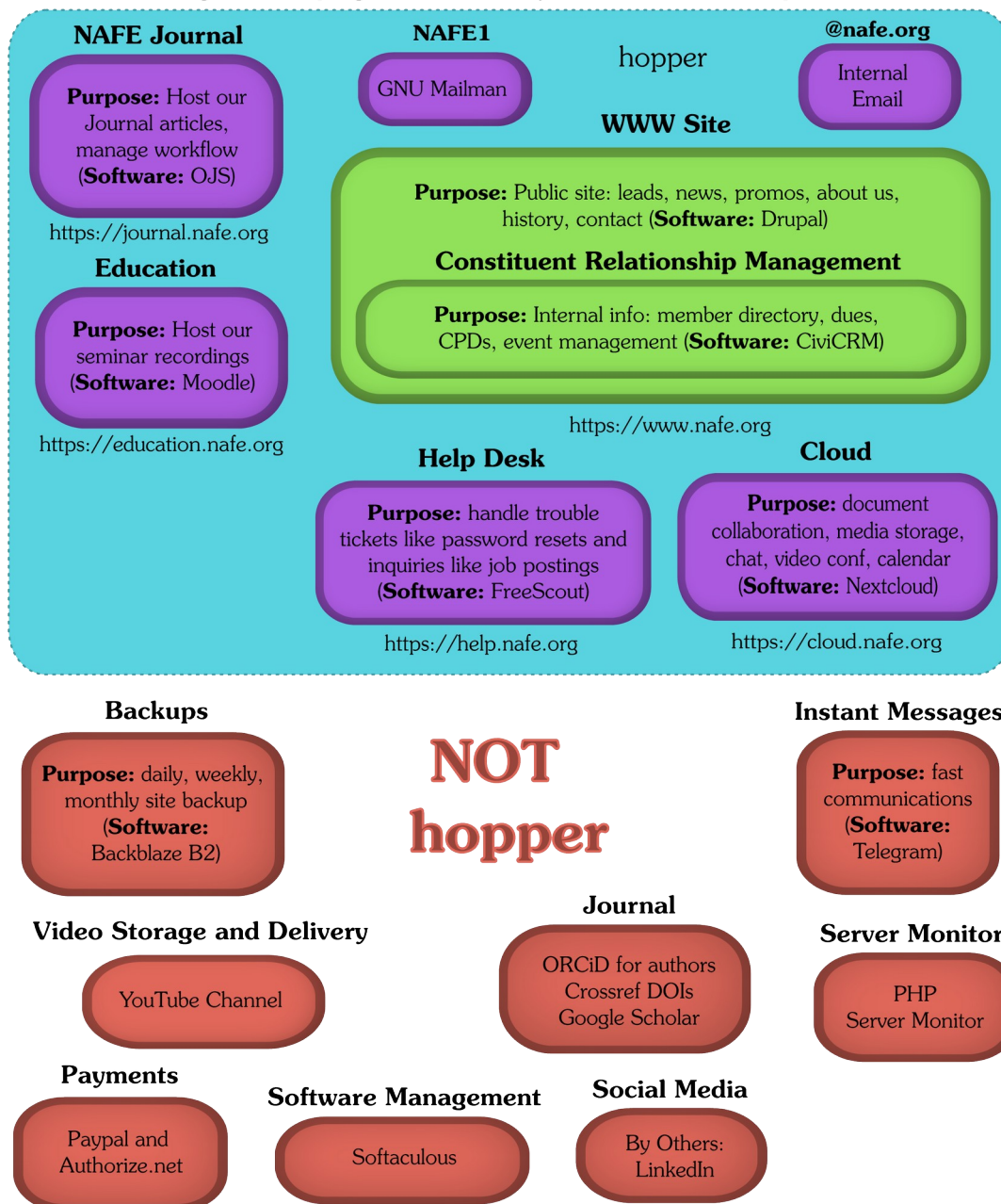
Legislative

- The Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) is actively developing **Proposed Rule Chapter 61G15-38**, which imposes strict criteria for engineering reports, forensic evaluations, and damage assessments on existing, storm-damaged buildings. [[1](#), [2](#)]
- The Florida Board was attempting to re-arrange the criteria required for reports by engineers on behalf of insured parties, and appeared to be heavily influenced by the insurance company lobby. The Academy considered the potential effects of the changes to the rules, and submitted a letter addressing the concerns and pointing out the potential consequences, based on feedback from our Florida Members and from other jurisdictions.

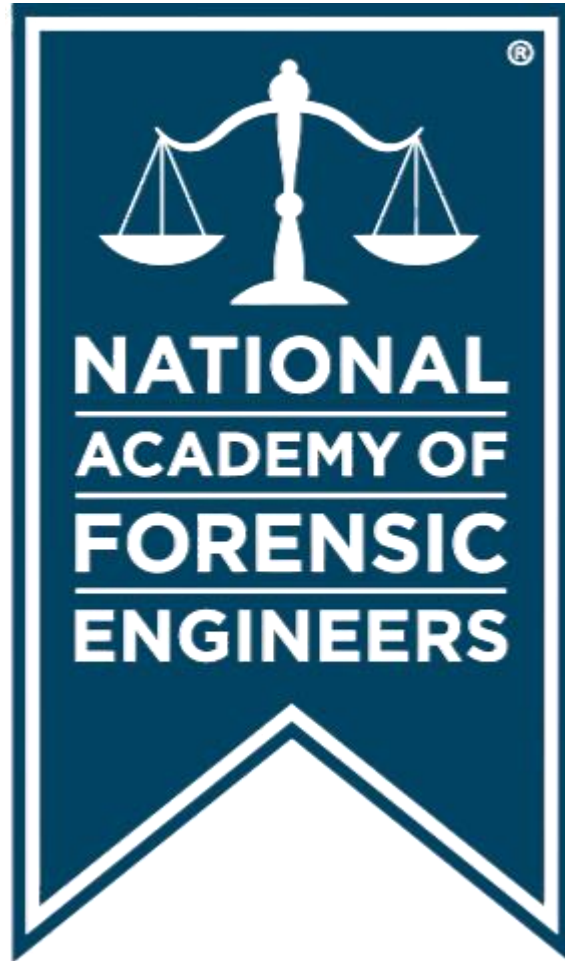
According to my AI Assistant, *“The rule is heavily debated and undergoing public review. Engineering and industry groups (such as the Florida Engineering Society and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida) have raised concerns that the requirements are overly prescriptive and will drive up the cost of engineering services. Because the draft is still evolving, engineers performing damage assessments are encouraged to monitor FBPE meetings.*

Virtual Private Server "hopper"

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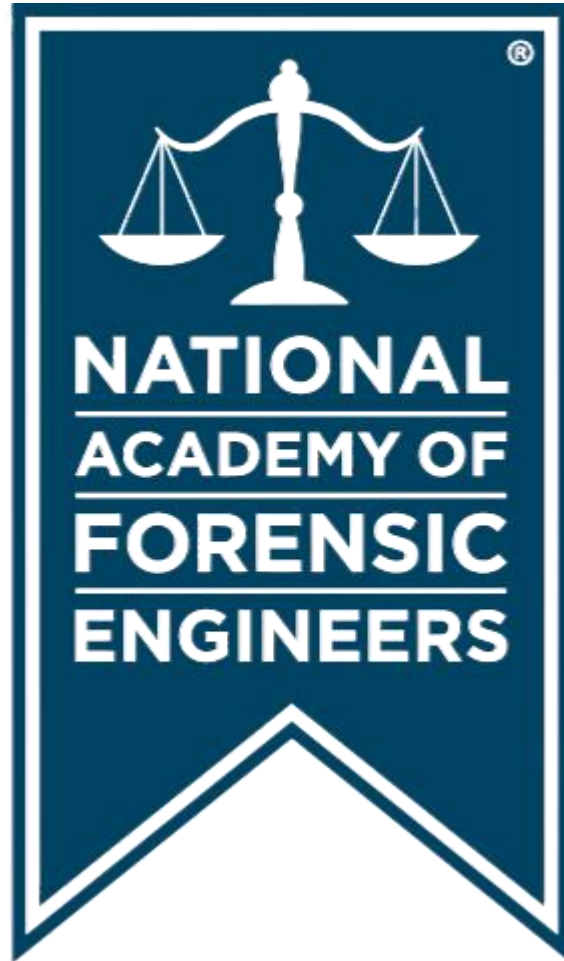
MEMBERSHIP



Membership

- Although there were fruitful discussions in Santa Fe at the BOD meeting, the Academy bylaws changes that would allow **International Professional Engineer (IntPE) and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Engineer Registrants** **are** pending clarification and refinement. These engineers can be from any country which has such a national vetting system for educational and experience in engineering disciplines. This would match the current requirement of possessing a PE from a state board or a P.Eng. from a Canadian province/territory. Subsequent to an application for admission from such an IntPE or APEC registrant, all the other criteria for membership would be required (International member of NSPE, national technical society membership, two trials with cross examination, and reference letters of good character).
- The opening up of our Academy to the world allows us to share our experience as well as learn best practices from other jurisdictions.
- The Board will be asked to consider some of these aspects, to give guidance to the Membership and Admissions Committees.

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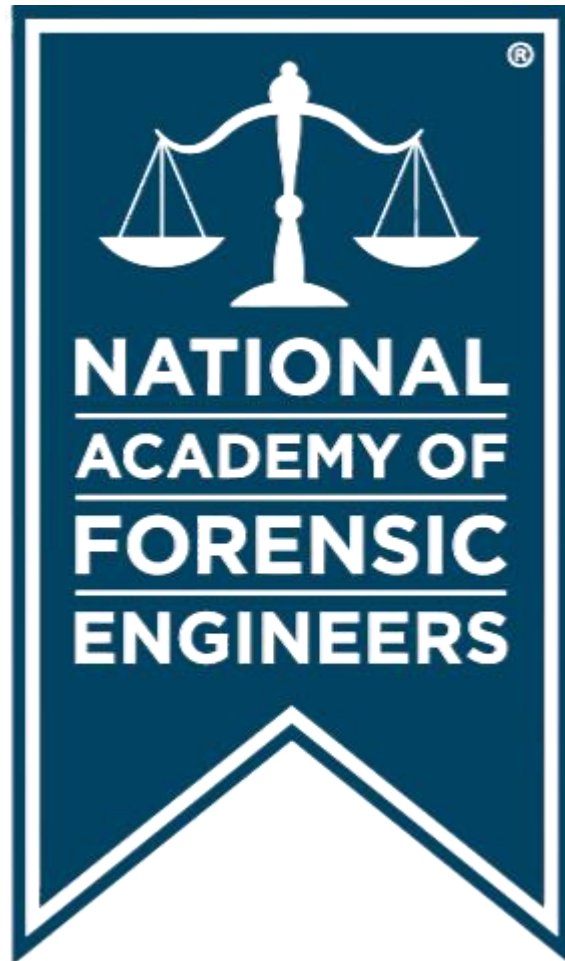
Subject: **NAFE1 Committee Report**

Adding to the IT committee report; Hopper treated some NAFE1 settings oddly which caused different results than predicted and difficulty in identifying the author; however, all was resolved.

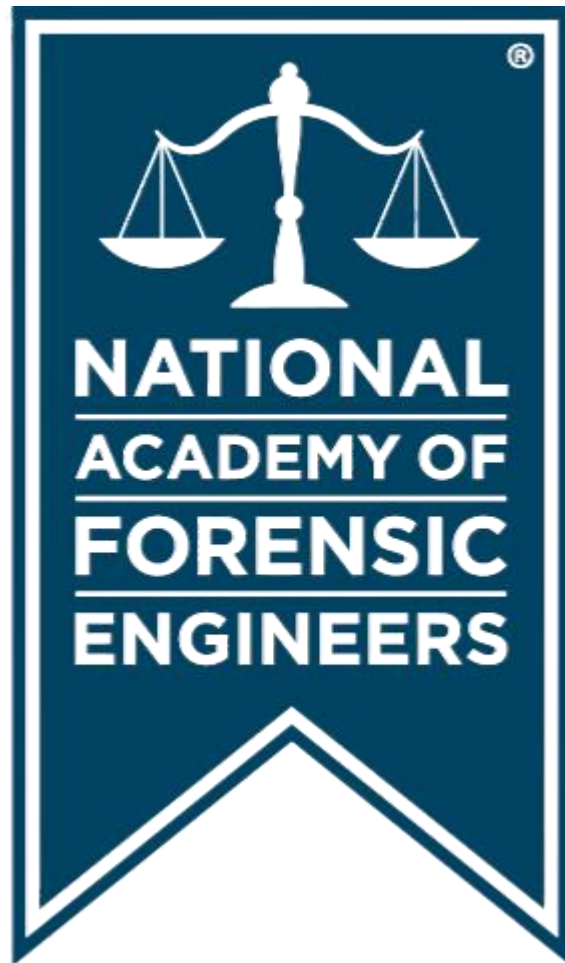
NAFE1 continues to be a useful tool for discussion amongst the Members.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Stichter, PhD, PE for the NAFE1 committee

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REPORT OF THE NAFE JOURNAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**To: NAFE Technical Review Committee
Mid-Year Report on Activities**

Date: July 1, 2026

Background: The *JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FORENSIC ENGINEERS* is an open-access academic journal published multiple times a year. The Journal's mission aims to provide a platform for NAFE members and affiliates to share peer-reviewed, principled discussions on the application of specific technologies and methods in forensic engineering practice. Most accepted papers have been presented at NAFE seminars, where authors receive open and honest feedback before undergoing thorough peer review by the editorial team. Articles published in our journal are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of NAFE or its members.

Present Staff: Our present volunteer staff for the Journal consists of:

- David Ilove – Editor-in-Chief
- Ellen Parson – Managing Editor
- Rebecca Bowman – Senior Associate Editor
- Bart Kempter – Editor Emeritus

Publication Status:

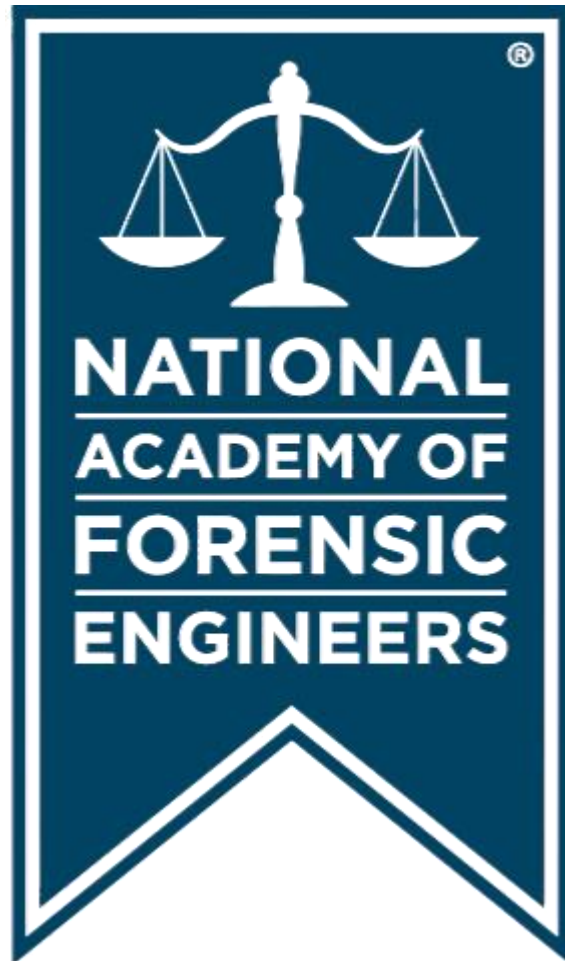
- Upcoming Journal Issue: Vol 43, No. 1 (July 2026) has a total of 5 papers
- Previous Journal Issue: Vol 42, No. 2 (January 2026) had a total of 6 papers
- Previous Journal Issue: Vol 42, No. 1 (July 2025) had a total of 6 papers
- Under Review – 29 papers, with 8 in peer review. The Portland conference may generate up to 8 additional papers

Journal Visibility: The Journal's visibility and status within the scientific and engineering community continue to increase. This exposure is primarily due to its status as an open-access publication with links to ORCID and other scholarly databases, such as PubMed.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy: We are finalizing the AI policy for dissemination to authors.

Ongoing Projects: In the past, NAFE Journal articles were published and sold in hardbound books, aggregated by broad subject areas. We are considering, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors and input from individual authors, the republication of selected past articles as electronic books (eBooks). This project would raise the Journal's visibility and provide NAFE with a potential income stream to offset future publication costs. Dave Ilove is spearheading this initiative to avoid burdening the ongoing editorial process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



To: NAFE Board of Directors

From: Amanda Hendley, Executive Director

Re: Executive Director's Report

Date: July 17, 2026

Dear Tonja Marking and Members of the Board,

Since the January meeting, my work has focused on the membership audit, PIE reporting, strategic planning, future conferences, sponsorships, and several operational and records-management projects.

Membership Audit

The 2026 membership audit has been completed, and the results are included separately in the Board materials.

Of the 98 members selected for review, 59 responded and eight submissions remain under review. The Board will be asked to provide direction regarding members who did not respond or whose documentation does not demonstrate compliance.

The audit also identified opportunities to improve future communications, documentation requirements, and response tracking.

Accreditation and Continuing Education

All required materials for the July 2026 conference have been submitted to PIE and are expected to be approved. We are also working retrospectively to submit documentation for the 2025 and early 2026 conferences.

Once complete, this will bring NAFE's reporting current and provide a more consistent process for future conferences.

Membership and Customer Service

Membership administration and customer service remain a significant part of day-to-day operations, including assisting applicants and members, maintaining records, coordinating application and upgrade reviews, and responding to membership and certification questions. Dan Couture has reported on our progress with membership.

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan is included separately in the Board materials. The next step is to turn the plan into specific priorities, assignments, and timelines.

One related initiative already completed is the launch of the NAFE Job Board this spring. The job board provides an additional resource for members and the industry while also creating a potential source of non-dues revenue.

I expect to devote more time to the broader implementation plan following the conference.

Trademark Management

Several NAFE logos and wordmarks are being tracked and managed with the law firm responsible for the Academy's trademarks. Current work includes monitoring renewal deadlines and confirming which registrations should be maintained or updated.

Future Conferences and Partnerships

A future locations report is included in the Board packet. The evaluation considers hotel availability, accessibility, geographic balance, and economic factors that may be affecting members' ability to attend, including airfare, lodging, registration costs, and overall destination affordability.

With conference planning already extending through 2027, I recommend that NAFE begin identifying and evaluating locations into 2028. Earlier planning provides more flexibility in negotiating hotel agreements, managing costs, and communicating future destinations to members.

During this spring's planning process, NAFE also held an initial conversation with NABIE regarding the possibility of bringing the two conference groups together, since both organizations traditionally meet in January. Should the Board wish to explore this further, we would need to evaluate likely participation, affordability, program overlap, financial arrangements, and NAFE's identity and educational priorities within a joint event.

The year 2027 will mark NAFE's 45th anniversary, and the 2029 conference is expected to be the Academy's 45th conference. These milestones may provide opportunities for historical programming, publications, member recognition, sponsorships, or other anniversary activities.

Sponsorships

The Summer 2026 Conference is supported by two sponsors, LGI Forensics and Trinity Engineering.

Their support represents continued progress toward developing conference sponsorship as a source of non-dues revenue while maintaining the independence of NAFE's educational programming. Following the conference, I will review sponsor fulfillment and identify improvements for future opportunities.

Records Preservation and Digitization

The digitization project began after NSPE delivered more than 30 boxes of NAFE files, books, disks, and historical materials.

More than 24 boxes of paper records were digitized, resulting in approximately 4.4 GB of data. These records consist primarily of original member files and founding documentation.

Approximately 300 pieces of physical media, including books, CDs, and conference materials, have also been inventoried and cataloged. This count does not include the many hard drives and other storage devices included in the materials.

The next step is to determine a permanent location for the electronic records and obtain Board direction regarding the physical media and storage devices.

Following the conference, my priorities will be to implement the Board's direction from the membership audit, complete the outstanding PIE submissions, move the strategic plan into implementation, and continue planning for future conferences. I will also work to establish a permanent home for the digitized records, address the remaining physical media, and continue routine membership, trademark, and sponsorship work.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Hendley

Executive Director, NAFE

STRATEGIC PLANNING



To: NAFE Board of Directors

From: Amanda Hendley, Executive Director

Re: Strategic Planning

Date: July 14, 2026

Since the January report, a few strategic initiatives have moved forward.

The forensic engineering job board launched this spring. Sponsorship packages were developed and distributed, resulting in support for the Winter 2026 conference and additional cash and in-kind support for the upcoming Summer 2026 conference.

Fellow pins have been ordered and are planned for presentation at the Summer 2026 conference.

Research on international membership has also moved forward. NAFE's governing documents, CESB accreditation requirements, NSPE membership, and international credentials have been reviewed, and the findings will be presented and discussed at the Summer 2026 Board meeting.

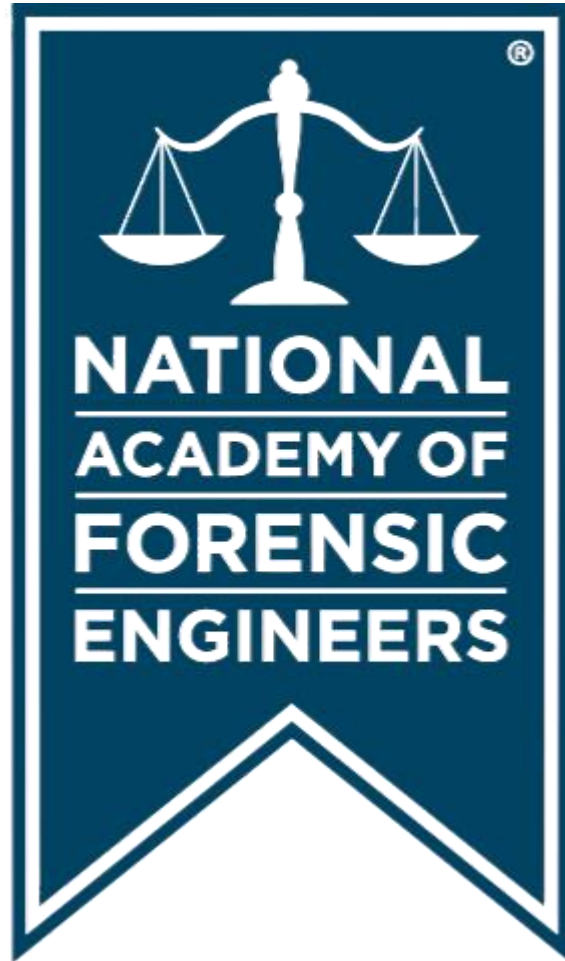
We have also started looking at where members are concentrated geographically, continued work on the DFE reference process, and used conference surveys and committee discussions to help shape future programming.

Several other ideas are still in the early stages, including online education, year-round member engagement, regional activities, entrepreneur resources, digital discussion platforms, and broader promotion of Journal content.

At this point, the two biggest areas that need attention are international membership and online programming. International membership is already scheduled for discussion this summer. For online programming, the Board needs to decide what we want to try first and who should own it. A small pilot, such as a webinar, recorded conference session, or Journal-based program, would give us a practical place to start.

The main next step is to choose a small number of priorities, assign responsibility, and agree on what should happen next.

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Report of the NAFE Secretary to the NAFE President for 2025 Winter Conference

June 1, 2026

To: Tanya Marking (President)
From: Shawn P Ray, P.E. (Secretary)
Re: Secretary Report for the 2025 Winter Conference (New Orleans)

During 2025, President Marking called a Board of Directors virtual meeting on 1:05 pm EST, February 9, 2026. A quorum of the Board was present and the following was decided:

- (a) A letter to the Florida Board of Engineers was drafted and forwarded

The NAFE Board of Directors is currently:

President	Tonja Koob, PE
President-Elect:	Daniel Couture, PEng
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Vice President:	Greg Boso, PE
Treasurer:	Bruce Wiers, PE
Secretary:	Shawn P Ray, PE
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Respectfully submitted,

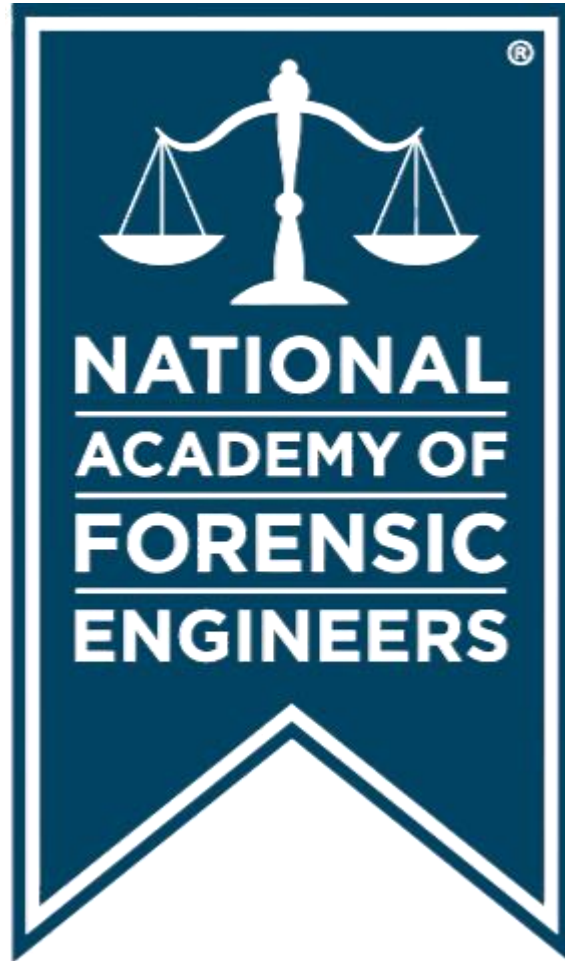


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Report of the NAFE Secretary to the NAFE President for 2025 Winter Conference

Shawn P Ray, P.E.
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July 9, 2025

To: NAFE BOD

From: Bruce Wiers, NAFE Treasurer bwiers@nederveld.com

Subject: NAFE financial report June 30, 2026

The Academy had strong financial results for the 6 months ended June 30, 2026.

