

# ALASKA AELS BOARD

November 2007

## Quarterly Board Meeting

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### AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held a quarterly board meeting on November 8-9, 2007 in Anchorage.

Board members in attendance were: Boyd Brownfield, PE, Chair; Craig Fredeen, PE, Vice-Chair, Mark Morris, PE, Secretary, Clifford Baker, PS, Charles Leet, PE, Daniel Walsh, PE, Kenneth Maynard, FAIA, and Burdett Lent, LA.

Richard Heieren, PS and Harley Hightower, FAIA, were unable to attend.

The public member seat on the board is currently vacant.

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

- John Clark, Investigator

Professional Licensing staff in attendance was:

- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator
- Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public in attendance for portions of the meeting were:

- Orson Smith, Ph.D., representing the University of Alaska Anchorage
- Martin Gutoski, representing the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS)

### Disciplinary Actions Taken

The board assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$36,000 against Dennis

Jennings, dba Jenco Surveying, in Fairbanks.

### Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulations:

- 12 AAC 36.040(c) – exempt the AKLS exam from the 5x5 rule.
- Regulations to require new registrants to pass a take-home jurisprudence exam prior to registration. Land Surveyors are exempt from this requirement.
- 12 AAC 36.061 – adopt the 2007-2008 NCARB Education Standard.
- Minor changes to the continuing education regulations in 12 AAC 36.500-.510.
- 12 AAC 36.910 – a regulation giving the board authority to recommend to the Governor a board member be removed if that member has three or more unexcused absences in a 24-month period.

### Regulations Projects to be Public Noticed

- 12 AAC 36.100, .105 – changes to the comity regulations.
- 12 AAC 36.195 – site adaptation/field alterations.

### Legislation

- Change the board composition to 11 members and make the Landscape Architect seat a permanent, voting position.
- Allow the substitution of a petroleum or chemical engineer 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.

HB 248 regarding the mining engineer seat on the board and the NICET exemption has been introduced.

### Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines (environmental, fire protection and structural)
- Incidental Practice/DOT Signalization
- Disciplinary Action & Process
- Legislative Liaison
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Building Officials' Manual
- Review of education requirements for FS/PS in 12 AAC 36.064 - .065.
- Committee to review possible conflicts in AS 08.48.281 and .331 (professional titles/exemptions)

### Special Assignments

The board has the following special assignments:

- Craig Fredeen – B+30
- Craig Fredeen – ABET Accreditation
- Technical Review Committee
- Emeritus Appointments

### Board Policies

The board adopted a board policy that will require applicants for Architect registration to complete IDP before testing for the BD and BT sections of the Architect Registration Exam (ARE).

### Other Updates

There are now interactive continuing education reporting forms on the board's web site.

### Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 63 applications for registration and examination:

- 31 applications for registration by exam and comity were approved.
- 25 applications for registration by comity and exam were conditionally approved.
- 5 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 2 applications were denied.

### Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed unanimously adopting a policy to require architect applicants to complete IDP before testing for the BT and BD sections of the ARE.
- Motion passed by a majority vote to allow architects, engineers and landscape architects to carry forward 12 professional development hours earned during the time frame 1/1/06 – 12/31/07, for renewal on 12/31/09.
- Motion passed unanimously to adopt an order levying a \$36,000 civil penalty against Dennis Jennings, dba Jenco Surveying.
- Motion passed unanimously to adopt a written policy regarding incidental practice as it relates to roadway lighting and traffic signalization design.
- Motion passed unanimously to not approve for public notice changes to the educational requirements for land surveyor registration or exam in 12 AAC 36.064 - .065 until a position paper has been written and distributed to the Alaska societies for comment.
- Motion passed unanimously to not introduce a bill to give the board authority to issue Stop Work Orders.

### AEELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 7-8, 2008 in Juneau. The meeting will be held in the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room A. The deadline

for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates are:

- May 29-30, 2008 – Fairbanks
- August 7-8, 2008 – Anchorage
- November 6-7, 2008 – tentatively Wasilla

### NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2008 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2008

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

### Regional and National Participation

Boyd Brownfield, PE, and Craig Fredeen, PE attended the NCEES Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on August 22-25, 2007.

Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, attended CLARB's Annual Meeting in Cleveland September 6-8, 2007.

Ken Maynard, Architect, attended the NCARB Member Board Chairs' Conference in Memphis October 5-6, 2007.

### Staff Reports

#### Investigator's Report

John Clark, part-time, Division Investigator for the AEELS Board, reported the status on the investigative cases and actions.

#### Examiner's Report

Richard Jones, Licensing Examiner, prepared a report listing the number of active registrations in the various professions/disciplines governed by the board. The report also provides results from examinations and the number of exam candidates for each profession/discipline.

These reports can be viewed from the AEELS web site at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>

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## **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 manual is currently being revised.

### **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: Mr. 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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