

## **Pritchett Installed as President of MES**



President Jocelyn P. Pritchett, P.E.

Jocelyn P. Pritchett, P.E., of Jackson, was recently installed as President of the Mississippi Engineering Society at the Tri-State Engineering Societies summer meeting in Destin, Florida. She is the first woman president the society has elected.

Pritchett is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, 1990. She is also a 1999 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology holding a Master of Science in Civil Engineering, and Master of Science in City Planning .

Pritchett, owner of Pritchett Engineering & Planning, LLC in Flowood, MS. She has served as

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## **Highlights Of The Year** By Steve Twedt, P.E. Immediate Past President of MES

Your Mississippi Engineering Society went through several significant changes in 2011, and we have good reason to be excited about 2012. We started off the year entering into a new summer meeting agreement with the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES). Joint or tri-state meetings in Destin, Florida every other year have been a regular gig, however we were always guests at their meeting and did not share equally in the risk of loss or the potential for profit. With our new agreement in place, we now share equally in both.

The upcoming Summer Meeting will be in Orange Beach, Alabama next year. LES had already signed a contract with the Perdido Beach Resort, and one of the terms of our agreement was that we honor this commitment. In 2013, we head back to Destin, and in 2014 we host the Tri-State meeting at the Beau Rivage in Gulfport. We will strive to keep it a family-oriented meeting while providing 12 professional development hours.

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2012 MES Winter Meeting  
March 11-13  
The Hilton in Jackson, MS.



## National Engineers Week February 19-25, 2012

### 2011-12 MES OFFICERS

President	Jocelyn Pritchett, P.E.
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Vice President, Region 2	Doug Wimberly, P.E.
Vice President, Region 3	Jeff Williams, P.E.

### MES FACT

MES was founded in 1939

MES was chartered by the  
National Society of Professional Engineers in  
1956

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While the summer meeting change was more significant, we also made an adjustment to our winter meeting. Last year was the first year that we held the awards ceremony and presented the scholarships at the luncheon instead of at an evening function. This saved a little on food and beverage costs, but more importantly we had a larger crowd on hand, which the recipients greatly appreciated. We had positive feedback from the membership on this change; however we still have some work to do. The program was entirely too long, and will be shortened for next year. Comment sheets are extremely valuable. We will continue to make adjustments as needed to improve the quality of the meeting.

Our biggest change this year was the retirement of our long time Executive Director, Mary Ellen Odom. Mary Ellen, at the behest of her family, decided to retire in order to take care of her health. She has since moved to live near her sister in Texas. We wish her well and appreciate all that she has done for MES. When she made this announcement back in December, we immediately began the search for a new MES Executive Director. We were pleased that Malinda Battey was willing to take on this role. Many of you met Malinda at the Winter Meeting. I encourage you to get to know her. With her experience and positive energy, we are excited about the direction that we are headed.

The last significant change was the relocation of our office. As you may know we are no longer located on Executive Place off of I 55N. We are now leasing space at Castlewoods east of Jackson off Lakeland Drive. We were able to move into this updated space without an increase in rent. With this change in physical address we also have a new phone number, so please note the updated contact information.

It has been an honor to serve as your society president in 2010-2011. We have good reason to be optimistic about the future of our professional organization and I encourage everyone to stay involved.

Steve Twedt, P.E.

# MODEL LAW

By Doug Wimberly, P.E.

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The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model Law, which is the basis for most state's licensure laws, has required that firms providing engineering and surveying services acquire a Certificate of Authorization from the state(s) in which the firm offers such services. The Mississippi Board of Licensure for Engineers and Surveyors has adopted this requirement and it is currently part of Mississippi's licensure law. In August 2010, NCEES revised its Model Law to require that a firm designate a Managing Agent and a Resident Professional, both of which are required to be a licensed engineer or surveyor depending on the type of services offered. The Managing Agent and the Resident Professional can be the same person. In a nutshell what this revision requires is that if a firm holds a Certificate of Authorization in a state, and has one or more offices within the state, that a licensed engineer or surveyor, as applicable, be designated as the Managing Agent for all of the firm's offices within the state and that each individual office have a licensed engineer or surveyor, as applicable, designated as the Resident Professional. The Resident Professional would be required to spend a majority of normal business hours at the assigned branch office and a single licensed individual can only be the Resident Professional at a single office.