Summary:

- Revenue through 6/30/26 is \$127,704.59. This exceeds the 06/30/25 amount of \$118,050.86 by \$9,653.73, an increase of 8.2%.
- Expenses through 06/30/26 were \$120,710.36. This exceeds the 06/30/25 amount of \$102,996.24 by \$17,714.12 or 17.2%
- Net income is \$6,994.23 through the first 6 months of 2026 compared to \$15,054.62 through the first 6 months of 2025, a decrease of \$8,060.39.
 - The decrease in Net Income is primarily due to an increase in seminar expenses related to meals and refreshments and conference expenses. These amounts in total exceeded prior year spending by \$20,258.44

The cash balance as of 06/30/26 in the amount of \$301,388.64 exceeds the balance at 06/30/25 of \$226,305.79 by \$75,828.50. The 6/30/26 balance includes \$150,000 in a CD (certificate of deposit) earning interest at a higher rate of return than general savings. The Academy remains in a strong financial position. Expenses should continue to be monitored to remain consistent with revenue growth.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank-you,
Bruce

Management Report

National Academy of Forensic Engineers
For the period ended June 30, 2026

Prepared on
July 7, 2026

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Balance Sheet Comparison Current Year-Last SUMMER

As of June 30, 2026

	As of Jun 30, 2026	As of Jun 30, 2025 (PY)	Total As of Dec 31, 2025 (PP)
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1st Bank Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chase CD	150,000.00		
Chase Checking	80,497.50	94,249.99	161,945.61
Chase Savings	70,459.40	130,084.48	130,097.42
PayPal	431.74	1,971.32	2,351.38
Total Bank Accounts	301,388.64	226,305.79	294,394.41
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Current Assets			
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	301,388.64	226,305.79	294,394.41
Fixed Assets			
Property & Equipment, Computers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$301,388.64	\$226,305.79	\$294,394.41
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			
Equity			
Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	294,394.41	211,251.17	294,394.41
Net Income	6,994.23	15,054.62	
Total Equity	301,388.64	226,305.79	294,394.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$301,388.64	\$226,305.79	\$294,394.41

Profit and Loss Comparison Current Year-Prior SUMMER

January - June, 2026

	Total		
	Jan - Jun, 2026	Jan - Jun, 2025 (PY)	Jan - Dec 2025 (PP)
INCOME			
Interest Income (Dividends)	12.98	7.88	20.82
Membership Dues	36,206.25	28,100.00	98,181.25
Miscellaneous Income			
Seminar Income #	89,905.00	89,677.50	185,420.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	89,905.00	89,677.50	185,420.00
Publication Sales	80.36	265.48	895.54
Sponsorships	1,500.00		
Total Income	127,704.59	118,050.86	284,517.61
GROSS PROFIT	127,704.59	118,050.86	284,517.61
EXPENSES			
Dues and Subscriptions	810.00	702.00	702.00
Education/Seminars			
Honorarium (Education Seminars)	8,718.43	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies (EdChm)	611.57	1,818.99	1,972.68
Rooms	1,136.88	1,596.21	4,219.95
Total Education/Seminars	10,466.88	3,915.20	6,692.63
Executive Director			
Contract Fee	21,000.00	21,800.00	50,405.00
Lodging & Meals (ExecDir)	425.11	351.36	351.36
Miscellaneous Expense	2,583.91	136.45	266.71
Stipend (ExecDir)		7,576.25	7,576.25
Travel (ExecDir)	3,413.72	454.78	4,346.65
Total Executive Director	27,422.74	30,318.84	62,945.97
Journals			
Editing (Journals)	15,186.50	15,275.00	30,275.00
Total Journals	15,186.50	15,275.00	30,275.00
Other Expenses			
Advertising	287.86		
Bank Charge	10,590.75	8,698.65	16,689.47
CESB, Annual Dues	200.00	5,300.00	10,600.00
Computer Software, Maint	200.96	392.00	919.76
Insurance	2,151.00	2,911.00	3,718.00
Miscellaneous Exp			240.00
Plaques, Awards & Gifts	261.95		186.95
Total Other Expenses	13,692.52	17,301.65	32,354.18
Seminar Exp #	0.00		
Meals			
Meals, Bkfst, Exp	6,905.26	3,642.16	9,724.13
Meals, BLun, Exp	13,206.94	10,163.98	18,385.31

	Total		
	Jan - Jun, 2026	Jan - Jun, 2025 (PY)	Jan - Dec 2025 (PP)
Meals, Din, Exp #	8,610.82	6,294.27	16,292.39
Total Meals	28,723.02	20,100.41	44,401.83
Meeting Room, AV Equip	10,935.17	6,912.62	14,961.67
Print Handout Mtls, Handbooks		1,990.00	1,990.00
Refreshments, AM & PM	13,245.71	6,452.30	6,964.30
Total Seminar Exp #	52,903.90	35,455.33	68,317.80
Treasurer, Office Exp			
Office Supplies (Treas)	227.82		
Postage & Shipping (Treas)		28.22	86.79
Total Treasurer, Office Exp	227.82	28.22	86.79
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense		0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	120,710.36	102,996.24	201,374.37
NET OPERATING INCOME	6,994.23	15,054.62	83,143.24
NET INCOME	\$6,994.23	\$15,054.62	\$83,143.24

Sales by Product/Service Summary

January - June, 2026

				Total
	Quantity	Amount	% of Sales	Avg Price
Affiliate	36.00	5,400.00	4.23 %	150.00
Associate Member	26.75	6,018.75	4.71 %	225.00
Fellow	9.00	3,150.00	2.47 %	350.00
Journal Sales	3.00	85.00	0.07 %	28.33333333
Life Member	5.00	500.00	0.39 %	100.00
Member	49.75	12,437.50	9.74 %	250.00
NAFE Summer Seminar	41.00	45,775.00	35.85 %	1,116.4634146
NAFE Winter Seminar	44.00	44,130.00	34.56 %	1,002.9545455
Senior	29.00	8,700.00	6.81 %	300.00
Sponsorships	1.00	1,500.00	1.17 %	1,500.00
TOTAL		\$127,696.25	100.00 %	

Expenses by Vendor Summary

January - June, 2026

	Total
Association Catalyst LLC	36,752.74
Authnet Gateway	155.70
AwardsPlus	261.95
Cayan/Global Pay	3,346.10
CESB	200.00
Crossref	186.50
Deluxe	227.82
Ellen Parson	15,000.00
Hotel Fontenot	43,105.03
JPMorgan Chase	62.50
Leading Risk Service Co	2,151.00
Merchant Service	7,026.45
Nederveld	810.58
PayPal	4.64
Power On Productions, LLC	9,189.45
Zenzic Research	2,234.54
TOTAL	\$120,715.00

Transaction List by Vendor

January - June, 2026

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Posting	Memo/Description	Account	Amount
Association Catalyst LLC						
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2103	Yes	Voided		0.00
01/23/2026	Bill	January 2026 Fee	Yes		Accounts Payable	3,500.00
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	ACH 27433613634	Yes		Chase Checking	-4,764.21
01/30/2026	Bill		Yes		Accounts Payable	10,050.26
02/20/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-3,500.00
03/02/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2107	Yes		Chase Checking	-10,050.26
03/05/2026	Bill	INV-000219	Yes		Accounts Payable	1,097.01
03/25/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-3,500.00
04/18/2026	Bill	INV-000245	Yes		Accounts Payable	3,341.26
04/20/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2108	Yes		Chase Checking	-1,097.01
04/24/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-3,500.00
05/22/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-3,500.00
06/15/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2109	Yes		Chase Checking	-3,341.26
06/24/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-3,500.00
Authnet Gateway						
01/02/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-26.45
02/03/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-26.30
03/03/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-25.90
04/02/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-25.55

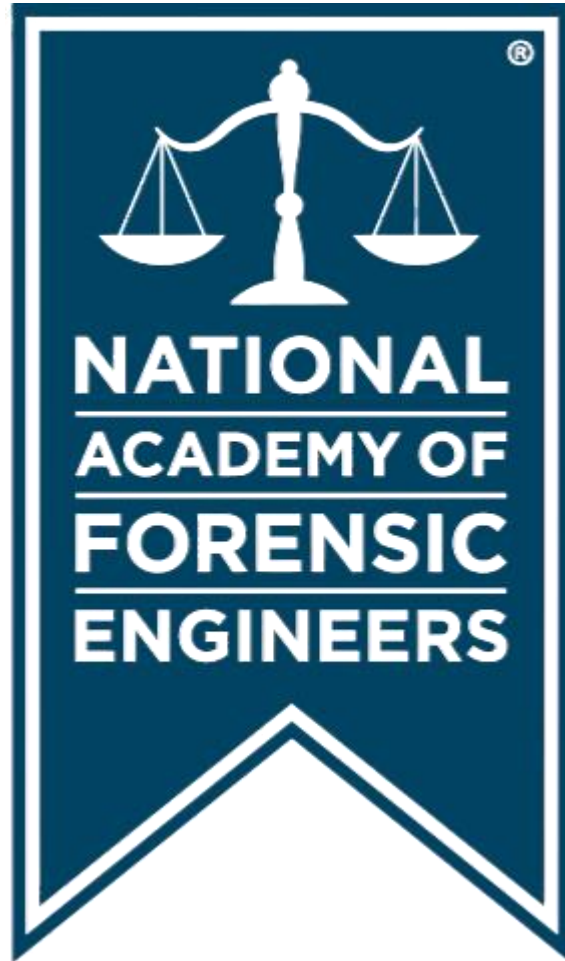
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05/04/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-25.65
06/02/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-25.85
AwardsPlus						
01/30/2026	Bill	0168250-IN	Yes		Accounts Payable	261.95
02/09/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2104	Yes		Chase Checking	-261.95
Cayan/Global Pay						
01/02/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-952.85
02/02/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-453.85
03/02/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-490.85
04/01/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-453.85
05/01/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-453.85
06/01/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-540.85
CESB						
06/01/2026	Expense	29445148802	Yes		Chase Checking	-200.00
Crossref						
01/01/2026	Bill	M-88544	Yes		Accounts Payable	186.50
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Deluxe						

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Posting	Memo/Description	Account	Amount
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Ellen Parson						
01/23/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	January 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
02/23/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	February 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
03/26/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	March 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
04/28/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	April 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
05/26/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	May 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
06/26/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes	June 2026	Chase Checking	-2,500.00
Hotel Fontenot						
01/05/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Savings	-7,500.00
01/30/2026	Bill		Yes		Accounts Payable	35,605.03
02/09/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2106	Yes		Chase Checking	-35,605.03
JPMorgan Chase						
02/04/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-25.00
03/04/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-27.50
04/03/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-5.00
05/05/2026	Expense		Yes		Chase Checking	-2.50
06/03/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-2.50
Leading Risk Service Co						

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Posting	Memo/Description	Account	Amount
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02/09/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2105	Yes	Voided		0.00
02/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	ACH	Yes		Chase Savings	-2,151.00
Merchant Service						
01/08/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-2,643.65
02/10/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-1,721.71
03/10/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-497.33
04/08/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-226.80
05/08/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-623.63
06/09/2026	Expense	ACH	Yes		Chase Checking	-1,313.33
Nederveld						
01/01/2026	Bill	1.16.26	Yes		Accounts Payable	810.58
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2100	Yes		Chase Checking	-810.58
PayPal						
01/31/2026	Expense		Yes	Fees for July 2025	PayPal	-1.54
02/28/2026	Expense		Yes	Fees for February 2026	PayPal	-1.74
03/31/2026	Expense		Yes	Fees for March 2026	PayPal	-1.36
Power On Productions, LLC						
01/06/2026	Bill	231041785	Yes		Accounts Payable	9,189.45

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Posting	Memo/Description	Account	Amount
01/06/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2098	Yes		Chase Checking	-4,594.73
01/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2099	Yes		Chase Checking	-4,594.72
Zenzic Research						
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	2101	Yes		Chase Checking	-2,234.54

PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2026 SUMMER BOARD

To: NAFE Board of Directors

From: Tonja Koob Marking, PhD, PE, PEng, DFE, BC.WRE, BC.NE, CFM, MBA

Re: President's Report

Thank you all for your service to the NAFE Board of Directors. The 2026 Board was sworn at the 2026 winter conference in New Orleans and began its work building on the progress of past boards. I extend special thanks to our 2025 President Michael Aitken and the Board of Directors. Mike has made my transition to President smooth, and he provided me great counsel and guidance along the way.

NAFE 2026 Winter Conference

The NAFE 2026 winter conference was held in January in New Orleans, Louisiana. Saturday was filled with technical presentations by our members on methodologies, tools, and case studies related to a variety of forensic engineering practice subjects. Sunday's educational presentations included a special session on mental health challenges ethical forensic engineers face on a routine basis. Members even found time to catch a Mardi Gras parade and some beads Saturday evening and enjoy local, live music with Dr. Bob sitting in on a session at Fritzel's European Jazz Pub on Bourbon Street.

Committee work

NAFE is a volunteer organization and accordingly our service commitment is achieved by volunteer dedication through the critical work our committees perform. On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank the members generously giving their time working on committees as chairs and members. I specifically need to call out the hard work of our journal and conference committees for all their hard work making this event happen. In addition, the very important membership committee is diligently working on approving new members in a timely fashion to increase our ranks.

2026 Summer Conference

The NAFE 2026 summer conference is being held July 17 through 19 at the Portland, Maine DoubleTree. Our Saturday agenda includes sessions on moisture management, biomechanics, and defective concrete. Our Sunday educational track includes human factors analyses, problems forensic engineers encounter, and ethics.

Forensic Engineering Advocacy

In March 2026, NAFE submitted a position letter to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers regarding Proposed Rule 61G15-38 Engineering Evaluation of Damaged Structures. Paul Tucker brought this issue to our attention, and after an online board meeting to discuss our position, Greg Boso took the lead in authoring NAFE's comments. NAFE was not alone in its concerns with the proposed rule being too prescriptive—the large volume of negative comments regarding the rule resulted in no vote by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers Rules Committee to advance the rule or to adopt its current language.

International Membership

There has long been interest from international forensic engineers in our organization. We have accepted several international engineers as affiliates to date. I am pleased to see the progress that is being made to formalize a program that will enable engineers the world over to join our organization for the advancement of

their careers and the practice. Several of our board members are working together to review the feasibility of a formal international membership program. This process will require bylaws changes, board approval, and authorization from our certifying bodies. I would like this board to finalize our approach to better including international membership in NAFE during my year as President.

Executive Director (ED)

Our Executive Director, Amanda Hendley, who is managing the organization through her firm Association Catalyst, is presently in the third year of her three-year contract. The board will discuss and vote on renewing her contract during this meeting. She is committed to her role as our ED and has added value and advanced NAFE in each year she has been with us. I want to thank Amanda for all her support in making my term as President an enjoyable one.

2027 Winter Conference

The planning for our winter January 2027 conference is well underway. We will be meeting on January 15-17, 2027, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

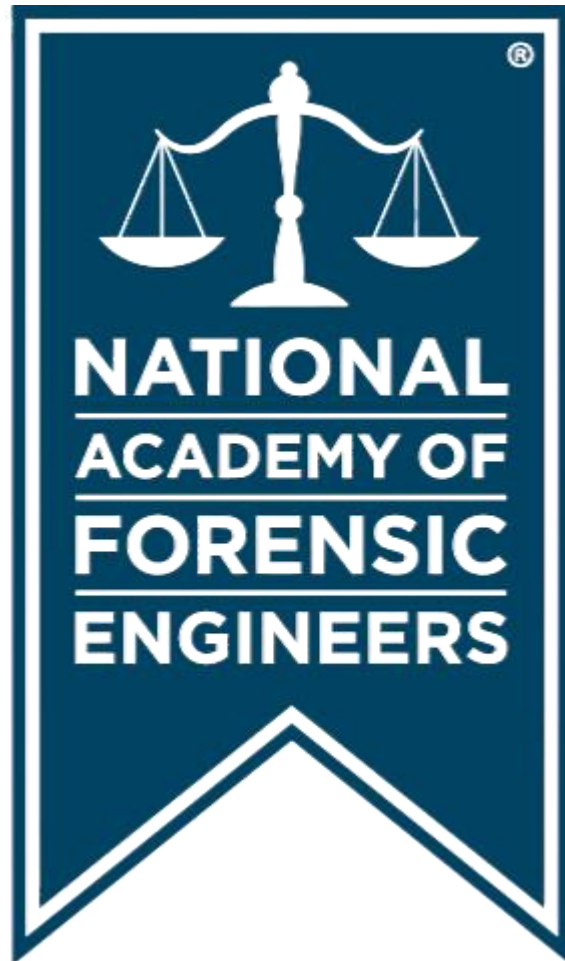
2027 Summer Conference

We have narrowed our 2027 Summer Conference location to three cities: Denver, Colorado, Louisville, Kentucky, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The board will vote on the final location during its meeting, and we will share that with our members during the conference. Returning attendee registration will be open at our Summer 2026 Conference.

Tonja Koob Marking, PhD, PE, PEng, DFE, BC.WRE, BC.NE, CFM, MBA

2026 NAFE President

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT



2026 Membership Audit Coversheet

Background

The 2026 membership audit was conducted using the 2025 audit list as a starting point. To expand the review, an additional 10% of the remaining membership was added, resulting in a total of 98 members selected for audit.

Of the 98 selected members, 8 were Life Members. Life Members are not required to maintain NSPE membership, so they are not considered non-compliant for purposes of this audit.

Audit Response Summary

- Total members selected for audit: 98
- Life Members not required to hold NSPE membership: 8
- Responses received: 59
- Responses currently under further review: 8
 - These members submitted information that was incomplete, incorrect, or otherwise requires follow-up.
- Non-responses remain outstanding.

Audited members received either two or three email notices requesting completion of the audit. A small number of non-responding members indicated that they did not wish to complete the audit or that they would resign their membership if the audit requirement was enforced.

Issue for Board Consideration

The Board needs to determine the appropriate next steps for members who did not respond to the audit request and members whose submitted information is incomplete, incorrect, or otherwise non-compliant.

The key question is whether NAFE should proceed with a formal determination of non-compliance for members who have not completed the audit or who have not provided acceptable documentation.

Recommended Direction

Staff recommends that the Board proceed with a determination of non-compliance for members who have not responded or whose submissions do not satisfy the audit requirement.

Following that determination, NAFE would contact non-responding and non-compliant members to inform them of the Board's decision and provide any final instructions or deadlines, if applicable.

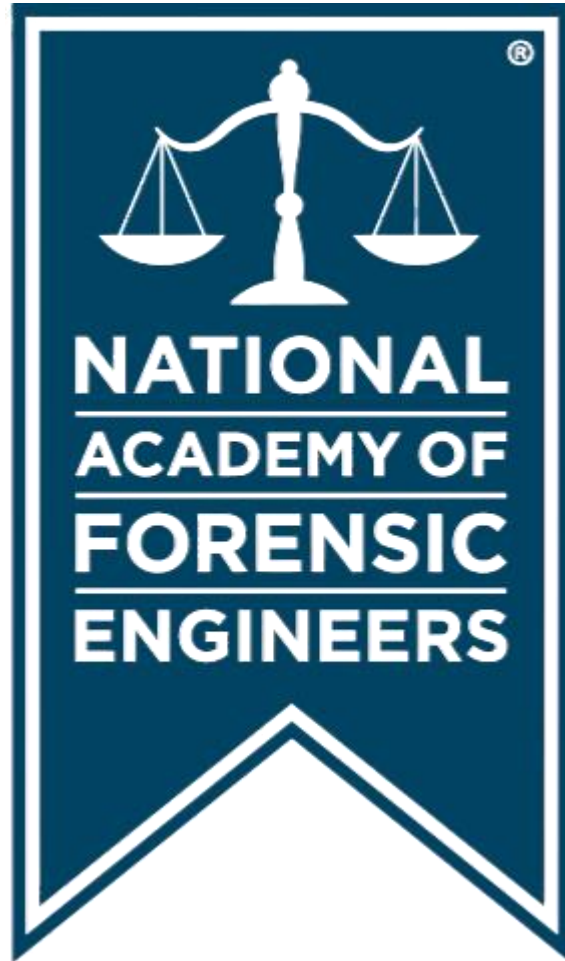
The Board may also wish to consider whether outreach from the Membership Committee would be more effective than staff outreach alone, particularly for members who have not responded or who expressed reluctance to complete the audit. A committee-led follow-up may help reinforce the importance of the audit requirement while allowing for a more personal member-to-member conversation.

Board Action Needed

The Board is asked to provide direction on the following:

1. Whether to proceed with a formal determination of non-compliance for members who did not respond or who submitted incomplete or incorrect information.
2. Whether to establish a final response deadline before any membership action is taken.
3. Whether follow-up should be handled by staff, the Membership Committee, or both.
4. What consequence, if any, should apply to members who remain non-compliant after final outreach.
5. Determine the timing of the 2027 Audit since it was suggested we move it to the CPD cycle.

NOMINATING



Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Admissions	Bylaws Committee (Article 10, Section 2)	The Admissions Committee shall thoughtfully evaluate and process each application for membership or change in membership grade against the standards established in the Bylaws, render decisions as to the candidate's acceptance, non-acceptance, or, in the case of Fellow, eligibility. (See Bylaws Article 3 for Membership Requirements) Section 2. Admissions Committee (a) The Admissions Committee shall be composed of the President-Elect who shall serve as Chair and two Past-Presidents appointed by the President. (b) The Admissions Committee shall carefully evaluate each application for membership or for change in membership grade against the standards established in the Bylaws, render decisions as to the candidate's acceptance, non-acceptance, or, in the case of Fellow, eligibility. (c) Members, Senior Members and Associate Members (1) Approval as a Senior Member shall require concurrence of two (2) members; and as Member or Associate Member, concurrence of one (1) member of the Committee. (2) The Admissions Committee shall assign appropriate membership grades to those accepted or elevated and report their actions to the Secretary and the Treasurer. Applications for Member, Senior Member, and Associate Member can be acted upon or voted on throughout the calendar year	President Elect	President Elect Two Past-Presidents appointed by the President	Ben Railsback	Ben Railsback Michael Aitken Steve Pietropaolo Tonja K Marking

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Audit	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4; Appendix 1, Section 5)	The Committee shall review the accounts of the Academy and shall issue a report to the Board within ninety days from the end of the fiscal year of the Academy. The Committee shall arrange for an independent review of the accounts periodically, as directed by the Board. The Committee shall audit the board-certified membership on a regular and random basis to verify compliance with CESB board certification requirements - such as NSPE and Technical Society Memberships and Professional Licensure. Appendix 1, Section 5 Upon appointment by the President, the Audit Committee shall review the accounts of the Academy and shall issue a report to the Board within ninety days from the end of the fiscal year of the Academy. The Treasurer shall turn over to the Audit Committee Chair any requested financial documents and accompanying electronic files. The Audit Committee shall arrange for an independent review of the accounts periodically, as directed by the Board.	President Elect	President Elect Treasurer CPD Chair	Ben Railsback	Ben Railsback Bruce Wiers Joe Leane
Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation	Special Committee (Article 10, Section 5)	Appendix 1, Section 11. The Bylaw-Aol Committee shall review minutes of Board and Membership meetings and receive comments and recommendations from the membership regarding perceived need for changes to the Articles of Incorporation (Aol) and Bylaws of the Academy. (b) The Bylaw-Aol Committee shall propose recommended changes to the Aol and Bylaws for action by the Board of Directors. (c) The Secretary of the Academy shall serve as Ex-officio member of the Bylaw-Aol Committee and shall maintain a record of current text.	Presidential Appointment	Secretary DALs Others as appointed	Martin Gordon	Martin Gordon Shawn Ray Paul Tucker Greg Boso

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Continuing Professional Development (CPD's)	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The Committee shall implement and monitor the CPD procedures initially adopted by the Board of Directors in 1993, added as Appendix 2 in 1994, and as modified. The CPD Committee shall distribute record keeping forms to the membership within a reasonable time prior to the annual reporting deadline stated in Appendix 2. The CPD Committee shall receive, record, and analyze CPD data supplied by the membership, and advise each member of the results of the analysis within the deadline stated in Appendix 2.	Presidential Appointment	Presidential Appointment Secretary IT Director 1st PP Others as appointed	Joe Leane	Joe Leane Shawn Ray Mitch Maifeld Steve Pietropaolo
Education	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The committee is responsible for the development of content for the NAFE conference's Education track. Appendix 1, Section 7: 7. Education Committee The purpose of the Education Committee is to gather information on seminars and conferences in forensic engineering, to gather information on college courses in forensic engineering, and to prepare a model course and materials that could be used by college professors to teach such courses. (a) The Committee shall each year contact all members of NAFE to receive information on forensic engineering educational activities in their geographical area and in the USA. The objective is to gather programs and course outlines. (b) The Committee will maintain contact with the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). (c) Through the Inter/Intra Professional Liaison Committee, the Education Committee will maintain contact with the forensic engineering sections of other professional engineering societies relative to education activities. (d) The Committee will assist in planning the NAFE semi-annual meetings and seminars.	Presidential Appointment	Presidential Appointment Others as appointed	Zo Alvi	Zo Alvi Sandra Metzler Steve Pietropaolo Dave Icove Paul Kamen Ben Railsback Rune Storensund William Lee

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Ethics	Standing Committee (Bylaws Article 10, Section 5; Appendix 1, Section 1)	Appendix 2, Section 1 (a) The Ethics Committee shall conduct and maintain a review of the codes of ethics of NSPE and the national engineering technical societies from the viewpoint of forensic practice. (b) The Ethics Committee shall make appropriate reports and recommendations to the Board for additional standards of practice to supplement and interpret those codes as they may apply to (1) the practice of forensic engineering and (2) the Professional Policies applicable to the procedures of NAFE. (c) The Ethics Committee shall receive and consider any complaints and charges alleging unethical practice of members and take appropriate action in accord with NAFE Policy. (d) The Ethics Committee shall be chaired by a Director of the Academy. A Deputy Chair, if appointed, shall be a Director of the Academy. (e) No more than three Directors shall serve on the Ethics Committee at one time, except that an Ethics Committee member may be appointed to fill a vacant Director Position	A Director of the Academy (Appendix 1, Section 1, Part d) <i>To be chaired by the immediate past president</i>	(d) The Ethics Committee shall be chaired by a Director of the Academy. A Deputy Chair, if appointed, shall be a Director of the Academy. (e) No more than three Directors shall serve on the Ethics Committee at one time, except that an Ethics Committee member may be appointed to fill a vacant Director Position	Sam Sudler*	Rebecca Bowman Steve Pietropaolo
Finance	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The Finance Committee shall analyze the projected income and expenses of the Academy and recommend an operating budget to the Board of Directors for approval for each fiscal year. Appendix 1, Section 12. Finance Committee (a) The finance Committee shall analyze the projected income and expenses of the Academy and recommend an operating budget to the Board of Directors for approval for each fiscal year. (b) The Senior Vice President shall chair the Committee with the President Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary as members. (c) The Treasurer shall provide to the Finance Committee the check register two weeks prior the semi-annual meetings. The check register shall be sorted by; (1) payee; and (2) sorted by account then by payee.	SVP	SVP President -Elect VP Treasurer Secretary	Greg Boso	Greg Boso Ben Railsback Paul Tucker Bruce Wiers Shawn Ray

