

ALASKA AELS BOARD

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AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) held a quarterly board meeting on November 16-17, 2006, in Anchorage.

Board members in attendance were: Kenneth Maynard, Chair; Boyd Brownfield, Vice-Chair; Craig Fredeen, Clifford Baker, Richard Heieren, Harley Hightower, Charles Leet, Daniel Walsh, Burdett Lent and Terry Gorlick.

Mark Morris was unable to attend.

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

Participating for portions of the meeting from Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

- John Savage, Investigator
- Naseer Dhaamin, Investigator

Present by teleconference from the Department of Law were Assistant Attorney Generals David Brower and Gayle Horetski.

Professional Licensing staff in attendance was:

- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator
- Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner
- Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Members of the Public in attendance were:

- Dale Nelson, representing the ASCE and APDC
- Paul Schoder, representing himself

- Mike Tauriainen, representing himself
- K. Tauriainen, representing herself
- Martin Gutoski, representing the ASPLS

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulations:

- 12 AAC 36.061 – NCARB Education Standard (update of revision date)

One regulation project was not adopted: 12 AAC 36.111, Practice of Land Surveying, update of revision date for NCEES *Model Rule* 210.25.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

12 AAC 36.111 – Practice of Land Surveying. The board voted unanimously to repeal 12 AAC 36.111.

12 AAC 36.500-550 – a new section requiring continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects as a condition for registration renewal.

Legislative Recommendations

- Stop Work Orders.
- Legislation to provide for expansion of petroleum or chemical engineers for the mining engineer position on the board if a mining engineer is not available.
- A new subsection in AS 08.48.331 exempting NICET certified engineers from registration through the AELS Board.

- AS 08.48.011(b) changing composition of board from 10 to 11 members and adding a landscape architect position.

Subgroups

The board continues work in the following subgroups:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines
- Incidental Practice
- Architecture, Engineer and Landscape Architect-Mandatory CE
- Disciplinary Action & Process/Enforcement Procedure
- Jurisprudence Exam
- Legislative Changes
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Define “board-approved coursework in surveying curriculum” as referenced in 12 AAC 36.065.
- Amendments to 12 AAC 36.195, Site Adaptation of Design Documents.

Board Policies

The Board did not adopt any policies at this meeting.

Other Updates

Forms for tracking and reporting continuing education for surveyors is now on the board’s web site at www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm

Applicant Files Reviewed

At its November 2006 meeting the board reviewed and approved or conditionally approved 61 applications for registration by examination or comity. Two applications were found to be incomplete and will be re-reviewed at the February 2007 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 22-23, 2007 in Juneau. The meeting will be held in the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Ave., 9th Floor, Conference Room A. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future meeting dates are:

May 17-18, 2007-Fairbanks
August 9-10, 2007 – Anchorage
November 8-9, 2007 - Anchorage

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2007 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2007.

Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE): April 10, 2007 is the retake request deadline for Sections C and E for the June 11-12, 2007 LARE administration. For first time applicants wishing to sit for the June 2007 LARE, applications must be received in the Juneau Office by February 12, 2007.

For all new exam applicants, applications and supporting documents must be received in the Juneau Office 10 days prior to each board meeting. **There will be no exceptions.**

ELSES conducted its first administration of the NCEES examinations for the Board in October.

Regional and National Participation

Burt Lent, Landscape Architect, attended CLARB’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio in September.

Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator, attended the NCARB Member Board Administrator’s annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia in November.

Many members attended the NCEES Annual Meeting in Anchorage in September. Members and staff from the North Carolina Board also met with the Board for a special program on law enforcement and discipline.

Staff Reports

Investigator’s Report

Naseer Dhaamin and John Savage, Division Investigators for the AELS Board, reported the status on the investigative cases and actions. The report is located on the AELS web site at: <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>.

Annual Reports

Board staff has posted the AELS FY 2006 Annual Report on the board’s web site and will begin posting all future Annual Reports.

Building Official’s Manual

The Building Official’s Manual is posted to the AELS Website at <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>. The board is still working on revising and editing this document and welcomes your comments. The board hopes to have a revised manual on its web site following the February 2007 meeting.

Interested Parties List

To sign up to receive proposed regulations affecting architects, engineers, land surveyors and landscape architects that are public noticed by the division, please contact: Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Occupational Licensing, Dept. of Commerce, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, or by email:

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