

ALASKA AELS BOARD

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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 August 9-10, 2007 in Anchorage.

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

Mark Morris, PE, Secretary, attended portions of the meeting via teleconference.

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

Present for a portion of the meeting was Ted Leonard, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

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

- John Savage, 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 and Hannele Zubeck, representing the University of Alaska Anchorage

- Paul Whipple, representing the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS)
- Richard Burg, PE, representing himself
- Charles Cobb, PE, representing himself
- Laura Bradbury, representing herself
- Albert Swank, PE, representing himself
- Dee Fultz, PE, representing the IEEE
- Nick Bakic, representing himself
- Steve Paliwoda, Architect, representing himself

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulation:

- 12 AAC 36.500-.550, continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects.

New Regulations Projects

- 12 AAC 36.040(c) – exempt the AKLS exam from the 5x5 rule.
- New regulation addressing board member absences from board meetings.

Legislative Recommendations

- Change the board composition to make the Landscape Architect seat a permanent, voting position.

- Legislation to 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 was introduced. It will be continued next session.

A bill regarding the Stop Work Order was not introduced.

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines (environmental, fire protection and structural)
- Incidental Practice
- Disciplinary Action & Process/Enforcement Procedure
- Legislative Liaison
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Building Officials' Manual
- Review of education/experience tables in 12 AAC 36.064 & .065.
- Field Adaptation of Sealed (signed) Documents

Special Assignments

The board has the following special assignments:

- Craig Fredeen – B+30 resolution presented to WZONE/NCEES
- Technical Review Committee
- Emeritus Appointments

Board Policies

No new board policies were adopted.

Other Updates

There will soon be a document on the AELS web site providing information regarding continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects.

There is currently a document entitled "Continuing Education Guidelines for Surveyors" on the board's web site, in addition to forms for tracking and reporting CE.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board took the following action on applications:

- 51 applications for registration by exam and comity were approved.
- 22 applications for registration by comity and exam were conditionally approved.
- 33 applications to sit for the FE examination were approved.
- 4 applications to sit for the FS examination were approved.
- 6 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 1 application for the FE examination was denied.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed unanimously adopting mandatory continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects.
- Motion passed unanimously to create a committee to examine the feasibility of accepting ABET accreditation of engineering degrees that requires a minimum number of credit hours.
- Motion passed unanimously to initiate a regulation project stating that a board member that misses three meetings in a 24-month period will resign their position as a board member.
- Motion passed by a majority vote to approve a new Arctic Engineering Course (CE A403) offered at UAA.
- Motion passed by a majority vote to introduce legislation to make the landscape architect seat on the board a permanent, voting position.
- Motion passed to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Decision and Order in case OAH 07-0178-AEL, Michael Adams,

Respondent, denying Mr. Adams' eligibility to sit for the PE exam.

- Motion passed by a majority vote to adopt a board policy that in 12 AAC 36.064 and .065 coursework in a board approved curriculum in land surveying – no degree (minimum of two years credit hours) means 30 credit hours of core surveying classes and 30 credit hours of professional development classes.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 8-9, 2007 in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Room 1270. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates are:

- February 7-8, 2008 – Juneau
- May 15-16, 2008 (or May 8-9) – Fairbanks
- August 7-8, 2008 - Anchorage

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2007 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than August 28, 2007.

The deadline for registering for NCEES exams with ELSES is September 6, 2007. Registration opened July 1, 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.**

Regional and National Participation

Boyd Brownfield, PE, and Craig Fredeen, PE, will be attending the NCEES Annual Meeting in Philadelphia August 22-25, 2007.

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

Ken Maynard, Architect, will be attending the NCARB Member Board

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

John Savage, 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>. 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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