



Meeting Notice and Newsletter

June 2010

June Luncheon Notice:

We are pleased to announce this month's guest speaker is Mr. Joe Farré of Sigma Engineering Solutions, Inc. who will be speaking on the topic of the "10 Things You Need To Know About Seismic Engineering". The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Lawry's Prime Rib at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway.



Mr. Joe Farré, the founder of Sigma Engineering Solutions, Inc., has more than 20 years of experience in the management, design and construction support of major bridge, structural and civil engineering projects. He is an award-winning engineer that has delivered innovative solutions to some of the most challenging transportation design projects throughout the Western United States.

Mr. Farré maintains his active status as a supporter of the professional and academic engineering community by instructing one of the first private Seismic Design Courses to be offered to design professionals in Nevada. He has also been actively involved in Structural Engineering instruction for the ASCE Professional Engineers exam review course. Additionally, Mr. Farré also finds the time to race the #54 car in the SRL Southwest Tour Series while being a dedicated husband and devoted father to his two children.

The lunch will be held from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and the cost is \$25.00 for those who RSVP before 12:00 PM on Friday, June 11, 2010 and \$27.00 for those who register thereafter. NSPE is now offering a discounted rate of \$20.00 for students who provide student ID. If you would like to attend the June luncheon, please RSVP on the NSPE website <http://www.nspenv.org/south/lunch-rsvp.html> or contact Brook Demitropoulos at (702) 804-2042.

June Luncheon Sponsor:



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Calendar of Events:

Date	Activity / Location	Time
Tuesday 6/15/10	NSPE Monthly Luncheon 10 Things You Need to Know About Seismic Engineering	11:30 AM
Tuesday 7/20/10	NSPE Monthly Luncheon Ground Source Heat Exchange	11:30 AM
Tuesday 8/17/10	NSPE Monthly Luncheon Opportunities in Transportation for Economic Development	11:30 AM

*Thank You* To Lolene Terry and HDR who sponsored the May luncheon. The NSPE Southern Nevada Chapter and our Officers are grateful to all the local companies like HDR who continue to support NSPE efforts. If your company is interested in being a sponsor in 2010, please contact Olivia Furlan at [ofurlan@BrwnCald.com](mailto:ofurlan@BrwnCald.com).

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### News & Updates

- **Elections** - The time has come for NSPE members to vote for the Southern Nevada Chapter Board members. Please submit your Board member selections by June 23, 2010. The votes will be tallied by the end of the month and the new officers will assume their positions in July. To vote, please visit: <http://www.nspenv.org/south/2010OfficerBallot.html>
- **Employment Opportunities** - NSPE's Southern Nevada Chapter now posts job opportunities on our website. If you or someone you know is seeking employment, please visit the employment opportunities section at [www.nspenv.org](http://www.nspenv.org).

If your company is currently hiring and you would like NSPE to post the employment opportunity on our website, please contact Mr. Tony Hills at [anthony.hills@swgas.com](mailto:anthony.hills@swgas.com).

In addition to the Southern Nevada Chapter job postings, NSPE National also posts employment opportunities on their website at: <http://www.nspe.org/Employment/JobBoard/index.html>

- **NSPE Annual Meeting** - The NSPE Annual Meeting for State Leaders Conference will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Orlando, Florida.

The NSPE 2010 Annual Meeting will be headquartered at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld Hotel in Orlando. Arrive early and plan to play golf at Grande Pines Golf Club on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and earn dollars for engineering scholarships. Plan to participate Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at the \$99 "NSPE Education Workshop: A Day of Engineering Substance" (ethics and licensure) and earn up to 7 PDHs. All-day session includes lunch with "speaker of note."

For additional information including online registration and discounts, visit NSPE's National website at: <http://www.nspe.org/AnnualMeeting/index.html>.

### 2009-2010 Chapter Officers:

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# NEWS RELEASE

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**Patty Mamola, P.E. elected to serve as Western Zone Vice President of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).**

Patty Mamola was elected the 2010-2012 Western Zone Vice President of NCEES during the Joint Central/Western Zones Meeting held this month in Salt Lake City, Utah. As Vice President, she will serve on the national NCEES Board. NCEES is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing professional licensure for engineers and surveyors. It develops, administers, and scores the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure in the United States. The professional engineering and professional surveying boards across the U.S. and its territories are all members of the Council.

Mamola is currently finishing her second and final term as the Chair of the Governor-appointed Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (NSBPELS). She will remain on the Board. The purpose of the NSBPELS, per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 625, is to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare by providing for the licensure of qualified and competent professional engineers and professional land surveyors.

This election makes Mamola the first Nevadan since 1992 to serve as Western Zone VP. Her term will commence at the close of the August 2010 National NCEES Meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado. Her leadership position in NCEES will allow her to bring the innovative ideas and successes experienced by the NSBPELS and other Western Zone boards to the national discussion.

Mamola is a founding principal in the Reno-based Bowling-Mamola Group, an engineering consulting firm. A graduate civil engineer, she is a licensed professional engineer in Nevada.