NAAAEA E-Newsletter

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President message

Dear NAAAEA Chapter leaders and Chapter members:

NAAAEA has recently revamped our website (https://nationalaaaea.org/). Please visit the site to explore its current offerings.

We continue the programs which were initiated by previous boards.

We have introduced new programs and initiatives, and they all currently on the website, this include Mentorship Program, Retiree List, University Professors List, Speakers List, Arab-Owned Companies List, Book of NAAAEA Policies, Grant for Students Initiatives, and Projects program.

We also introduced two new Awards: Outstanding Young Engineer Award, and Outstanding Student Award.

All are encouraged to:
1. Consider joining a program or initiative
2. Provide feedback on the website content
3. Forward this E-Newsletter to others and encourage them to participate
4. Recommend any other programs or initiatives. NAAAEA will investigate the feasibility of your recommendation and implement, if found feasible

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Dr. Soliman Khudeira, PhD, SE, PE
NAAAEA Mission Statement

NAAAEA is a professional Arab American association dedicated to help, strengthen, empower and inspire its members for excellence. NAAAEA promotes and advocates the Arab American Engineers, Architects and Information Technology professionals in the United States, by providing career and educational enhancement programs, technical exchange, fellowship, and community service. NAAAEA is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious Professional Association.

For more information, see the NAAAEA Bylaws (https://nationalaaaea.org/) On the “ABOUT US” tab
Announcements

National AAAEA Scholarship
Application deadline: October 15, 2022
Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/scholarship-application/

Grant for Students Initiatives
This NAAAEA Grant Program has been developed to assist AAAEA students to advance their initiatives into the application stage.
Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/grant-for-student-initiatives/

Grant for NAAAEA Chapters
This NAAAEA Grant Program has been developed to assist to assist the local chapters in growing and promoting their activities.
Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/grant-program/
Mentorship Program

The purpose of the NAAEEA Mentorship Program is to gather names of members who are interested in becoming a mentor to students and to those in the professional practice.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Mentorship Program, please visit https://nationalaaaea.org/ and enter your information the “Resources” tab.
Retiree List

The purpose of the NAAAEA Retiree List is to gather names of members who are interested in becoming a mentor to students and also to those who are in the professional practice.

If you are interested in adding you name to the Retiree List, please visit https://nationalaaaea.org/ and enter your information the “Resources” tab.
University Professors List

The purpose of the NAAAEA University Professors List is to gather the names of Arab Professors. The goal is to foster future cooperation among the professors on the list.

If you are interested in adding your name to the University Professors List, please visit https://nationalaaaea.org/ and enter your information in the “Resources” tab.
Speakers List

The purpose of the NAAAEA **Speakers List** is to gather names of Arab speakers who are willing to present their areas of expertise in webinars and conferences.

If you are interested in adding your name to the **Speakers List**, please visit [https://nationalaaaea.org/](https://nationalaaaea.org/) and enter your information in the “Resources” tab.
The purpose of the Arab-Owned Companies List is to foster cooperation among the owner of the companies.

If you are interested in adding your company name to the Arab-Owned Companies List, please visit [https://nationalaaaea.org/](https://nationalaaaea.org/) and enter the information in the “Resources” tab.
Book of NAAAEA Policies

The purpose of the Book of NAAAEA Policies is to provide these policies as a template for the chapters to use if they wish to use any of them.

See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “RESOURCES”.

If your Chapter is interested in a specific policy that is not currently on NAAAEA website, please contact NAAAEA (https://nationalaaaea.org/contact-us/) to prepare the policy and share with all Chapters to use.
Educational Resources

NAAAEA has various educational-related resources. See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “EDUCATION” tab.

The current Educational Resources include:
• FE Exam Resources
• PE Exam Resources
• PDH Certificates
• Webinars
• Articles
• Newsletters
• Submit an Article for the Newsletter

If your Chapter is interested in a specific educational materials (classes, webinar, PDH topics, etc.) that are not currently on NAAAEA website, please contact NAAAEA (https://nationalaaaea.org/contact-us/) to prepare the materials and share with all Chapters.
Grant for Students Initiatives

This NAAAEA Grant Program has been developed to assist AAAEA students to advance their initiatives into the application stage.

Eligibility
All NAAAEA chapter Students are eligible to submit a grant application.

Amount of The Grant
Specify the amount you are requesting for the program or the project. Provide a brief breakdown of the requested amount. NAAAEA will award grant(s) based on the availability of funds.

Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/grant-for-student-initiatives/
Grant for NAAAEA Chapters

The NAAAEA Grant Program has been developed to assist the chapters in growing and promoting their activities.

Eligibility
All NAAAEA chapters are eligible to submit a grant application.

Amount of the Grant
Specify the amount you are requesting for the program or the project. Provide a brief breakdown of the requested amount. NAAAEA will award grant(s) based on the availability of funds.

Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/grant-program/

On May 2022, NAAAEA awarded the Wisconsin Chapter a $2,000 grant, which will be used to create a new WI website that meets the current standards. Previous grants were to the Houston Chapter (in 2018) and to the Colorado Chapter (in 2021)
NAAAEA Scholarship

The NAAAEA scholarship was established by the National AAEA and is presented to an Undergraduate or Graduate students in the areas of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Science.

AMOUNT
At least one scholarship will be awarded annually in an estimated amount of at least $1,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
The NAAAEA scholarship is available to student members of who are attending an accredited university in the USA and must be a student-member in any one of the NAAAEA Chapters.

