

ALASKA AELS BOARD

February 2007

Quarterly Board Meeting

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

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

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

- John Savage, Investigator
- John Clark, Investigator

Present the Department of Law were Assistant Attorney Generals David Brower and Gayle Horetzki.

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:

- Patrick Kalen, representing the ASCM
- Grant Baker and Rob Lang, representing the University of Alaska at Anchorage
- Terry Schoenthal, representing the ASLA
- Christopher Mertl, representing the ASLA
- Marcie Errico, representing the AIA
- Craig Bledsoe, representing the ASPE

- Virginia Groeschel, representing the ASCE
- Robert Plumb, representing the Department of Public Safety, Fire Protection
- Tim Fisher, representing the State Fire Marshall's Office

Disciplinary Actions Taken

The board accepted and signed a Surrender of License from Chander P. Nangia, CE-4640.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulation:

- 12 AAC 36.040(a)(1) – adding the FE and FS to existing regulations (housekeeping item).
- One regulation project was not adopted: repealing of 12 AAC 36.111, Practice of Land Surveying. This matter was deferred until the May 2007 meeting.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

- 12 AAC 35.500 –continuing education for architects, engineers and landscape architects. The board voted to extend the public comment period until April 13.
- 12 AAC 36.196 – a new section regarding site adaptation.
- 12 AAC 36.055, .100 – jurisprudence examination requirement
- 12 AAC 36.100, .105 – proposed changes to registration by comity and examination

AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) held a quarterly board meeting on February 21-22, 2007 in Juneau.

Legislative Recommendations

- Stop Work Orders.
- Legislation to provide for expansion of petroleum or chemical engineers 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 through the AELS Board.

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
- Legislative Changes
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Define "board-approved coursework in surveying curriculum" as referenced in 12 AAC 36.065.

A new subcommittee was formed to research distribution of seats on the board should additional disciplines of engineering be added. Harley Hightower, Chair. Members: Chuck Leet, Burt Lent and Dan Walsh.

Board Policies

The Board adopted a policy that persons having passed the FE examination may refer to themselves as Engineers in Training (EITs) or Engineering Interns. Persons having passed the FS examination may refer to themselves as Surveyors in Training (LSITs) or Surveying Interns. Persons having an accredited bachelor's degree in architecture may refer to themselves as Architects in Training or Intern Architects. Persons having an accredited degree in landscape architecture may refer to themselves as Landscape Architects in Training or Intern Landscape Architects.

Other Updates

A document entitled "Continuing Education Guidelines for Surveyors" has been added to the board's web site.

Forms for tracking and reporting continuing education for surveyors is now on the board's web site at www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm

Applicant Files Reviewed

At its February 2007 meeting the board reviewed and approved 45 applicants for registration by comity. One comity applicant was found to be incomplete. The board approved 118 applicants for examination. Four applications were found to be incomplete and one application was denied. Incomplete applications will be re-reviewed at the May 2007 meeting if additional documentation is received.

Board Elections

Newly appointed and reappointed officers of the AELS Board are:

Boyd Brownfield – Chair
Craig Fredeen – Vice-Chair
Mark Morris - Secretary

Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed to not move forward at this time to add the landscape architect as a permanent, voting position.
- Motion passed to move forward with legislation to fill mining engineer seat on board with a chemical or petroleum engineer should a mining engineer not be available.
- Motion passed to form a subcommittee to research adding new disciplines of engineering versus a general engineering registration.
- Motion passed to not post draft minutes on the board's web site. Minutes will be posted after the board has approved at the subsequent meeting.

- Motion passed to defer action on repealing 12 AAC 36.111, Practice of Land Surveying, until May 2007 meeting.
- Motion passed to task the "Additional Engineering Subgroups" with looking at overall concept of general vs. discipline specific engineering registration and give position to board at May 2007 meeting.
- Motion passed denying Colorado of Mines' request for the board to give four years education credit to an ABET Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) degree with a specialty in a specific discipline of engineering.
- Motion to approve UAA's request for four years education credit for a BSE degree with a specialty in mechanical, electrical and computer systems failed. The board will reconsider this request when UAA has received ABET accreditation.
- Motion passed to approve public notice of changes to comity regulations to require persons applying by comity to have passed the NCEES PE exam in the discipline of engineering for which they are applying.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17-18, 2007 in Fairbanks. The meeting will be held at UAF, Butrovich Building, Board of Regents' Conference Room. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates are:
August 9-10, 2007 – Anchorage
November 8-9, 2007 – Anchorage
February 7-8, 2008 – Juneau
May 15-16, 2008 - Fairbanks

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 September 1, 2007.

Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE): April 10, 2007 is the retake

request deadline for Sections C and E for the June 11-12, 2007 LARE administration. For first time applicants wishing to sit for the December 2007 LARE, applications must be received in the Juneau Office 10 days prior to the August 2007 board meeting.

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, Civil Engineer, and Ginger Morton, Board Administrator, attended the NCEES Board President's Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia February 14-15, 2007.

Ken Maynard, Architect, and Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner, will be attending the WCARB meeting in Washington, DC March 22-24.

Cliff Baker, Surveyor, and Craig Fredeen, Mechanical Engineer, will be attending the NCEES Western Zone meeting in Oregon in April 2007.

Mark Morris, Electrical Engineer, attended the NCEES UPLG Committee Meeting on the B+30 requirement in San Antonio, Texas in January 2007.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

John Savage and John Clark, Division Investigators 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/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 board is still working on revising and editing this document and welcomes your comments. The board hopes to have a revised manual

on its web site following the May 2007 meeting.

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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