

The HCES and Its Objectives

The HAWAII COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES (HCES) is the umbrella organization of the 14 major engineering societies in the State of Hawaii. The officers and board members of this organization are representatives of each of the member societies and they are responsible for formulating the plans, objectives, programs, and policies of the Council.

The Council is tasked to accomplish the following objectives:

- * Improve and uphold the image, reputation, and integrity of the engineering profession
- * Encourage the registration of qualified engineers.
- * Publish and circulate a monthly engineering newsletter.
- * Provide a forum for discussing the objectives of the member societies.
- * Encourage students to pursue an engineering profession.
- * Prepare and promote the annual observance of National Engineers Week.
- * Coordinate and support the activities of its member societies.
- * Support and encourage the establishment of research and development types of industries.

Annual Observance of Engineers Week

The National Society of Professional Engineers started the observance of National Engineers Week in 1951. It is now held annually in February during the week of George Washington's birthday, who was not only the first President of the United States, but who has also been described as the first American engineer and surveyor.

National Engineers Week aims to improve public understanding and appreciation of the engineering profession and technology. For the year 2002, Engineers Week will be observed in Hawaii and the rest of the United States from 17 to 23 February. The different activities being planned for Engineers Week include: The Kick-Off Luncheon, Display of Exhibits by participating societies and technical organizations, and the Banquet. The future dates for the observance of National Engineers Week will be as follows: February 16 to 22 in 2003, February 22 to 28 in 2004, February 20 to 26 in 2005, and February 19 to 25 in 2006.

One important highlight of the Engineers Week Banquet is the presentation of the following four prestigious awards to outstanding engineers and a student engineer:

- * HCES Lifetime Achievement Award
- * Young Engineer of The Year Award
- * Engineer of The Year Award
- * Student Engineer of The Year Award

It is also during the banquet that the new officers for the HAWAII COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES (HCES) are inducted into office.