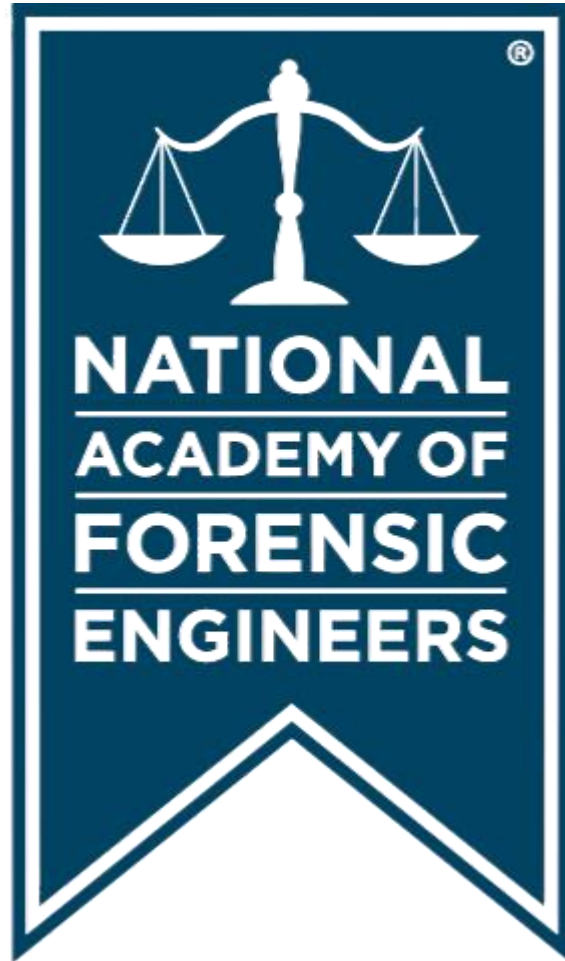
Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Inspector of Elections	Special Committee (Article 10, Section 5)	The Committee shall inspect and pass upon all ballots (Ref NAFE AP 2B)	Secretary		Shawn Ray	Shawn Ray
Insurance	Special Committee (Article 10, Section 5; Appendix 1, Section 3)	The Insurance Committee shall investigate and monitor the availability, coverage, and premium cost for liability insurance to satisfy the requirements of Bylaws Article XVII and shall make recommendations to the Board of such insurance coverage. (b) The Committee shall investigate and monitor the availability, coverage, and premium cost to provide Academy members professional liability insurance coverage, specifically with respect to their practice for forensic engineering and shall make recommendations to the Board for their consideration.	Treasurer	Treasurer President VP SVP President Elect	Bruce Wiers	Bruce Wiers Daniel Couture Paul Tucker Greg Boso Ben Railsback
IT Committee	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The IT Committee shall oversee the IT operations of the Academy.	Presidential Appointment	As Appointed	Mitch Maifeld	Mitch Maifeld Michael Leshner William Pierce Rune Storesund Michael Stichter
Legislative	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The Legislative Committee will monitor any possible federal or state legislation that may have an effect on the practice of forensic engineers, will maintain liaison with the NSPE Legislative Committee and the NSPE General Counsel, and will report their findings and request recommended actions to the Board of Directors	President Elect	President Elect DAL Others as appointed	Ben Railsback	Ben Railsback Paul Tucker Michael Stichter
Long-Range Planning	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The Committee will prepare a long range plan and develop strategies to achieve this plan for submission to the Board of Directors. The Committee will also prepare short range (annual) plans and will monitor their effectiveness for reporting to the Board of Directors. All such plans will project the future posture of the Academy, including financial planning.	SVP	SVP President Past Presidents President Elect	Greg Boso	Greg Boso Daniel Couture Tonja K Marking Ben Railsback

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Me	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Membership	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The membership committee shall assist the board in maintaining a sustainable flow of new dues-payers into the Academy. The committee will mentor new members (if requested by new member), pair First-Time seminar attendees with current NAFE members ("the buddy system") and actively encourage members to upgrade to higher membership levels and potential board-certification. The committee will include a task force to contact every new member, in a timely basis, and every member before year's end.	President Elect	Others as appointed	Ben Railsback	Ben Railsback Mitch Maifeld Michael Aitken Tonja Marking J. Derald Morgan Robert Peruzzi
NAFE1 Discussion Board	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The committee will monitor and moderate the NAFE1 Discussion Board.	Presidential Appointment	IT Chair DALs Others as appointed	Michael Stichter	Michael Stichter Mitch Maifeld Paul Tucker Greg Boso
Nominating	Bylaws Committee (Article 10, Section 3)	The Committee shall nominate a slate of persons recommended for election as officers (but not Directors-at- Large) of the Academy. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made to the members at least sixty days prior to the midyear semiannual meeting of the Board. Current officers cannot serve. Each Nominating Committee shall serve for one year and shall consist of three	1PP	1 PP Another PP Non-officer, Member, Presidential Appointment to serve as secretary.	Tonja K Marking	Tonja K Marking Michael Aitken

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Me	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Public Relations and Advertising	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4; Appendix 1, Section 2)	The Committee shall strive to promote efforts to bring the Academy to the attention of those who may utilize the services offered by Academy members, as well as to other interested parties and organizations. (Mechanicals) in print and electronic advertisements for various publications in support of NAFE meetings and events.	Presidential Appointment	Presidential Appointment	Richard Rice	Richard Rice
		The Committee will serve an ambassador role prior to NAFE meetings by contacting meeting-specific state and engineering discipline specific representatives of Engineering Boards and Engineering Societies and inform them of these events by extending invitations as appropriate. Suggested to begin contact 3 months prior to Summer/Winter Meeting. The Committee will administer LinkedIn; making announcements of new members, as well as member achievements. The Committee will also assist in the advertising endeavors of the academy overseeing of procurement of advertisement materials. Appendix, Section 1, Part 2: (a) The Public Relations Committee shall build and maintain a mailing list of major national and regional level organizations and publications which may reasonably be expected to have an interest in the Academy, its activities, or its publications, or with which the Academy and its members share substantial interests and concerns. The Committee shall prepare timely news releases about the Academy and its programs, initiate liaison contacts for the exchange of information and, with the approval of the President, direct information about the Academy to selected and appropriate addressees. (b) The Committee shall encourage the members of the Academy to file brief biographical sketches with the names, attention lines, and addresses of their principal local news media and such magazines as could be expected to use news releases about Academy activities and offices of the members. The Committee shall make appropriate news releases employing such data as opportunities may arise. (c) The Committee shall strive to promote other efforts to bring the Academy to the attention of those who may utilize the services offered by Academy members, as well as to other interested parties and organizations. (d) The Committee shall report its activities to the Board, making recommendations when appropriate.		Others as selected		Daniel Couture Michael Kravitz Michael Leshner Robert Peruzzi

Committee	Committee Type	Purpose and Responsibilities	Chair Definition	Predetermined Other Members	2027 Chair	2027 Committee
Publications and Online Learning (Journal)	Standing Committee (Article 10, Section 4)	The committee is responsible for the development of publications and online content to serve in the professional development of members. Appendix 1, Section 6: 6. Publications Committee (a) At the direction of the President or Board of Directors, the Publications Committee will review the discipline and specialty categories as contained in the then current directory and will recommend to the Board of Directors suggestions for modifications. The Committee, when requested, will also furnish the Board with recommendations for typography, printing, binding and estimated costs for the subsequent editions of the directory. (b) At the direction of the President or Board of Directors, the Committee will make recommendations for the revision of the NAFE brochure and present them to the Board of Directors. (c) The Publications Committee shall advise concerning the publications of the Academy.	Presidential Appointment	Presidential Appointment Editor Others as Appointed	David Icove	David Icove Bart Kemper Ellen Parson John Schwartzberg Sandra Metzler Robert Peruzzi William Lee James Green Clarence Kemper Steve Pietropaolo

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Conference Coordinator Report, July 2026

To the Board of NAFE:

The Conference Coordinator position was developed to assist the Technical Committee and the Education Committee and to provide guidance and support to the Executive Director during the planning and implementation of the Academy's two yearly conferences. It would be nice to have someone who would like to learn how to coordinate so that I can ride off into the Canadian sunset and be sure the Academy is in good hands.

Feedback from the January 2026 Conference in New Orleans, LA

We had very positive feedback from the NOLA conference, with more than thirty detailed responses from attendees who took the time to answer. These responses help drive improvements in our conferences, and since we are such a diverse group of people with one common interest, we never expect to please everyone all the time.

Both the Saturday Technical and Sunday Education sessions were well rated, with many 4/5 and 5/5 responses. There were good suggestions for fine-tuning conference topics and providing guidance to our volunteer moderators. We learned that informal Saturday dinner groups are a valued opportunity for people to renew and begin friendships. We are considering a guest meal pass of some type to make the event more welcoming for the "support crew" who attend.

Planning and Implementation Activities

The Education Committee met several times by electronic conference on April 7 and April 19, 2026, to flesh out a program for the Portland Summer event. Many thanks to Chair Zohaib Alvi and the participants for selecting an appropriate theme and completing the programming on time, with great topics.

Meanwhile, the Technical Committee put forth its call for papers and received an excellent response, allowing for the eight proposed papers and spares. There will be a good range of subjects, allowing all our

disciplines to feel at home and providing a multidisciplinary opportunity to learn from our colleagues while adding our positive feedback to the authors.

Continued Coordination with ASTM E58 Meeting Activities

The ASTM E58 Committee on Forensic Engineering meeting, which involves a good cross-section of the Academy membership, will be held on Friday after the BOD meeting.

Friday Evening Celebration of Fellows Dinner

This event is becoming a tradition, allowing for a more fun extension of the welcome cocktail hour and providing a great opportunity to thank our established Fellows and introduce them to newcomers and aspiring members. We appreciate all those who volunteer for committee duties because it keeps the Academy well governed and financially sound.

Saturday Sessions in Portland

The Technical Committee programmed an excellent Saturday, during which the presenters will face review by their peers in the audience—an entertaining way of learning about another discipline. Things fall off, fall down, get wet, blow up, and burn—and then we get to hear all about it!

Sunday Sessions in Portland

There is a good range of topics for the Education Day, from Human Factors to fires to weather interpretation and, of course, ethical topics in Software Engineering.

Next Conference: January 2027 in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

Details will follow, but it sounds like a great location for a winter meeting.

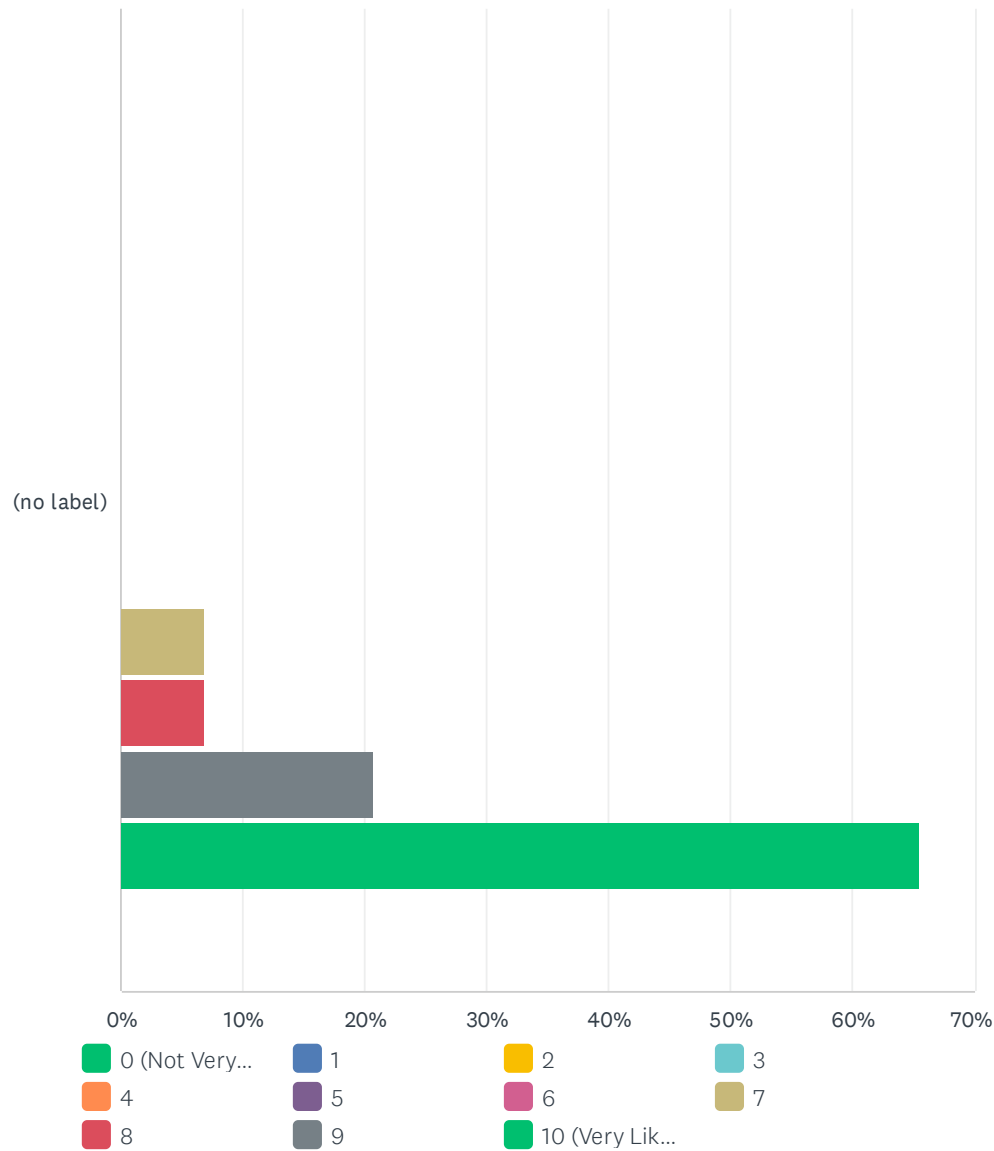
Daniel P. Couture, M.Sc.(Eng.), P.Eng., ing., DFE, FEC

President-Elect, Conference Coordinator

Senior Member 951S, National Academy of Forensic Engineers

Q1 How likely are you to recommend a NAFE conference to a colleague?
(NPS 10 Very likely, 0 Not Very Likely)

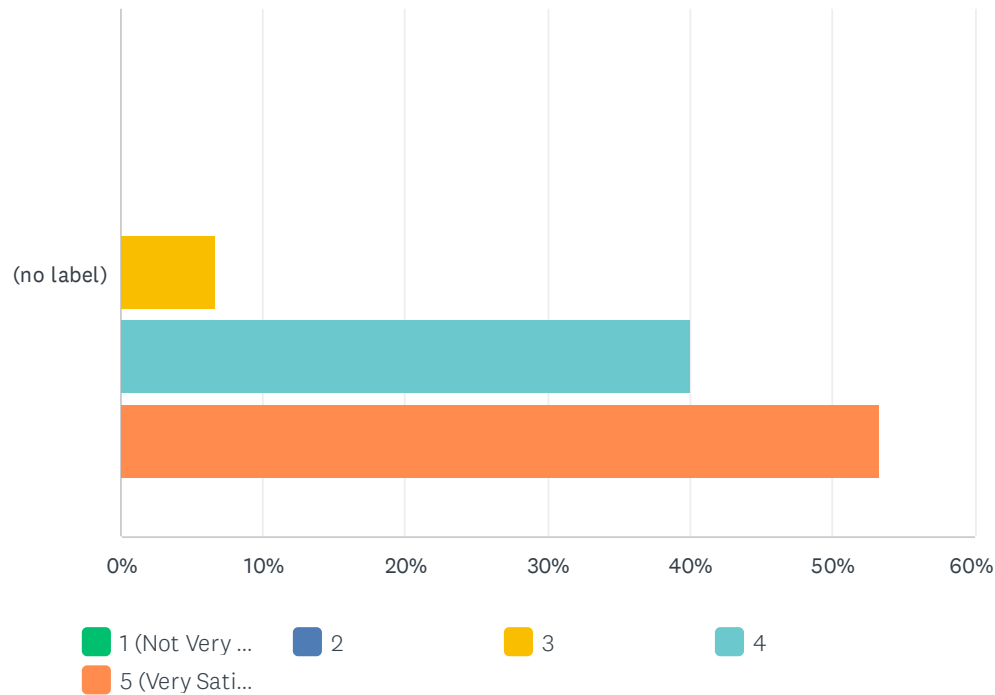
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Q2 Overall, how satisfied were you with the Winter 2026 Conference?

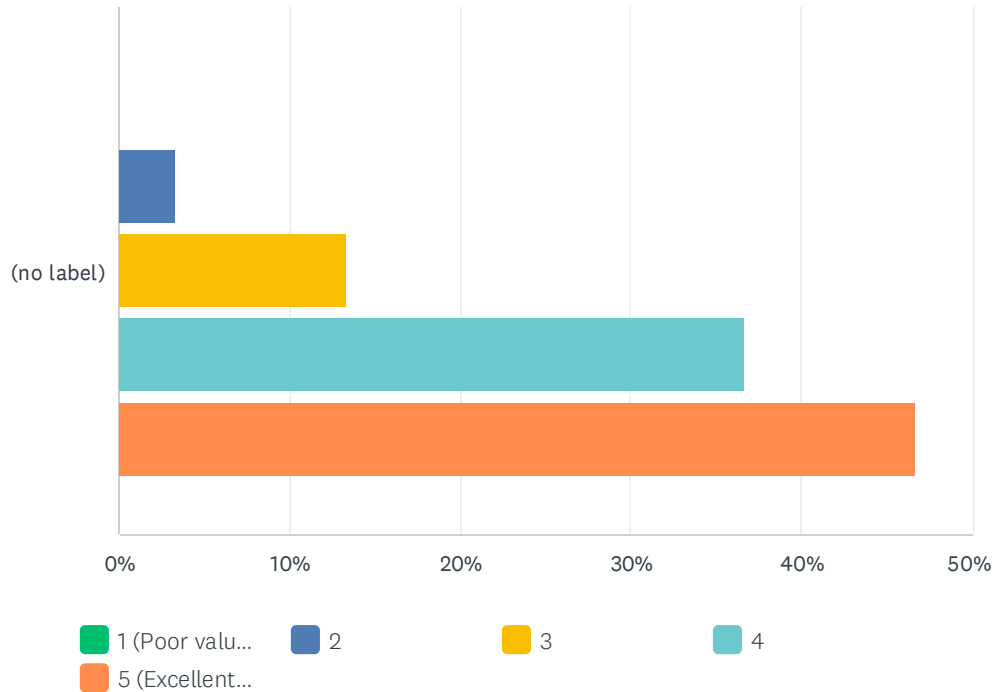
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	6.67%	40.00%	53.33%		
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Q3 Overall value of the conference relative to cost (registration, travel, time):

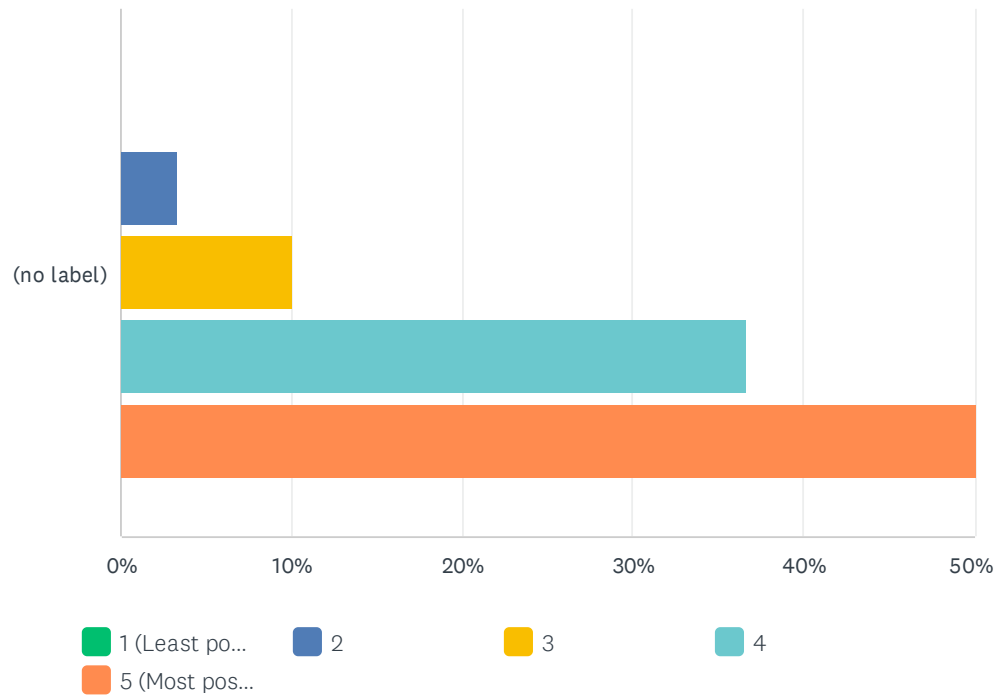
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	1 (POOR VALUE)	2	3	4	5 (EXCELLENT VALUE)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	3.33%	13.33%	36.67%	46.67%		
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Q4 Please rate the conference venue (Hotel Fontenot).

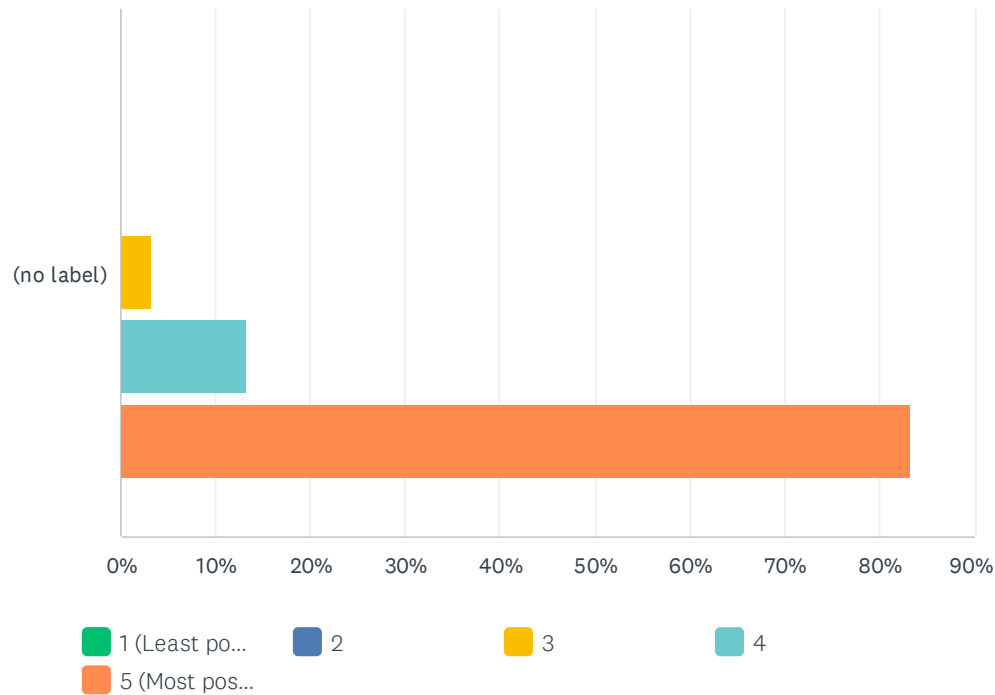
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	1 (LEAST POSITIVE)	2	3	4	5 (MOST POSITIVE)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	3.33%	10.00%	36.67%	50.00%	30	4.33
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Q5 Please rate the conference location (New Orleans, LA).

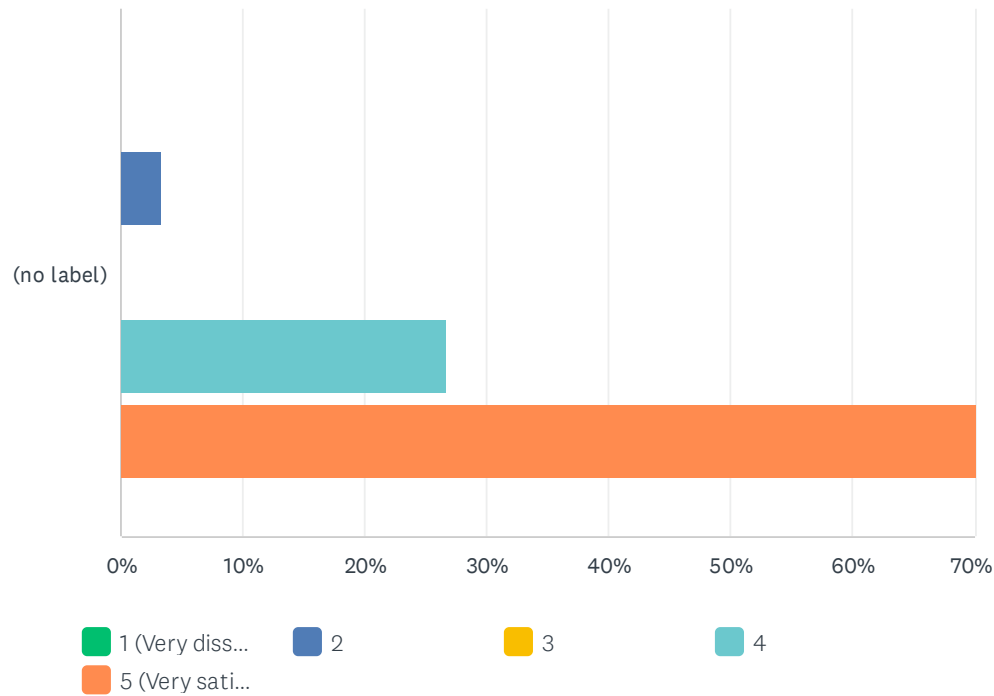
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	3.33%	13.33%	83.33%		
	0	0	1	4	25	30	4.80

Q6 How satisfied were you with the overall conference schedule and pacing?

