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AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) held a quarterly board meeting on August 17-18, 2006, in Anchorage.

Board members in attendance were: Kenneth Maynard, Chair; Boyd Brownfield, Vice-Chair; Craig Fredeen, Clifford Baker, Richard Heieren, Harley Hightower, Mark Morris, Charles Leet, Daniel Walsh, Burdett Lent and Terry Gorlick, Public Member.

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

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

- Richard Younkens, Chief Investigator
- John Savage, Investigator
- Naseer Dhaamin, Investigator

Present by teleconference from the Department of Law was Assistant Attorney General David Brower

Professional Licensing staff in attendance was:

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

Members of the Public in attendance were:

- Dale Nelson, representing the ASCE and APDC
- Paul Whipple, representing himself
- Carol Olson, representing the State Fire Marshall's Office

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- Marc Eid, representing himself

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulations:

- 12 AAC 36.040 – Simplified Application for Reexamination
- 12 AAC 36.050-Application Deadlines
- 12 AAC 36.071-Postponements

These changes were necessary to implement the ELSSES administration of the NCEES examinations. The first ELSSES' exam administration will be in October of this year.

One regulation project was withdrawn: 12 AAC 36.067, Date of Experience, which would have allowed employers to project work experience up to 60 days in advance.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

12 AAC 36.111 – changing the revision date of the NCEES' *Model Rules* 210.25, Inclusions and Exclusions of Surveying from 2004 to 2005.

Legislative Recommendations

- Stop Work Orders.
- Change name of Board to Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Surveyors (deleting "land").
- Legislation to provide for expansion of petroleum or chemical engineers for the mining engineer position on

the board should a mining engineer not be available.

- Language to require cooperation with investigators (unless it can be determined this can be in regulation).
- AS 08.48.331 exemption from registration for NICET certified fire protection engineers.

Subgroups

The board continues work in the following subgroups:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines
- Incidental Practice
- Architecture, Engineer and Landscape Architect-Mandatory CE
- Disciplinary Action & Process/Enforcement Procedure
- Jurisprudence Exam
- Legislative Changes
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Define "board-approved coursework in surveying curriculum" as referenced in 12 AAC 36.065.
- Amendments to 12 AAC 36.195, Site Adaptation of Design Documents.

Board Policies

The Board adopted the following board policies:

- 12 AAC 36.105(d) is interpreted to mean a non-NCEES exam.
- 12 AAC 36.105(b) is interpreted to mean that an engineer by comity must have passed the NCEES exam in the same discipline for which they are applying.
- The exam referenced in 12 AAC 36.105(d)(1) must be in the same discipline for which the applicant is applying.

Other Updates

The subcommittee for continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects hope to have regulations ready for public noticing following the November 2006 meeting.

Newly adopted regulations requiring mandatory continuing education for surveyors and the definition of the practice of land surveying have been posted to the board's web site.

Soon to be added to the board's web site will be forms for tracking and reporting continuing education for surveyors.

Applicant Files Reviewed

At its August 2006 meeting the board reviewed and approved or conditionally approved 65 applicants for registration by examination or comity. The board also approved 42 applicants for the FE exam and one applicant for the FS exam. Four applications were found to be incomplete and will be re-reviewed at the November 2006 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

Two applicants were granted a waiver of the FE by documenting 20 years of engineering experience.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 16-17, 2006 in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Room 240. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future meeting dates are:
February 22-23, 2007-Juneau
May 17-18, 2007-Fairbanks

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2007 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than

February 20, 2007. The October 2006 NCEES exams and AKLS will be held on October 27-28, 2006 in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks

Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE): September 22, 2006 is the retake request deadline for Sections C and E for the December 4-5, 2006 LARE exam administration.

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

The NCEES 85th Annual Meeting will be held in Anchorage September 13-16, 2006.

Harley Hightower and Ken Maynard, Architects, attended the NCARB Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio June 21-24, 2006.

Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, attended the Annual ASLA Licensure Summit Conference in Burlington, Vermont June 2-4, 2006. Mr. Lent will also be attending the CLARB Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas September 7-9, 2006.

Cliff Baker, Surveyor, participated in the AKLS Workshop in Anchorage on June 23, 2006.

Chuck Leet, Dan Walsh and Cliff Baker attended the NCEES Western Zone Meeting in Santa Fe, Texas on June 1-2, 2006.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

Naseer Dhaamin, Division Investigator for the AELS Board, reported the status on the investigative cases and actions. The report is located on the AELS web site at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occpa/el.cfm>.

Annual Reports

Board staff has posted the AELS FY 2006 Annual Report on the board's web site and will begin posting all future Annual Reports.

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 board is currently working on revising and editing this document, and welcomes your comments.

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: 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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