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EXCOM Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 5:30PM at TECO Plaza
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Back to Basics: Distribution Line Design

Monday, June 11, 2018 7:30AM at Sand Pearl Resort
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Laws & Rules and Ethics

Friday, June 29, 2018 9:30AM at FRCC Headquarters
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Solar Plant Tour

On Friday April 27, a group of FWCS members toured Florida’s first-ever solar energy center, located in Arcadia. There, 90,500 solar panels move into position to catch the sun’s rays. It was the largest facility of its kind in the nation when it opened in 2009. Today, this facility continues to serve customers using photovoltaic, or “PV,” technology – a process for converting sunshine directly into electricity for FPL customers. In 2016, FPL completed Citrus – 74.5MW ground mounted installation and in 2017 FPL completed WildFlower also a 74.5MW ground mounted PV installation.

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Students Gear Up for New School Year

The USF student branch has elected officers for the 2018-2019 academic year. Iliia Bautista and Cooper Neal will serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively. Emily Kelly and Jacob Macias will hold the secretary and treasurer positions. Another very active year is slated for the USF student branch, including the annual USF Engineering Expo in February and culminating with the SoutheastCon 2019 competitions in Huntsville, Alabama in April.

The USF PES/IAS joint student chapter also announced its new slate of officers. Roger Vassell and Benjamin Noel will assume the president and vice-president positions, respectively, with Joseph Ghisu and Javier Barcena serving as secretary and treasurer. Alica Choto will be the webmaster. Congratulations to all the new officers!

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Mentoring*(Parts of this article are excerpted from an article by Ken Todd,
Chair of the FBPE, with permission)*

The engineering education that students receive usually prepares them technically for the challenges to come as an engineering professional. However, many do not realize the full extent of what is involved in the practice of engineering. They often express concerns about being in a decision-making position for which they are not prepared due to a lack of practical experience. This lack of confidence is understandable for a young engineer who has very little practical experience. Those of us who have been around the block a time or two can help provide confidence to younger engineers through mentoring.

Many engineers would be happy to mentor a new engineer if asked, but don't actively seek out the opportunity. Understanding this, Ken Todd, Chair of the FBPE, has put forth a challenge to all engineers who are more experienced: He is asking that we take time to mentor those young engineers in your company who are recent graduates. They will appreciate it, and it will be quite rewarding for both you as a mentor and your company through increased productivity.

An experienced engineer, when faced with the challenge of not having previously done the engineering task at hand, can often fall back on past experiences to extrapolate and arrive at the correct answer. It should be recognized that many young engineers do not have the same level of practical experience needed to make good engineering decisions. Many of us experienced situations as a young engineer right out of college, where we had learned the theory of various engineering principles, but weren't sure how to best apply what I had learned to solve the problem. Rather than let us struggle to figure it out on our own, many of us had the opportunity to consult with engineers we worked with who took the time to explain the best and most efficient solutions, both technically and administratively, to solve various aspects of engineering projects. This is the type of mentoring where a more experienced engineer can have a positive influence on the career of a younger engineer.

Supervisors of younger licensed engineers should also take care to not place them in a position of making engineering decisions they are not qualified to make. This could lead not only to a problem with the project, but could possibly lead to a disciplinary case against the licensed supervising engineer and the licensed younger engineer. Additionally, the mentoring you do today could help eliminate some bad habits the younger engineer might otherwise carry with them for the rest of their career.

If you aren't already doing so, I encourage those of you who are the more experienced engineers to seriously consider being a mentor to a younger engineer. In the end, I believe you will end up with better projects and you will have an employee who will be an engineer ready to lead our profession in the future

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Leader's Center Organizational Change—Seven Challenging Situations*

Paul Schnitzler, Ph.D—Life Senior Member

As said in previous articles, introducing change into an organization is often difficult. This month, I will tell you seven situations where the manager may fail when introducing change. You will learn some details about the first of these. The first three parts of Schnitzler's YES I AM acronym will be applied to this case.

Here are the seven problem situations:

- When the manager is anxious
- When the manager is *very* confident (!)
- When the change is urgent
- When the manager doesn't actually know how to use the change methods
- When the manager doesn't trust the employees or the change methods
- When the wrong change is being introduced And
- When the manager doesn't even realize that a change is being introduced!

Now to the first: The manager who is anxious when introducing a change.

Consider a company that is having production quality problems. Yields are low and customers have been complaining or returning products. This is so serious that the president is concerned that the company might fail if production is not improved significantly...and soon. He knows the business and believes that certain changes in the production processes can correct the problem. But he also knows that the changes needed are likely to make his employees nervous, anxious, and perhaps even fearful.

This improvement is very important; the life of the company is at stake.

He has read much about introducing change. The books tell how to help the employees deal with change so that they

will contribute to its success. You are told to show the employees that they are valued: get their help, get their ideas, and give them some control over what happens to them. That is, give them some power over their fate. To do this, the president must give some of *his power* to his employees.

However, the president is also worried; he is fearful, that he won't get the change right—and then what will happen to him?

The last thing a fearful person will do is give up control!

The fix is for the president to “bite the bullet” and take the risk; use the employees to make it work and find ways to manage his own anxiety.

The president must accept that there is a good chance of failure if these methods are *not* used.

Now for the acronym, **YES: Your Passion; Everyone Benefits; Seek Their Ideas.**

You must care very strongly about the *need* for this change, the desired *benefits* (not the change itself). This president certainly seems passionate about the need; his company is at stake. But is he focusing on the desired benefit?

Everyone will benefit from the results of the change because they will keep their jobs (or I hope they will).

Seek what they know about what needs to be included in the change, that is, what additional, or different, benefits are possible. Managers are often surprised at what their employees know about the situation. Their ideas can be crucial to your success.

You still must do something to help your anxiety. What I just described may only increase it! More on that next month.

The other six cases will be discussed in the future.

Don't want to wait? Then go to <http://leadchangewithoutfear.com/> and check the tab “Successful Real Change.”

* Adapted from *Lead Change without Fear* by Paul Schnitzler

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Date: Monday, June 11, 2018

Time: Registration 7:30AM

Seminar: 8:00AM – 5:00PM (lunch not provided)

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 - c. NESC Strength Factors
 - d. Pole loading calculations
3. Designing Guys and Anchors
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 - b. Dead-end guy loading calculations
 - c. Angle guy loading calculations

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Simplified Staking Manual for Overhead Distribution Lines

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He is a member of NRECA's Overhead Committee. He is a Senior IEEE Member.

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<i>Laws & Rules and Ethics for Professional Engineers</i>		

Date: Friday, June 29, 2018

Time: registration and light breakfast at 8:30AM

Presentation: 9:30AM—11:30AM

Speaker: Mr. Art Nordlinger, PE, IEEE Representative to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers

Presentations: The Rules and Laws That Govern the Practice of Engineering in Florida
Ethics and the Practice of Engineering in Florida

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Recent Cases and Examples

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- Robotics & Automation (RAS) Chapter
- Signal Processing / Communications (SP/COMM) Joint Chapter

Three student society chapters are active at the University of South Florida:

- USF Computer Society Chapter
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