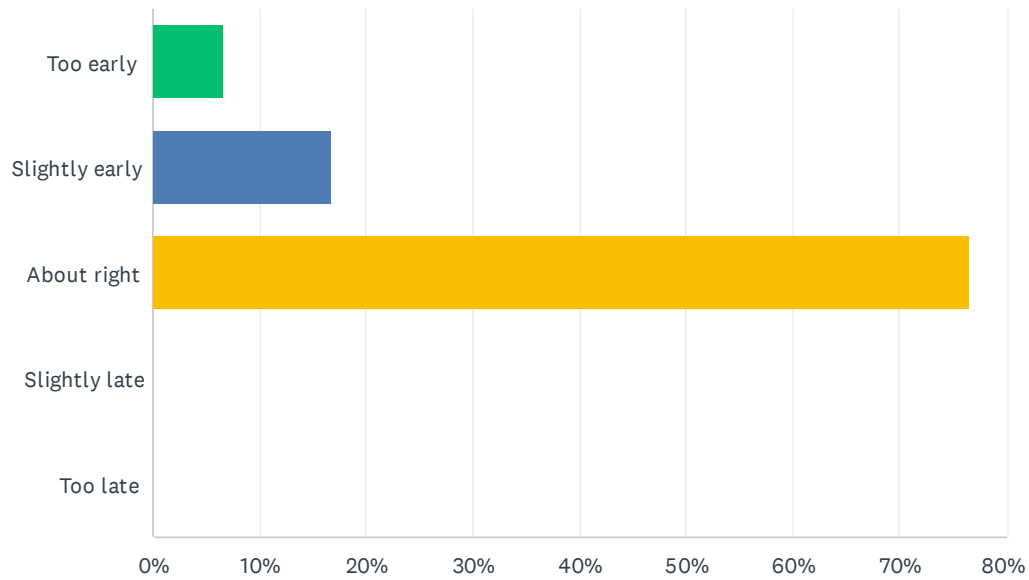
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	1 (VERY DISSATISFIED)	2	3	4	5 (VERY SATISFIED)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
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Q7 The daily start and end times were:

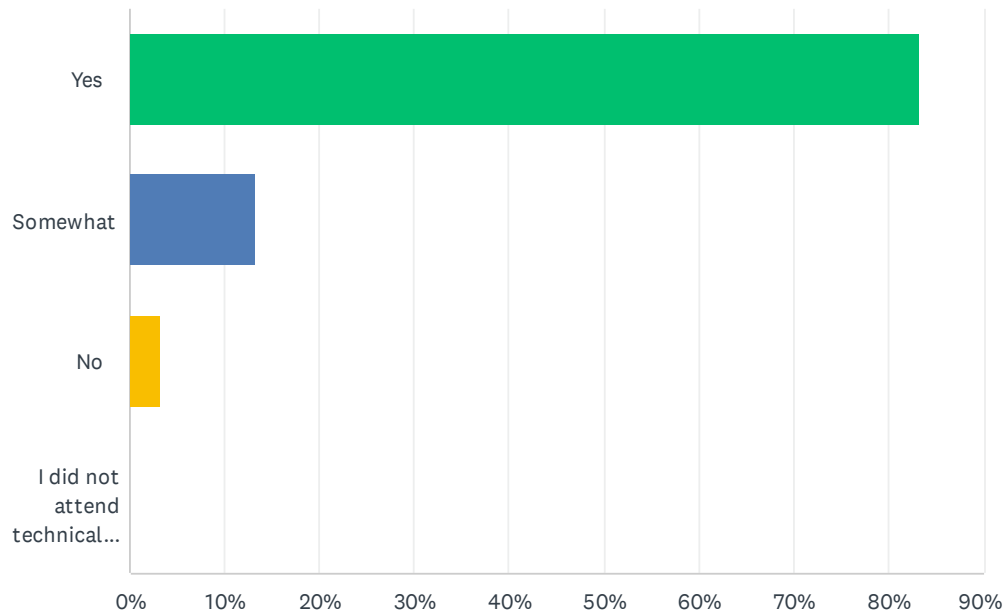
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too early	6.67%	2
Slightly early	16.67%	5
About right	76.67%	23
Slightly late	0.00%	0
Too late	0.00%	0
TOTAL		30

Q8 Was there adequate time for discussion and Q&A?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	25
Somewhat	13.33%	4
No	3.33%	1
I did not attend technical sessions	0.00%	0
TOTAL		30

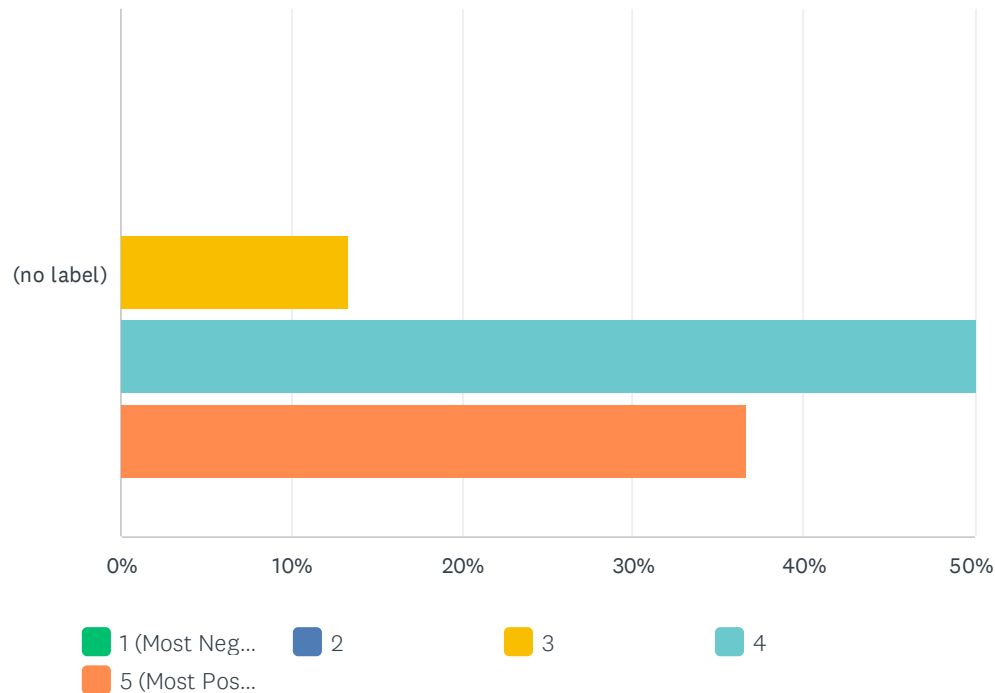
Q9 Comments on Schedule and Flow

Answered: 9 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I was disapointed at the lack of dinner groups for saturday.	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	Please release the schedule of speakers well ahead of time so that we know if there will be sessions covering our areas of interest prior to arranging travel.	1/20/2026 6:19 PM
3	The moderators did a great job keeping schedule and ensuring the presentors finish to answer some Q/As.	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
4	Well done.	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
5	Adequate time was not always provided for post-presentation discussion or Q&A.	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
6	Session moderators did well but questions regarding content should be at the end. Too many participants asking non-relevant questions way out of their field wastes valuable time.	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
7	Well done!	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
8	Was good	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
9	Only issue was the sign in sheets and PE license sign ups...we need to make it smoother	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q10 Rate the technical sessions overall.

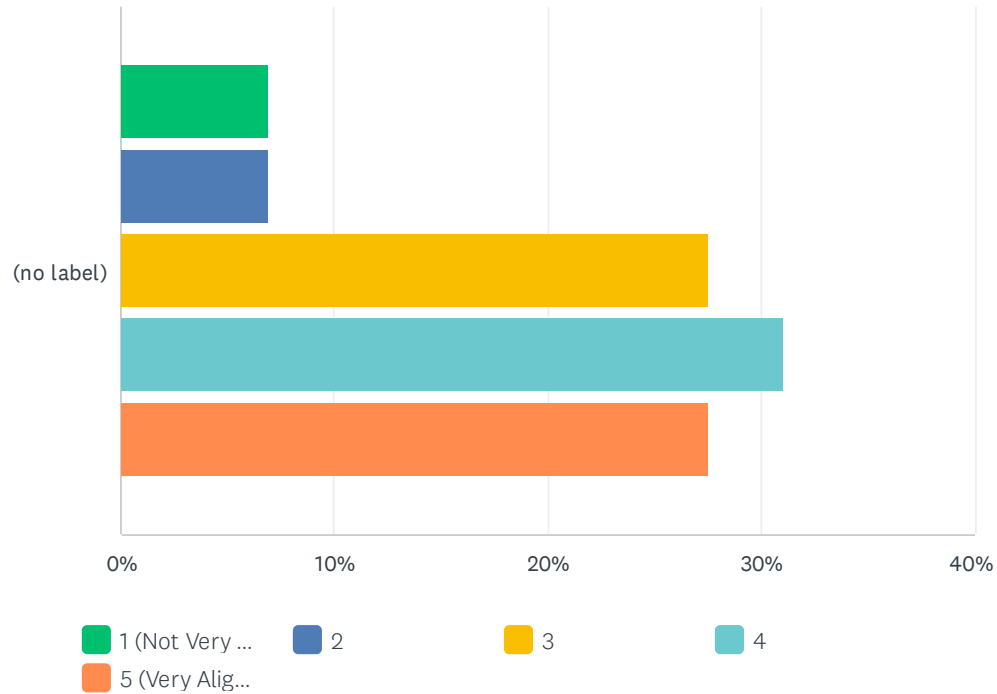
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	13.33%	50.00%	36.67%		
	0	0	4	15	11	30	4.23

Q11 How well did the technical sessions align with your professional focus areas?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



	1 (NOT VERY ALIGNED)	2	3	4	5 (VERY ALIGNED)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	6.90%	6.90%	27.59%	31.03%	27.59%	29	3.66
	2	2	8	9	8		

Q12 What did you value most about the technical sessions?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The mental health discussion	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	That they were brief	2/2/2026 4:25 PM
3	The heavily engagement with the audience and topics discussed and presented were on point	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
4	Presentations that were well thought out	1/20/2026 6:19 PM
5	The topics were intersting, and the investigative process was similar to my own methods.	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
6	professional quality	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
7	interplay of the basics into different types of evaluations.	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
8	Learning new things.	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
9	Hearing about new research sites/services, such as weather data, historical aerial imagery, etc...	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
10	Most presenters were very well prepared and the information was informative.	1/19/2026 11:49 AM
11	Quality except for one which was really bad. (No data, and certainly not qualified to opine)	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
12	The inforation pesented, and the ability to interact with the pr4esenters.	1/18/2026 8:05 PM
13	Variety and quality	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
14	I can't I have other plans but thank you yeah yeah thank you where are you headed do you know yet oh that's too bad I love steak but another time maybe I'll see you in Portland all right well oh nice all right well I'll see you again soon	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
15	Learning the process that others professions use to solve problems and prepare conclusions	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
16	Some speakers were really knowledgeable, others appear to be taking a side to attack insurance company language	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
17	Some unique presentations outside my discipline but interesting nonetheless	1/18/2026 5:40 PM
18	Variety	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

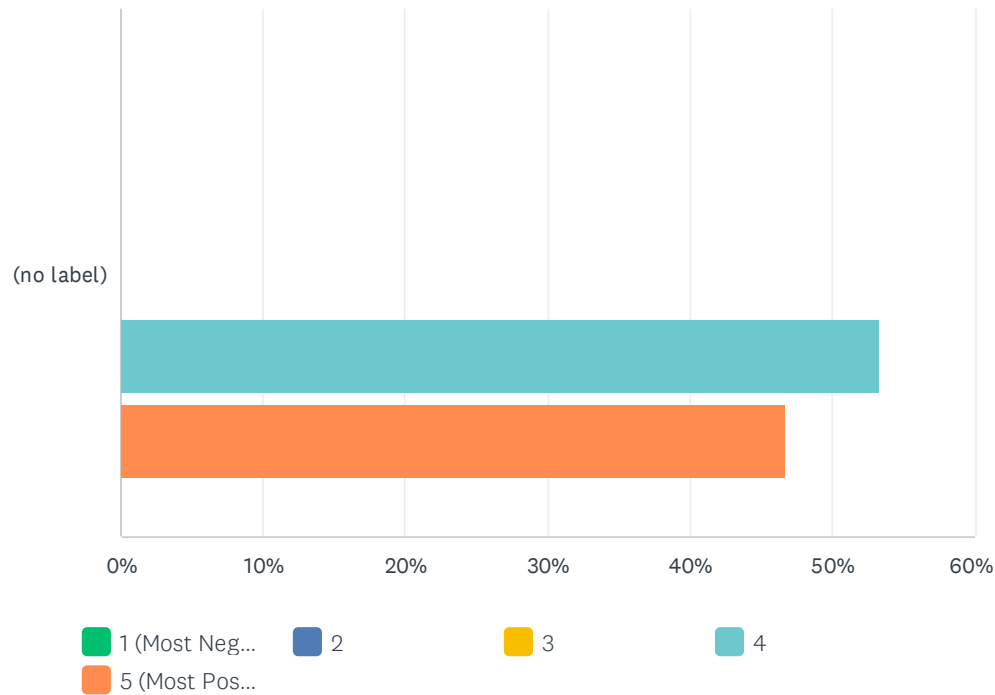
Q13 What could be improved about the technical sessions?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Location of the stage	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	more subject diversity	2/2/2026 4:25 PM
3	different price if one goes for the full two days vs each day seperately. so, \$600 per each day seperately and intead of \$1200 for the two day, \$1000 or even \$900. Allow some sponsorship too,	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
4	Too much Civil Engineering, but of course if CEs are the only ones desiring to present and publish, that's all we have to work with. We need to motivate practitioners of other Forensic Engineering disciplines to present. How do we do that?	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
5	Impact of Granule Loss on the Fire Resistance of Asphalt Shingles was not thought out, not particularly scientific and provided very little information.	1/20/2026 6:19 PM
6	Graphics. Suggest NAFE formulate guidelines for presentations, e.g. NO ALL CAPS; NO 6 photos and verbose descriptions on each slide [too small to see or read]; Use Darker and Bolder fonts for words that are to be emphasized, etc.	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
7	When technical and ethics aligned, ethics was not clearly identified. I doubt that most participants realize that 2 sessions on Saturday were rated for ethics.	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
8	Some of the presentations were of questionable technical accuracy and relevance.	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
9	Diversity of subject matter and specialty	1/18/2026 8:41 PM
10	Better screening by experts.	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
11	Nothing I can think of	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
12	Nothing	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
13	It seems a few experts are keen on presenting and publishing a paper with NAFE so that they can use to go after insurance companies and loopholes in their contracts without any scientific bases or proof	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
14	If able, provide the speaker agenda earlier, so return travel is better pjanned	1/18/2026 5:40 PM

Q14 Rate the educational / ethics sessions overall.

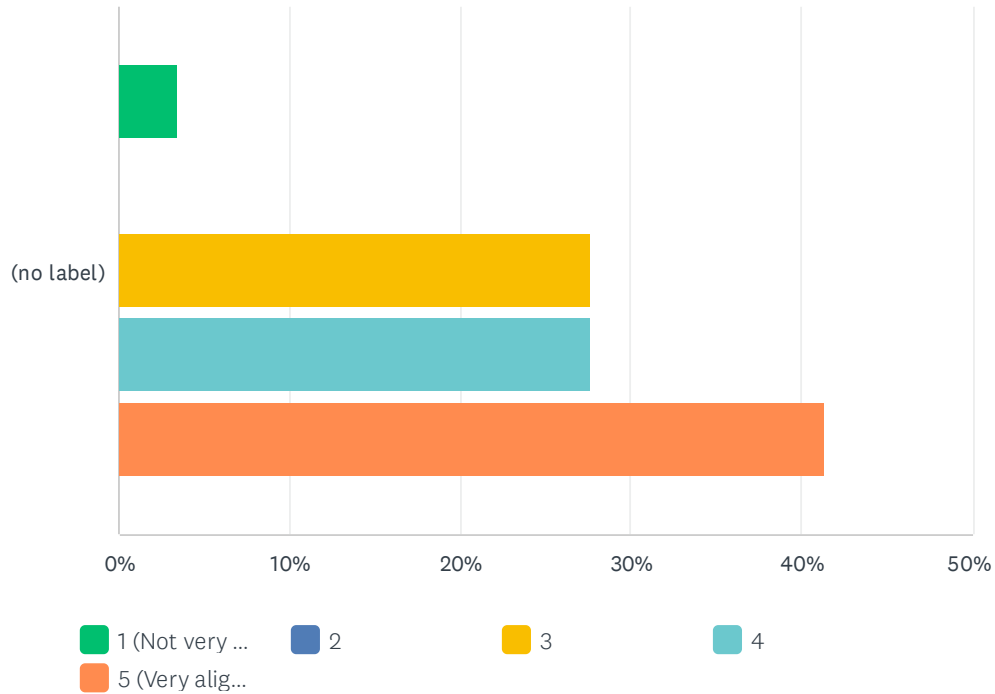
Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



	1 (MOST NEGATIVE)	2	3	4	5 (MOST POSITIVE)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	53.33%	46.67%		
	0	0	0	16	14	30	4.47

Q15 How well did these sessions align with your needs as a forensic engineer?

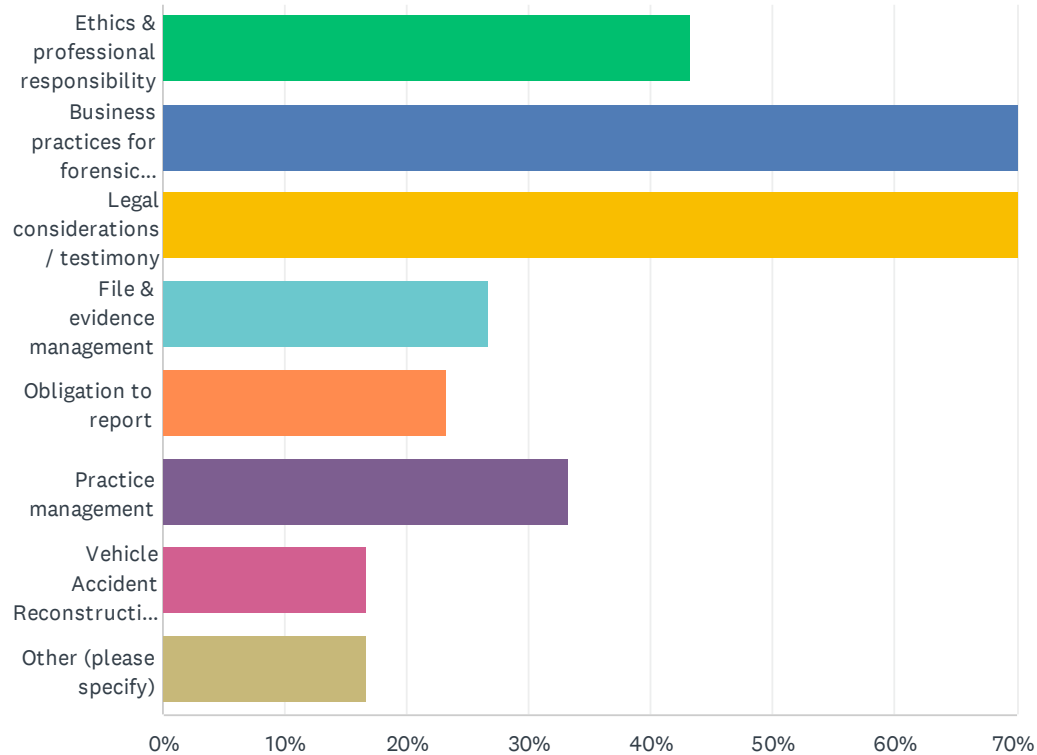
Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



	1 (NOT VERY ALIGNED)	2	3	4	5 (VERY ALIGNED)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	3.45%	0.00%	27.59%	27.59%	41.38%	29	4.03
	1	0	8	8	12		

Q16 Which educational topics would you like to see more of in future conferences?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ethics & professional responsibility	43.33%	13
Business practices for forensic engineers	70.00%	21
Legal considerations / testimony	70.00%	21
File & evidence management	26.67%	8
Obligation to report	23.33%	7
Practice management	33.33%	10
Vehicle Accident Reconstruction(VAR)	16.67%	5
Other (please specify)	16.67%	5
Total Respondents: 30		

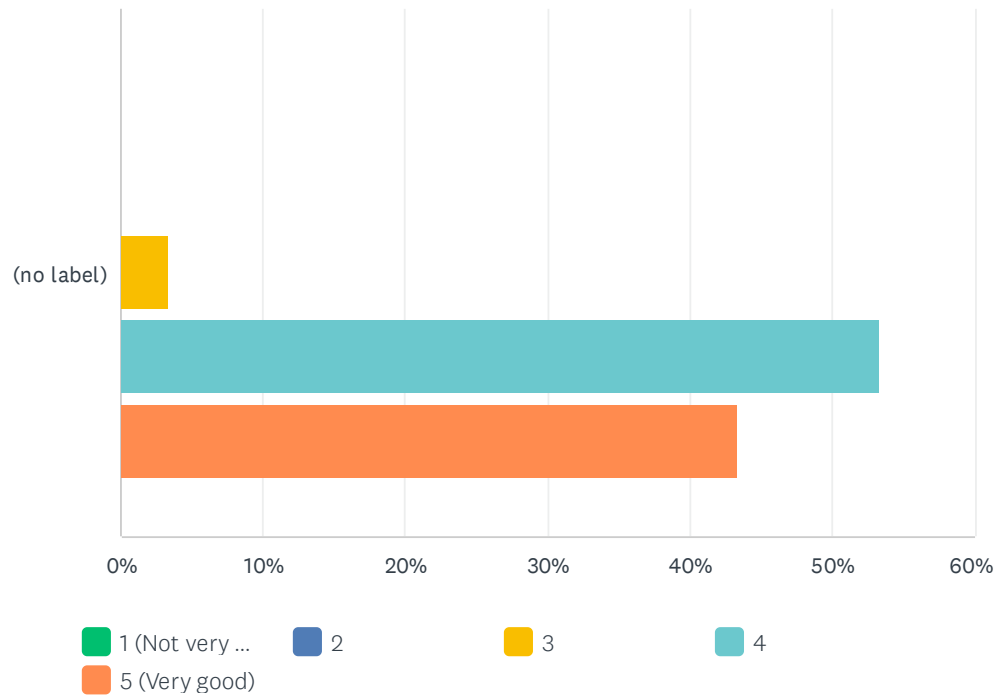
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Human factors engineering. (I plan to submit an abstract for an HFE education session for Portland)	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
2	more actual forensic cases	1/20/2026 3:05 PM

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3	I am structural, so I like thinks involving buildings and I also do a lot of premises liability.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
4	Licensure	1/18/2026 8:53 PM
5	If you need a VAR presentation, I may be able to provide a presenter.	1/18/2026 8:05 PM

Q17 Please rate the meals provided during the conference.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

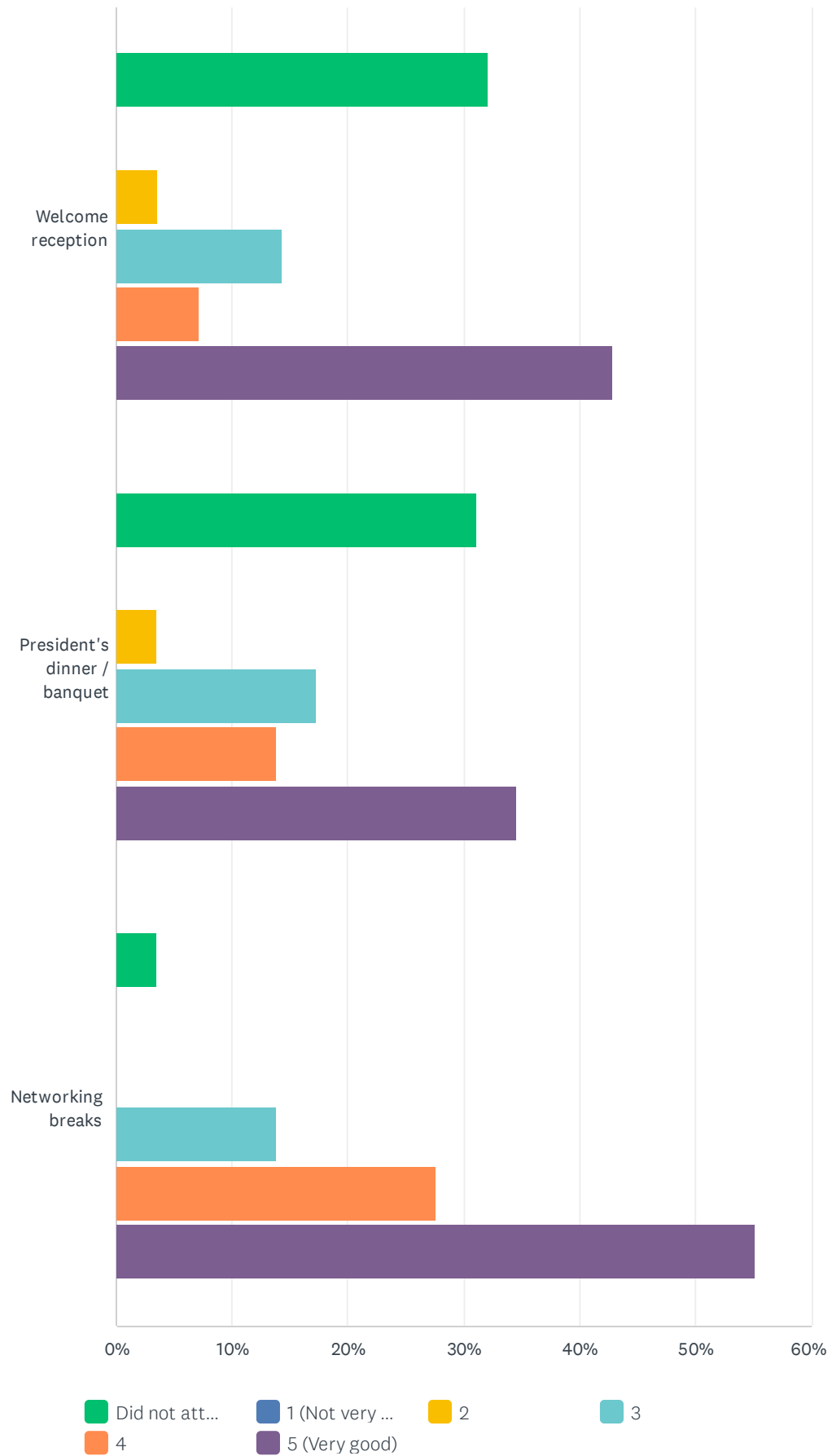


	1 (NOT VERY GOOD)	2	3	4	5 (VERY GOOD)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	3.33%	53.33%	43.33%		
	0	0	1	16	13	30	4.40

Q18 If you attended any of the following, please rate them:

Answered: 29 Skipped: 1

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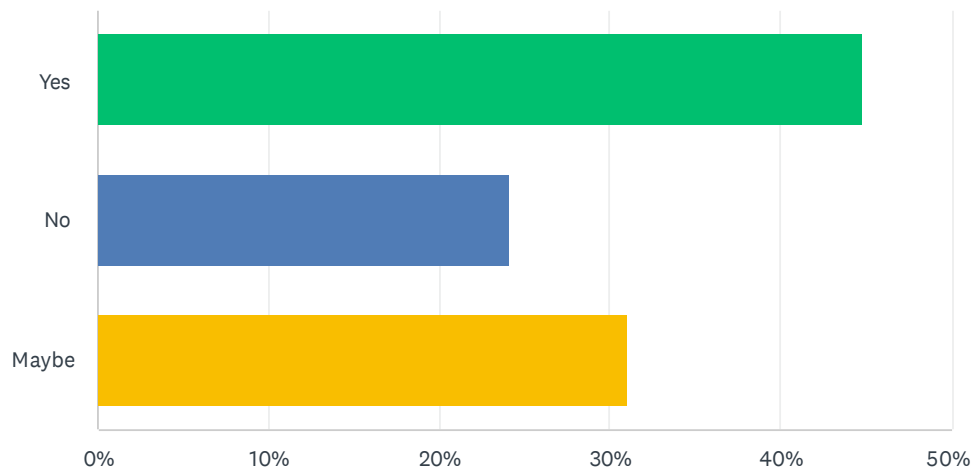


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	DID NOT ATTEND OR N/A TO ME.	1 (NOT VERY GOOD)	2	3	4	5 (VERY GOOD)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Welcome reception	32.14% 9	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	7.14% 2	42.86% 12	28	3.25
President's dinner / banquet	31.03% 9	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	17.24% 5	13.79% 4	34.48% 10	29	3.17
Networking breaks	3.45% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13.79% 4	27.59% 8	55.17% 16	29	4.31

Q19 If offered in the future, would you purchase a meal pass for a spouse/guest?

