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ESI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 10, 2020 — 2:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Conference

ESI will be hosting a virtual General Membership Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, December 10 at 2:00 pm. We will be hosting an “Ugly Holiday Sweater” contest, with prizes for our top three contestants! We hope you’ll join us as we prepare to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in the New Year with a bit of fun festiveness! The link to the meeting will be sent out to the membership via e-mail, so please keep an eye on your inbox and contact Brittany Kitchens (bkitchens@esinova.org) if you have any questions.



ESI FAIRFAX COUNTY CHECKLISTS UPDATED

In collaboration with Fairfax County, ESI has updated its Fairfax County ESI Checklists (dated 10/1/2020) for ESI member use in submitting plans to the County through the ESI Peer Review Process. Beginning November 1, 2020, ESI switched over to the new checklists and will no longer accept prior checklist versions for new submissions. Plans that are already in process as of November 1, 2020 may continue using the prior checklist version. Please feel free to call Sohaila Shekib at (703) 615-6785 if you have questions or need assistance.





BALANCING DPE PLAN QUALITY AND FAIRFAX COUNTY PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

Do you have input on which Fairfax County plan review comments “make sense” to you? Do you want to be part of a dialog where Fairfax County offers examples of “deal breaker” mistakes that they find in DPE plans, especially 2nd submission DPE plans? The DPE Plan Quality and County Review Comments Committee’s mission is to help Fairfax County balance its needs for DPE plan quality and submitters’ needs for speed, consistency and predictability. The final product should be materials that the committee can share with ESI and Fairfax County reviewers that will increase mutual agreement on what is an acceptable plan. In addition, the committee will discuss modernizing the electronic review process to facilitate making decisions on the 2nd DPE submission workflow. The committee will determine its meeting frequency, but the kickoff meeting will occur after the ESI Fairfax Committee meeting on November 25, 2020. *If you are interested in joining the committee for this dialog, please email LDSSDIDAdmin@fairfaxcounty.gov before November 23, 2020.*



ESI FAIRFAX COUNTY PROJECT APPLICATION UPDATE

An update was made to the ESI Application for Fairfax County projects in an effort to clarify misunderstandings regarding the number of pages in a plan. We have encountered a lot of confusion from engineers over what constitutes a “development condition,” which has led to many applications being filled out incorrectly, and subsequently, led to firms either overpaying or underpaying the fee for their project. Wording on the Fairfax ESI application has

been changed, and the term “development condition” has been replaced with “zoning plan.” We hope that the changes to our application will better define what sheets need to be counted in their submission. Should you have any questions on these changes, or a question on zoning plan sheets, please contact Sohaila Shekib at sshekib@esinova.org. We would also like to encourage all submitting engineers to download a fresh copy of the ESI application for the jurisdiction being submitted to for each plan, as minor changes or updates to the applications are sometimes made without announcement. We appreciate your understanding.



ESI LEESBURG OFFICE CLOSING

ESI plans to permanently close our Leesburg office location by January 1, 2021. Currently, all peer review sessions are performed online and should not be impacted by the office closure. We ask that all applications, payments and plans for Loudoun County or Town of Leesburg be submitted either digitally, or sent to our Chantilly office by mail or courier.



REMAINING 2020 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2020 Policy & Procedure Update Classes

All Policy & Procedure Update classes are available online for those that were unable to attend the live online sessions. Please enroll in each jurisdictional update course in which you are DPE certified or eligible through the ESI Learning Management System (LMS), learn.esinova.org. Enrolled students will receive materials and a link to the recorded class, as well as instructions for class completion.

Please remember that in order to receive credit for completing your 2020 DPE/DPE-Eligible education requirements, you must register for the required Online Policy & Procedure Update classes at learn.esinova.org. Members are requested to complete the classes by November 30, 2020.

Jurisdictional Sequences in the Land Development Engineering Program

If you wish to become certified as a DPE in another jurisdiction or are renewing your DPE certification, don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to enroll in the jurisdictional courses that supplement the two-semester LDE program. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, both Fairfax and Loudoun Counties will present these courses online this year. Students are encouraged to attend the live sessions to obtain the greatest benefit and get immediate answers to questions from the instructors. If you are unable to attend on the date scheduled below, you may attend a recorded session of the same course by notifying Tammy Voss at tvoss@esinova.org in advance of the live session. Enroll now at learn.esinova.org.

Fairfax County:

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2020

Time: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Loudoun County:

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Time: TBD



INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ESI INSTRUCTOR?

With annual course offerings of approximately 60 classes, ESI is continually looking for professionals with a desire to share their expertise, skills and experiences in topical areas that would benefit the growth and knowledge of our students. Regardless of whether you are a seasoned professional or just need some skills to become confident in your ability to share your expertise, we welcome the opportunity to work with you to become an effective communicator and join our cadre of instructors in 2021.

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming an instructor for one of our upcoming spring classes, please contact Tammy Voss at (703) 263-2232 or tvoss@esinova.org.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PLAN REVIEW STATISTICS FOR SEPT 2018 TO AUG 2019

	2019 Sept	2019 Oct	2019 Nov	2019 Dec	2020 Jan	2020 Feb	2020 March	2020 April	2020 May	2020 June	2020 July	2020 Aug	12 Mo. Avg.
Total # of Major Plans Reviewed	18	14	28	15	10	14	20	9	16	8	16	12	15.0
% of Total Submitted Plans Acceptable	61%	79%	71%	86%	88%	100%	95%	94%	50%	88%	63%	75%	80%
Total # of DPE Plans Submitted	18	13	21	12	8	12	15	7	13	8	16	10	12.8
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	56%	50%	60%	80%	87%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	55%	63%	63%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	67%	100%	88%	84%	100%	100%	89%	75%	100%	100%	86%	100%	58%
Total # of non-DPE Plans Submitted	N/A*	1	5	3	2	2	4	1	3	0	0	2	1.9
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	0%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	100%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	60%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	100%	80%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	100%	74%
Total # of DPE Plans to Bond	7	7	2	7	3	3	7	5	2	2	7	1	4.4
Total # of non-DPE Plans to Bond	2	1	3	2	3	1	4	N/A*	3	0	3	2	2.0
Avg # Days for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	292	343	232	254	296	296	356	190	289	257	265	349	285
Avg # Days for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	670	392	263	281	304	91	425	N/A*	563	N/A*	493	242	310
Avg # of Submissions for DPE Plans to Reach Bond **	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.8
Avg # of Submissions for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond **	3.4	4.0	2.3	3.5	2.3	2.0	3.8	N/A*	4.0	N/A*	3.7	2.5	2.6

N/A* = No Plans

** Avg # of Submissions to Bond includes Signature Set submissions.



EVENTS

November

11/18	Executive Board Meeting	11:30 am
11/25	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30 am
11/26 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Holidays	ESI Closed

December

12/1	Alexandria Committee Meeting	1:00 pm
12/10	Board of Directors Meeting	1:00 pm
12/10	General Membership Meeting	2:00 pm
12/25	Christmas Holiday	ESI Closed

Please note: All meetings during the pandemic will be held virtually until further notice, unless otherwise advised.