

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 February 7-8, 2008 in Juneau.

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

Harley Hightower, FAIA, had been excused from the meeting.

The public member seat on the board is currently vacant.

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

- John Savage, Investigator (by teleconference)
- Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
- Ginger Morton, AELS Board Executive Administrator
- Vern Jones, AELS Board Licensing Examiner

Present for a portion of the meeting from the Department of law was Assistant Attorney General Jenna Conley.

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

- Orson Smith, representing the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)
- Rob Lang, representing UAA

- Grant Baker, representing UAA
- Erik Kantola, Intern Architect, representing himself
- Terry Schoenthal, Landscape Architect, representing the Alaska chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects
- Laura Bradbury, representing herself
- Patrick Kalen, PS, representing himself.

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations

The board re-adopted the following regulations after review by the Department of Law:

- 12 AAC 36.040(c) – exempt the AKLS exam from the 5x5 rule.
- 12 AAC 36.061 – adopt the 2007-2008 NCARB Education Standard.
- Minor changes to the continuing education regulations in 12 AAC 36.500-.550.
- 12 AAC 36.910 – a regulation giving the board authority to recommend to the Governor a board member be removed if that member has three or more unexcused absences in a 24-month period.

The board did not adopt the proposed regulations to require a jurisprudence exam for all registrants and is waiting an opinion from the Dept. of Law.

The board re-approved the following regulations for public notice as the newspaper failed to publish them:

- 12 AAC 36.195 – site adaptation/field alterations
- 12 AAC 36.090 – waiver of FE exam for Canadian registered engineers

New Regulation Projects for Board Review

A new regulation project was initiated to require architect applicants by examination to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP) prior to sitting for the Building Planning (BP) and Building Technology (BT) sections of the Architect Registration Exam (ARE), Version 3.1 and the Building Design & Construction Systems (BD) and Schematic Design (SD) sections of the ARE, Version 4.0.

Legislation

SB 263 was introduced on February 8, 2008 which, if passed, will allow a chemical or petroleum engineer to fill the mining engineer seat on the board if a mining engineer is not available and (AS 08.48.011) and an exemption from registration for persons certified through NICET (As 08.48.331(13)).

Not included in the bill was language to change the board composition by making the landscape architect seat a permanent voting seat. The board hopes to introduce a stand-alone bill for this legislation next session.

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines (environmental, fire protection and structural)
- Incidental Practice/DOT Signalization
- Disciplinary Action & Process
- Legislative Liaison
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Building Officials' Manual
- Review of education requirements for FS/PS in 12 AAC 36.064 - .065.

- Committee to review possible conflicts in AS 08.48.281 and .331 (professional titles/exemptions)

Special Assignments

The board has the following special assignments:

- Craig Fredeen – B+30
- Craig Fredeen – ABET Accreditation
- Technical Review Committee
- Emeritus Appointments
- Richard Heieren - Bylaws

Board Policies

The board adopted no new policies at this meeting.

Other Updates

There are now interactive continuing education reporting forms on the board's web site.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 190 applications for registration and examination:

- 153 applications for registration by exam and comity were approved.
- 29 applications for registration by comity and exam were conditionally approved.
- 6 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 2 applications were denied.

Action Items - Motions

- A motion failed that would have allowed students with 75% completion of a BSE to sit for the FE exam. However, the four BSE students that board staff had approved before realizing they were in a BSE program will be allowed to sit for the April FE exam.
- Motion passed to approve a new UAA Course being offered by UAA – ES AC 031.

- Motion passed to authorize Mark Morris to research revising the regulations pertaining to the number of times an exam applicant can sit for the exam, and requiring course work or a meeting with the board when the exam has been failed a certain number of times; and further authorizing Morris to look at the requirements for work experience, type of experience, and definitions of experience as they apply to the PE exam qualification.
- Motion passed to adopt the committee's recommendation for amendments to 12 AAC 36.062 and .063. and approve for a regulation project.
- Motion passed to retain the current officers of the board for another year; Brownfield, Chair; Fredeen, Vice-Chair; and Morris, Secretary.
- Motion passed for Heieren to bring to the next meeting a draft of board bylaws for review by the board as a whole.
- Motion failed wherein the board was asked to review an application outside of a scheduled meeting.

AEELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 29-30, 2008 in Fairbanks. The meeting will be held in the Butrovich Building, Board of Regents Conference Room, UAF. 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 7-8, 2008 – Wasilla
- November 6-7, 2008 – Anchorage
- February 5-6, 2009 - Juneau

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2008 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than September 1, 2008

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

There had been no attendance at meetings since the last board meeting.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

John Savage, part-time, 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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