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# BroadCastings™

A Newsletter for Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control™ and Certified Professionals in Storm Water Quality™

## 25 Year Anniversary Marks Inauguration of Inspector Certification Program

*Ted Sherrod, PE, CPESC, CPSWQ, Executive Committee Chair*

After 25 years of certification, CPESC, Inc. will embark upon its third certification program in 2007. The Certified Erosion and Sediment/ Storm Water Inspector™, CESSWI™, (pronounced sē-swī), or CI for short, program will be launched during our silver anniversary celebration.

I have been overwhelmed with the response that you have provided since my October letter to you indicating the inauguration of the CI program. By the time you read this article, a Board of Directors will have been named to lead the CI program during this anniversary year. Additionally, registrants from all over North America have volunteered to serve in an Oversight Committee capacity to represent Federal, State, and Provincial regulatory interests, as well as Professional Organizations, Home Builders, and other Industry representatives. Finally, many other registrants across the nation have volunteered in a Stakeholder Advisory Committee capacity.

At press time, a solicitation for proposals to engage the professional services of a consulting firm has been advertised. The prospective firm will have CPESCs, CPSWQs, and Professional Engineers on staff with eastern, mid, and western US offices

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## Regional Elections

*by David Ward, CPESC Executive Director*

CPESC Regions three (3), four (4), and seven (7) are holding elections for their respective Regional Representatives to the CPESC Council at this time. Each active registrant was mailed a letter in late October advising them of election details including procedures for nominating (or self-nominating) individuals to fill these seats. All nominations must be received by CPESC, Inc. no later than November 30, 2006.

Persons interested in running for position of Regional Representative should be aware of the requirements and responsibilities incumbent on the successful candidate. We have 2 Council meetings each year, one at the IECA annual conference and one at the SWCS annual conference. It is expected that the Regional Representative will attend the Council meeting at one of these conferences. In addition, a Regional Representative is expected to be up to date on our Policy and Procedures and will be the first line of contact in the region to promote our certification programs and answer questions. Our desire is that the Regional Representative will assist the Area Representatives in scheduling a review class and exam in each area 2 times per year.

In early December, ballots will be mailed to active registrants. This includes registrants with In-Training status, but does not include applicants. Biographical information as provided in the nomination form about each nominee will be included with the ballots. Ballots received by

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# Ethics Issues and Your Professional Registration....

by: Jennifer Hildebrand, CPESC, CPSWQ—Administrative Vice-Chair

The following excerpt is from the CPESC/CPSWQ code of ethics. It delivers in a very succinct fashion the foundational principles behind a successful professional registration program. Understandably, in this industry there are multiple professional responsibilities. However, there is also a professional responsibility imposed upon every CPESC/CPSWQ to uphold the CPESC, Inc. code of ethics in their performance. The following is the

beginning of the CPESC, Inc. code of ethics, and applies to every professional registered with CPESC, Inc.

### Article I. General Principles

1. *The privilege of professional practice imposes obligations of morality and responsibility as well as professional knowledge.*
2. *Each Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (hereafter called Registrant) agrees to be guided by the highest standards of ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct.*



If you are interested in reading the entire code of ethics, it can be found at [www.cpesc.org](http://www.cpesc.org) under the policies and procedures section number three. CPESC, Inc. takes this code, the performance of its registrants, and these assurances very seriously. Professional conduct and the utmost respect for this profession make everyone more successful.

Through out the past year, there have been several violations to the code of ethics reported to CPESC, Inc. A formal investigation into each violation has been conducted. Results have been variable. Remember, a violation of the code of ethics is indeed grounds for revocation of your CPESC/CPSWQ professional registration. This past year, there have been revocations to CPESC/CPSWQ professional registrations. These revocations and additional investigations have been based on code of ethics violations.

If you have an issue regarding another CPESC/CPSWQ feel free to contact CPESC, Inc. and report your concerns, in writing. You may indeed remain anonymous; however, the written report of the concern is a critical element in the ethics proceedings. If you have any additional inquiries as to what procedures are involved with ethical violations, feel free to look on the

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## Conference Roundup

### SWCS 2006 CONFERENCE – JULY 22-26, 2006

This conference was well attended. Staff worked on our relationship with the Soil and Water Conservation Society with a very positive outcome. SWCS will assist us in highlighting the 25th anniversary of CPESC at their 2007 conference.

### STORMCON 2006 – JULY 22 – 27, 2006

This was a major conference for our CPSWQ Program. Lots of interest was shown by conference attendees. Look for a CPESC Review Class and exam at the 2007 conference in Phoenix, AZ.

### MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER IECA CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2006

As always this conference was a success for CPESC, Inc. Attendees passing by our exhibit had many questions about the Certification Programs we now have as well as possible certifications in the future.

### SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER IECA CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 26-27, 2006

This was our first time at this conference. As is normal at a first time showing, attendees had lots of questions about all our programs. The CPESC Exam Review Class was well attended and many took the exam. The result should be a big percentage increase in Registrants in this region.

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# Important Changes to the CPESC In-Training Program

by John Brown  
CPESC Program Manager

CPESC In-Training status is a designation established by the CPESC Council to allow individuals who do not fully meet eligibility requirements to have increased standing in the erosion and sediment control industry. Additionally, by achieving In-Training status, an individual could possibly shorten the amount of time required to achieve full CPESC status. In-Training status is intended to be transitional in nature with full CPESC status as the end goal.

