

ALASKA AELS BOARD

May 2009

Quarterly Board Meeting

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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 May 21-22 2009 in Fairbanks.

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

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

Daniel Walsh, PE, had been excused from the meeting.

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

- John Savage, Investigator
- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator, AELS Board
- Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner, AELS Board

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

- Brian Tomlinson, representing Fluor Enterprises, Inc.
- Larry Durfee, representing ASPLS
- Martin Gutoski, representing ASPLS
- Tim Sprout, representing ASPLS
- Nils Degerlund, representing ASPLS
- Bill Mendenhall, representing himself
- Patrick Kalen, representing, the ACSM
- Dale Nelson, representing APDC
- Carol Olson, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office (via teleconference)

Disciplinary Actions Taken

The board entered into a Consent Agreement with Immanuel G. Bergee, PS, for incompetence as addressed in AS 08.48.111(2) and 12 AAC 36.330(3).

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulations:

- FS/PS and FE/PE tables in 12 AAC. 36.062, .063, .064, and .065
- 12 AAC 36.100 and .105, comity regulations
- 12 AAC 36.060, eligibility for architect registration examination

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

No regulations for public notice were approved at this meeting.

Legislation

SB 114, legislation to extend the board and the temporary landscape architect seat on the board until 2017, passed the House and Senate and is awaiting transmittal to the Governor for signature.

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

Special Committees

- Incidental Practice
- Licensure Mobility
- Mining Engineers/Geologists
- Additional Disciplines vs. General PE registration (study per 2004 Legislative Audit recommendation)

- Develop a regulation on the creation and use of as-built and/or record drawings.

Standing Committees

- Technical Review
- 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 100 applications for registration and examination:

- 98 applications were approved or conditionally approved upon receipt of additional documentation
- 2 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed again at the August 2009 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.
- No applications were denied.
- One request for a waiver of the FE examination was granted.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion to elect Richard Heieren, PS and the new board Chair
- Motion to elect Boyd Brownfield, PE, as the new board Vice-Chair
- Motion to elect Harley Hightower, Architect, as the new board Secretary
- Motion to endorse Leonard Timms, Jr, PE, for the position of President-Elect of NCEES
- Motion to endorse David L. Curtis, PE, for the position of Sec/Treasurer of the Western Zone
- Motion to endorse Gene Dinkins, PE, PS, for the position of NCEES Treasurer
- Motion to deny a request for an exemption from the CE requirements because of age.

- Motion to not approve A2Z Evaluations as a board approved foreign credentialing agency

AEELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 27-28, 2009 in Anchorage. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future meeting date are:

- August 27-28, 2009 - Anchorage
- November 19-20, 2009 – Soldotna

The February 2010 board meeting date will be set after learning of the date of the APDC Fly-In in Juneau.

NCEES exam retake requests:

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2009 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than September 1, 2009.

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

- Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, attended the CLARB Spring Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina on February 27-28, 2009
- Boyd Brownfield and Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner, attended the NCEES President's Assembly on February 20-21, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Harley Hightower and Richard Rearick, Architects, and Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator,

attended the WCARB Regional Meeting in Salt Lake City on March 26-28, 2009.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

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

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

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

Examiner's Report

Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner for the AEELS 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 AEELS web site at:

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

Guidance Manual

An updated and revised Guidance Manual (formerly the Building Officials' Manual) has been posted to the AEELS web site at:

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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