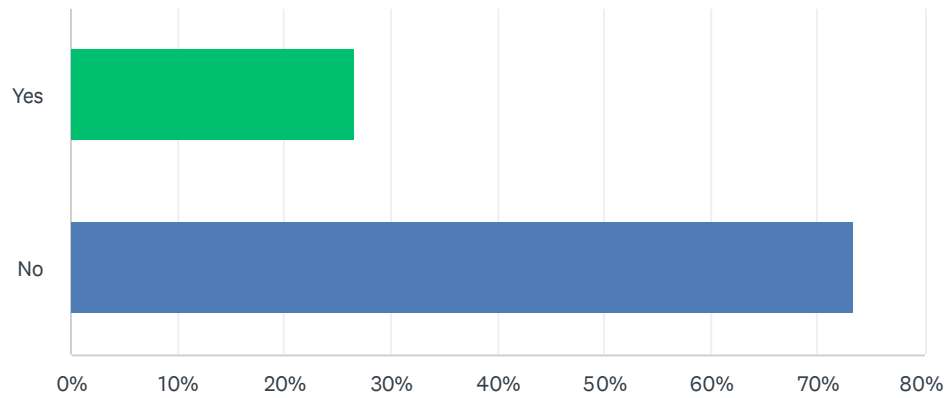
Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		44.83%	13
No		24.14%	7
Maybe		31.03%	9
TOTAL			29

Q20 Did you participate in any optional tours or off-site activities?

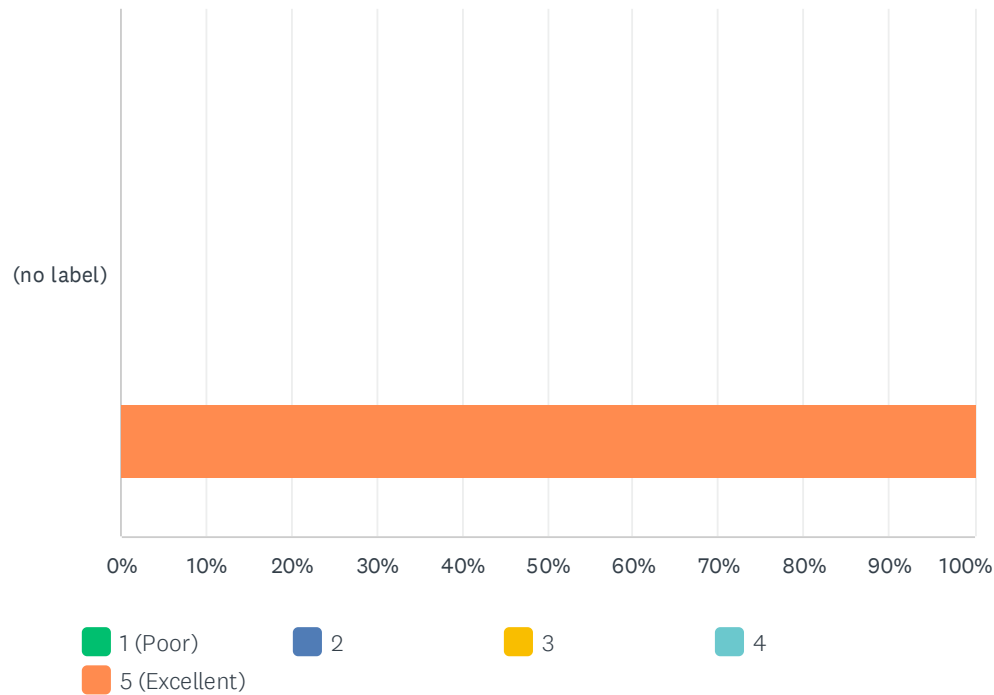
Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.67%	8
No	73.33%	22
TOTAL		30

Q21 If yes, how would you rate the tour(s)?

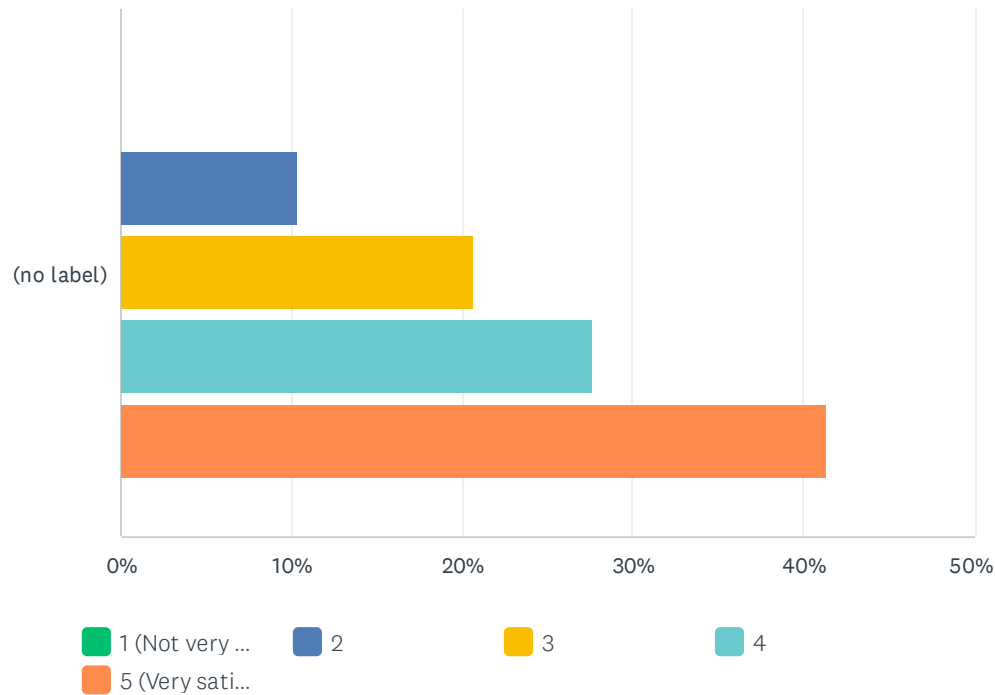
Answered: 8 Skipped: 22



	1 (POOR)	2	3	4	5 (EXCELLENT)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	8	5.00
	0	0	0	0	8	8	

Q22 How satisfied were you with audio/visual quality in session rooms?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



	1 (NOT VERY SATISFIED)	2	3	4	5 (VERY SATISFIED)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	10.34%	20.69%	27.59%	41.38%		
	0	3	6	8	12	29	4.00

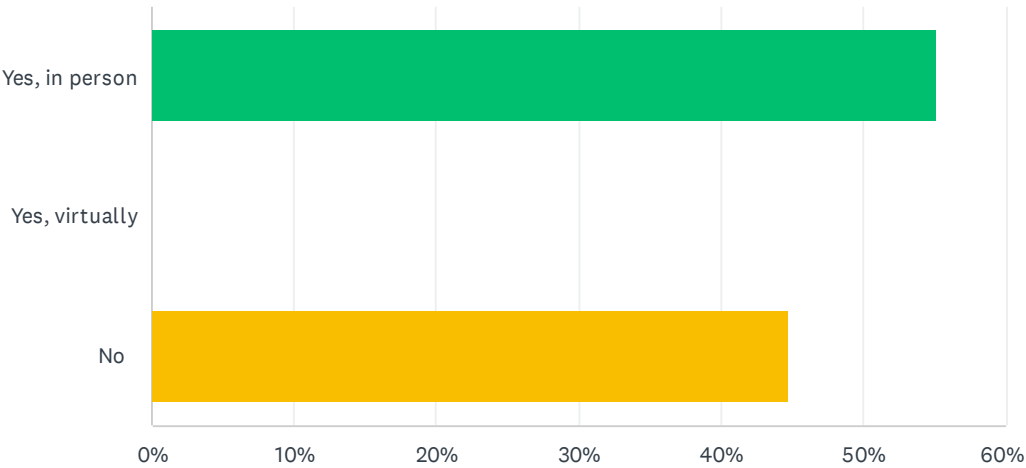
Q23 Did you experience any technical or logistical issues?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The stage was not well positioned	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	yes as a presenter the pointer did not function	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
3	The column in front of the speakers was a little distracting.	1/29/2026 10:31 AM
4	Lots of feedback Saturday morning. Technical issues with playing sound from videos. Screens were positioned so that the chandeliers blocked the upper portion if sitting near the rear of the room.	1/20/2026 6:19 PM
5	We had power issues, but the technicians were prompt in resolving it.	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
6	No	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
7	No	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
8	The column blocking the podium was unfortunate.	1/19/2026 12:58 PM
9	No, Except for the larger column in the middle of the room. That was a distraction.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
10	No but the column in front the speakers was awkward and the light fixtures blocked the top of the screens	1/18/2026 10:18 PM
11	Cold room. 'Live' room. Difficult to hear and converse.	1/18/2026 8:53 PM
12	Nope great team	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
13	My only complaint was the presence of a column in front of the preenters - a small problem to be sure.	1/18/2026 8:05 PM
14	No.	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
15	Just the pillar blocking the speaker & the lights hanging in front of the screen	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
16	Could of been a bit louder	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
17	No	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
18	No	1/18/2026 5:40 PM
19	The AV guys were awesome	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q24 Did you attend the NAFE Board Meeting?

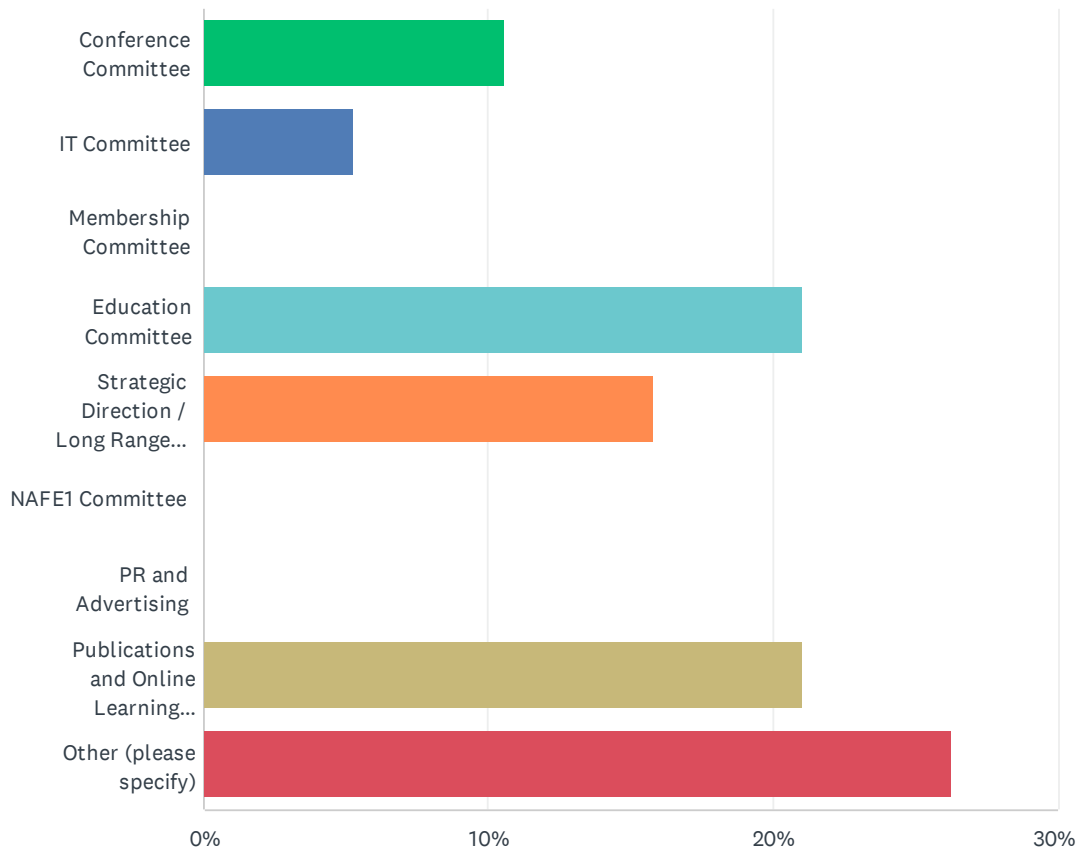
Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, in person	55.17%	16
Yes, virtually	0.00%	0
No	44.83%	13
TOTAL		29

Q25 Would you consider volunteering with NAFE in the future?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Conference Committee		10.53%	2
IT Committee		5.26%	1
Membership Committee		0.00%	0
Education Committee		21.05%	4
Strategic Direction / Long Range Planning Committee		15.79%	3
NAFE1 Committee		0.00%	0
PR and Advertising		0.00%	0
Publications and Online Learning (Journal)		21.05%	4
Other (please specify)		26.32%	5
TOTAL			19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I volunteered in past but received no followup from NAFE	1/20/2026 3:05 PM

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2	Already involved	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
3	Plate is full with my BOD obligations	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
4	Whatever is most needed	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
5	Already do	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

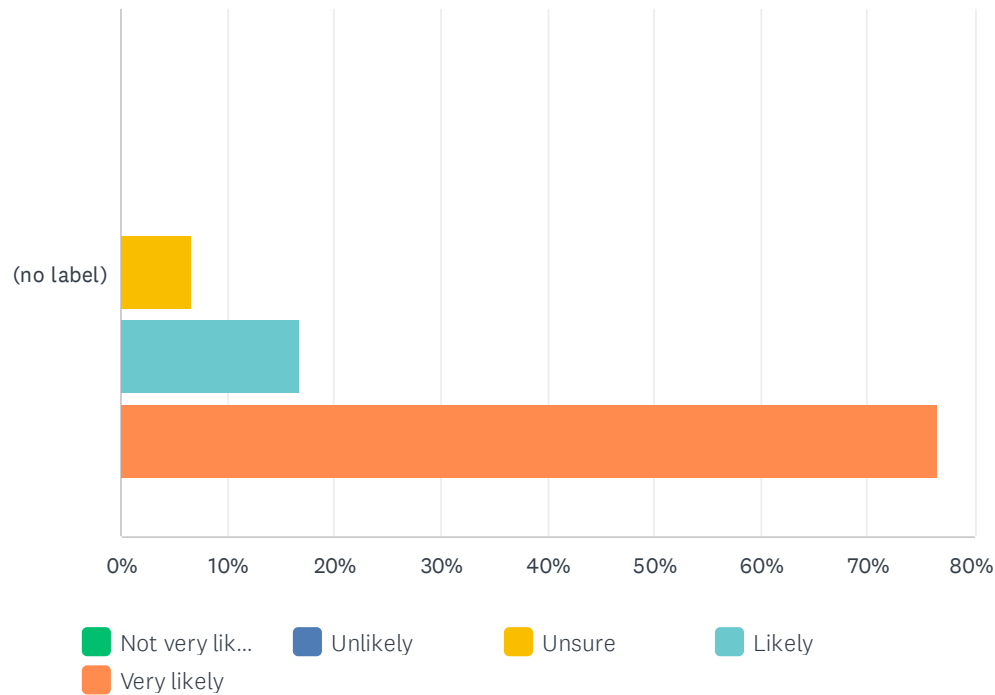
Q26 Your name and email address

Answered: 23 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Gina Bumshteyn Ginabumshteyn@yahoo.com	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	Raul@escapaexpert.com	2/2/2026 9:31 PM
3	Jeff Lange, Jeff.Lange@langetech.net	2/2/2026 4:25 PM
4	Gerald Zadikoff - gzadikoff@gmselby.com	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
5	Richard Rice/mutual@bellsouth.net	1/29/2026 10:31 AM
6	Robert Peruzzi -- Peruzzi@RPeruzzi.com	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
7	Mathew Martonovich mmartonovich@nederveld.com	1/20/2026 6:19 PM
8	Christopher Tjon ctjon@nederveld.com	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
9	Borichevsky 508L 4n6pe@verizon.net	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
10	Rebecca Bowman, rbowmanesq@aol.com	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
11	Scott Anson ScottAnson.PE@icloud.com	1/20/2026 10:36 AM
12	Robert Fuchs - rfuchs@pjaengineers.com	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
13	Andrew Johnson (awjohnson@engsys.com)	1/19/2026 11:49 AM
14	Paul Tucker, Paul@AreteForensics.com	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
15	BWIERS@NEDERVELD.COM	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
16	john.gilewicz@efiglobal.com	1/18/2026 8:05 PM
17	Brian Eubanks, brian@pseglobal.com	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
18	Samuel Sudler, ssudler@sealimited.com	1/18/2026 7:03 PM
19	AJ Garito ajg@tworivereng.com	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
20	Ziad Azzi, ziad.azzi90@hotmail.com	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
21	timdunn@mindspring.com	1/18/2026 5:40 PM
22	Yoandi Interian (yoandi.interian@lgiforensic.com)	1/18/2026 5:40 PM
23	Steve Pietropaolo. steve@lgiforensic.com	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q27 How likely are you to attend another NAFE conference?

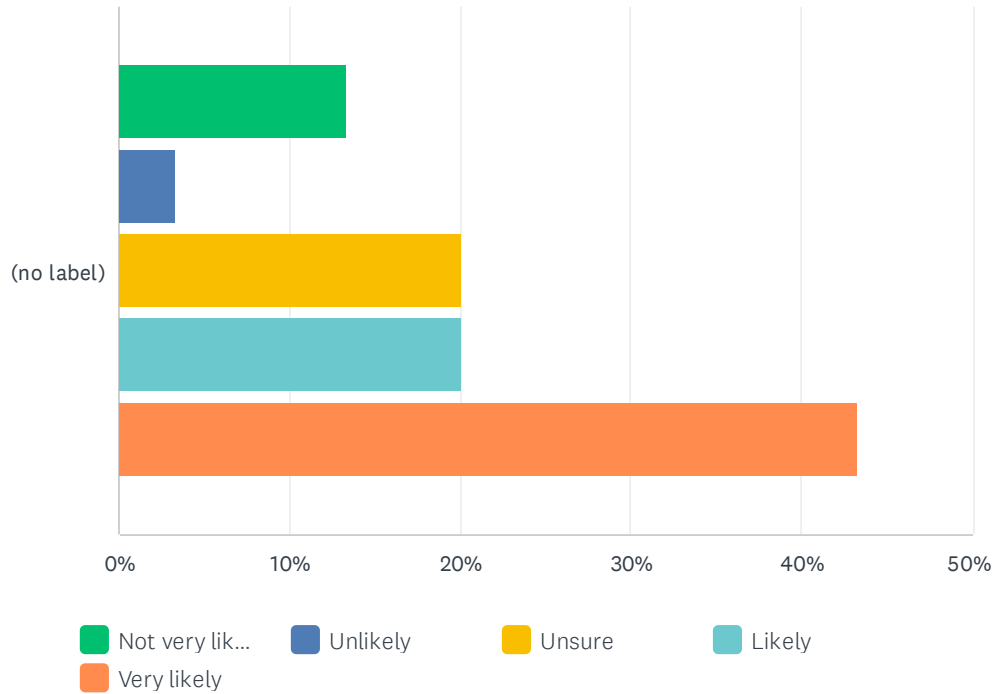
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	NOT VERY LIKELY	UNLIKELY	UNSURE	LIKELY	VERY LIKELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	6.67%	16.67%	76.67%	30	4.70
	0	0	2	5	23		

Q28 How likely are you to attend the next NAFE conference (Summer 2026)?

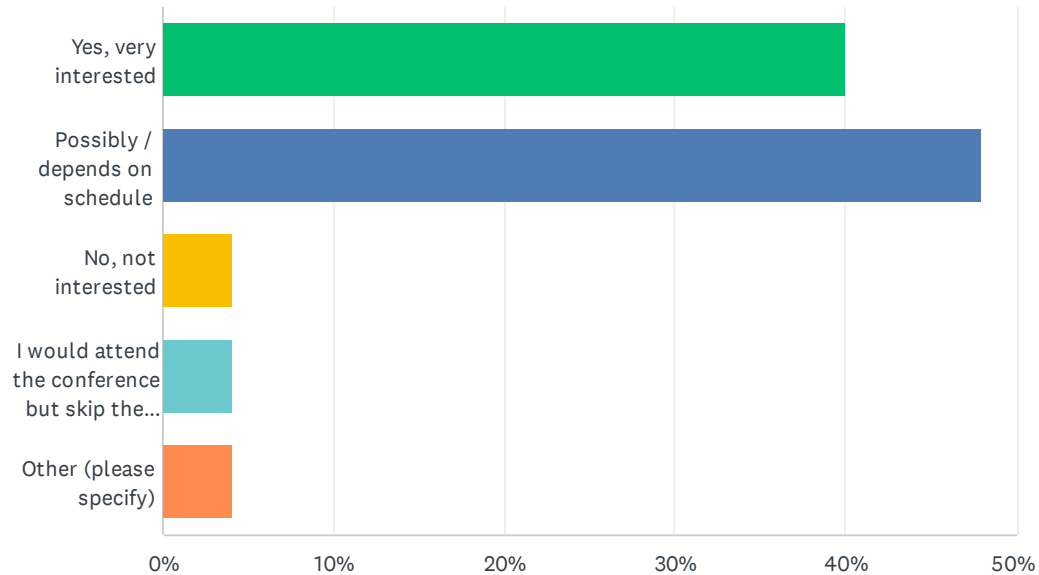
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	NOT VERY LIKELY	UNLIKELY	UNSURE	LIKELY	VERY LIKELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	13.33%	3.33%	20.00%	20.00%	43.33%	30	3.77
	4	1	6	6	13		

Q29 1. Would you be interested in a Friday evening harbor dinner cruise in Portland? (Approximate cost: \$100–\$150 per person)

Answered: 25 Skipped: 5

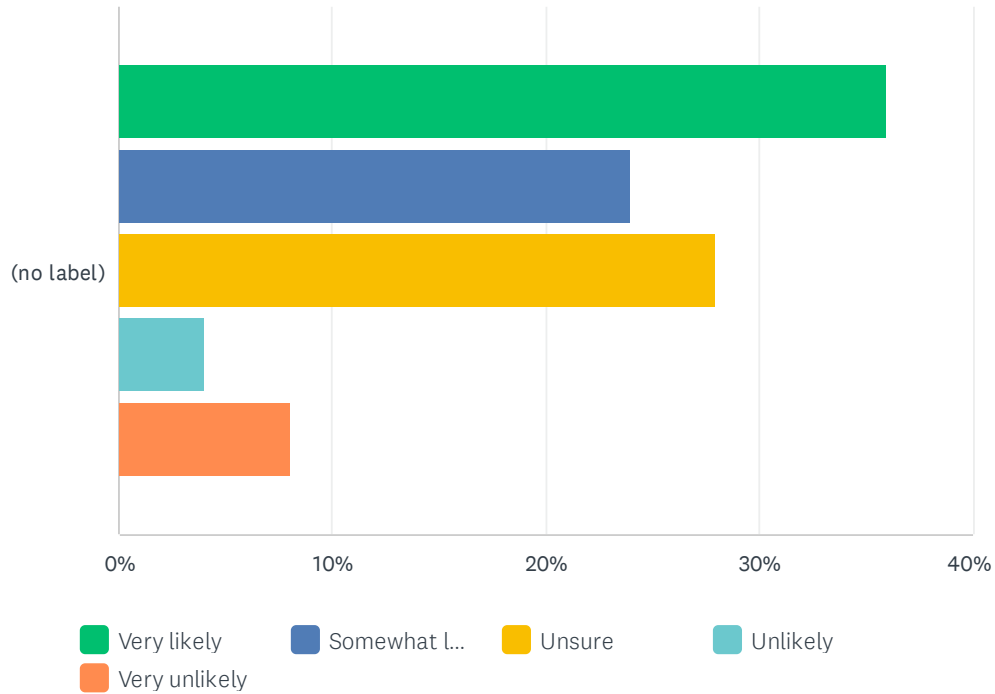


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes, very interested		40.00%	10
Possibly / depends on schedule		48.00%	12
No, not interested		4.00%	1
I would attend the conference but skip the optional activities		4.00%	1
Other (please specify)		4.00%	1
TOTAL			25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I may have to go to a wedding that weekend - that's the only reason I may not attend.	1/18/2026 8:05 PM

Q30 If offered, how likely would you be to participate in a Friday optional tour or activity (similar to previous tours like the Surge Barrier)?