The Mississippi Board of Licensure has asked MES to provide a recommendation as to whether this provision of the NCEES Model Law should be included in Mississippi's Licensure Law. Alabama has already adopted this provision as part of their licensure law. Please visit the NCEES website and review the Section 160.20 of the Model Law which deals specifically with Managing Agents and Resident Professionals. MES will soon be polling its membership either through ballot or email regarding your thoughts on this issue so that MES can make a recommendation to the Mississippi Board of Licensure.

worked in the transportation field for over 20 years in design, planning and through the NEPA environmental process. Her firm specializes in environmental permitting and highway design for transportation, development and energy projects. They currently have 17 Archaeologists, Biologists, Civil Engineers and Engineering Technicians.

Pritchett has been active in MES since she was a student at MSU holding offices at both the local and state levels. She is very excited to work with the Mississippi Engineering Society this year.

She also currently serves on the Transportation and Public Relations Committees for the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC), as the Secretary for the Mississippi Transportation Institute (MTI,) and on the Accreditation Advisory Board for the Civil Engineering Department at JSU.

## Order of the Engineer

In order to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, a group of engineers formed the Order of the Engineer in 1970. One purpose of the Order is to bridge the gap between training and practice of engineering and to provide a visible symbol to the public which identifies the engineer. Membership is voluntary and is for life. Eligibility for membership includes graduation from an ABET accredited school, registered professional engineers, and college seniors within two semesters of graduation.

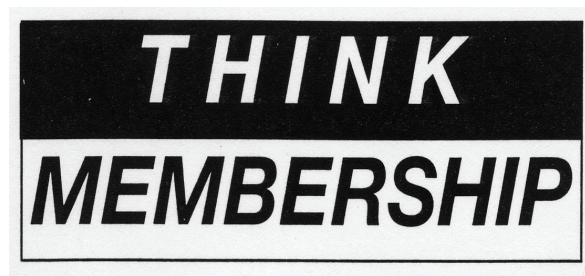
The Order of the Engineer does not compete with other organizations and is not intended to replace active involvement in professional organizations. Membership in the Order does not require annual dues or meetings. An induction ceremony will be held at the 2012 MES Winter meeting in Jackson. Applications will be attached to the meeting notice information.

# Calendar of Events for 2012

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 12	MES Executive Committee Meeting	Teleconference
January 16	Deadline for Receipt of Award Nominations	
February (all month)	MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competitions	
February 19-25	National Engineers Week	
March 11-13	MES Winter Meeting	Hilton, Jackson
March 24	MATHCOUNTS State Competition	Clinton, MS
April 19	MES Executive Committee Meeting	Teleconference
May	Chapters Elect New Officers	
May 10-13	National MATHCOUNTS Competition	Orlando, FL
May 10	MES Executive Committee Meeting	Teleconference
June 11	Deadline for Chapters to Notify Headquarters of New Officers/Chapter Dues	
June 21-23	Tri-State (LA-MS-AL) Summer Meeting	Orange Beach, FL
July 11-15	NSPE Annual Convention	San Diego, CA

## Golf Anyone?

MES would like to bring back the days of the Golf Tournament. The tournament will be light spirited, encouraging anyone who plays a little...or a lot, to join in the fun! If you are interested in this event, please email the MES Executive Director at [msengsoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:msengsoc@bellsouth.net).



