

ALASKA AELS BOARD

August 2009

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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 August 27-28 2009 in Anchorage.

Board members in attendance were: Richard Heieren, PS, Chair, Boyd Brownfield, PE, Vice-Chair; Harley Hightower, Architect, Secretary, Craig Fredeen, PE, Clifford

Baker, PS, Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, Charles Leet, PE, Eric Eriksen, PE, Richard Rearick, Architect, Daniel Walsh, PE and Donald Shiesl, Public Member.

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

- Lynne Smith, Director
- John Savage, Investigator
- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator, AELS Board
- Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner, AELS Board
- Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
- Catherine Mason, Administrative Officer II

Participating from the State of Alaska, Department of Law, was Assistant Attorney General, Gayle Horetski.

Members of the Public in attendance for portions of the meeting were:

- Carol Olson, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office
- Michael Schoder, representing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Carla Williams, representing ASRC Energy Services (AES)

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulations:

- Re-adopt with changes from Department of Law, FS/PS and FE/PE tables in 12 AAC. 36.062, .063, .064, and .065
- Re-adopt with changes from Department of Law, 12 AAC 36.060, eligibility for architect registration examination

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

A new regulation, 12 AAC 36.910, allowing the board to adopt bylaws.

Legislation

None.

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

Special Committees

- General Licensure
- As Builts/Record Drawings
- Incidental Practice
- Licensure Mobility
- Mining Engineers/Geologists
- Land Surveyor Education Committee

Standing Committees

- Investigation Advisory Committee
- Guidance Manual
- Legislative Liaison
- Emeritus Status

Board Policies

The board adopted no policies at this meeting.

Continuing Education Audits

None.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 187 applications for registration and examination:

- 107 applications were approved
- 71 applications were conditionally approved upon receipt of additional documentation
- 8 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed again at the November 2009 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.
- One application was denied.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion made as a first reading to create a regulation project to be voted on at the next scheduled meeting to add the following paragraph to 12 AAC 36.090(c): An application for registration as a professional engineer by comity who is currently registered as a professional engineer in a state, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia is not required to demonstrate having passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 19-20, 2009 in Anchorage. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future meeting dates are:

- February 11-12, 2010 - Juneau
- May 27-28, 2010 – Fairbanks
- August 5-6, 2010 - Wasilla

NCEES exam retake requests:

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2010 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2010.

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, Architect, Richard Rearick, Architect and Donald Shiesl, Public Member, attended the NCARB Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois June 17-20, 2009.
- Richard Heieren, PS, Boyd Brownfield, PE and Craig Fredeen, PE attended the NCEES Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky August 12-15, 2009.
- Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, and Richard Jones, AELS Board Licensing Examiner, will be attending the CLARB Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington September 10-12, 2009.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

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

This report can be viewed from the AELS web site at:

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

Examiner's Report

Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner for the AELS Board, prepared a report of the status of candidates sitting for exams and the current number of registrants.

This report can be viewed from the AELS web site at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael27.htm>

Guidance Manual

Revisions are ongoing. The Guidance Manual can be found at the following link:

http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pub/Guidance_Manual.pdf

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 Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Dept. of Commerce, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, or by email: jun.maiquis@alaska.gov

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