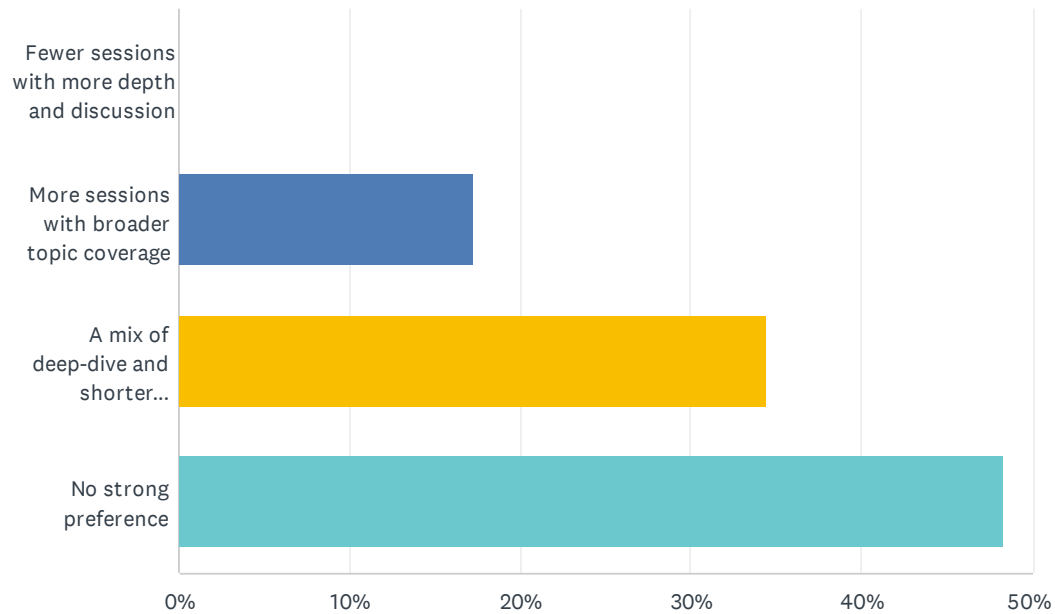
Answered: 25 Skipped: 5



	VERY LIKELY	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	UNSURE	UNLIKELY	VERY UNLIKELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	36.00% 9	24.00% 6	28.00% 7	4.00% 1	8.00% 2	25	2.24

Q31 Would you prefer: (Select the option that best fits your preference)

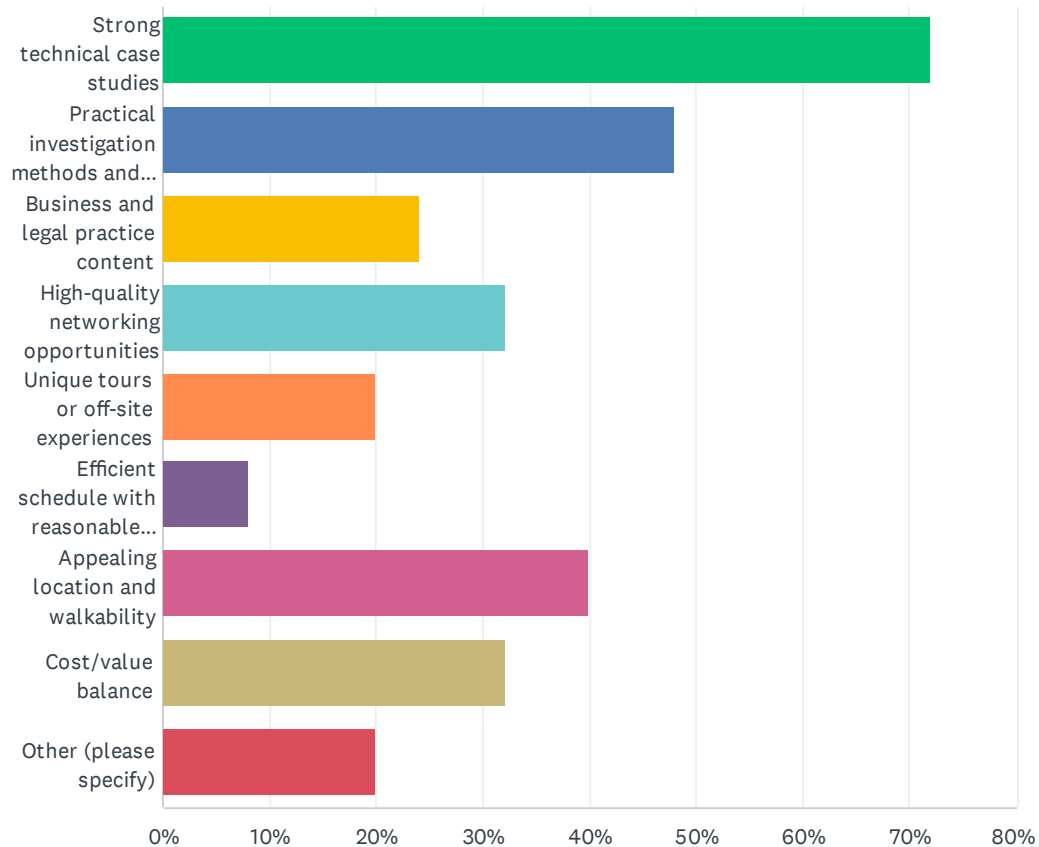
Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fewer sessions with more depth and discussion	0.00%	0
More sessions with broader topic coverage	17.24%	5
A mix of deep-dive and shorter sessions	34.48%	10
No strong preference	48.28%	14
TOTAL		29

Q32 What would make the Summer 2026 Portland conference a “must-attend” for you? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 25 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strong technical case studies	72.00%	18
Practical investigation methods and tools	48.00%	12
Business and legal practice content	24.00%	6
High-quality networking opportunities	32.00%	8
Unique tours or off-site experiences	20.00%	5
Efficient schedule with reasonable start/end times	8.00%	2
Appealing location and walkability	40.00%	10
Cost/value balance	32.00%	8
Other (please specify)	20.00%	5
Total Respondents: 25		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	specific topics that interest my areas of expertise	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
2	Tours for spouses	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
3	N/A I have a scheduling conflict and cannot attend	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
4	Cancellation of the wedding	1/18/2026 8:05 PM
5	Make it similar to the previous conferences & all a good	1/18/2026 6:28 PM

Q33 Are there any cities or venues you would like NAFE to consider in the future?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Las Vegas	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Charlotte, Madison WI, Denver or other Colorado town.	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
3	From what I've heard from others, many NAFE members are bringing their spouses to Portland, ME. Another place spouses come is...Honolulu ;-). Maybe in two years. Western Cananda in the summer would be perfect. Calgary, Edmonton or near there would be a great different place to go.	1/29/2026 10:31 AM
4	Northeast US Boston, Philadelphia, DC, NYC Montreal, Quebec City	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
5	I was intrigued by the idea of doing the next winter one in Puerto Rico	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
6	Puerto Rico Prince Edward Island West Virginia	1/20/2026 10:56 AM
7	SanAntonio TX - on the River Walk in January - we need to make sure timing doesnt overlap with the annual Riverwalk draining and cleaning.	1/20/2026 10:36 AM
8	I mentioned Phoenix, AZ. The Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
9	Vancouver, BC Calgary, Alberta College towns with major engineering programs. Liaise with students & faculty. Inspire students. Embry Riddle was a great tour. FSU has the National High Magnetic Laboratory. I'm sure other schools have similar show places.	1/18/2026 8:53 PM
10	Actual warm cities for winter conference.	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
11	New York, Miami	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
12	Miami for Winter 2027 Conference	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
13	Bahamas Puerto Rico Canada	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q34 What was the single best part of this conference?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The people	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	New Orleans venue	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
3	Everything was good.	1/29/2026 10:31 AM
4	Location in New Orleans, walking distance to French Quarter	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
5	Networking	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
6	New Orleans -- Titan Presentations	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
7	Technical/Education sessions	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
8	The networking and the sharing within the sessions	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
9	The people and the topics	1/20/2026 10:36 AM
10	Being around people that I know in the industry in a non-adversarial environment.	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
11	I really enjoyed the tour on Friday. I have enjoyed every tour that I have been on.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
12	The content of the presentations	1/18/2026 10:18 PM
13	Location	1/18/2026 8:53 PM
14	No answer	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
15	The quality of the presentations.	1/18/2026 8:05 PM
16	The overall setup, flow, content and people.	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
17	The presentation on mental health by Lori	1/18/2026 7:03 PM
18	Networking learning from peers	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
19	I own a small firm and got involved in forensic work late in my career. I enjoy the opportunity to Meet and learn from other forensic engineers	1/18/2026 5:46 PM
20	The location and some of the sessions	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
21	Technical sessions and networking	1/18/2026 5:40 PM
22	Seeing everyone	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q35 What is one thing we should change or improve next time?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better stage.	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	Pricing structure	1/29/2026 1:26 PM
3	Like a wrote before, the column was in the way. However, I will admit that the conference was great overall.	1/29/2026 10:31 AM
4	Strictly limit the time for self introductions on Saturday and Sunday mornings.	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
5	Make Sat networking reservatoins earlier	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
6	Graphics	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
7	no suggestions	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
8	There simply weren't enough appetizers at the reception, and, at the President's dinner, the shrimp and grits were served more than 20 minutes after the pork. It's always best to have a non-chocolate dessert option.	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
9	5 hours of one speaker/topic is too much for me. While the Titan is interesting and a unique topic, I hope we can be done with it. It seemed more people than normal ducked out on Sunday afternoon.	1/20/2026 10:36 AM
10	Better review of the presentation topics by NAFE and the presenter's conclusions.	1/19/2026 6:44 PM
11	The dinner signups were lacking. I like the way it worked in Santa Fe and Ann Arbor. Maybe there were too many options in NO and it stymied everyone. I missed having dinner together.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
12	All is good	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
13	Maybe start first day a little later in the morning.	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
14	Na	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
15	Select better speakers that are unbiased and knowledgeable in the subject matter they are presenting	1/18/2026 5:44 PM
16	Nothing all good	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

Q36 Any additional comments or suggestions?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would like to see the dinner groups better planned and more encouraged. Its a great part of networking.	2/6/2026 10:17 AM
2	Thank you for volunteering your efforts.	1/20/2026 7:30 PM
3	I have not found a spot to be a peer reviewer on specific technical sessions. We should solicit peer reviewers on each technical session to ensure we have peer reviewers with specific technical/industry background in the topic.	1/20/2026 5:45 PM
4	Better Hotel -- not more expensive -- just better service	1/20/2026 3:05 PM
5	When the airport is a LONG way away, organized rideshares would be lovely. Public transportation was available from the airport, but, man, did I have to work at it.	1/20/2026 2:04 PM
6	Please no more TITAN Submersible presentations. Having a single option of food that does not contain pork is not options. Please have numerous options to account for dietary restrictions. The Food, although good, was slow. I didn't get served until 9:00 pm at the President's Dinner.	1/19/2026 11:17 AM
7	Don't repeatedly run out of food.	1/18/2026 8:53 PM
8	Nope	1/18/2026 8:22 PM
9	Onsite AV team was amazing and instrumental in smooth AV experience all conference.	1/18/2026 7:10 PM
10	O	1/18/2026 6:28 PM
11	All good	1/18/2026 5:39 PM

NAFE Summer 2027 Conference

July 16, 2027 to July 18, 2027

Louisville Marriott Downtown



<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sdflm-louisville-marriott-downtown/overview/>

Location

Whiskey Row

- Louisville Slugger Museum
- Muhammad Ali Center
- Fourth Street Live
- Waterfront Park

About

- Large conference infrastructure (54,000 sq. ft. meeting space)
- Strong downtown location with excellent walkability
- Complimentary meeting space with F&B commitment
- Starbucks, Lobby Par, Porch Kitchen & Bar

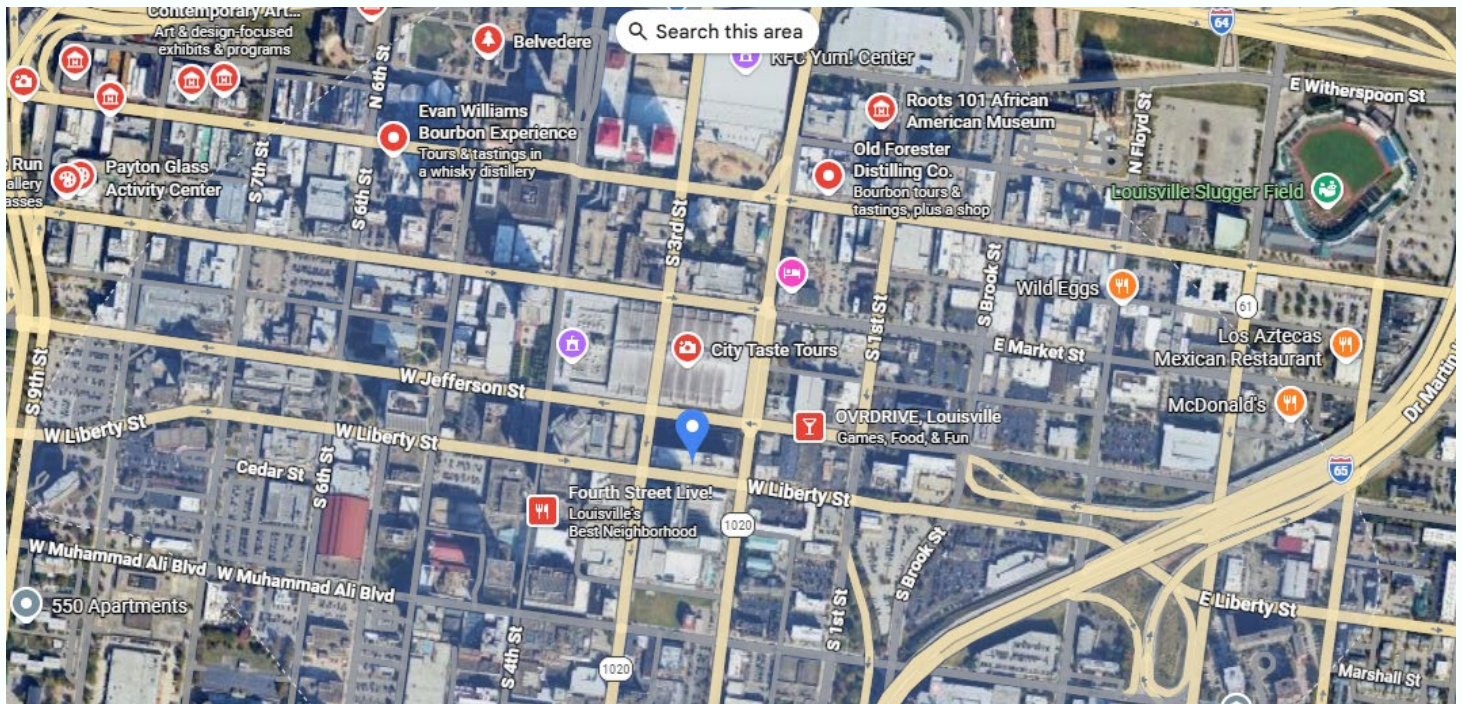
NAFE Cost

- Estimated F&B Spend: \$32,000
- Service Charge (26%): \$8,320
- Tax (6%): \$1,920
- AV Budget: \$15,000
- Meeting Room Rental: \$0
- Estimated Total NAFE Cost: \$57,240

165 Rooms;
80%
Cumulative
Attrition

Attendee Cost

- Room Rate: \$220/night
- Hotel (3 nights): \$762
- Average Airfare: \$350
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: \$2,312



Omni Louisville

About

- Newer luxury property
- 70,000 sq. ft. of meeting space
- General Session: 3,300 sq. ft. guaranteed
- Neighborhood Services Bar + Restaurant
- Pin + Proof
- Bob's Steak & Chop House
- Library Bar

Location

- Whiskey Row
- Falls City Market
- Fourth Street Live
- Louisville Slugger Museum
- Bourbon Trail attractions
- Downtown restaurants and nightlife

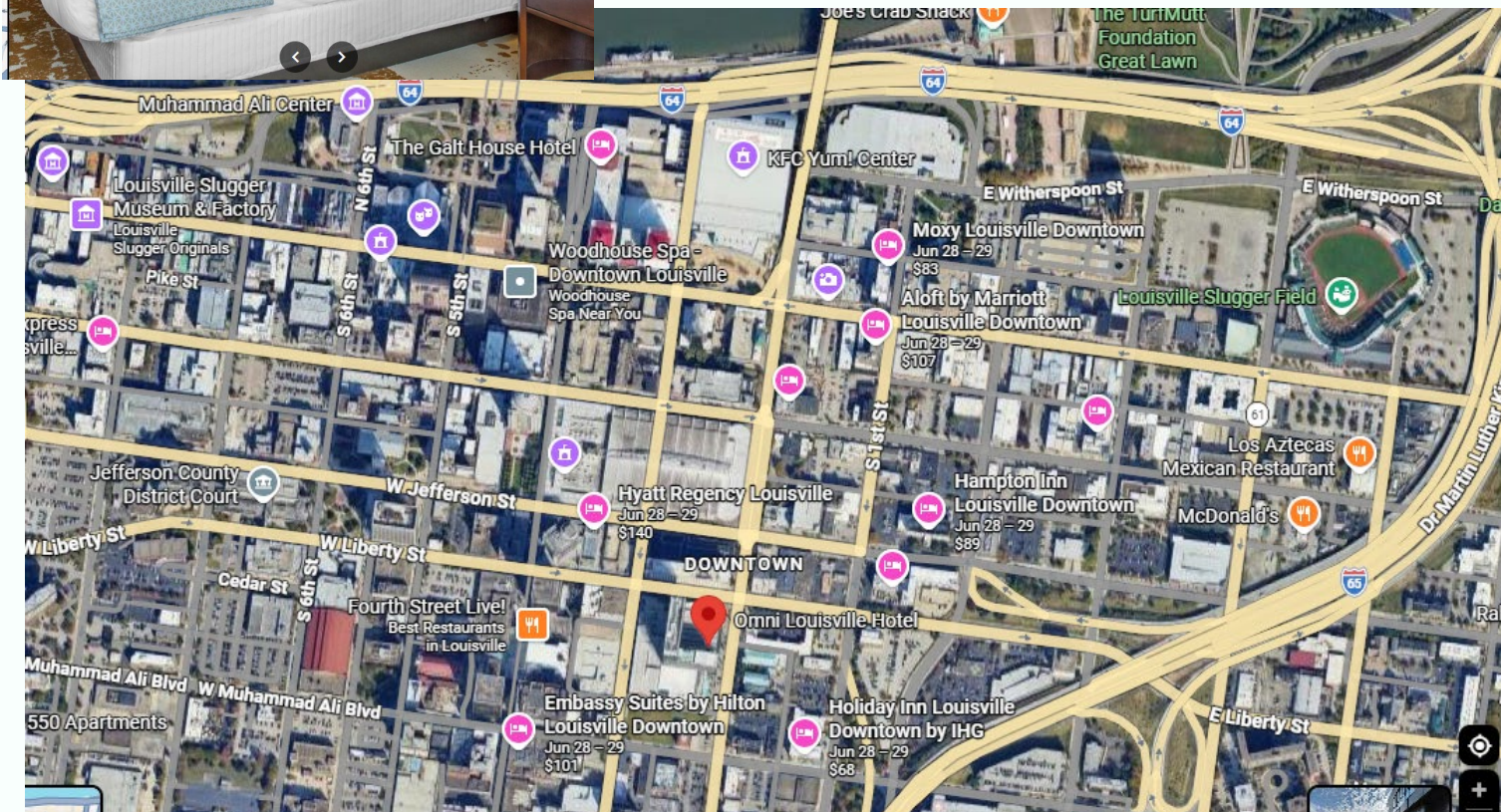
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- Tax (6%): \$1,920
- AV Budget: \$15,000
- Meeting Room Rental: \$0
- Estimated Total NAFE Cost: \$57,240

165 Rooms;
90% Nightly
Attrition

Attendee Cost

- Room Rate: \$209/night
- Hotel (3 nights): \$724
- Average Airfare: \$350
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: \$2,274



The Galt House Hotel [Louisville] (Wyndham)



About

- Louisville's only waterfront hotel
- Recently renovated meeting and public spaces
- Multiple on-site restaurants, bourbon bar, and rooftop dining

Location

- Muhammad Ali Center
- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
- KFC Yum! Center
- Fourth Street Live
- Bourbon Trail attractions
- Downtown restaurants and nightlife

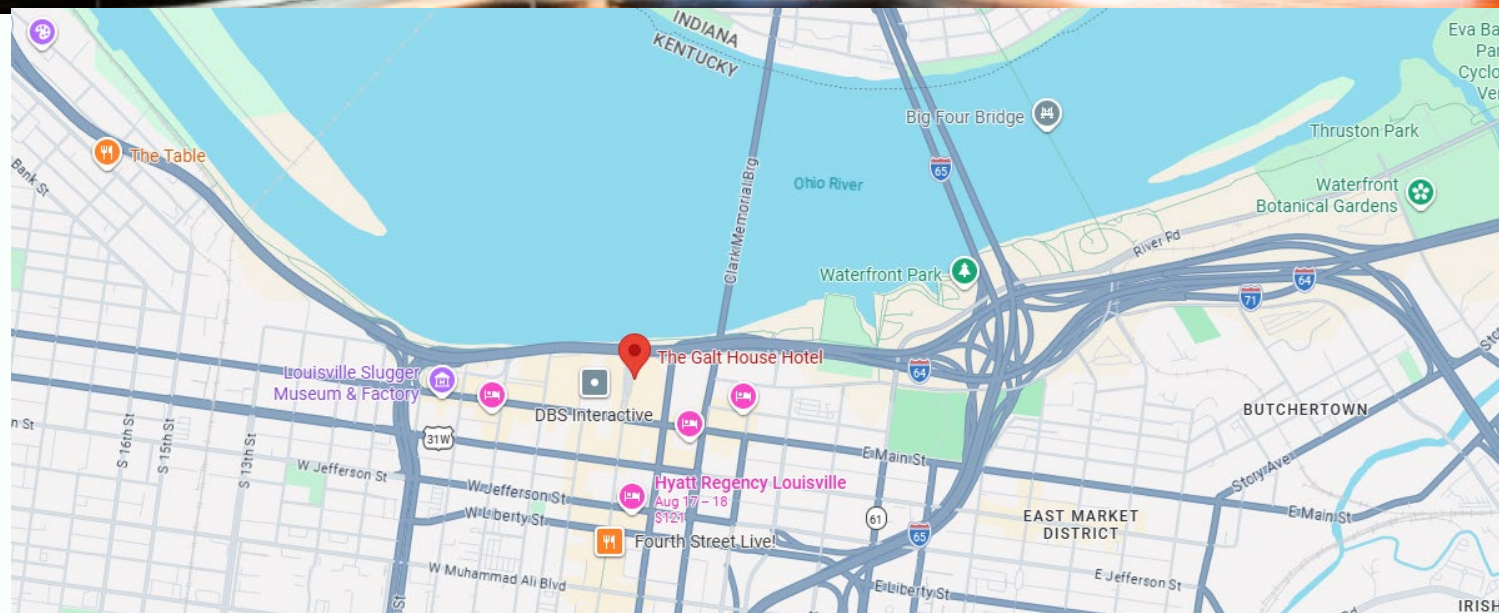
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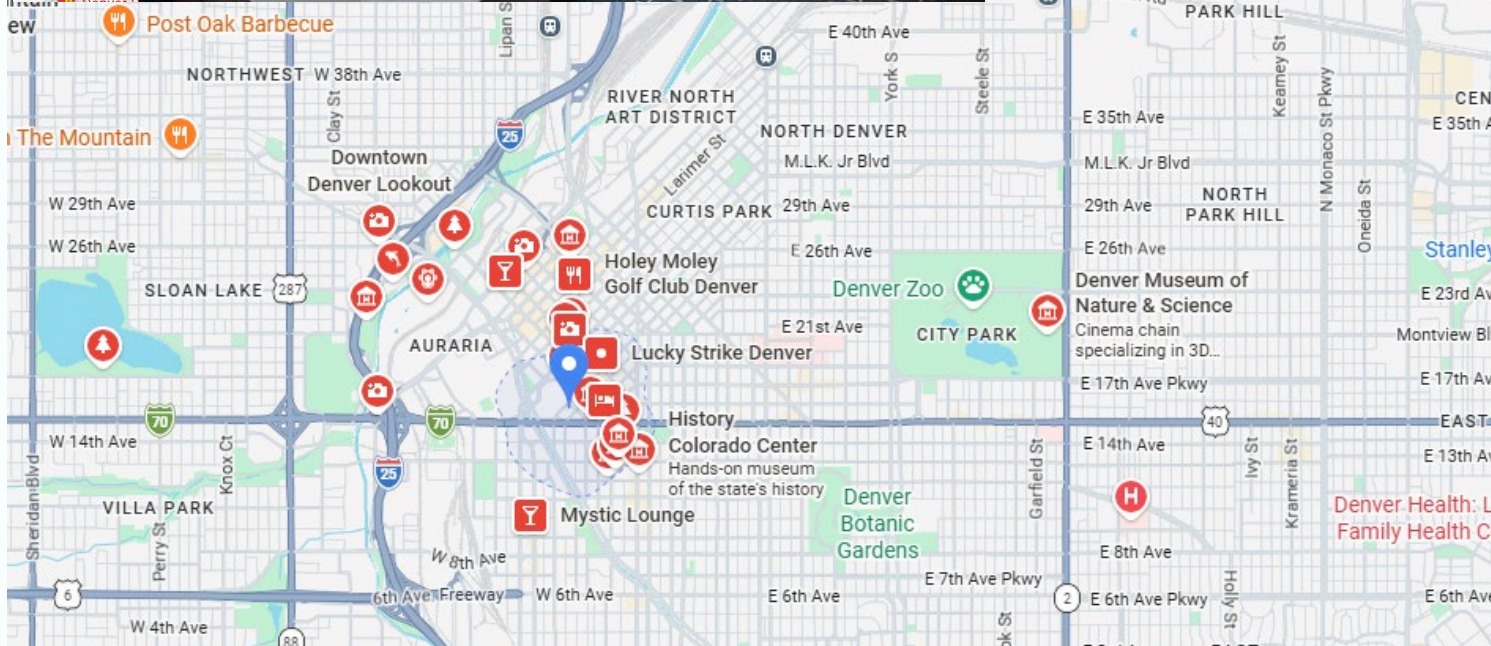
165 Rooms; No attrition allowance

