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TO: Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

THROUGH: Gary Veres, Chief Investigator

FROM: George Weaver & John Clark, Investigators

SUBJECT: Investigative Report for the August 19 and 20, 2004, meeting. This report reflects the status of investigative files up to and including July 31, 2004.

OPEN CASES

- 0101-03-6 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/03/03)
- 0101-03-9 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/21/03)
- 0101-03-10 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/22/03)
- 0101-03-11 Allegation that a civil engineer worked as an architect. (Opened 04/29/03)
- 0101-03-13 Allegation that an unlicensed individual worked as an architect. (Opened 09/11/03)
- 0101-03-15 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 09/23/03)
- 0101-04-1 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 06/16/04)
- 0102-02-4 Allegation that an engineer was not competent in the design of a structure. (Opened 12/05/02)
- 0102-03-1 Allegation that a civil engineer worked outside the scope of his license. (Opened 04/04/03)
- 0102-03-4 Allegation that an engineer did not properly sight adapt design documents. (Opened 12/03/03)

- 0102-04-2 Allegation that an engineer was incompetent. (Opened 05/25/04)
- 0102-04-3 Allegation that an engineer inappropriately sealed plans as a land surveyor. (Opened 07/19/04)
- 0103-03-5 Allegation that an unlicensed person represented himself as an engineer. (Opened 12/19/03)
- 0103-04-1 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an engineer on a project in Alaska. (Opened 02/25/04)
- 0103-04-2 Allegation that an individual was advertising to provide engineering services. (Opened 05/14/04)
- 0104-02-1 Allegation that a licensed land surveyor is sealing and signing work without supervising the person doing the work and preparing the plats (Opened 03/26/02)
- 0104-02-4 Allegation that a land surveyor's work was below minimum professional standards on a project. (Opened November 19, 2002)
- 0104-02-5 Allegation that a land surveyor's work is below minimum professional standards. (Opened November 21, 2002)
- 0104-03-3 Allegation that a professional land surveyor was negligent regarding an as-built. (Opened 09/23/03)
- 0104-03-5 Allegation that a land surveyor improperly placed a monument causing a property line to become clouded. (Opened 11/28/03)
- 0104-04-1 Allegation that a land surveyor's work was substandard causing a potential clouding of a property line. (Opened 04/01/04)
- 0104-04-3 Allegation that a land surveyor wrongfully removed a property corner monument and then set another property corner monument causing questions about the actual location of a property line. (Opened 07/06/04)
- 0104-04-4 Allegation that a land surveyor wrongfully moved monuments adversely affecting lot size. (Opened 07/22/04)
- 0105-02-2 Allegation of land surveying by an unregistered individual. (Opened 10/29/02)
- 0107-03-1 Allegation that a corporation offered engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 05/06/03)

The first four numbers of the case number indicate the profession; the professional codes are as follows:

0100	Architect	0106	Corporate Authorization
0101	Unlicensed Architect	0107	Unlicensed Corporate Authorization
0102	Engineer	0150	Architect Applicant
0103	Unlicensed Engineer	0152	Engineering Applicant
0104	Land Surveyor	0154	Land Surveyor Applicant
0105	Unlicensed Land Surveyor		

- 0107-03-3 Allegation that a corporation advertised to provide engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 07/15/03)
- 0107-04-1 Allegation that a corporation advertised to provide engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 04/19/04)
- 0107-04-2 Allegation that a corporation practiced engineering in Alaska without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 07/16/04)
- 0107-04-3 Allegation that a corporation practiced engineering in Alaska without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 07/16/04)
- 0152-04-1 Allegation that an applicant was not truthful on an application. (Opened 07/08/04)
- 0154-03-1 Applicant was denied and requested a hearing. (Opened 09/05/03)
- 0154-04-1 Applicant was denied and requested a hearing. (Opened 03/10/04)
- 0154-04-2 Applicant was denied and requested a hearing. (Opened 03/10/04)

DRAFT ACCUSATIONS PENDING ATTORNEY GENERAL REVIEW

- 0104-96-1 Allegation that a registered land surveyor's work was below the minimum professional standards for a land surveyor. (Referred 08/21/98)
- 0104-98-2 Allegation that a registered land surveyor did not provide services in a timely manner. (Referred 08/21/98/)

PENDING LICENSING ACTION

- 0100-03-2 Allegation that Kenneth L. Butts, an Architect, sealed and signed plans containing electrical and mechanical engineering. Butts admitted sealing and signing the plans in question. Butts was previously sent advisory letters concerning sealing and signing plans outside his area of expertise. Butts agreed to enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Board. The Board will review the MOA during the August 2004 meeting. (Opened 12/03/03)

CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS ISSUED

- 0101-03-8 Allegation that Mike Tauriainen, a Civil Engineer, worked as an architect on by doing the architectural design for a new building. Investigation established that Tauriainen did architectural work in the process of doing the design work for the project. A cease and desist order was sent to Tauriainen, who has requested a hearing on the matter. (Opened 04/08/03)

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0102-03-3 Allegation that Mike Tauriainen, a Civil Engineer, worked outside the scope of education, training and licensure by doing architectural design work on a building. Investigation established that Tauriainen's design work exceeded the scope of his license as a civil engineer. A cease and desist order was sent to Tauriainen, who has requested a hearing on the matter. (Opened 04/08/03)

ACCUSATION FILED

0100-02-4 Seth Yerrington, a Professional Architect, License 2142, worked as a professional architect in the design of a commercial building – a warehouse addition project. An expert witness reviewed Yerrington's work on the project and the expert witness is of the opinion that Yerrington's work on the project was below minimum professional standards for an architect registered in the State of Alaska. (Referred 07/17/03)

0100-02-6 Seth Yerrington, a Professional Architect, License 2142, worked as a professional architect in the design of a commercial building – an apartment building. An expert witness reviewed Yerrington's work on the project and the expert witness is of the opinion that Yerrington's work on the project was below minimum professional standards for an architect registered in the State of Alaska. (Referred 07/17/03)

APPLICATION DENIED:

0154-02-1 Scott Bosse requested a hearing subsequent to the Board denying licensure due to his not meeting the minimum qualifications for licensure. Bosse requested a hearing. The hearing office upheld the Board's denial. At the June 4, 2004, meeting the Board adopted the hearing officer's decision. (Closed 07/28/04)

OTHER CASES CLOSED:

0105-04-1 Allegation that an unlicensed individual was representing himself to be a registered land surveyor. Investigation revealed a land surveyor allowed his license to lapse and while the license was lapsed he continued to represent himself as a registered land surveyor. Upon being contacted about the nature of the complaint the land surveyor immediately submitted a renewal application and received his license. An advisory letter was sent to the land surveyor. This closure was coordinated with AELS Board Member Clifford Baker. (Closed 05/14/04)

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