



**California/Nevada Section
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Mark your calendars for our next meeting! Our ASABE President, Tony Kajewski, with John Deere, will be attending and we're just now solidifying an exciting speaker! **Please consider participating on the next officer team since we're looking for a few new members on the leadership team.** Your officer team looks forward to seeing you there!

- * **Nominations Open for 2013 Engineer of the Year**

Please send your nominations for the CA/NV Engineer of the Year to Richard Cavaletto at rcavalet@calpoly.edu.

- * **CA/NV Members Paul Burkner and Nadia Sabeh Candidates for District 4 Rep.**

The California/Nevada Section has a tough choice between two of our own members to represent us as our District 4 Representative. Cal Poly alumnus Paul Burkner is an ASABE Fellow and Vice President of Ag Industrial Manufacturing, Inc. out of Lodi, CA. UC Davis alumnus Nadia Sabeh is a Senior Building Performance Engineer for Guttman & Blaevoet Consulting Engineers out of Santa Rosa, CA.

- * **GreenLink Pr55/6R Front Hitch System earns AE- 50 Award**

Laforge Systems, Inc. out of Concord, CA, earned an AE-50 Award for their GreenLink® Pr55/6R integrated, bolt-on front three-point hitch with 5.5 metric ton lift capacity and unrestricted capabilities. It was designed specifically for John Deere 6M and 6R Series row-crop tractors. Congratulations, Laforge Systems, Inc! (excerpted from January/February 2013 issue of Resource magazine)

- * **The BS+ 30 Proposal – Pro or Con? by ASABE President Tony Kajewski**

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) establishes the requirements for licensing Professional Engineers (PEs). Currently, the NCEES model specifies that an aspiring PE must meet the following requirements: 1) hold a bachelor's degree in engineering from an ABET accredited program, 2) have at least four years (or two in California) of appropriate work experience, 3) achieve acceptable results on the

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam and the PE exam, and 4) possess a clean disciplinary record.

Recently, an additional requirement has been proposed: a master's degree or an equivalent 30 credit hours of graduate coursework in engineering. As an engineering society, ASABE has the opportunity to express an opinion on this proposal. In the Last Word section of the January/February 2013 issue of Resource, Jay Harmon introduces the question at hand and Dan Thomas and Maynard Herron offer arguments, pro and con. Please read both views and then complete the online member poll at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZZ77LRB. Your response will help to determine our Society's position. If you prefer, mail or e-mail your comments to ASABE Executive Director Darrin Drollinger at 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085 or Drollinger@asabe.org.

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- If you have ideas for Update items or would like to get involved in the leadership team, please let us know.