Attendee Cost

- Room Rate: \$195/night
- Hotel (3 nights): \$676
- Average Airfare: \$350
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: \$2,226



The Slate Hotel Denver (Hilton)



About

- Lowest F&B minimum
- Best attrition flexibility
- Strong downtown Denver location
- Budget-friendly proposal structure
- Meeting package includes AV equipment
- Teachers' Lounge Food + Drink

Walkability & Things To Do

- LoDo Historic District
- Union Station
- Larimer Square
- Denver Art Museum
- Coors Field
- Downtown dining and breweries

NAFE Cost

- Estimated F&B Spend: \$32,000
- Service Charge (26%): \$8,320
- Tax (8%): \$2,560
- AV Budget: \$6000
- Meeting Room Rental: \$900
- Estimated Total NAFE Cost: \$53,180

165 Rooms;
60%
Attrition

Attendee Cost

- Room Rate: \$229/night
- Hotel (3 nights): \$795
- Average Airfare: \$450
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: \$2,445

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront

About

- Waterfront location
- Unique destination experience
- Attractive summer weather
- International venue option
- Room rental charges apply

Location

- Halifax Harbourwalk
- Citadel Hill
- Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- Historic waterfront district
- Ferry to Dartmouth
- Local pubs and seafood restaurants

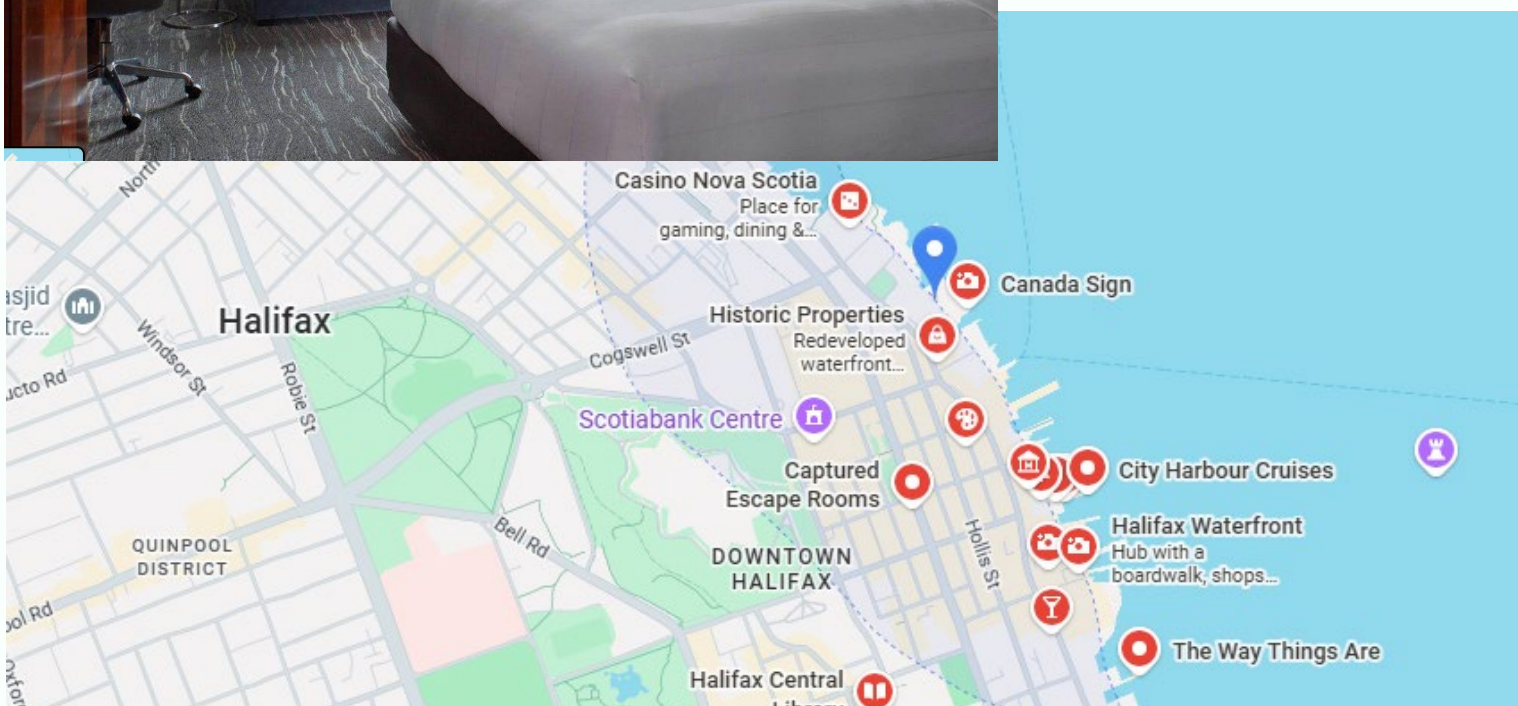
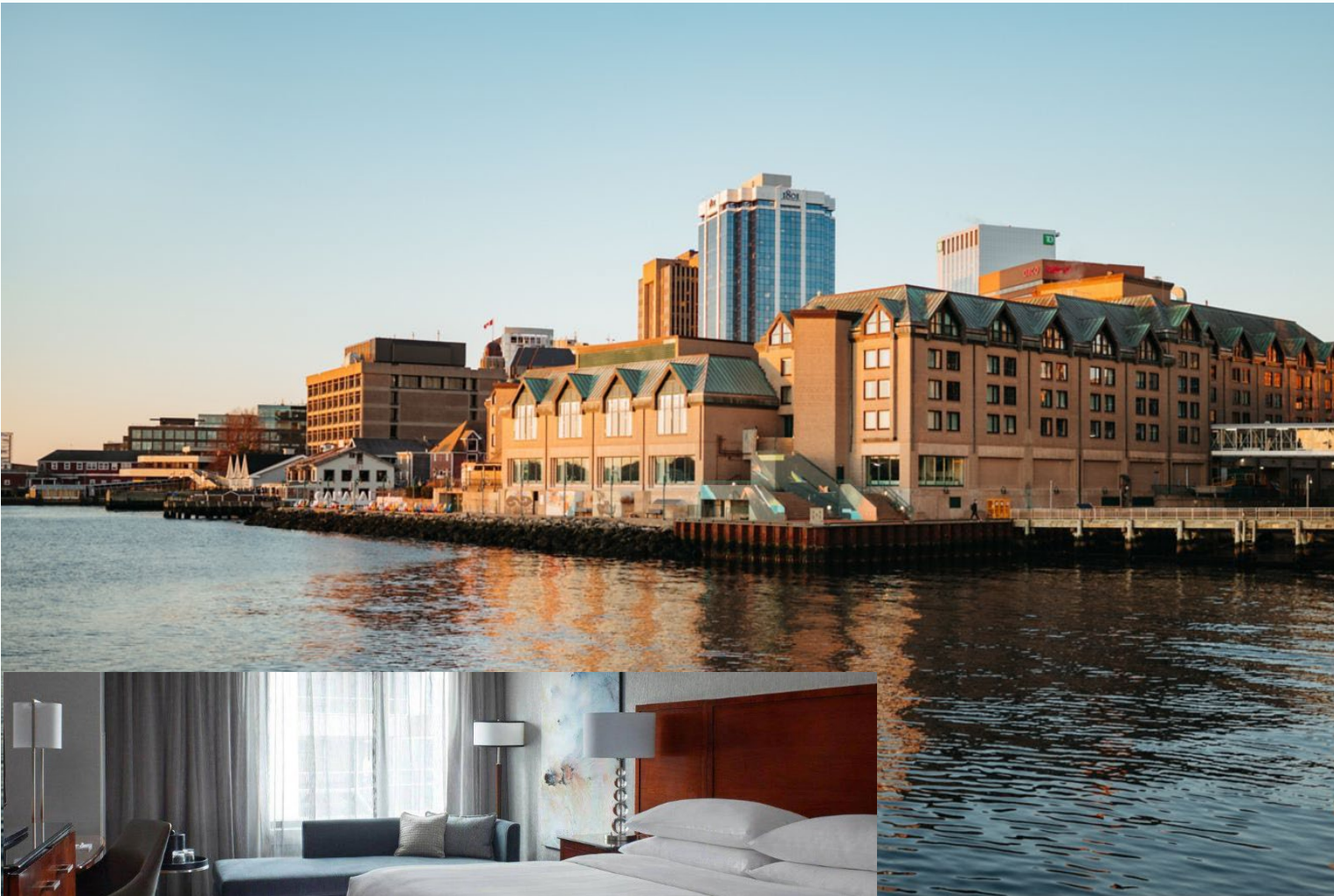
NAFE Cost

- Estimated F&B Spend: ~\$32,000 USD equivalent
- Service Charge (~20%): ~\$6,400
- Tax (~14%): ~\$4,480
- AV Budget: \$15,000
- Meeting Room Rental: ~\$6841 USD equivalent
- Estimated Total NAFE Cost: ~\$66,680

Attendee Cost

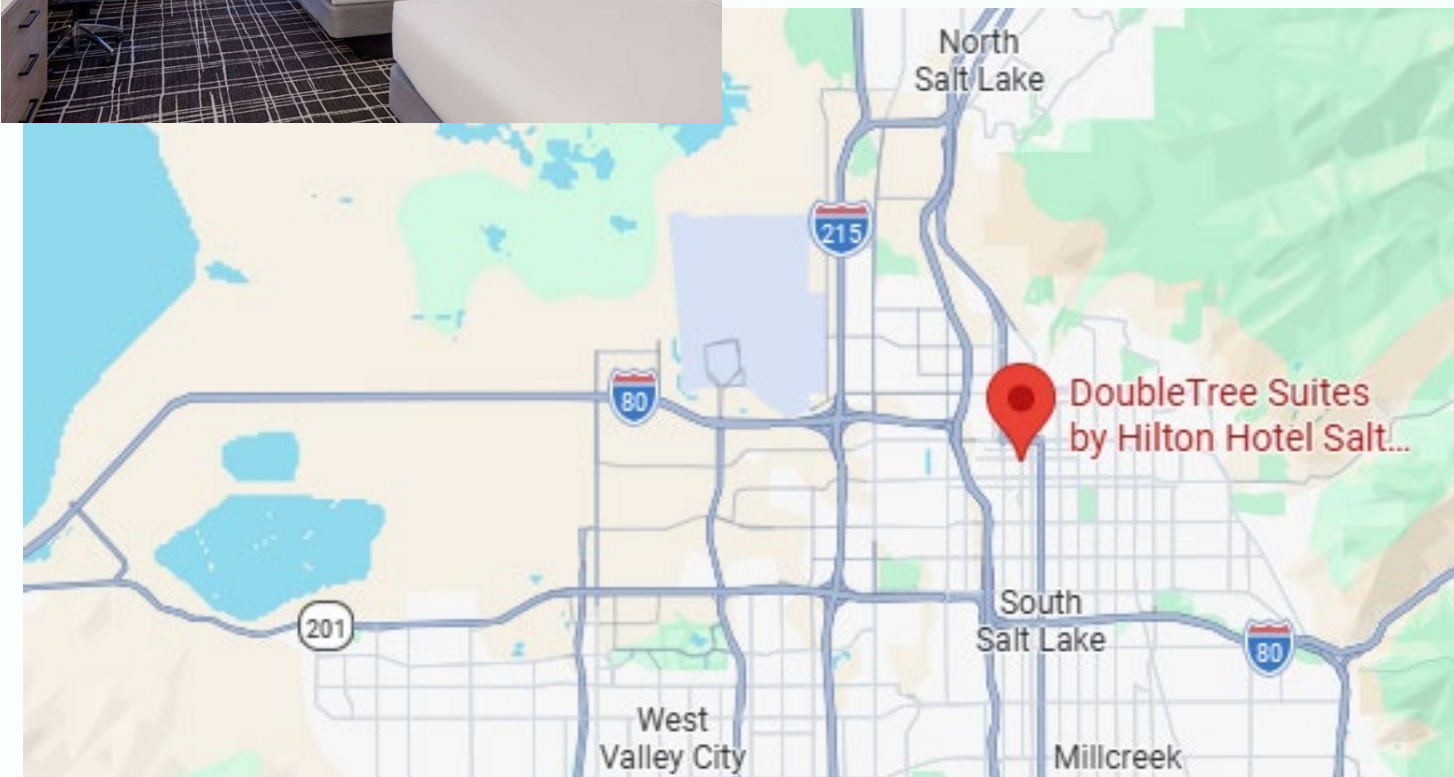
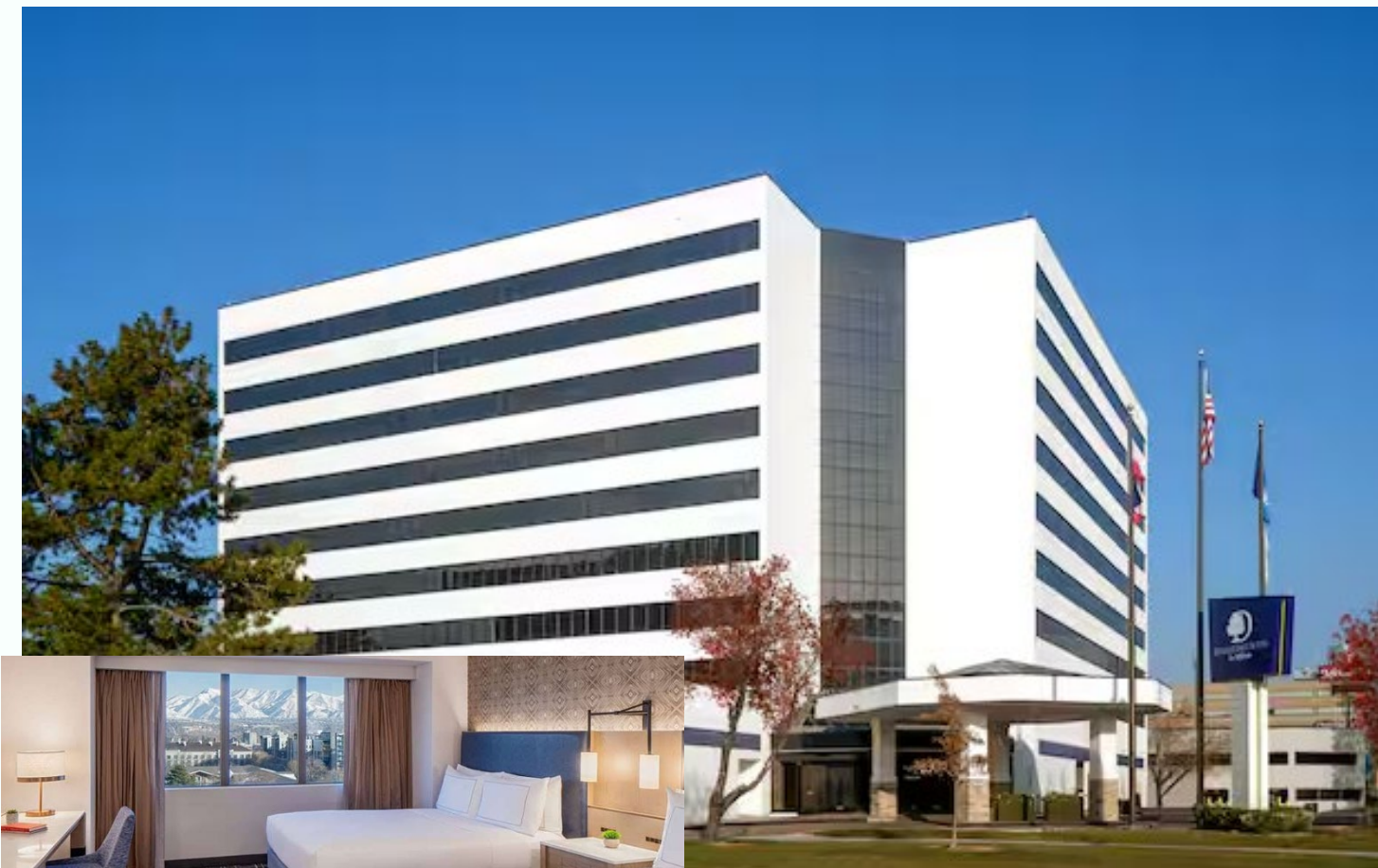
- Room Rate: ~US\$263/night equivalent
- Hotel (3 nights): ~\$926
- Average Airfare: \$650
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: ~\$2,782

165 Rooms;
80%
Attrition



DoubleTree Suites Salt Lake City (Hilton)*

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/slcwsdt-doubletree-suites-salt-lake-city-downtown/>



Location

- Temple Square
- City Creek Center
- Clark Planetarium
- Urban Setting with available transportation options like Uber, Lyft.

About

- 4,862 sq. ft. of total event space
- Convenient, budget-conscious downtown option
- On-site dining, a sports lounge

NAFE Cost

- Estimated F&B Spend: \$32,000
- Service Charge: TBD
- Tax: TBD
- AV Budget: \$15,000
- Meeting Room Rental: \$0
- Estimated Total NAFE Cost: \$57,000

Attendee Cost

- Room Rate: \$189/night
- Hotel (3 nights): \$654
- Average Airfare: \$350
- Registration: \$1,200
- Estimated All-In Attendee Cost: \$2,204

* Proposal Details not Available; late notification of availability

Destinations

Louisville

Average Airfare: \$350

20 Minutes; 6.3 Miles to Airport

Louisville has decent service but is not a hub, so some attendees will connect.

Key Climate Averages:

- **Average High:** 87°F to 89°F
- **Average Low:** ~ 70°F
- **Humidity and Precipitation:** Peak humidity usually occurs in late July, often resulting in sticky conditions and heavy downpours or thunderstorms.

Denver

Average Airfare: \$450

34 Minutes; 21.2 Miles to Airport

Denver is a major hub for United Airlines and Southwest Airlines

Key Climate Averages:

- **Average High:** 88°F to 91°F
- **Average Low:** 60°F to 63°F
- **Humidity and Precipitation:** Low to moderate (around 45%); Roughly 1.7 inches, frequently falling as short, passing afternoon showers or thunderstorms

Halifax

Average Airfare: \$650

32 Minutes; 22.4 Miles to Airport

Halifax has good Canadian and East Coast service, but attendees from the Midwest, West Coast, and South will frequently need a connection and may require customs processing.

Key Climate Averages:

- **Average High:** 70°F to 75°F
- **Average Low:** 55°F and 60°F
- **Humidity and Precipitation:** Average 25% chance of rain on any given day. Precipitation usually falls as brief summer showers or light rain.

Salt Lake City*

Average Airfare: \$500

10–15 Minutes; Approximately 7–8 Miles to Airport

Salt Lake City offers strong domestic air service, with nonstop options from many major U.S. hubs. Some East Coast, Canadian, and smaller-market attendees may need a connection, but overall access is straightforward.

Key Climate Averages:

- Average High: **90°F to 95°F**
- Average Low: **65°F to 70°F**
- Humidity and Precipitation: **Hot and dry, with low humidity and limited rainfall. Brief afternoon thunderstorms are possible but not frequent.**

Other Locations Considered

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DATES

SANTA BARBARA

\$419 /NIGHT
ROOM RATE

BOZEMAN

\$569/ NIGHT
ROOM RATE

CALGARY

\$799/NIGHT
ROOM RATE

PARK CITY

NO LONGER
AVAILABLE

MINNEAPOLIS

LACK OF BOARD
INTEREST

SEATTLE

LACK OF BOARD
INTEREST

NAFE Winter 2028 Conference

January 14, 2028 to January 16, 2028

Strongest Picks

These cities best match NAFE's history of selecting destinations with personality (Santa Fe, Alexandria, New Orleans, Tucson, Daytona Beach) while avoiding oversized convention hotels and allowing the group to be a significant piece of business rather than "small fish in a big pond."

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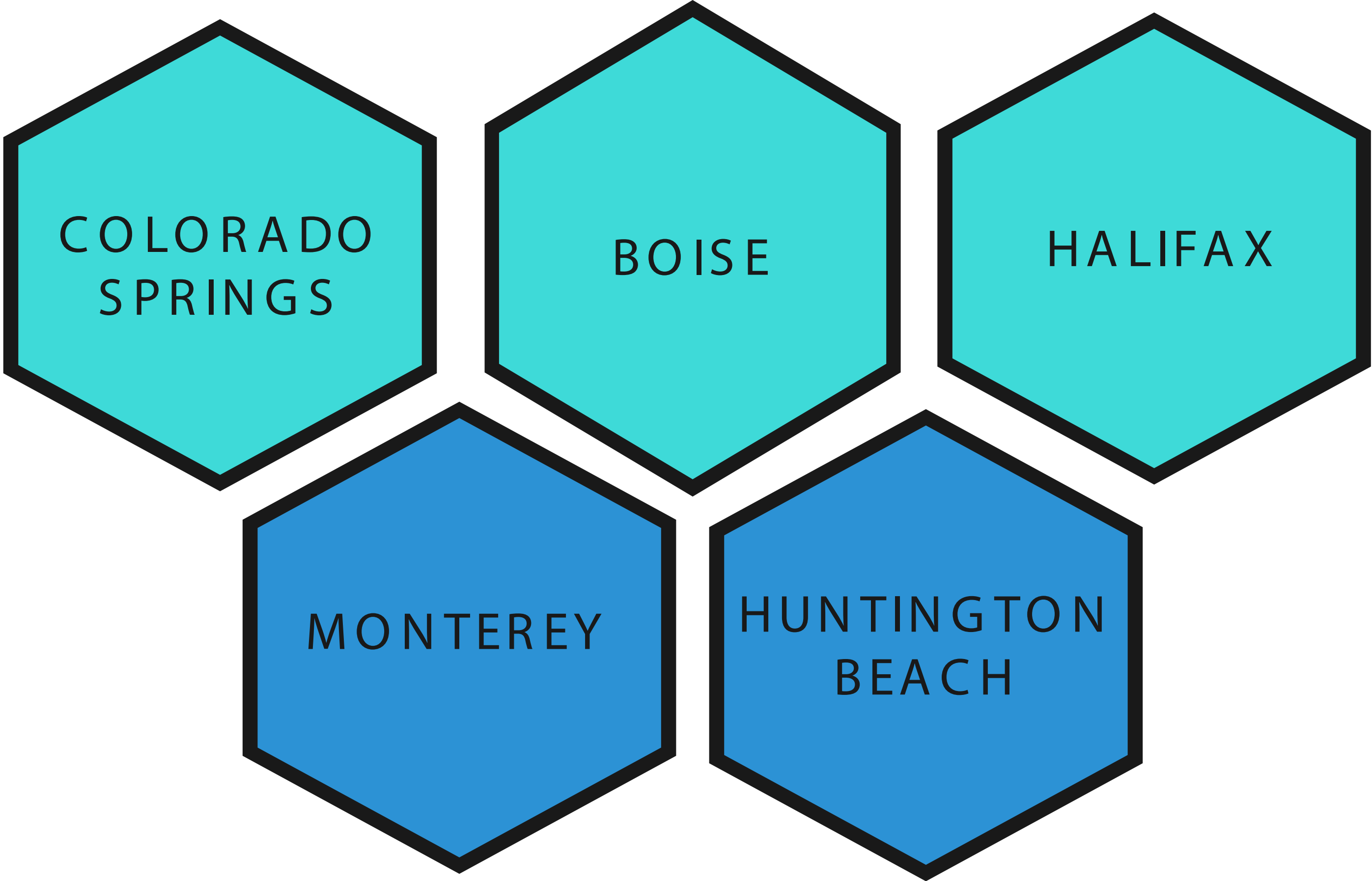
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AUGUSTINE

NAFE Summer 2028 Conference

July 14, 2028 to July16, 2028

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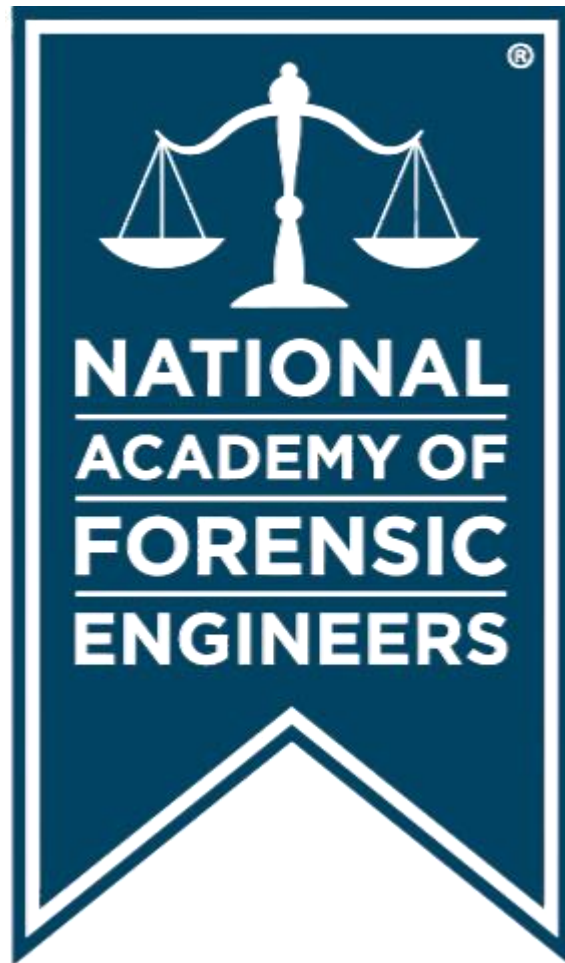
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July 1, 2026

Memorandum

To: NAFE Board of Directors

From: Joseph Leane, PE, CPD Committee Chair

Re: CPD Committee Report

The NAFE CPD procedures are described in Appendix 2 of the Bylaws. That Appendix requires a Member, a Senior Member, or a Fellow maintain a minimum CPD balance of 100 credits, and an Associate Member maintain a minimum CPD balance of 50 credits, from the previous five years (Items 3 and 4). On or before January 7 of each year, each Associate Member, Member, Senior Member and Fellow shall submit a tally listing the CPD credits earned during the previous year. This task is performed via the NAFE online CPD submission form. **The Appendix further states members (all the above membership grades) who do not meet the CPD requirements for more than 6 months (and are not excepted) shall be automatically severed from membership status and certification previously attained.** However, they may transfer to a non-member, non-certified status (Item 5). Members that are not in compliance with the CPD requirements are identified as “No” under “Compliant.”

