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SAME Louisiana Post Members,

Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) is thrilled to announce the return of MathCounts *in person* this winter!

MathCounts is an exciting mathematics competition where 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students compete against one another and the clock for an opportunity to participate in the State or, if successful, National Championship.

The event will take place on **Saturday, February 4, 2023** at the UNO Engineering Building. The New Orleans Region is currently **seeking volunteers to help proctor and grade tests** – the commitment is only from 8 a.m. to early afternoon on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have a high school or college aged family member that needs community service credits, we have volunteer opportunities that qualify.

If you are interested in volunteering, or wish that your 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student (or their school) could participate, please contact me at your earliest convenience at [leah.read@aecom.com](mailto:leah.read@aecom.com).

Thank you!  
Leah Read, PE

## **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 MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022**

**SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.**

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.**

- LOCATION:** JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH  
2536 EDENBORN AVE.  
METAIRIE, LA 70002
- GUEST SPEAKER:** PAUL MATTHEWS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
- TOPIC:** UPDATE ON THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
- MENU:** SALAD, SHRIMP WITH ANGEL HAIR PASTA, PETIT  
POIS PEAS, DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE
- COST:** \$40.00 MEMBERS; \$50.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS
- RESERVATIONS:** FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:  
[richard.c.entwisle@usace.army.mil](mailto:richard.c.entwisle@usace.army.mil)  
YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377
- OR MAIL PAYMENT TO:** SAME, LOUISIANA POST  
5321 TOBY LANE  
KENNER, LA 70065-2345

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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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### **Paul Matthews**

*Executive Director*

**Port of South Louisiana**

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Paul Matthews, new executive director of the Port of South Louisiana beginning January 2022, recently served as Deputy Port Director at Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District. He joined Plaquemines Port in 2017 after serving as the Community Affairs Manager at the Port of New Orleans. Matthews is the first African-American port director in the history of the State of Louisiana.

As Deputy Director, Matthews helped negotiate multi-million-dollar terminal leases and facilitated the development of a private-public partnership to expand rail service at the Plaquemines Port. He also assisted in securing millions of dollars of federal port security and dredging funds and was involved in attracting grants for critical port infrastructure projects. Matthews also promoted international engagement by establishing dialogue with the U.S. State Department, Department of Commerce, and United States trade representatives to expand port presence in developing countries in Southeast Asia, South America, West Africa, and India.

Matthews currently serves as Chairman of GNO inc. NextGen Council and is a member of various maritime and civic organizations, including Ports Association of Louisiana, the World Trade Center of New Orleans, Board of Directors of United Way Southeast Louisiana & Board of Directors for Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry, as well as a member of several American Association of Port Authorities Committees.

Matthews looks forward to leading the Port of South Louisiana by maintaining so many of the Port's successes and growth through focus on infrastructure, agriculture and the energy transition.

Matthews is a graduate of Ben Franklin High School in New Orleans, Tulane University, and received an MBA from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In his spare time, Matthews enjoys spending time with his family and supporting the GreenWave on the football field.