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# The Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE)

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**PACE Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

## **PE Licensure for Engineers**

By

**John J. Burke, Ph.D., P.E.**

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**Cork'N Hearth, Route 20, Laurel Lake, Lee, Massachusetts, 01238**

**Cocktails:** 5:30 pm      **Dinner:** 6:30 pm      **Speaker:** 7:45 pm

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One of the most important decisions one can make early in an engineering career is to enter a professional path and plan to become licensed as a professional engineer (P.E.). The licensure of professional engineers is important to the public because of the significant role engineering plays in society. The profession regulates itself, through the licensing boards, by setting high standards for professional engineers. These high standards help protect the public by requiring that professional engineers demonstrate their competence to practice in a manner that will safeguard the public's safety and welfare.

IEEE-USA strongly encourages individuals to pursue engineering licensure, not only as a means of meeting the legal requirements for protecting the health, welfare and safety of the public, but also to ensure that they are prepared to meet the needs of international, national and state engineering practices.

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Dr. Burke will begin with a brief history of engineering licensure. The focus of the presentation will then transition to what is a licensed professional engineer, the benefits of obtaining an engineering licensure, and how to become licensed. The four steps required to obtain engineering licensure will be explained. The two required exams in the engineering licensure process will be outlined.

The first exam in the licensure process is the Fundamentals of Engineering or FE exam. The format of the FE will be introduced and strategies for passing will be presented.

The second exam in the licensure process is the Principles and Practice of Engineering or PE exam. The format of this exam will be introduced and the new format being administered this April will be discussed.

Lastly, alternative paths to licensure will be explored.

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**Dinner Menu:**    **Chicken Marcella**     **Baked Scrod**     **New York Sirloin**   
(Price for IEEE members and one guest: \$15/person, Non-members: \$30/person, No dinner: FREE)

Please make reservations by **Friday, April 18, 2009.**

For reservations and inquires, contact:

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