Until recently, there were no limits on how long an individual could maintain In-Training status. As long as annual renewal fees were paid and Professional Development requirements were satisfied, In-Training status was maintained. There was no policy stating that an In-Training registrant had to apply for full status when the In-Training requirement specified by the Application Review Committee (ARC) was achieved.

This is no longer the case. Time limits have been established and approved by the CPESC Council. All In-Training registrants must now gain full CPESC status within six (6) years of the date that they obtain CPESC In-Training status. Failure to meet this requirement is a basis for suspension or revocation of In-Training status. The six-year time limit applies to ALL current and future CPESC registrants with In-Training status.



Other important changes have been made to the CPESC In-Training program. Applicants who are deemed by the ARC to fully meet eligibility requirements will no longer be allowed to pursue In-Training status. When petitioning the ARC to be allowed to continue

with the Practical Application portion of the exam, In-Training registrants must include a Professional Development report for the current year in the Evaluation Package. Limits have been established for the number of times that an In-Training registrant may retest on the Practical Application (Part II) portion of the exam.

The policies governing In-Training status are available on the CPESC web site at [www.cpesec.org](http://www.cpesec.org). All In-Training registrants should read and become familiar with these policies. Contact the CPESC Administrative Office with any questions or concerns regarding these changes. §

## Sponsoring the CPESC or CPSWQ Exam

by John Brown  
CPESC Program Manager

The policy for sponsoring the CPESC or CPSWQ exam has been updated to more clearly show the responsibilities of the sponsoring organization, the approved proctor, and the CPESC, Inc. Administrative Office. By identifying each groups responsibilities, we hope to make the entire process easier and more efficient for all parties.

One important new requirement of the policy is for exam sponsors to handle exam registration and to send the list of prospective examinees to the Administrative Office seven (7) days before the exam date. This allows Administrative Office sufficient time to verify the eligibility of each examinee and to ship the exams using less costly shipping methods.

Another important new provision in the policy specifies that if the exam is being offered in conjunction with an exam review session, the Approved Instructor is responsible for proctoring the exam. Any exceptions must be negotiated with the Administrative Office at least

thirty (30) days prior to the exam date. If an Approved Proctor cannot be identified, the exam date may have to be rescheduled.

### Important!

Any organization wishing to sponsor an exam should read the entire policy and contact the Administrative Office with any questions or concerns. Please contact the Administrative Office early in the process. The updated policy is provided in Section 7 of the Policies and Procedures. It is available on the CPESC, Inc. web site at: [www.cpesec.org](http://www.cpesec.org). §


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## Inspector Certification

to provide a broad perspective in developing the study guide materials and examination.

Keep a check on the [www.cpesec.org](http://www.cpesec.org) website for updates and announcements for the CI program. Application forms will be posted soon. Study Guides should be ready by this summer with examinations scheduled by Fall of the 2007 Anniversary Celebration. §

### Registrants Score Card



<b>CPESC</b>
<u>2006</u>
New Applicants: 466
New Registrants: 396
<u>TOTAL</u>
Active: 2100
Suspended: 426
<b>CPSWQ</b>
<u>2006</u>
New Applicants: 77
New Registrants: 71
<u>TOTAL</u>
Active: 225
Suspended: 13

## Who Can Proctor CPESC/CPSWQ Exams?

by John Brown  
CPESC Program Manager

As our certification programs have continued to grow in recent years, so have the number of problems with individual (one-on-one) proctoring of our exams. The resources needed to supply and monitor these exams place a strain on staff and resources. The nature of one-on-one proctoring places both the proctor and the examinee in a potentially risky ethical situation. Additionally, allowing any registrant in good standing to proctor an exam leads to inequities in administering exams. Some proctors are more diligent in following the instructions than others. As a result, the CPESC Council has recently moved to end this practice. Our policy now allows for proctoring only at sponsored exam sites. See the "Policy for Approving Exam Proctors" on our web site for the official policy. §

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## Regional Elections

CPESC, Inc. after December 31, 2006 will not be accepted.

Results of the regional elections will be announced at the CPESC Council Meeting scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the annual IECA Conference in Reno, NV. Terms for the newly elected Regional Representatives begin on April 1, 2007. §

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## Ethics Issues

CPESC website, under policies and procedures.

Ultimately our honor, integrity, and truthfulness are dependent upon our professional conduct. Your professionals in this industry depend on it. Thank you in advance for your continued support in making this certification program a continued success. §

## CPESC Council Calendar

**February 10-11, 2007**  
**Reno-Sparks Convention Center**  
**Reno, NV**  
**CPESC Council Meeting**

This meeting is being held in conjunction with the IECA EC07 conference.

**April 27-28, 2007**  
**Sheraton Four Points Hotel**  
**Huntsville, AL**  
**CPESC Council Executive**  
**Committee Meeting**

**July 27-28, 2007**  
**Saddlebrook Resort**  
**Tampa, FL**  
**CPESC Council Meeting**

This meeting is being held in conjunction with the SWCS 2007 annual conference.