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**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers to serve the next business year, starting in June, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors & Post President. A ceremonial election by the membership will be held to ratify the Board's decision at our next monthly luncheon on May 13. Following is the list of candidates:

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The new slate of officers will be installed at the upcoming monthly luncheon on June 10, 2020.

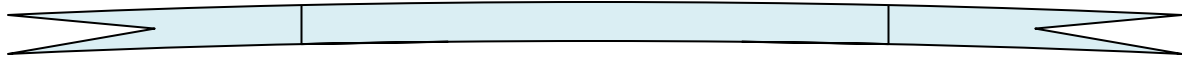
Greg Breerwood, PE  
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## **HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION**

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We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS**

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**LOUISIANA POST VIRTUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82167517780>  
**Meeting ID: 821 6751 7780**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** **DEREK BOESE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
SOUTHEAST LA. FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST**

**TOPIC:** **UPDATE ON SLFPA - EAST**

**THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH**

**DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.**

## **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY**

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### **Derek Boese Chief Administrative Officer Flood Protection Authority - East**

Mr. Boese is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Flood Protection Authority – East (FPA) and is responsible for the physical, operational and financial integrity of the regional flood risk management system protecting the east bank of Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes and 576K people and \$79B of infrastructure. Mr. Boese has been the CAO since March 2017, overseeing the transition from three separate levee districts into one consolidated regional authority consisting of 225 people and a \$54M annual budget. He first served as the Executive Director of the East Jefferson Levee District for the FPA starting in 2015.

Prior to joining the Flood Protection Authority - East, Mr. Boese was an executive for two national engineering firms and led their regional operations from 2006-2015, focused on flood protection and coastal restoration. During this time, he also served as the USACE Chief of Staff for the Hurricane Protection Office.

Mr. Boese was an active duty Army officer for 11 years, and served combat tours in Iraq and Kuwait including the initial ground invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Mr. Boese has a B.A. in Civil Engineering from Rice University, a M.S. in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology and a J.D. from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans. He is a licensed attorney and is also an Adjunct Professor teaching Critical Infrastructure at the Tulane University School of Professional Advancement, Emergency and Security Studies Program.