# MES and Science Olympiad

## By Doug Wimberly, P.E., MES Vice President, Region 2

MES has in the past hosted a model contest where teams from various middle and high schools around the state constructed a balsa wood structure (typically a bridge) meeting certain dimensional and weight restrictions which were then loaded to failure in a competition to see which team could construct the lightest and strongest structure. This event has typically been coordinated by individuals within MES who performed a yeoman's duty single-handedly pulling together the specifications, communicating with the schools the requirements, and coordinating and managing the final test events. The MES Board has been looking for an opportunity to sponsor and provide advice and coaching support to an activity involving middle school and high school students which would allow more participation from our membership across all engineering disciplines to replace the model contest. We believe we have identified this opportunity in the Science Olympiad, a national contest with existing school involvement in the state. The Science Olympiad is a competition held in March in Mississippi with the finalists from the state competition attending the National Science Olympiad in May. The Olympiad consists of numerous events within the categories of Life, Personal & Social Science, Earth & Space, Physical Science & Chemistry, Technology & Engineering, and finally, Inquiry & Nature of Science. These events have titles such as Junkyard Challenge, Mission Impossible, Mousetrap Vehicle and Towers, which is very similar to our model contest. Each participating school fields a team for whichever events they choose to participate in, with most schools having heavy participation in the Technology and Engineering category because they get to build and tear up things there. The Olympiad itself is conducted like a game show, making participation by the teams fun. The MES Board decided during our last meeting to sponsor the Science Olympiad in lieu of continuing the model contest.

Beyond sponsorship, we want the MES membership to become personally involved as advisors for teams, judges, and/or helpers with event coordination. To encourage this participation, a listing of the schools which participated in the Olympiad in 2011 is provided below with the name and contact information for the team coaches. Please review this list and contact the school(s) nearest you to offer your personal support to this exciting competition which introduces and fosters interest in science and engineering.

## Science Olympiad Participants

<u>Junior High/Middle School</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>Town</u>
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Buckatunna Junior High School	Kim Hopkins	<a href="mailto:hopkinsk@wayne.k12.ms.us">hopkinsk@wayne.k12.ms.us</a> 601-648-2501	Buckatunna
Woolmarket Middle School	Dianne Groce Amber Raynor	<a href="mailto:dgroce@harrison.k12.ms.us">dgroce@harrison.k12.ms.us</a> <a href="mailto:araynor@harrison.k12.ms.us">araynor@harrison.k12.ms.us</a> 228-396-3674	Biloxi
Pearl River Central Middle School	Rhona Hayes	<a href="mailto:rhayes@prc.k12.ms.us">rhayes@prc.k12.ms.us</a> 601-798-5654	Carriere
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New Albany High School	Brooke Dillard	<a href="mailto:bmcclain@newalbany.k12.ms.us">bmcclain@newalbany.k12.ms.us</a> 662-534-1805	New Albany
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Jocelyn Pritchett, President and Malinda Battey, Executive Director of the Mississippi Engineering Society presented Commissioner Wayne Brown, P.E. with a special recognition honoring him for his significant career-long contributions to the society. The award presented was a framed working antique slide rule and case with a plaque thanking him for his service.

## **THE MISSISSIPPI ENGINEER**

The Mississippi Engineer has been an important tradition to MES for many years. It allows us to convey all types of information to the membership. Also, we are able to use The Mississippi Engineer to recognize and honor members, as well as celebrate important events.

If you would like to be a part of this tradition, please contact MES Headquarters and volunteer to serve as the Editor. Members are also welcome to submit articles on various issues that will benefit the Engineering Profession.

MES also has a list of Supporting Members and Sustaining Organizations in each issue of the Mississippi Engineer. Please contact MES Headquarters for more information at 601-919-1818 or [msengsoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:msengsoc@bellsouth.net).

## **BALLOTS** Will be sent out by March 1, 2012

*Your vote is important!!!*

**Please submit your votes to MES Headquarters by March 30, 2012.**

**Ballot 1 will be used to elect new officers for the Board of Directors for MES.**

**Ballot 2 will poll MES members about the Model Law issue on page 3 of this issue of the Mississippi Engineer.**

**Ballot 3 will ask MES members to vote on the proposed Constitutional changes listed on the MES Website.**

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