

ALASKA AELS BOARD

May 2008

Quarterly Board Meeting

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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, Richard Heieren, PS, Harley Hightower, Architect, and Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect.

The public member and second architect seat on the board are currently vacant.

Participating from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

- John Savage, Investigator
 - Ginger Morton, AELS Board Executive Administrator
 - Vern Jones, AELS Board Licensing Examiner
- Members of the Public in attendance for portions of the meeting were:
- Carol Olson, representing the Fire Marshall's Office
 - Martin Gutoski, PS, representing the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS)
 - Tim Sprout, PS, representing the ASPLS
 - Tom Scarborough, PS, representing himself
 - William Mendenhall, CE and PS, representing himself
 - Jack Wilbur, PE, representing himself
 - Jim Loftus, PE, representing himself

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations

The board adopted the following regulations:

- 12 AAC 36.100(a), .103, .105, .109 – requiring new registrants by comity or examination to complete a jurisprudence questionnaire.
- 12 AAC 36.195 – site adaptation/field alterations.
- 12 AAC 36.090 – Waiver of fundamentals of engineering examination.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

- 12 AAC 36.062, .063 – changes to the FE/PE tables deleting the ability to be eligible for the FE/PE exams with 3 years coursework in an ABET accredited program. There will be a transition period of one year.
- 12 AAC 36.064, .065 – changes to the FS/PS tables deleting the ability to be eligible for the FS/PS exams with an ABET degree in civil engineering. There will be a transition period of one year.
- 12 AAC 36.105, changes to the comity regulations.

Regulation Project Held in Abeyance

At the February 2008 meeting a regulation project was initiated to require architect applicants by examination to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP) prior to sitting for the Building Planning (BP) and Building Technology (BT) sections of the Architect Registration Exam

AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held a quarterly board meeting on May 29-30, 2008 in Fairbanks.

(ARE), Version 3.1, and the Building Design & Construction Systems (BD) and Schematic Design (SD) sections of the ARE, Version 4.0.

This project will be held in abeyance until a new architect is appointed to the board. The sitting architect on the board will consult with the new architect member and give a recommendation to the board at the August 2008 meeting.

Legislation

SB 263 passed which allows a chemical or petroleum engineer to fill the mining engineer seat on the board if a mining engineer is not available. (AS 08.48.011)

SB 263 also provides for an exemption from registration for persons designing fire detection or suppression systems and is authorized by the Department of Public Safety to design fire detection or suppression systems. (AS 08.48.331(14)).

The board will be pursuing legislation next session to change the board composition by making the landscape architect seat on the board a permanent voting position.

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

Special Committees

- Additional Engineering Disciplines (environmental, fire protection and structural)
- Incidental Practice/DOT Signalization
- Disciplinary Action & Process
- AS 08.48.281 & .331, use of titles

Standing Committees

- Technical Review
- Building Officials' Manual
- Bylaws

Board Policies

The board adopted a policy to include an explanation for proposed changes in regulations to accompany the public notice.

Continuing Education Audits

Thirty-eight continuing education audits of land surveyors were reviewed. All were approved, except one which was approved pending verification of hours.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 68 applications for registration and examination:

- 28 applications for registration by exam and comity were approved.
- 35 applications for registration by comity and exam were conditionally approved.
- 5 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the August 2008 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed authorizing a board member to research adding a special committee to look at the NCEES re-examination requirements for those that have failed the exam five times.
- Motion passed adopting a document titled "Conduct of Committees."
- Motions passed removing Legislative Liaison, B+30, Emeritus Appointment, and Accreditation from the committees.
- Motion passed authorizing the board to write a resolution in support of Daniel Walsh's continuance as a board member while on sabbatical.
- Motion passed to create a board policy to include an explanation of proposed regulation changes to accompany the public notice.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 7-8, 2008 in Wasilla. The meeting will be held in the legislative offices located at 600 East Railroad

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

Tentative future meeting dates are:

- August 7-8, 2008 – Wasilla
- November 6-7, 2008 – Anchorage
- February 5-6, 2009 – Juneau
- May 14-15, 2009 - Fairbanks

NCEES exam retake requests:

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2008 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than September 1, 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

Dan Walsh, Harley Hightower and the Executive Administrator, Ginger Morton, attended the WCARB Region 6 meeting in Englewood Colorado on March 27-28, 2008

Craig Fredeen and Richard Heieren attended the NCEES Western Zone Meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota on May 15-17, 2008

Harley Hightower and Ginger Morton will be attending the NCARB Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 26-28, 2008.

Boyd Brownfield, Craig Fredeen, Charles Leet and licensing examiner, Vern Jones, will be attending the NCEES Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 13-16, 2008.

Travel will be requested for Burdett Lent and Ginger Morton to attend the CLARB Annual Meeting in San Diego, California on September 4-6, 2008.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

John Savage, part-time Division Investigator for the AELS 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 AELS web site at:

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

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>. A revised manual will be posted to the web in approximately two weeks.

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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