

ALASKA AELS BOARD

August 2008

Quarterly Board Meeting

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Board members in attendance were: Boyd Brownfield, PE, Chair; Craig Fredeen, PE, Vice-Chair, Clifford Baker, PS, Charles Leet, PE, Richard Heieren, PS, Harley Hightower, Architect, and Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect.

Mark Morris, PE, Secretary, and Daniel Walsh, PE had been excused from the meeting.

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:

- Timothy Fisher, representing the State Fire Marshall's Office
- Jim Steward, PE, representing NANA/Colt
- Dale Nelson, PE, representing the Alaska Professional Design Council

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations

The board adopted no new regulations.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

The board approved for public notice an amendment to 12 AAC 36.055 which would allow architectural applicants to sit for the Architect Registration Exam after completing their architectural degree and prior to completing the Intern Development Program.

Legislation

The board will again pursue a statute change during the upcoming legislative session to change the board composition to make 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
- Exemptions to Required Registration
- Board Bylaws
- Australian Licensure

Standing Committees

- Technical Review
- Building and Planning Officials' Manual
- Legislative Liaison
- Emeritus Status

AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held a quarterly board meeting on August 7-8, 2008 in Wasilla.

Board Policies

The board adopted no policies at this meeting.

Continuing Education Audits

There was one continuing education audit requiring board review and it was approved.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 127 applications for registration and examination:

- 70 applications for registration by exam and comity were approved.
- 53 applications for registration by comity and exam were conditionally approved.
- 4 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the November 2008 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed accepting the NCEES' recommendation that an applicant's FE score be invalidated for possessing a cell phone during the exam.
- Motion passed tasking the Additional Engineering Disciplines committee to also research changing to a non-discipline specific engineering registration in Alaska, but to first move forward with a recommendation for registering structural, fire protection and environmental engineers.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 6-7 in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave., Room 1270, Anchorage. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates are:

- November 6-7, 2008 – Anchorage
- February 5-6, 2009 – Juneau
- May 14-15, 2009 – Fairbanks
- August 13-14, 2009 - Anchorage

NCEES exam retake requests:

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2009 written requests must be

received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2009.

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

Harley Hightower and the Executive Administrator, Ginger Morton, attended the NCARB Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh 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.

Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, and Ginger Morton will be attending the CLARB Annual Meeting in San Diego, California on September 4-6, 2008.

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Investigator's Report

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

This 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 and Planning Official's Manual is posted to the AELS Website at
<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>. The manual is still be 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:

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