Apply at https://nationalaaaea.org/scholarship-application/

Application deadline: October 15, 2022
Career Center

The National Career Center is one of the NAAAEA programs that strive to provide the members with services, programs, and resources to advance their career to the next level.

This tab include:
• Search for Opportunity, and
• Submit Job Opportunity

See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “CAREER”.

Career Center
Submit an Article

All are invited to submit an article to be published in the NAAAEA Newsletter. The article will also be uploaded to the NAAAEA website.

Technical articles related to the following fields are encouraged: Engineering (all disciplines), Architecture, and Information Technology.

Other topics are also encouraged, this include: leadership skills, time management skills, how to encourage volunteerism in not-for-profit organizations, etc.

Submit your article at https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “EDUCATION” tab “SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER”
NAAAEA Executive Board Monthly Meetings

Below is the schedule of the NAAAEA National Executive Board (NEB) Monthly Meetings.

All are encouraged to contact us at https://nationalaaaea.org/contact-us/ and show interest in attending a board meeting. The purpose of your attendance is to provide feedback to NAAAEA and let us know your needs.

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Sponsorship Opportunity

The National AAAEA (NAAAEA) is a non-profit organization, and it is IRS Tax Exempt under Section 501(c)(3).

NAAAEA has nine (9) Chapters in various States in the USA. NAAAEA and its Chapters have an impressive track record of technical seminars, E-newsletter, professional engineering conferences, social networking events, introduction to the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam, introduction to the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exam, introduction to the Structural Engineering (SE) License Exam, tutoring programs for the SAT and ACT tests for high school students, a scholarship program for college students, Grants for college student initiatives, and Awards to students and professionals programs.

Benefits of Sponsorship: Sponsorship benefits include:
• Your company logo & name will be displayed on the home page of the National AAAEA Website with an active link to your company website
• Your company logo & name will be included in the NAAAEA E-Newsletter
• You can advertise job postings on the NAAAEA website and thru email.
• Your company logo & name will be recognized and displayed at the annual NAAAEA National conference

Amount: $1000 – For a full year of benefits
Current NAAAEA Sponsors

- Terracon: [https://www.terracon.com/](https://www.terracon.com/)
- MILHEM: [https://www.milhemdtl.com/](https://www.milhemdtl.com/)
- HVJ: [https://www.hvj.com/](https://www.hvj.com/)
Current NAAAEA Chapters

NAAAEA has currently nine Chapters listed below and shown on the map below.

Click below on the chapter link shown below to visit the Chapter’s website.

- California Chapter
- Capital Area Chapter (DC, VA, MD)
- Colorado Chapter
- Dallas Chapter
- Houston Chapter
- Illinois Chapter
- Michigan Chapter
- Tri-State Chapter (NY, NJ, CT)
- Wisconsin Chapter

A link to each Chapter is also provided on NAAAEA website https://nationalaaaea.org/ under the “CHAPTERS” tab.
Interested in Forming a New NAAAEA Chapter?

If you are interested in forming a new NAAAEA Chapter, or if your existing organization wants to be a Chapter of NAAAEA, please contact us at https://nationalaaaea.org/contact/

Note: All NAAAEA Chapters must comply with NAAAEA By-Laws. Click here to learn more about NAAAEA By-Laws.
Outstanding Young Engineer Award

This NAAAEA Outstanding Young Engineer Award has been developed to encourage young AAAEA members to be active with AAAEA and other professional organizations, obtain professional licensed early in their career, and encourage volunteerism in community activities.

ELIGIBILITY
All AAAEA members aged 40 or younger who is recognized by colleagues for his/her outstanding achievements, are eligible to submit for this award. Nomination could be by the applicant, or by others who are familiar with the applicant involvements and accomplishments

See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “AWARDS” to apply for this award
Outstanding Student Award

This NAAAEA Outstanding Student Award has been developed to encourage college students, who are members of any Chapter of NAAAEA, to be active with AAAEA and other professional associations, to volunteer their time with their community activities, and to be accomplished students at their university.

ELIGIBILITY

All AAAEA student members aged 35 or younger who is recognized by colleagues for his/her outstanding achievements, are eligible to submit for this award. Nomination could be by the applicant, or by others who are familiar with the applicant involvements and accomplishments.

See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “AWARDS” to apply for this award.
The NAAAEA Projects Program is developed to provide technical assistance and initiate new projects in areas throughout the world, but especially in the Middle East. This program is modeled after the Engineers Without Borders (EWB) programs. However, the NAAAEA projects will be mainly in the Middle East, since EWB does not appear that they have projects in the Middle East.

WHAT IS NEEDED FROM ALL
1. AAAEA members (students or practicing engineers) are encouraged to show interest in this program. You can enter your information in the NAAAEA website (in the “PROJECTS” tab) and we will contact you once we have enough members that show interest in this program.
2. Company owners and other sponsors are encouraged to contribute funds and/or technical expertise.
3. You can contact agencies in the Middle East and encourage them to submit their project needs to NAAAEA. NAAAEA will investigate the feasibility of the project and implement, if found feasible.

TYPE OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS
1. Clean water infrastructure/treatment/purification
2. Water collection and distribution
3. Sustainable/renewable energy
4. Pedestrian bridges
5. Sustainable housing
6. Sustainable heating and cooking facilities utilizing efficient energy sources
7. Education and training
8. Sanitation infrastructure
9. Other projects, as suggested by NAAAEA community, or as requested by the needed area

See https://nationalaaaea.org/ website under “PROJECTS” to participate in this program.
## NAAAEA Current National Executive Board (NEB) Contacts

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How can we help?
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