Members received several email notices instructing them to submit the CPD credits prior to the January 7 deadline. In addition, a reminder notice was sent to the noncompliant members in June encouraging them to submit CPDs. As of today, there are 17 members whose CPD status is *not current*, see Table 1.

I recommend a board discussion to confirm the intention to sever the membership and decertify those on the list below.

Please contact me with any comments or questions. Thank you.

Joseph Leane, P.E., D.F.E.
CPD Committee Chair



Table 1. List of members with not current status as of June 27, 2025.

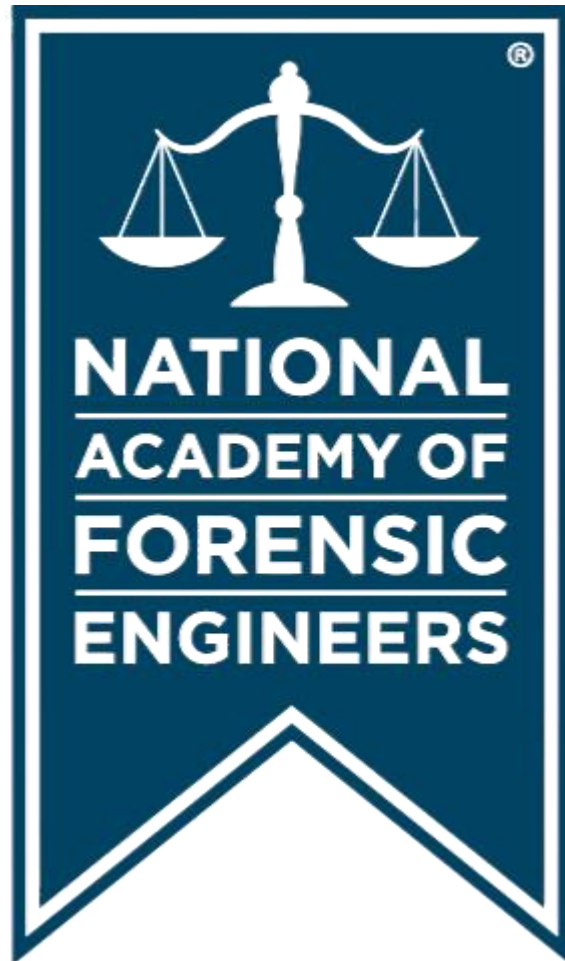
Membership Detail Report

June 24th, 2026 11:17 AM

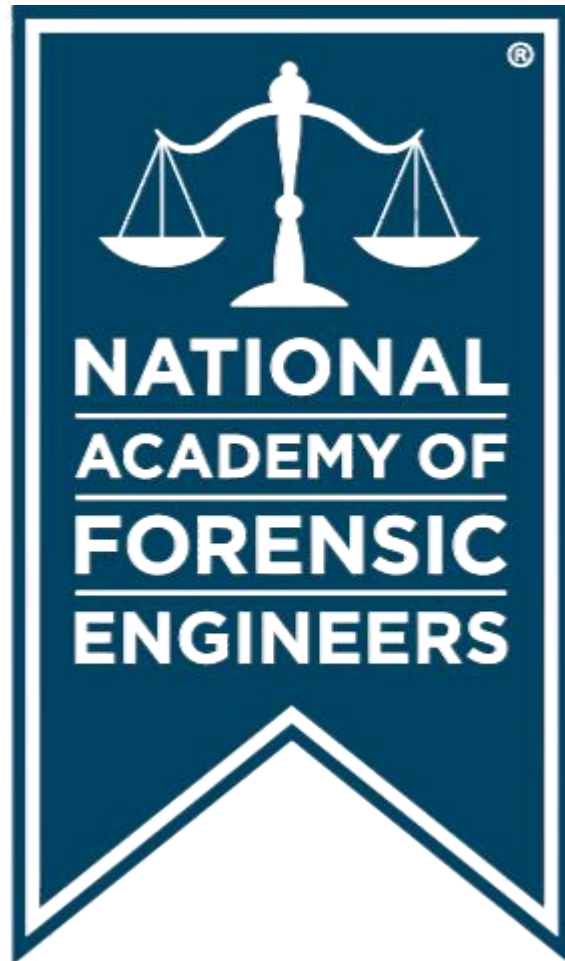
Grouping(s)	Membership											
Is Deleted	Is equal to No											
Is Deceased	Is equal to No											
Primary Membership	Primary members only											
Status	Is one of Current, Grace											
Compliant	Is equal to No											
Contact Name	Membership Type	Member Number	Status	Compliant	CPDs	Life	Charter	Period Required	Period Total	Need	Join Date	End Date
Dyer, James	Associate	1014	Current	No	Yes	No	No	50	39	11	2017-11-16	December 31st, 2026
Eastwood, David	Member	1038	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	54	46	2018-10-10	January 1st, 2027
Elamad, John	Senior	784	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	90	23	2012-02-10	December 31st, 2026
Fusco, Jr., Alfred A.	Member	59	Current	No	Yes	No	Yes	100	35	65	1983-06-22	December 31st, 2026
Imperatore, John	Associate	990	Current	No	Yes	No	No	50	0	50	2017-11-14	January 1st, 2027
Jacobson, Jon	Fellow	401	Grace	No	Yes	Yes	No	100	69	31	1991-05-02	December 31st, 2025
Khan, Faisal	Member	1026	Grace	No	Yes	No	No	100	97	29	2018-07-21	January 1st, 2026
Longseth, Robbie	Member	928	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	0	100	2016-02-16	January 1st, 2027
McPherson, Jason	Member	852	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	54	46	2014-07-15	December 31st, 2026
Merlo, George	Senior	142	Current	No	Yes	Yes	No	100	90	30	1984-07-30	December 31st, 2026
Parker, Kelly	Senior	1015	Grace	No	Yes	No	No	100	84	30	2018-04-11	January 1st, 2026
Rasty, Prof. Jahan	Senior	768	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	63	37	2011-02-16	January 1st, 2027
Raymond, David	Member	1361	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	45	55	2025-08-06	December 31st, 2026
schachter, joel	Senior	1010	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	70	30	2018-03-08	December 31st, 2026
Sheppard, Jennifer	Member	1368	Current	No	Yes	No	No	100	39	61	2025-01-14	December 31st, 2026
Van Horne, George	Associate	1144	Grace	No	Yes	No	No	50	29	21	2020-10-26	January 1st, 2026
Wentz, Edward	Member	563	Current	No	Yes	Yes	No	100	0	100	1998-05-07	January 1st, 2038

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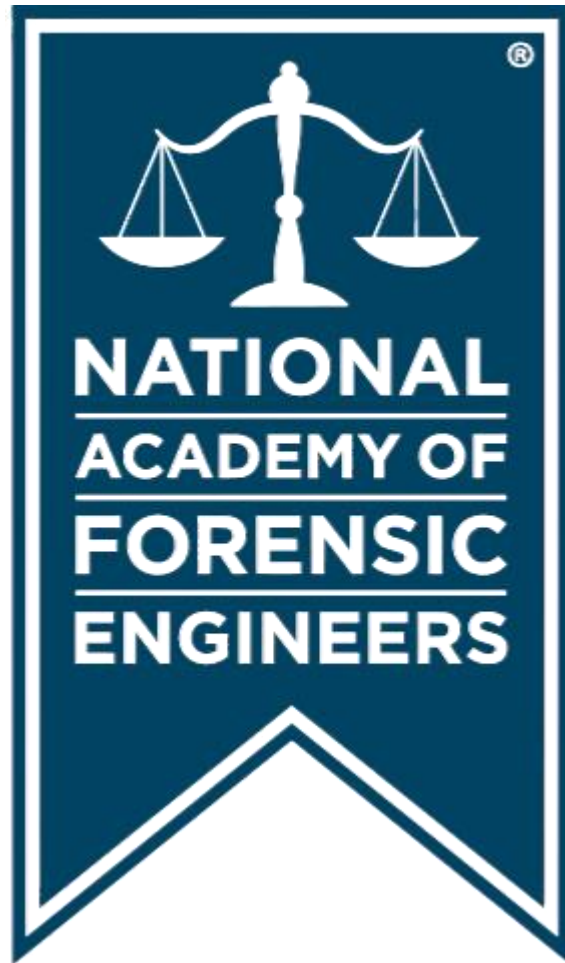
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LETTER TO THE FLORIDA BOARD OF ENGINEERING





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March 23, 2026

James Gonzalez, P.E., Chair, and the
Florida Board of Professional Engineers
2400 Mahan Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32308

**RE: Proposed Rule 61G15-38
ENGINEERING EVALUATION OF DAMAGED STRUCTURES**

Dear Chairman Gonzalez and Honored Members:

The National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE) is writing to provide comments on proposed Rule 61G15-38, *Responsibility Rules of Professional Engineers Concerning the Evaluation of Damaged Structures*, prior to its incorporation into the promulgated rules governing the practice of professional engineering as provided under Division 61G15 of the Florida Administrative Code.

NAFE supports the Board's efforts to clarify expectations for engineering evaluations of damaged structures. NAFE further believes that revision of the proposed rule will provide the FBPE with broader latitude for evaluating complaints regarding investigative and forensic engineering matters regardless of the cause of the occurrence, be it hurricane, wind, flood, defective construction or other events.

Damage evaluation reports, as stated in the proposed rule, resulting from storm events address a very narrow scope of forensic engineering reporting. Building damage evaluations resulting from vehicular accidents, fires, equipment failures or other occurrences may also require the assistance of forensic engineers and would fall under the rule as defined at 61G15-38.001(1).

We don't believe that the rule, in its current form, provides the FBPE with an objective standard-of-care framework for evaluating complaints against engineers across the full range of damage evaluations.

Forensic engineers are called upon to investigate, analyze, and report while assisting owners, insurers and their adjusters, attorneys and the judiciary to understand the technical factors of the event and to offer opinions to assist the trier of fact, should litigation arise.

The proposed rule does not provide a reasonable structure for damage evaluations beyond a single category. We believe that restructuring the rule to provide a broader framework for forensic engineering evaluations would better assist the FBPE in evaluating complaints and would serve the public better than the very narrowly constructed rule to address a single type of event.



Several NAFE members, including Florida-licensed Professional Engineers, are active members of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee E58 on Forensic Engineering. ASTM E3176, *Standard Guide for Forensic Engineering Expert Reports*, could serve as a strong foundation for a Florida rule that applies to all forensic engineering investigations and reports.

This ASTM standard utilizes and references ASTM E2292, *Standard Guide to Forensic Engineering*, which establishes the basis for the practice of forensic engineering. Used together, while tailoring the desired administrative rule, these standards could position Florida at the forefront of state regulatory bodies in establishing a clear and defensible framework for a reasonable standard of care for a professional engineering practice across multiple licensed engineering disciplines.

Of particular concern is the unintended consequences of the rule as proposed. Its narrowly defined scope may limit the ability of the FBPE to receive, review, and investigate claims of misconduct beyond those specifically addressed in the rule.

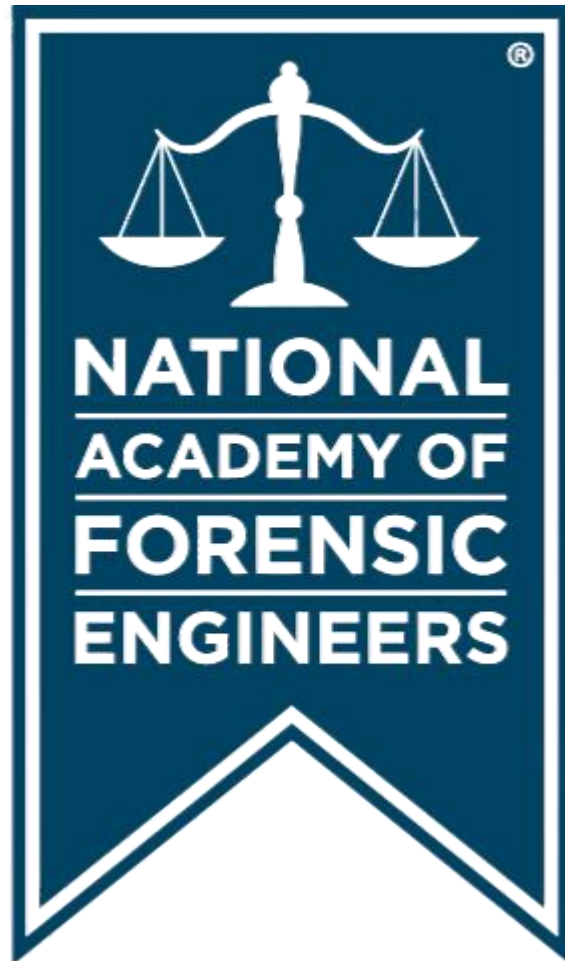
We are concerned that the rule as presented will lead to - or be perceived as - enforcement unfairness across the range of claims to which the FBPE may receive.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration. The National Academy of Forensic Engineers welcomes the opportunity to assist the Board on this issue.

Respectfully,

Tonja K. Marking, P.E., D.F.E.
President
National Academy of Forensic Engineers

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP



International Membership

Briefing for Board Discussion

NAFE can create an international pathway to its existing membership grades and DFE credential, and CESB expressly permits an equivalent professional engineering credential issued by another country. The principal decisions are how NAFE will define equivalency, whether it will retain the NSPE membership requirement despite concerns about cost and limited value for international members, and what amendments are needed to NAFE's Articles of Incorporation and bylaws.

Current Governing Requirements

NAFE's Articles of Incorporation currently require voting members to be licensed professional engineers under the registration laws of the United States or Canada, to be members of NSPE, and to hold an acceptable grade of membership in a recognized national or international engineering technical society.

The bylaws require current professional engineering registration and NSPE membership for Members, Senior Members, and Fellows. Associate Members are also generally required to hold NSPE membership, while applicants outside countries admissible for membership may be placed in Affiliate status.

Accordingly, full international membership outside the United States and Canada cannot be implemented solely through an Admissions Committee interpretation. Coordinated amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and, at minimum, conforming revisions to the bylaws appear necessary.

CESB Accreditation

CESB does not require NAFE to limit the DFE credential to engineers licensed in the United States or Canada. Its Professional Engineer Specialty Certification guidelines permit either a U.S. PE license or an equivalent credential issued by another country, with equivalency determined by the certifying body.

This means NAFE may recognize an international professional engineering credential without inherently jeopardizing CESB accreditation, provided NAFE establishes a documented, objective, fair, and consistently applied equivalency process. Sam Sudler should confirm whether CESB notification, approval, or an update to NAFE accreditation documentation is required before implementation.

NSPE Membership: Eligibility and Fairness

Available NSPE membership information indicates that engineers licensed outside the United States may be eligible for NSPE membership based on an international-equivalent license. NAFE should obtain written confirmation from NSPE national staff regarding eligibility, membership grade, chapter assignment, and any country-specific limitations.

Even if international applicants can join NSPE, the Board must decide whether requiring that membership is fair and appropriate. Several members have raised the concern that international engineers may pay the full NSPE dues while receiving relatively few practical benefits because most advocacy, chapter activity, and licensure services are centered on the United States.

There are at least three possibilities for how to treat NSPE membership for International Members:

- **Retain the NSPE requirement at full dues.** This preserves the current structure and avoids creating a separate standard, but may discourage otherwise qualified international applicants and may be difficult to justify if the benefits are limited.
- **Retain the NSPE requirement with a negotiated international dues rate.** NAFE could approach NSPE about a reduced or national-only membership rate for engineers licensed outside the United States and Canada. This may preserve the affiliation while addressing fairness and access concerns.

- **Replace NSPE membership with an approved equivalent professional organization.** This would provide the greatest flexibility, but it would require amendments to the Articles and bylaws and a clear standard for determining which international organizations qualify.

A negotiated international rate may offer a practical middle ground, but it should not be assumed to be available. NAFE would need to determine whether NSPE is willing and able to create a reduced category and whether that category would constitute the membership required by NAFE's governing documents.

Credential Equivalency

The Board should decide what international credential will satisfy the professional registration requirement. The policy should address whether IntPE will be required, automatically accepted, or treated as one of several possible pathways.

- IntPE or another credential recognized through an international mobility framework;
- A license or registration issued by a lawfully constituted national, provincial, or other jurisdictional engineering authority;
- A credential determined by the Admissions Committee to be substantially equivalent under Board-approved standards; and
- An individual review process for jurisdictions not covered by a preapproved list.

Existing Membership and Credential Structure

The Board has previously moved away from creating a separate iDFE credential. Qualified international engineers should instead enter NAFE's existing membership grades and, when they meet the applicable requirements, pursue the existing DFE credential. International status should be treated as a credential-verification pathway rather than a separate certification.

Decisions Needed

1. Confirm the policy intent to admit qualified engineers licensed or registered outside the United States and Canada into NAFE's existing membership structure.
2. Decide whether IntPE will be required, automatically accepted, or one of several acceptable equivalent credentials.
3. Decide whether to retain the NSPE requirement, pursue a negotiated international dues category, or replace NSPE with an approved equivalent organization.
4. Request written confirmation from NSPE regarding international membership eligibility and the feasibility of a reduced international rate.
5. Request confirmation regarding CESB compliance and any required notice or accreditation documentation.
6. Direct the Bylaws Committee to prepare coordinated amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws after the policy choices are made.
7. Direct the Admissions Committee to develop credential-verification, documentation, and appeal procedures.

Recommended Immediate Action

The Board may not be ready to approve final amendment language until NSPE and CESB questions are confirmed. It can, however, approve the policy direction and authorize the necessary follow-up so that final language can be presented promptly.

Proposed Motion

Motion: To affirm NAFE's intent to establish a pathway for qualified professional engineers licensed or registered outside the United States and Canada to enter the Academy's existing membership grades and pursue the existing DFE credential; to obtain written confirmation from NSPE regarding international membership eligibility and the feasibility of a reduced international dues category; to

confirm consistency with CESB accreditation requirements and identify any required notice or documentation; and, following those confirmations and the Board's decision regarding the NSPE requirement, to direct the Bylaws Committee and Admissions Committee to prepare the necessary governing-document amendments and credential-equivalency procedures for Board approval.

Accreditation Answer: How Flexible Can NAFE Be?

CESB does not require NAFE to maintain a fixed, pre-approved list of international credentials. The CESB guideline permits a Professional Engineer specialty certification program to accept an “equivalent licensure from another country as determined by the Certifying Body.” NAFE therefore may make case-by-case equivalency determinations or use a combination of automatic recognition and individual review.

That flexibility should be exercised through a documented process. CESB expects the certification program to use evaluation methods that are objective, fair, valid, consistently applied, transparent to applicants, and subject to an appeal procedure. The most defensible model is therefore not unrestricted discretion, but structured discretion under Board-approved criteria.

Recommended credential-recognition model

- Automatically accept a limited group of credentials that clearly meet NAFE’s criteria, such as IntPE and APEC Engineer, subject to confirmation that the credential is current and supported by an underlying professional registration.
- Allow other national or regional licenses and registrations to be approved through an equivalency review using the same published criteria.
- Permit the Admissions Committee to recommend additional credentials for future presumptive recognition after repeated successful reviews.
- Require Board approval of the criteria and policy, but not necessarily a separate Board vote on every individual applicant.
- Maintain written reasons for approval or denial and provide an appeal or reconsideration process.

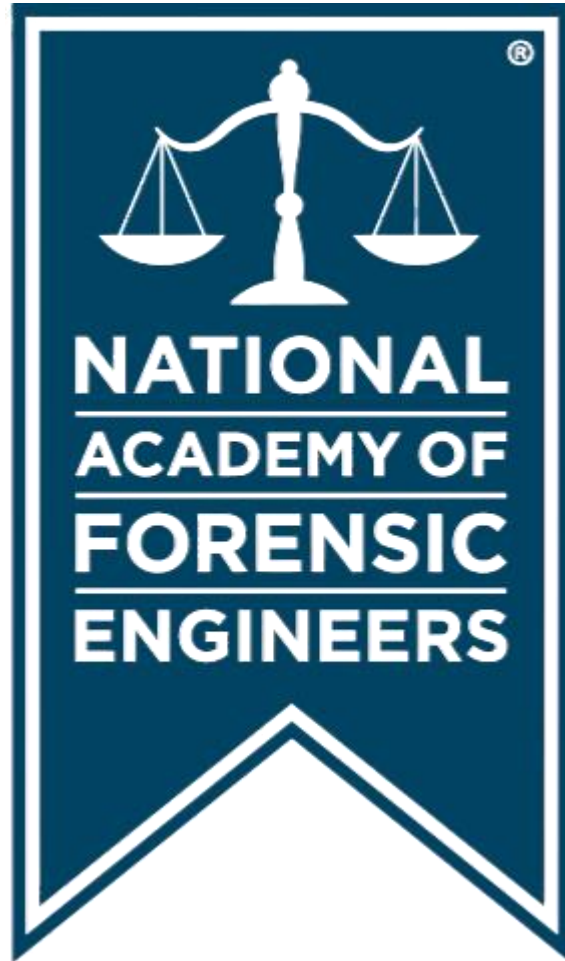
Comparative Credential Map

The following table is intended as a policy-development tool rather than a final legal determination. “Ethics” reflects the extent to which the credential is tied to an enforceable code, professional accountability, or discipline. “Expertise” reflects demonstrated competence for independent professional engineering practice. None of these credentials, by itself, establishes forensic-engineering expertise; NAFE’s existing experience, testimony, references, and certification requirements provide that specialty assessment.

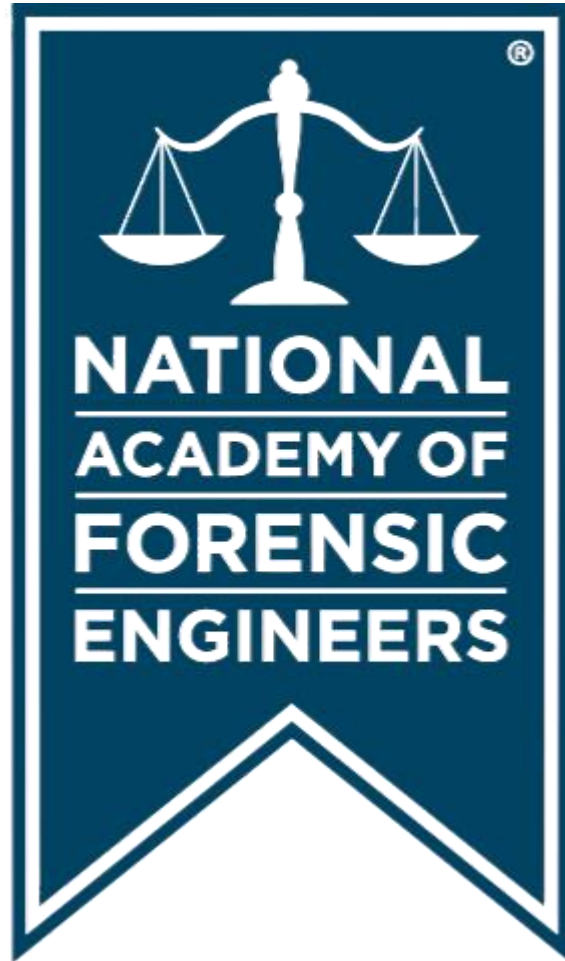
Credential	Credential type	Ethics emphasis	Expertise emphasis	NAFE treatment
U.S. PE	Statutory state or territorial license	Strong	Strong	Current NAFE baseline; broad professional competence rather than specialty expertise.
Canada P.Eng.	Statutory provincial or territorial license	Very strong	Very strong	Strong direct analogue to U.S. PE; already recognized by NAFE.
IntPE	International mobility designation supported by home-jurisdiction registration	Strong	Very strong	Best common cross-border benchmark; verify underlying registration and current status.
APEC Engineer	Asia-Pacific mobility designation supported by home-jurisdiction registration	Strong	Very strong	Comparable mobility standard; useful presumptive pathway.
UK CEng	National professional registration	Very strong	Very strong	Explicit competence and professional commitment framework; legal effect differs from U.S. licensure.
Australia CPEng	Chartered professional competence credential; state registration may also apply	Very strong	Very strong	Strong competence and ethical requirements; verify the applicant’s independent-practice status.

Credential	Credential type	Ethics emphasis	Expertise emphasis	NAFE treatment
New Zealand CPEng	Statutory/current-competence registration	Very strong	Very strong	Strong ethics and periodic reassessment of current competence.
South Africa Pr Eng	Statutory professional registration	Very strong	Very strong	Independent-practice competence, ethics, discipline, and CPD.
EUR ING	European mobility/professional title	Strong	Strong	Useful supporting evidence, but may not itself be statutory authority to practice.
Other national credential	Country-specific license, registration, or chartered title	Varies	Varies	Review under published equivalency criteria rather than approving by title alone.

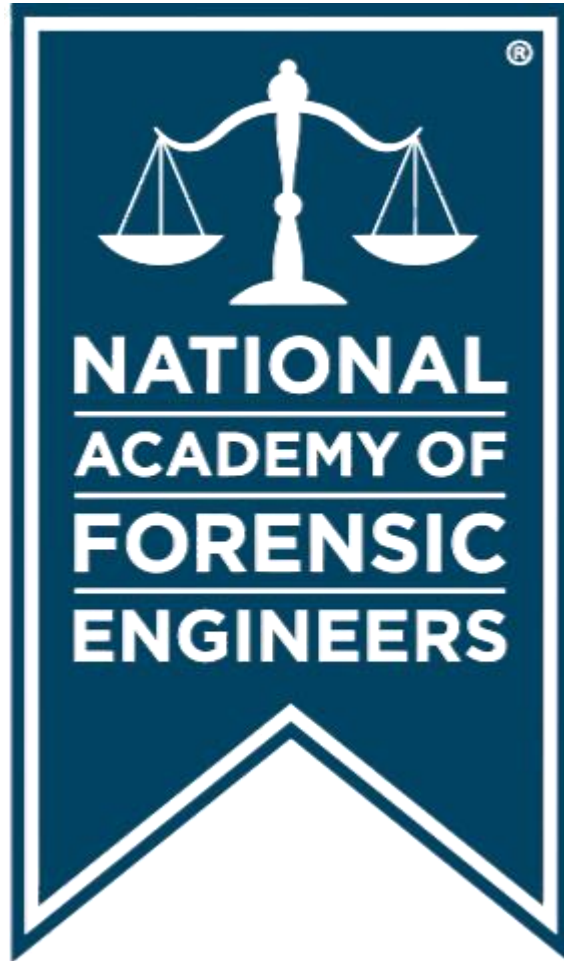
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